

US Sanitary Commission in Philadelphia

## Cape May County Civil War Round Table Newsletter = May 2016

### Meeting Dates for 2016

**19 May** – Speaker: Brian Blake on *Union General Francis Barlow*. **Refreshments:**

**16 June** – Speaker: Randy Draais on *Gettysburg*.

**Refreshments:**

**21 July** - Eugene D. (Gene) Schmiel on *The Life of Jacob Dolson Cox, Ohio Citizen*. **Refreshments:**

**18 Aug** - **Refreshments:** Mike & Barbara Golla

**15 Sept** – Speaker: Paul Kahan on *Lincoln's Secretary of War: Simon Cameron*. **Refreshments:**

**20 Oct** – Speaker: Craig Swain on *South Carolina, Sumter and Charleston*. **Refreshments:** Pat Munson-Siter

**7 Nov** = Tom Ryan to make a presentation on *Spies, Scouts and Secrets of the Gettysburg Campaign*.

**Refreshments:** Lou Bishop

? Dec = Christmas / End of Year party

### LIST OF LOCAL EVENTS!!!

If anyone knows of local Civil War related events for 2016, please contact the Secretary so the information can be added to future issues of the newsletter.

MAC in Cape May

HISTORY SPEAKS: Jan. 15-April 10, 2016

From the Underground Railroad to Segregated Schools to Urban Renewal, Hear the Voices of Cape May's African-American Community. At the Carroll Gallery on the grounds of the Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St. Admission is free.

### Cold Spring Village

**Free Village Sampler Weekend** June 04 - June 05

Free admission! Visit select buildings and learn about the trades and crafts of the 'age of homespun'! Take guided walking tours and special discounts at the Country Store. Enjoy children's crafts and family activities.

**Military Timeline Weekend** June 18 - June 19

An exhibition of various conflicts spanning several centuries including English Hundred Years War, Boer War, American Revolution and Civil War, World War II, Korean War and more!

**Revolutionary War Encampment** September 10 - September 11

The American Revolution comes to life with reenactors and encampments from both Loyalist and Patriot militia. Field camps, weaponry, programs and more.

**Civil War Weekend** September 17 - September 18

Re-enactors bring to life military encampments, demonstrations of infantry and artillery drill, weaponry, camp life and more throughout the Village. Vendors of reproduction period merchandise. Battle reenactment at 2pm both days.

**Free Village Sampler Weekend** September 24 - September 25

Free admission! Visit select buildings and learn about the trades and crafts of the 'age of homespun'! Take guided walking tours and special discounts at the Country Store. Enjoy children's crafts and family activities.

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. MAC says we can have people at non-Civil War oriented events too, and some of them are listed herein.

**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. They also have lost a huge amount of funding from the county; please support their fund raising efforts!!**

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TREASURER, not the SECRETARY! \$30 for online  
newsletter; \$35 for snail mail newsletter**



### Minutes of the Business Meeting 21 April 2016

President Runner could not attend, so Treasurer Marshall opened the meeting. We saluted the flag and held a moment of silence for those who protect our country from harm.

He reminded everyone to sign off on the sign in sheet at the door to our meeting room – the Historical Society needs to have a count of how many people attend our meetings. Also a reminder to sign up for refreshments; that sign up sheet was also at the door. There will be a drawing for books and for jams at the end of the meeting. Jim gave the Treasurer's report; motion made to approve it and file for audit; seconded and approved.

There are several Civil War oriented plays being put on at the East Lynne Theater in Cape May. Currently *Mr. Lincoln* is playing, to be followed by *The Whipping Man* will be on from May 25<sup>th</sup> to Jun 24<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned so our presentation could begin.

Our presenter tonight, Mr Bonekemper, also works for *The Civil War Times*. He brought in enough extra issues so everyone attending the meeting could get a copy. He mentioned some of the things that he is currently involved in, as well as how he came to write several of his books.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A Munson-Siter, Secretary

### Important Civil War Events in May

#### 1861

- 3 Battle at Philippi (now WV)
- 10 Battle at Big Bethel (VA)
- 11 Western Virginia counties create separate government

#### 1862

- 1 Lee takes command of Confederate army in Richmond
- 6 Union forces occupy Memphis
- 8 Battle of Cross Keys (VA)
- 9 Battle of Port Republic (VA)
- 26 Battle of Mechanicsville (VA)
- 27 Battle of Gaines' Mill (VA)
- 29 Battle of Savage's Station (VA)
- 30 Battle of Glendale (VA)

#### 1863

- 9 Battle of Brandy Station (VA)
- 15 Second Battle of Winchester
- 20 West Virginia admitted to Union as 35th state

#### 1864

- 1-14 Battle of Cold Harbor (VA)
- 10 Battle of Brice's Crossroads (MS)
- 11-12 Battle of Trevilian Station (VA)
- 15 Initial Union attacks at Petersburg
- 18 Battle of Lynchburg (VA)
- 27 Battle of Kennesaw Mountain (GA)



## Civil War Related Events = June 2016

2 **VA** Living history, period sewing demonstrations at the Virginia Museum of the Civil War/New Market Battlefield in New Market. 10 am-4 pm. Free with park admission.

[vmi.edu/vmcw](http://vmi.edu/vmcw)

3 **PA** “Inspired by Gettysburg,” the Gettysburg NMP artist-in-residence at the Lincoln Railroad Station in Gettysburg. 5-8 pm. Free. [nps.gov/gett](http://nps.gov/gett)

3-5 **VA** Living history, “A Gathering of Eagles,” at the Old Courthouse Civil War Museum in Winchester. Free. More info: [civilwarmuseum.org](http://civilwarmuseum.org)

4 **NY** Walking tour, “History of the West Point Foundry,” major Civil War cannon manufacturer. Begins 11 am at the Preserve parking area, 68 Kemble Ave, Cold Spring. [scenichudson.org/events](http://scenichudson.org/events)

4 **PA** “An Evening with the Painting,” after-hours, behind-the-scenes extended tour of the Gettysburg Cyclorama in the Gettysburg NMP visitor center. 6 pm. \$20/adult. Tickets: [gettysburgfoundation.org](http://gettysburgfoundation.org)

4 **VA** Living history walking tour, “Battle of Smithfield,” meets at the Isle of Wight Museum, 103 Main St, Smithfield. 2 pm. Free. [historicisleofwight.com/events.html](http://historicisleofwight.com/events.html)

4 **VA** Walking tour of Fort Huger near Smithfield. Explore the Confederate James River fort, 15080 Talcott Terrace, Isle of Wight County. 10 am. Free. [historicisleofwight.com/events.html](http://historicisleofwight.com/events.html)

4 **VA** Living history, “Civil War Camp Day,” at Fort Ward in Alexandria. Military and civilian demonstrations. \$2/adult. [fortward.org](http://fortward.org)

4-5 **MD** Reenactment, “Gilmore’s Raid,” at the Jerusalem Village at Gunpowder Falls State Park, 2813 Jerusalem Mill Road, Kingsville. Living history camp 10 am-4 pm both days. \$10/car. 410-877-3679.

4-5 **PA** Living history camp and demonstrations at the Gettysburg NMP (Spangler Spring/Pennsylvania Memorial). Free. [nps.gov/gett](http://nps.gov/gett)

4-5 **VA** Anniversary living history and tours at the Cold Harbor battlefield part of the Richmond NBP near Richmond. Candlelight tour 6-9 pm Saturday. Free. [nps.gov/rich](http://nps.gov/rich)

5 **VA** “Chaplaincy During the Civil War,” special ranger program at the Petersburg National Battlefield in Petersburg. 1:30 pm. Free with park admission. [nps.gov/pete](http://nps.gov/pete)

7 **MD** Bus tour, “What’s New in Gettysburg,” begins at the Surratt House Museum in Clinton. 8 am-6 pm. \$90/includes lunch. [surrattmuseum.org](http://surrattmuseum.org)

9 **VA** Car-caravan tour, “June 9th — Battle of Old Men and Young Boys,” begins at the Petersburg National Battlefield visitor center. 10 am-noon. Free with park admission. Reservations required: 804-732-3531 extension 204. More info: [nps.gov/pete](http://nps.gov/pete)

11 **PA** Brass band concerts at the Gettysburg NMP visitor center (2 pm) and the Pennsylvania Memorial (6 pm). Free. [nps.gov/gett](http://nps.gov/gett)

11 **VA** Lecture, “Where are We with the (USS *Monitor*) Turret?” at the Mariners’ Museum in Newport News. 2:30 pm Free with museum admission. [monitorcenter.org](http://monitorcenter.org)

11 **VA** Civil War mansion and camp tours at James Madison’s Montpelier, Route 20 near Orange. Mansion tour 11 am. Free with admission. Historic Confederate camp tour 2 pm. Free. [montpelier.org](http://montpelier.org)

11 **MD** Living history, “Living with War — Soldier and Civilian Life on the Battlefield,” military and civilian demonstrations on the Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick. Free. [nps.gov/mono](http://nps.gov/mono)

11-12 **PA** Living history camp and demonstrations at the Gettysburg NMP (Spangler Spring/Pennsylvania Memorial and The Angle (Saturday only)). Free. [nps.gov/gett](http://nps.gov/gett)

12 **VA** Walking tour, “Petersburg in the Civil War,” special ranger-led program at the Blandford Church Cemetery in Petersburg. 1 pm. Free. [nps.gov/pete](http://nps.gov/pete)

14 **VA** “Flags of Five Forks,” special ranger program at the Five Forks battlefield visitor contact station near Petersburg. 2 pm. Free. [nps.gov/pete](http://nps.gov/pete)

15 **VA** “The Opening Assaults,” special ranger program at the Petersburg National Battlefield in Petersburg. 11 am and 1:30 pm. Free with park admission. [nps.gov/pete](http://nps.gov/pete)

15 **VA** “Objects of the Opening Assaults,” special ranger program at the Petersburg National Battlefield in Petersburg. 10 am-noon and 1-4 pm Free with park admission. [nps.gov/pete](http://nps.gov/pete)

16 **VA** Living history, period cooking demonstrations at the Virginia Museum of the Civil War/New Market Battlefield in New Market. 10 am-4 pm. Free with park admission. [vmi.edu/vmcw](http://vmi.edu/vmcw)

17 **VA** Lecture, "Why Didn't the North Hang Jeff Davis," at Historic Tredegar in Richmond. Noon. Free with admission. [acwm.org](http://acwm.org)

17-21 **PA** Conference, "Reconstruction and the Legacy of War," at Gettysburg College. Lectures and battlefield tours. Complete details: [gettysburg.edu/cwi/conference/schedule.dot](http://gettysburg.edu/cwi/conference/schedule.dot)

18 **MD** "Interesting your Children in History," a "porch program" at the Newcomer House on the Antietam Battlefield, 18422 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville. 3 pm. Free. 240-308-1740.

18 **VA** Car-caravan tour, "Lee and Grant Under Fire," command sites during the final days of the Petersburg siege begins at Pamplin Historical Park near Petersburg. 10:30 am. Free with park admission. [pamplinpark.org](http://pamplinpark.org)

18 **VA** Bus tour covering John S. Mosby-related sites in Northern Virginia. Tour leaves from Truro Rectory, 10520 Main St, Fairfax. 8 am-5:30 pm. \$75. Reservations: call 703-971-4984.

18 **VA** "'A... crashing, hissing, hell...' The Charge of the First Maine," at Tour Stop 5, Petersburg National Battlefield in Petersburg. 11 am and 2 pm. Free with park admission. [nps.gov/pete](http://nps.gov/pete)

18 **VA** Bus tour, "Forgotten Civil war Battles of Northern Virginia," begins at the Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park. 8 am-5 pm. \$80/includes lunch. Reservations: 703-766-3049.

18 **VA** Van tour, "Battle of Big Bethel," begins at Lee Hall in Newport News. 9 am-3 pm. \$45. [leehall.org](http://leehall.org)

18-19 **MD** Living history, "Thunder on the Mountain," artillery demonstrations at the South Mountain State Battlefield near Middletown. Camps 10 am-4 pm each day. Demonstrations at 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm. Free. Call 301-432-8065 for the exact location in the park.

18-19 **MD** "Historic House Stories: Best Farm," special opportunity to see the historic farm buildings on the Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick. 11 am-4 pm. Free. [nps.gov/mono](http://nps.gov/mono)

18-19 **PA** Living history camp and demonstrations at the Gettysburg NMP (Spangler Spring/Pitzer Woods). Free. [nps.gov/gett](http://nps.gov/gett)

18-19 **VA** Living history, infantry and artillery camp and demonstrations at the Manassas National Battlefield (Chinn Ridge). 11 am-3 pm. Free. [nps.gov/mana](http://nps.gov/mana)

23 **VA** Lecture, "Outlaws and Gangs of the Wild West Following the Civil War," at the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox. 6:30 pm. \$5. [acwm.org](http://acwm.org)

25 **VA** Living history, "Garrison Duty during the War," at Sailor's Creek Battlefield State Park near Rice. 10 am-5 pm. Free. 804-561-7510.

25 **VA** "Hard-hat Tour of Poplar Grove National Cemetery." Have a look at the Petersburg-area site's rehab with a ranger. 10 am. Free. Space limited. Reservations: 804-732-3531 extension 208. More info: [nps.gov/pete](http://nps.gov/pete)

25-26 **NY** Reenactment, "Marilla Civil War Days," at the town park, 2891 Three Rod Road, Marilla. Camps and demonstrations open 9 am both days. Night skirmish, candlelight tours and more Saturday evening. Battles 2:30 pm Saturday and 1:15 pm Sunday. Free. [marillacivilwardays.com](http://marillacivilwardays.com)

25-26 **PA** Living history camp and demonstrations at the Gettysburg NMP (Pitzer Woods/ Meade's Headquarters/Pennsylvania Memorial). Free. [nps.gov/gett](http://nps.gov/gett)

25-26 **VA** Anniversary living history and tours at the Gaines' Mill battlefield, part of the Richmond NBP near Richmond. Free. [nps.gov/rich](http://nps.gov/rich)

25-26 **MD** Living history, artillery weekend at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Camp with demonstrations at 11 am and 1 pm. Free with park admission. [nps.gov/anti](http://nps.gov/anti)

29 **MD** Canoe/kayak trip on the Monocacy River near Frederick. Ranger-guided tour explores the Monocacy battlefield from a new angle. Details, registration: [apm.activecommunities.com/frederickcntyparksandrec/Activity\\_Search/monocacy-river-guided-paddle-trips/6854](http://apm.activecommunities.com/frederickcntyparksandrec/Activity_Search/monocacy-river-guided-paddle-trips/6854)



## Virginia considers creating state park at Brandy Station, Cedar Mountain battlefields



Marines learn about the Battle of Brandy Station during training Thursday on Fleetwood Hill. The Civil War site may become a state park.

Virginia considers creating state park at Brandy Station, Cedar Mountain battlefields BY CLINT SCHEMMER/THE FREE LANCE-STAR

- by [Clint Schemmer](#)

If the stars align, Culpeper County could be the home of a new state park.

State and local officials are tossing around the idea of creating a park to preserve and spotlight Culpeper's two most significant Civil War battlefields—Brandy Station and Cedar Mountain.

Clyde Cristman, director of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, confirmed this week that there have been "very preliminary" discussions about the proposal.

To become a reality, a park "would have to have support from the local government, local General Assembly members and a majority of the assembly," Cristman said in an interview.

His department already runs parks focused on Civil War sites at Sailor's Creek, High Bridge and Staunton River.

"We have experience in operating and managing these kinds of parks," Cristman said. "Should the General Assembly and the governor decide it's appropriate, that is definitely within our mission."

Joe McKinney, president of the Brandy Station Foundation, said he has heard that Gov. Terry McAuliffe is interested in the idea.

"The state park system has the resources to protect these battlefields here in Culpeper and draw more people interested in history to come see them," McKinney said in an interview.

The foundation, a nonprofit group that owns 38 acres near Fleetwood Hill—heart of the 1863 cavalry battlefield—supports the idea, though McKinney noted that there will be many nuts-and-bolts details to sort out.

He said he thinks the foundation's Graffiti House, an antebellum home in the village of Brandy Station, could serve as a visitor center for the park.

The foundation and another nonprofit, Friends of Cedar Mountain, maintain battlefield land as living memorials to the men who fought and died there.

The Civil War Sites Advisory Commission, established by Congress to pinpoint America's most important Civil War sites, classified the Brandy Station and Cedar Mountain battlefields as representative of "the principal strategic operations of the war."

### WIDESPREAD SUPPORT

Culpeper Supervisor Steve Walker, who operates Fountain Hall bed-and-breakfast, supports the park notion.

"I think it would be a very positive thing for Culpeper, definitely helping to develop more tourism opportunities," Walker said. "My only concern is when the state got involved, whether it would restrict farmers or hunters."

"But from a personal perspective, I think it's a great idea. It would draw more people to enjoy our multiple, different tourism sites in the county—wineries, distilleries, Civil War and Revolutionary War sites, and great restaurants."

Culpeper Supervisor Bill Chase also favors the idea.

"At first blush, it sounds good for the state to hold the land and make it more of a tourist attraction than it is now," Chase said. "I'd much rather have it under the state than the way it is now."

But he added: "The devil is in the details, and I'd have to see them before I would wholeheartedly support it."

The Civil War Trust, which preserves 1,901 acres of the Brandy Station battlefield and 164 acres at Cedar Mountain, likes the state-park thought.

“The trust believes that a Brandy Station and Cedar Mountain state park is an idea worth pursuing,” Jim Campi, the trust’s director of policy and communications, said in an interview. “It would be beneficial to have a state park in the region to memorialize the two battles as well as encourage tourism.”

Campi declined to comment on the national nonprofit group’s discussions with state officials, other than to describe them as preliminary and productive.

Glenn Stach, a preservation landscape architect in Warrenton, said the Virginia Outdoors Plan, a long-range planning document, identifies the region between Sky Meadows State Park in Fauquier County and the Rapidan and Rappahannock rivers as one without a state park.

“It’s been on the radar for quite some time as an opportunity, with an underserved population in the vicinity,” Stach said.

The McAuliffe administration is identifying places to create new parks for the 80th anniversary of the state park system next year, Stach said.

Diane Logan, president of the Friends of Cedar Mountain, said the Culpeper nonprofit strongly supports the concept of a state park and sees it as a economic development opportunity.

“Heritage tourism is clean development that does not require huge infrastructure costs to the local citizens,” Logan said. “Heritage tourists typically stay longer at a destination, spending more money at local businesses, including on meals and lodging.”

If the park happens, the Cedar Mountain battlefield would be promoted in state literature and its tourism efforts, she said.

## NATIONAL ATTENTION

Virginia historian Clark B. Hall, who has spent decades working to preserve Brandy Station from development threats, said the park would focus national attention on Culpeper.

“This country doesn’t have a park dedicated to cavalry, that hugely important offensive and defensive component of Civil War warfare,” Hall said. “This would be the place.”

Fought on June 9, 1863, the Battle of Brandy Station opened Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee’s Gettysburg Campaign and proved the mettle of Union cavalry.

“There’s no other spot like it,” Hall said. “This is supremely beautiful battlefield land and to see it become a state park, that would be the cat’s meow.”

Paul Hawke, chief of the National Park Service’s American Battlefields Protection Program, was also enthusiastic.

“This is an excellent opportunity to save, and open to the public, two important Civil War battlefields that have long been overlooked,” he said.

The park idea has been talked of by some local residents for a long time, since at least 2000.

But a keystone fell into place in 2013 when the Civil War Trust bought the southern crest of Fleetwood Hill, site of Confederate Gen. J.E.B. Stuart’s headquarters before the battle, and several other properties associated with the famous ridge, Campi said.

“We needed to have Fleetwood Hill because it was the epicenter of the battle, the jewel of Brandy Station,” he said.

## ON THE NET:

[brandystationfoundation.com](http://brandystationfoundation.com)

[friendsofcedarmountain.org](http://friendsofcedarmountain.org)

[dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks](http://dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks)

[civilwar.org/battlefields/brandy-station.html](http://civilwar.org/battlefields/brandy-station.html)

[civilwar.org/battlefields/cedar-mountain.html](http://civilwar.org/battlefields/cedar-mountain.html)

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**AT THE EAST LYNNE THEATER IN  
CAPE MAY, NJ**

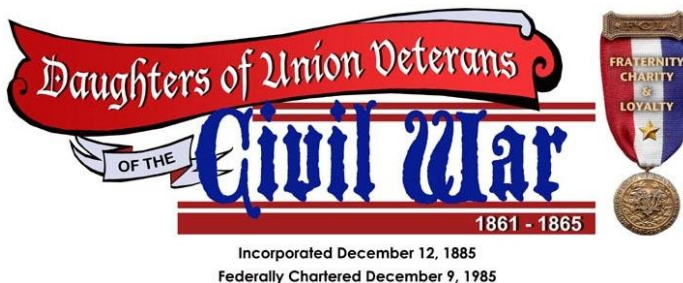
## **MR. LINCOLN**

**By Herbert Mitgang, starring Tom Byrn,  
and directed by Gayle Stahlhuth**

**Show Dates/Times: Wed. May 11 at 2:00  
Thurs. May 12, Fri. May 13, and Sat. May 14 at 8:00  
Wed. May 18, Thurs. May 19, Fri. May 20,  
and Sat. May 21 at 8:00**

*Mr. Lincoln then travels to Bloomsburg Theatre  
Ensemble in PA the following week.*

Followed by *The Whipping Man* starting on 25 May.



## **Civil War Trust Earns Seventh Consecutive 4-Star Rating From Charity Navigator AMERICA'S LEADING WATCHDOG RECOGNIZES GROUP FOR ITS CONTINUED OUTSTANDING FISCAL MANAGEMENT.**

**(Washington, D.C.)** – For the seventh consecutive year, the Civil War Trust, the nation’s largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization, has earned a coveted 4-star ranking from Charity Navigator, America’s leading charity evaluator.



“Savvy donors are demanding more accountability, transparency and quantifiable results from the charities they choose to support with their hard-earned dollars,” noted Charity Navigator President and CEO Michael Thatcher in a letter to the Trust. “This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator differentiates the Civil War Trust from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.”

The Trust continues earning accolades for its sound fiscal management and commitment to top-notch donor relations. Only 2 percent of the charities assessed by Charity Navigator have received at least seven consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Civil War Trust outperforms most other charities in America. After evaluating recent financial and other documents, the watchdog group gave the Trust an overall rating of 94.62 on a 100-point scale.

“Receiving Charity Navigator’s 4-star rating for the seventh consecutive year is a testament to this

organization's constant effort to be the best possible steward of our members' donation dollars, while providing the utmost accountability, honesty and integrity," Trust President James Lighthizer remarked. "Our proven history of producing tangible results — permanently protecting close to 43,000 acres of historic hallowed ground — continues to inspire confidence and commitment in our supporters."

This is only the most recent accolade acknowledging the accountability and integrity of the Trust. In October, GreatNonprofits, the leading provider of user reviews about nonprofit organizations, named the Trust a Top-Rated 2015 Nonprofit. According to GreatNonprofits, recipients of their Top-Rated Nonprofit awards are chosen based on the large number of positive reviews garnered by the organization in online media. These testimonials from volunteers, donors and clients provide an in-depth picture of individuals' personal experiences with the nonprofit.

"Donors want to see the impact of their donations more than ever," said Perla Ni, CEO of GreatNonprofits, "People with direct experience with the Civil War Trust have voted that the organization is making a real difference."

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In addition, the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance has renewed the Civil War Trust's accreditation, showing that the Trust continues to meet the 20 standards in the categories of governance and oversight, measuring effectiveness, finances and fundraising.

Information about the 4-star ranking of the Civil War Trust by Charity Navigator is available at [charitynavigator.org](http://charitynavigator.org). User reviews and further details about the Civil War Trust's designation as a Top-Rated 2014 Nonprofit by GreatNonprofits are available at [greatnonprofits.org](http://greatnonprofits.org). To find out more about the Trust's Better Business Bureau accreditation visit [give.org](http://give.org).

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 42,500 acres of battlefield land in 23 states.



