

150th Anniversary of the American Civil War



Cape May County Civil War Round Table Newsletter = March 2015

Meeting Schedule

NOTE::: Meetings are now at the Military Room in the Barn at the Cape May County Historical Society on Route 9 just south of the Zoo!!! Time is 7pm

2015 Meeting Dates

No Meetings in January or February

19 March: David Bastain will tell us about *Grant's Canal & the Union Attempt to Bypass Vicksburg*. **Refreshments:**

16 April: Program will be on the Siege of Petersburg, and will be given by Grant Gates from the Petersburg National Park Service. **Refreshments:**

21 May: Byron Blake will be presenting on *The Life and Times of George Pickett* **Refreshments:**

18 June: *The Field of Shoes: The Battle of New Market* **Refreshments:**

16 July: To Be Announced **Refreshments:**

20 August: John Michael Priest will be telling us about *The Battles of South Mountain*. **Refreshments:**

17 September: Tracy Evans will be telling us about *The Lost Orders of General Lee*. **Refreshments:**

15 October: Craig Caba will be discussing the J Howard Worth Collection of Civil War Artifacts from Gettysburg as well as anti-slavery efforts in Gettysburg.

19 November: To Be Announced

?? December (date for Christmas dinner meeting to be determined)

NEW!!!

LIST OF LOCAL EVENTS!!!

Members are encouraged to participate; if you have Civil War garb / uniforms, please feel free to wear it! We would also appreciate members attending helping by handing out flyers as well as telling folks about our group.

6 April: Cape May County Historical Museum opens for the season. Seasonal hours and tours resume.

25 April: Avalon History Faire at field across from Avalon Historical Society.

2 May: History Fair/Spring Festival at the Cape May County Historical Society. There should be a large number of Civil War related books donated by the Union League up for auction, and hopefully some New Jersey re-enactment groups will be participating. *The Historical Society is supporting our Round Table; please support them in turn!*

13 June, 10am – 4pm: MAC Civil War event (Physic Estate)

20 – 21 June: Military Time Line at Cold Spring Village

16 – 18 July: 4H Faire at Cape May County Park

12 – 13 Sept: Civil War Weekend at Cold Spring Village

16 Oct: Cape May County Historical Museum begins winter hours, tours only by appointment.

12 & 19 Dec: Christmas Open House at the Cape May Historical Society Museum

The County Historical Society and Museum would like us to add that they are looking for volunteers to help with many aspects of their work – from helping in the library, working in the gardens, to acting as tour guides/docents in the museum.



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REMINDER: Dues are Now Due, and have gone up to \$30 a year; \$35 if you want a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to you. Copy costs have gone up to \$.10 a page, so it's a lot more expensive to print the newsletter than it was even a few years ago! And you all know how more expensive it is to mail a letter, too... Send your dues to Jim Marshall!!!

Please check out our Facebook Page! Cape May County Civil War Round Table.

It gets pretty discouraging to put stuff up on our FB page and it seems like only one or two other folks – one of whom isn't even a member of our group – even bother to look at what we post!

Civil War Timeline for April

1860

No Major Events

1861

- 6 Arkansas secedes
- 7 Tennessee negotiates alliance with Confederacy
- 20 North Carolina secedes
- 21 Confederate legislators vote to move capital to Richmond
- 23 Virginia secedes (after popular vote)
- 24 Union soldiers occupy Alexandria (VA)
- 6 Arkansas secedes

1862

- 4 Confederates evacuate Yorktown
- 5 Battle of Williamsburg (VA)
- 8 Battle of McDowell (VA)
- 15 Battle of Drewry's Bluff (VA)
- 23 Battle of Front Royal (VA)
- 25 Battle of Winchester (VA)
- 31 Battle of Seven Pines (Fair Oaks) (VA)

1863

- 1-4 Battle of Chancellorsville
- 10 Stonewall Jackson dies
- 16 Battle of Champion's Hill (MS)

1864

- 5-6 Battle of the Wilderness (VA)
- 6 Atlanta Campaign opens
- 7-19 Battle of Spotsylvania (VA)
- 11 Battle of Yellow Tavern (VA)
- 12-13 Second Battle of Drewry's Bluff (VA)
- 15 Battle of New Market (VA)
- 24 Battle of the North Anna River (VA)
- 25-27 Battle of New Hope (GA)

1865

- 10 Confederate president Davis captured in Georgia
- 26 Smith surrenders Trans-Mississippi Confederate army



Civil War Related Events in April 2015

1 **VA** Real time anniversary tours of the Five Forks Battlefield near Petersburg. Ranger-led tours begin at the Visitor Contact Station (1 pm) and the horse lot on White Oak Road east of the Forks (4 pm). nps.gov/pete

1 **VA** Lecture, "The Confederate Alamo: Bloodbath at Petersburg's Fort Greg," at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. Noon. \$6. www.vahistorical.org

1 **VA** Living history, "President Lincoln Confers at Centre Hill Mansion," at the site, 1 Centre Hill Ave, Petersburg. 10 am, noon and 2 pm. Free. 804-733-2401.

1-5 **VA** Symposium and tour, "The Petersburg (& Appomattox) Campaign," based at Pamplin Historical Park near Petersburg. Includes bus tours, special anniversary programs, lectures and more. \$499. Register: pamplinpark.org/events.html

2 **VA** Commemoration of the fall of Richmond in Richmond. Programs include tours and special programs plus nighttime

illumination representing the Evacuation Fire. Latest details: OnToRichmond.org

- 2 **VA** Real-time anniversary tour, “Breakthrough at Petersburg: Ft. Fisher,” at the Petersburg National Battlefield (Stop 3, Western Front). 5:30-6:30 am. nps.gov/pete
- 2 **VA** Ceremony, “Breakthrough at Petersburg: Fort Mahone,” at the monument on Wakefield Drive in Petersburg. Noon. Free. nps.gov/pete
- 2 **VA** Ceremony, “Breakthrough at Petersburg: Ft. Gregg,” at the Petersburg National Battlefield (Stop 4, Western Front). 4 pm. Free. nps.gov/pete
- 2 **VA** A.P. Hill death anniversary commemoration at the marker just off US Route 1 south of Petersburg. Noon. Free. 718-525-3446.
- 3 **VA** Commemoration of the Union occupation of Richmond in Richmond. Activities include walking tours of the historic area, a bus tour of the Union route into the city and evening programs. Latest details: OnToRichmond.org
- 3 **VA** Bus tour, “Lincoln at Petersburg,” leaves from the Petersburg National Battlefield visitor center. 10 am-2 pm. Fee charged. Reservations: 804-732-3531 (Robert Webster).
- 4 **VA** Tours, commemorative events at the Sailor’s Creek Battlefield Historical State Park near Rice. Living history generals’ speech 11 am, music 1:30 pm. Guided tours throughout the day. Free. 804-561-7510.
- 4 **VA** Commemoration of Lincoln’s visit to Richmond. Includes tours, exhibits, living history and a special program on the steps of the Virginia Capitol. Latest details: OnToRichmond.org
- 4 **VA** Van tour, “1864 Bermuda Hundred Campaign,” Meets at Henricus Historical Park, 251 Henricus Park Road, Chester. 10 am-2 pm. \$15. Reservations: chesterfieldhistory.com
- 4 **VA** Living history walking tour, “Battle of Smithfield,” begins at the Isle of Wight Museum, 103 Main St, Smithfield. 2 pm. Free. historicisleofwight.com
- 4 **VA** Walking tour, “Fort Huger,” 17146 Monument Circle, Isle of Wight County near Smithfield. 10 am. Free. historicisleofwight.com
- 4 **DC/MD** Tour, “Lincoln Assassination,” begins at Ford’s Theatre and continues into Maryland with stops at the Surratt

Tavern and Mudd House. 9 am-5 pm. \$125. Reservations, more info: dcccivilwartours.com

- 4-5 **VA** Special tours of the earthworks and bridge at High Bridge at the High Bridge Trail State Park near Farmville. 434-315-0457.
- 5-6 **VA** Visit by the Virginia Sesquicentennial HistoryMobile to the Sailor’s Creek Battlefield Historical Park near Rice. Park visitor center open noon-5 pm Sunday, 10 am-5 pm Monday. Free. 804-561-7510.
- 8 **VA** “In Search of the Battle of Appomattox Station,” at the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox. 3:30 pm. Free with admission. moc.org
- 8 **VA** “Battle of Appomattox Station,” real-time narration plus living history demonstration at the newly preserved battlefield, Jones Street and Jamerson Lane in Appomattox. 5 pm. Free. moc.org
- 8-12 **VA** Anniversary events at the Appomattox National Historical Park, the Museum of the Confederacy/Appomattox and other county 150th anniversary activities. Details: appomattoxcountyva.gov/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={172701EB-66E2-4234-96A4-3D65A1936F87}
- 9 **VA** Coffee and lecture, “Legacies of Appomattox: Lee’s Surrender in History and Memory,” at the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox. 9 am pm. \$15. moc.org
- 9 **VA** Reenactment, “Lee Surrenders to Grant,” at the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox. 2 pm. Free with admission. moc.org
- 9 **VA** “A Private Evening with Bud Robertson,” at the historic Flood family home in Appomattox. Transportation from the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox. Reservations: 434-352-5791 extension 203.
- 10 **VA** “Coffee with William ‘Jack’ Davis.” Meet the historian at the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox. 9 am. \$15. moc.org
- 10 **VA** Lecture, “Thomas Bocoek, Appomattox Native and Speaker of the Confederate House of Representatives,” at the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox. 1 pm. Free with admission. moc.org
- 10 **VA** Living history, “Dinner with Lee and Grant,” drinks and dinner at the Bocoek House, 250 Oakleigh Ave, Appomattox. 6:30-8 pm. \$35. Reservations: 434-352-5791 extension 203.

10-11 **VA** Symposium, "Lincoln in our Time," sponsored by Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. More info: civilwar.vt.edu

10-12 **PA** Seminar and tour, "Ed Bearss Symposium: Leadership and Combat in the Civil War," based in Chambersburg. Speakers plus Gettysburg tour. \$395/entire weekend. civilwarseminars.org

11 **PA** Lecture, "Closing Down the Kingdom: The Wilmington Campaign, 1861-1865," at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg. 1 pm. Free with admission. <http://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org>

11 **PA** Civil War Weekend, special tours and more at the Carnegie Library & Music Hall, 300 Beechwood Ave, Carnegie. Free. carnegiecarnegie.org

11 **VA** Living history, "President Lincoln Confers at Centre Hill Mansion," 1 Centre Hill Ave, Petersburg. 11 am, noon and 2 pm. Free. Reservations required: 804-733-2401.

11 **VA** Living history, "Elizabeth Keckley Visits Centre Hill," Mrs. Lincoln's confidant at Centre Hill Mansion in Petersburg. 6 pm. Free. Reservations required: 804-733-2401.

11 **VA** Seminar and tour, "'Let's Have a Fair Fight,'" Union operations in the Shenandoah Valley, talks and related tour, at Lord Fairfax Community College, 173 Skirmisher Lane, Middletown. Registration: 540-868-7021 or lfccworkforce.com

11 **VA** Living history, music and more, "Confederate History & Heritage Day," at the 1917 Courthouse, 10011 Iron Bridge Road, Chester. Noon-3 pm. Free. chesterfieldhistory.com

11 **VA** "Coffee with Bud Robertson," at the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox. 9 am. \$15. Reservations: 434-352-5791.

11 **VA** Living history, "Elizabeth Keckley Visits Centre Hill," at Centre Hill Mansion 1 Centre Hill Ave, Petersburg. 6 pm. Reservations: 804-733-2401.

12 **VA** Lecture, "Discovering the Universality of the Soldier Experience," at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St, Fairfax. 2 pm. Free. 703-385-8414.

12 **VA** "Coffee with Ed Ayers." Meet the historian at the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox. 9 am. \$15. Reservations: 434-352-5791.

14-15 **DC** "The Lincoln Tribute," around-the-clock event commemorating the Lincoln assassination at Ford's Theatre in

Washington. Complete schedule, ticket info: fordstheatre.org/event/lincoln-tribute

18 **VA** Conference, "Causes Won and Lost: The End of the Civil War," Virginia's annual Signature Conference at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. virginiacivilwar.org/2015conference.php

18 **VA** Living history, "History on the Lawn," camps and demonstrations at the Danville Museum at the Sutherland mansion, site of the Confederate government after fleeing Richmond in April 1865. Free. danvillemuseum.org

18 **VA** Tour, "From Slavery to Freedom," begins at the Petersburg National Battlefield visitor center. 10 am-2 pm. www.nps.gov/pete

18 **VA** Van tour, "The Siege of Petersburg: The Western Front," leaves from Lee Hall Mansion in Newport News. 8 am-5 pm. \$50. Reservations: 757-888-3371 extension 306.

18 **PA** Lecture, "The Myths of Lee's Surrender," at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg. 1 pm. Free with admission. nationalcivilwarmuseum.org

21 **VA** Lecture, "John Surratt: The Lincoln Assassin Who Got Away," at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. Noon. Free with admission. moc.org

22 **VA** Lecture, "Lee's Last Winter," at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. 5:30 pm. \$6. vahistorical.org

24-25 **VA** Seminar, "Rising Above the Ashes of War," at Hollins University in Roanoke. \$55. Details, registration: roanokecwr.org

25 **PA** "An Evening with the Painting," an "after-hours" experience with the Gettysburg Cyclorama at the Gettysburg NMP visitor center. 6 pm. \$20/adult. gettysburgfoundation.org/18

25 **VA** Living history, "Fairfax Civil War Day," at the Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Camps and demonstrations all day. \$5/adult. Shuttle from Fairfax High School. 703-591-0560.

25 **VA** Boat tour, "Potomac River Blockade," see preserved Confederate batteries along the river, plus lunch. Cruises based in Leesylvania State Park in Woodbridge. \$45. 703-366-3049 for details.

25 **PA** Lecture, "The Grant-Sherman Partnership," at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg. 1 pm. Free with admission. nationalcivilwarmuseum.org

25-26 **PA** Reenactment, "Actions Around Petersburg Winter-Spring 1865" at Neshaminy State Park in Bensalem. Camps and demonstrations open 9 am, battles each day. Free. neshaminycwevent.org

25-26 **VA** Bus tour, "Road to Appomattox," City Point to Appomattox including Five Forks and Sailor's Creek. Leaves from the Franconia Museum. \$225 includes double occupancy hotel in Farmville. 703-971-4984.

26 **VA** Living history and tours, "Eyewitness to War," at the Mt. Zion Historic Park, 40309 John Mosby Highway, Aldie. 1-5 pm. Free. 703-327-9777.

26 **VA** Book talk, "The Early Morning of the War, Bull Run, 1861" at the Manassas Museum. 2 pm. Free. manassasmuseum.org

Civil War history becomes 'real' for high school students



Moorestown High School sophomore Ryan Zimmer (left) examines the sword of Lt. Col. T.L. England, great-uncle of Winston Parker of Moorestown, under the watchful eyes of students Anna Sabet-Payman and Emily Liu, and Lenny Wagner (right), president of the local historical society. (CLEM MURRAY / Staff Photographer)

By Edward Colimore, Inquirer Staff Writer

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MOORESTOWN For weeks, the students of Moorestown High School had read about the American Civil War in books. They completed homework assignments and took quizzes.

But on Friday, the war came to them in a more personal way - through the uniforms, swords, letters, images, and diaries of Moorestown residents who actually fought it.

The Historical Society of Moorestown brought its entire exhibit on "Moorestown During the Civil War" from its headquarters at the Smith-Cadbury Mansion to the school.

The media center was transformed into a museum where students were introduced to Joseph Hugg, a Navy surgeon who served on the Hartford, a flagship commanded by Adm. David Farragut.

They learned of William Gold, a sailor aboard the Cumberland, which was sunk in a battle with the CSS Virginia, formerly the USS Merrimack.

And they heard the story of George Wiltshire, a farmer who joined the Union Army at 19, was wounded twice, and was held as a POW at the Confederacy's dreaded Belle Isle Prison Camp.

But more than that - during the war's 150th anniversary - they could see uniforms worn by some of those veterans and read letters they penned.

"This makes it more real," said Felicia Aukett, 15, a sophomore. "This is specifically from Moorestown residents.

"You can connect to them," she said. "They're from my town."

Nearby was an image of Hugg, ramrod straight in a Union uniform with a double row of buttons.

In a letter to his sister, he wrote:

"In a breathing spell between two battles, I sit down to write a few words to you if I am not called away too soon for we are expecting every minute to get underway. . . ."

On a nearby table, sophomore Ana Sabet-Payman, 15, picked up a sword. "I didn't realize how heavy they were," she said. "I didn't know Moorestown played such a big part in the Civil War."

Though home to many Quakers, the town also had plenty of warriors, even among the Friends, who were conflicted because of their pacifist beliefs and antipathy toward slavery.

The idea for bringing the exhibit to the school was hatched last fall by Lenny Wagner, president of the society, and Andrew Forshay, a history and economics teacher at the school.

"One of our goals was to grow our audience and have more people learn about the collections" at Smith-Cadbury, said Wagner. "One way to do that is to take our exhibits to where the people are."

Besides partnering with schools, the society hopes to present its collections to churches and Rotary Club events, he said.

On Friday, about 200 students saw the Civil War exhibit. Many of them said they had never visited the society's headquarters at 12 High St. - and probably wouldn't have seen the artifacts if

they did. The exhibit at Smith-Cadbury Mansion is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and 1 to 3 p.m. Sundays.

"We're always looking for ways of working with the schools," Wagner said. "We think the more the kids learn about their town, the better citizens and students they'll be."

Getting so many students to the exhibit at the society, though, was a problem.

"We said, 'Wouldn't it be great if the kids could see this exhibit about their own community?' " Forshay said of his meeting with Wagner. "It would give them a greater awareness of the [Moorestown] people who fought in the war."

The exhibit in the media center was a hit all day Friday as class after class toured it, saw a video on Moorestown's Civil War participation, and performed Internet searches.

Moorestown residents fought in many of the greatest battles, including Gaines Mill, Va.; Sharpsburg, Md.; Fredericksburg, Va., and Gettysburg.

Some of Wiltshire's descendants live in Cherry Hill, North Jersey and Richmond, Va., Wagner said. It wasn't clear whether the descendants of other veterans remain in the area.

"The students looked closely at the displays and took notes," said Forshay. "They were engaged. There was very little off-task behavior."

The 10th graders were "asked to identify certain people and items, and give descriptions of something that had an impact on them," said media center specialist John Bishop. "That helped keep them on task."

Seeing the relics and letters "gives you perspective," said student Kiara Serrano, 15. "What were they thinking? Who did they know and who did they love? You get into their minds a little bit."

The impact of the war on Moorestown surprised student Dominick Caprarola. "I didn't know there was an Underground Railroad stop [in a house] on Main Street," he said, after seeing a photo of a familiar location. "That's really cool."

"I pass that house every day," added Max Argentieri, 16. "I wouldn't have known. I've got to read more to get specific information."

Some of the items on display were personal. They included Hugg's diary as well as his flute and toiletry case.

While students studied them, the eyes of soldiers and sailors stared from faded images.

"I like the swords," said Eurim Kahyaoglu, 15. "They look so ancient."

"I didn't know a lot about the Civil War," he said, "and now I'm learning how much Moorestown people impacted it."

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***Lincoln's Body : A Cultural History*, by Richard Wrightman Fox**
416 pp, \$28.95

Reviewed by William C Davis, History Book Club

There is a truism so oft-resurrected in election years that it has become a shop-worn cliché. In essence it says that in our media – driven Kardashian culture, where appearance counts for so much more than substance, Abraham Lincoln would not have a chance of being elected town councilman, let alone President.

As so often happens, there is more truth in that than we would care to admit. Certainly it was not the case in his senatorial campaign of 1858 and the presidential campaign in 1860 when the power of the photograph made Lincoln's a nationally recognized visage, warts and all. Rather, the anomalies of his appearance were turned into assets by campaign managers – his height, his lean frame, his physical strength. For the first time Americans began to make connections not only with a chief executive's words, but with his physical appearance.

We are still doing it with Lincoln. It seems trenchant that the film industry, a distinctly – if not uniquely – American contribution to culture, has turned to Lincoln more than any other American to depict on screen. He made more than 100 'appearances' in silent films alone, and with the coming of sound as many more. No wonder that today when we read Lincoln's words, in our minds' ears we hear the voices of Raymond Massey, Henry Fonda, and now Daniel Day Lewis. Meanwhile, out among the common people it is almost dangerous to hint to a tall, slender man with a beard that he 'looks a little like Lincoln.' He is never quite the same.

Richard Wrightman Fox's imaginative and penetrating new book *Lincoln's Body: A Cultural History* offers the first real exploration of the relationship Americans white and black made with Lincoln's appearance, both during the war, and even more after his death as he transitioned from temporal leader to cultural icon. The effort to canonize the dead president was cynically conscious. His epic funeral journey by train allowed tens of thousands to look into the open casket to see his face. His image is omnipresent. We see him every day on currency, postage, corporate letterhead, and life-size and larger in public

spaces (Daniel Chester French's magnificent statue in Washington's Lincoln Memorial even speaks to the deaf, its hands signing the initials "A" and "L." One of French's assistant sculptors was future actor John Carradine, who himself portrayed Lincoln in 1938.)

As important as Lincoln's physical appearance, and the spiritual presence it represented, was to Americans of past generations, Fox finds that today it is assuming a renewed significance, thanks largely to the recent film "Lincoln." It also highlights the essential truth that there is something about Lincoln that is eternal in our hearts and imaginations.

Civil War Trust Celebrates Another Successful Year for Battlefield Preservation

NATIONAL NONPROFIT LEADS EFFORT TO PRESERVE BATTLEFIELD LAND AS LEGACY OF CIVIL WAR SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION; ACHIEVED 40,000-ACRES SAVED MILESTONE IN 2014

(Washington, D.C.) – The cause of battlefield preservation took great strides forward in 2014, as the Civil War Trust, America's premier battlefield preservation organization, announced several landmark projects, and laid the groundwork for continued success beyond the conclusion of the national Civil War sesquicentennial commemoration. Through the generosity of individual donors, coupled with strategic partnerships with government officials and nonprofit groups across the country, the Trust protected more than 2,300 acres of battlefield land in 2014, eclipsing 40,000 total acres saved by the organization at 122 historic sites in 20 states.

"A generation from now, I believe that 2014 will be remembered as the year when the conceivable scope of battlefield preservation exploded," remarked Trust president James Lighthizer. "This was the year that we demonstrated, in multiple ways, the tremendous level of public support for protection of hallowed ground as outdoor classrooms and living memorials to the sacrifices of America's military."

Working closely in cooperation with willing landowners and preservation partners, the Trust completed 45 transactions at 26 individual battlefields in 10 states. The battlefields where land was preserved in 2014: Appomattox Court House, Va.; Bentonville, N.C.; Brandy Station, Va.; Cedar Creek, Va.; Cold Harbor, Va.; Davis Bridge, Tenn.; Franklin, Tenn.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Glendale, Va.; Glorieta Pass, N.M.; Harpers Ferry, W.Va.; Kelly's Ford, Va.; Mansfield, La.; Mill Springs, Ky.; North Anna, Va.; Petersburg, Va.; Port Republic, Va.; Rappahannock Station, Va.; Ream's Station, Va.; Richmond, Ky.; Shepherdstown, W.Va.; Shiloh, Tenn.; South Mountain, Md.; Stones River, Tenn.; Trevilian Station, Va.; and Vicksburg, Miss.

With the October closing of the 654-acre historic Fontaine Farm at North Anna — a property encompassing nearly the entire scene of combat on May 23, 1864 — the Trust surpassed 40,000 acres saved in the organization's history. In November, the Trust embarked on a large preservation opportunity at Chancellorsville, seeking to raise nearly \$500,000 to save 479 acres associated with Confederate Lt. Gen. Thomas

"Stonewall" Jackson's flank attack. Facilitating these types of landmark transactions was the Trust's ongoing sesquicentennial fundraising effort, Campaign 150, which, in April, met its original \$40 million goal before being extended to an unprecedented \$50 million target.

Proving that acreage is not the only measure of a preservation project's significance, in July, the Trust announced a \$5.5 million national fundraising campaign to save 4.1 acres in Gettysburg, Pa. The property played a key role in combat on July 1, 1863, and includes several historic buildings — most notably the Mary Thompson House, used throughout the remainder of the battle as Gen. Robert E. Lee's headquarters.

The most significant developments in battlefield preservation during 2014 came near the year's close. On Veterans Day, the Trust announced the launch of Campaign 1776, www.campaign1776.org, the first-ever national initiative to preserve and interpret the battlefields of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. The new effort's first project involves assisting the State of New Jersey in the protection of four acres on the Princeton Battlefield, scene of George Washington's first victory over British forces on January 3, 1777. Campaign 1776 received a major boost on December 12, when Congress passed legislation to extend federal matching grants for battlefield protection through 2021 and, for the first time, make sites from other conflicts eligible for what had previously been a Civil War-only program.

"The extension of this grant program mirrors our reasoning for the creation of Campaign 1776," said Trust president James Lighthizer. "All of these American battlefields are sacred places — living memorials to this nation's brave soldiers, past, present and future — and it is up to us to ensure their protection."

The Trust's preservation success in 2014 would not have been possible without the dedication of Trust partners, including: American Battlefield Protection Program, National Park Service, Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site, City of Franklin (TN), County of Chesterfield (VA) Parks and Recreation, Department of Agriculture Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program, Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission, Kentucky Heritage Council, Madison County (KY) Fiscal Court, Louisiana Office of State Parks, Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Municipality of Princeton (NJ), New Jersey State Parks, Forests and Historic Sites, New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs-Historic Preservation Division, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission-Bureau for Historic Preservation, Tennessee Historical Commission, Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, Tennessee Department of Transportation, Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and Virginia Department of Transportation. Numerous organizations also contributed to these preservation successes, including: Averbosoro Battlefield Commission, Battle of Richmond Association, Brandy Station Foundation, Franklin's Charge, Central Maryland Heritage League, Central Virginia Battlefields Trust, Friends of Shiloh National Military Park, Friends of Vicksburg National Military Park and Campaign, Friends of Wilderness Battlefield,

Gettysburg Foundation, Glorieta Battlefield Preservation Society, Journey Through Hallowed Ground, Land Conservancy of Adams County, Land Trust for Tennessee, Land Trust of the Eastern Panhandle, Manassas Battlefield Trust, Maryland Environmental Trust, Maryland Historical Trust, Mill Springs Battlefield Association, National Parks Conservation Association, New Mexico Land Conservancy, Piedmont Environmental Council, Princeton Battlefield Society, Richmond Battlefields Association, Save Historic Antietam Foundation, Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, Silver Companies, Shepherdstown Battlefield Preservation Association, Trevilian Station Battlefield Foundation and Wallace Foundation.

“These are among the generous individuals and organizations who continue to stand by the Trust and our members — year in and year out — to save America’s hallowed ground,” Lighthizer said. “Our job would be a whole lot harder without the tireless efforts of these leaders, along with many of our elected officials who fight — tooth and nail — for programs essential to our efforts.”

In addition to its land acquisition successes, the Trust continues promoting greater appreciation and understanding of the Civil War through its innovative educational programs and digital offerings. In 2014, the group’s flagship website, www.civilwar.org, received more than 5.8 million unique visits — an increase of 30 percent from 2013. A popular new online feature was the War Department™ video series, an ongoing effort designed to move past lists of names and dates, encouraging viewers to analyze the broader impact of historical

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events. Classroom educators benefited from two new Trust programs: the Teachers Regiment, a virtual community of classroom educators, museum professionals, librarians, tour guides and other public historians eager to raise the level of history instruction nationwide; and the Field Trip Fund, a scholarship fund to assist teachers in planning and paying for student trips to historic sites.

The Trust also continues to earn accolades for its sound fiscal management and commitment to top-notch donor relations, renewing its Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance accreditation and receiving a prestigious Top-Rated Award by GreatNonprofits, the leading provider of user reviews about nonprofit organizations. In addition, the Trust maintained its 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s leading charity evaluator, for a fifth straight year — an honor bestowed on only four percent of charities assessed by that organization. Further, the Trust’s membership magazine, Hallowed Ground, again earned top honors for outstanding quality through the APEX Awards for Publication Excellence — its sixth-consecutive Grand Award.

The Civil War Trust is the largest and most effective nonprofit organization devoted to the preservation of America’s hallowed battlegrounds. Although primarily focused on the protection of Civil War battlefields, through its Campaign 1776 initiative, the Trust also seeks to save the battlefields connected to the Revolutionary War and War of 1812. To date, the Trust has preserved more than 40,000 acres of battlefield land in 20 states. Learn more at www.civilwar.org.

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