

Cape May County Civil War Round Table



May 2018 Newsletter

Meeting Dates

Meetings are at 7pm at the Cape May County Museum and Historical Society, in the Military Room in the old barn.

17 May: Speaker will be Bob Heinly from MAC.

21 June

19 July

16 August

20 September

18 October

15 November

NOTE: My apologies for the newsletter being MIA these past months, but yours truly has had severe medical issues and the chemotherapy has really knocked me on my backside since October. I'm now starting to feel better as they had to change my chemotherapy meds. PLEASE

folks, send me articles, book reviews, etc to help me fill up the newsletter!

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PLEASE NOTE: DUES ARE DUE!

Please mail your dues to our Treasurer, John Herr. His address is above. Dues help pay for speakers for the group. Those who want hard copies of the newsletter pay more to help defray copy and postage costs. Dues are: \$30 for electronic newsletter and \$35 for snail mailed hard copy; \$40 for a family membership. Our dues help pay for our speakers! So far less than TEN members have paid their dues.

Minutes for the April Meeting

Meeting was held on Thursday, April 19. There were approximately 20 in attendance. 15 members have paid their dues for 2018 to date. Andy ran the business meeting and reviewed the upcoming speakers for this year and discussed two topics. These are: 1) giving some of the 50/50 raffle money to the Cape May Museum for the use of their facilities. It was pointed out that this raffle money is used for battlefield preservation and there is not enough money to split two ways. It was also pointed out that several members from the CWRT have joined the museum so this is an indirect benefit to the museum. Other ideas were discussed with no resolution. For now, this idea is on hold. 2) Whether we should continue the post meeting snack because of the difficulty in getting volunteers to bring the snacks. It was agreed that the snacks encourage conversation after the meeting and we should keep it. Others were encouraged to sign up to bring the snacks.

The speaker for the meeting discussed the slave underground railroad system in Cape May County in the

19th century. Several highlights of the talk included, 1) slavery was not banned in NJ until 1848, 2) the underground railroad was the "civil rights equivalent" of the 19th century, 3) Harriet Tubman was born into slavery and went on to become a famous political activist who worked and lived for a time in Cape May during the 1850's and 4) the Dred Scott decision was a flashpoint of the anti slavery movement which ultimately led to the civil war. Dr Bob Heinley will speak at the next meeting.

Minutes taken by John Herr

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

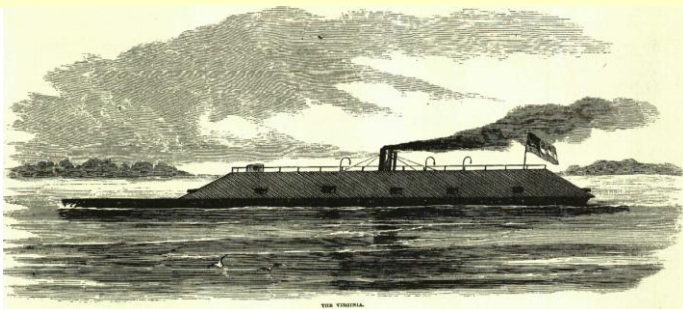
- 1 Lee takes command of Confederate army in Richmond
- 6 Union forces occupy Memphis
- 8 Battle of Cross Keys (VA)
- 9 Battle of Port Republic (VA)
- 26 Battle of Mechanicsville (VA)
- 27 Battle of Gaines' Mill (VA)
- 29 Battle of Savage's Station (VA)
- 30 Battle of Glendale (VA)

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 2018

1-3 KY Reenactment, tours and more, "Civil War Weekend," in Cynthiana. Annual event details: cynthianabattlefieldsfoundation.org/events

1-3 WV Reenactment, "Blue and Great Reunion," in Philippi. Full slate of living history demonstrations, music and much more at this annual event. "Skirmish at the Bridge," 1 and 10:45 pm Saturday, battle reenactment 2 pm Sunday. blueandgrayreunion.org

2 KS Walking tour, "Black Jack Battlefield," real-time anniversary event at the battlefield north of Baldwin. 5-7 am. Free. blackjackbattlefield.org

2 AR Anniversary programs, "Battle of Ditch Bayou," at the Lake Chicot State Park visitor center, 2542 Highway 257, Lake Village. Free. arkansasstateparks.com

2 GA Living history, "Civil War Music," at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Kennesaw. 11 am-3 pm. Free. nps.gov/kemo

2 TN Bicycle tour of the Stones River National Battlefield in Murfreesboro. Ranger-led 90-minute ride meets 8:45 am at the visitor center. Free. nps.gov/stri

2 TN "Hallowed Ground," lantern tours of the Stones River National Cemetery at the Stones River National Battlefield in Murfreesboro. 7:30 and 7:45 pm. Free. Reservation info: nps.gov/stri (click calendar).

2 WV Living history at the Taggart Hall Civil War Museum, 91 S High St, Romney. Noon-5 pm. Free. 304-822-4320.

2 PA Hike at the Monterey Pass Battlefield Park, off Route 16 near Blue Ridge Summit. Guided 2-mile walk. 10 am-12:30 pm. Free. montereypassbattlefield.org/events

2 VA "The Complex Relationships of Servitude," special tours of the White House of the Confederacy in Richmond. 2 pm. \$10. acwm.org

2-3 GA Anniversary activities at the Pickett's Mill Battlefield Historic Site near Dallas. Living history camps and demonstrations plus guided tours. 10 am-4 pm. Free with park admission. explore.gastateparks.org/info/248110?c=14226152

2-3 IL Reenactment, “Lincoln Days,” at Lake Pittsfield in Pittsfield. Camps and demonstrations with battles each day. Free. pikelincoln.com

2-3 FL Living history, “Union Garrison,” camp and demonstrations at Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Ave, Fernandina Beach. 9 am-5 pm Saturday, 9 am-noon Sunday. Regular admission plus \$2.50 event fee. floridastateparks.org/park-events/Fort-Clinch

2-3 VA Anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Cold Harbor, at the battlefield park, 5515 Anderson Wright Drive, near Mechanicsville. Special tours and living history all weekend with candlelight tour and music Saturday evening. Free. nps.gov/rich

2-3 VA Reenactment, “Fort Pocahontas,” at the site just off Route 5 between Richmond and Williamsburg. Camps open 10 am-4 pm Saturday, 10 am-2 pm Sunday. Battles at 1 pm each day. fortpocahontas.org/reenactment

3 GA Walking tours, “Cheatham Hill,” at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Kennesaw. 11 am and 1 pm. Free. nps.gov/kemo

8-9 VA Symposium, “Stonewall Jackson,” based at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. Includes lectures, walking tours and more. \$220/250. Details, register: vmi.edu/museums-and-archives/stonewall-jackson-house/events/?utm_source=E-Newsletter+April+2018&utm_campaign=April+2018+NH+D+ENewsletter&utm_medium=email

9 GA Ranger programs, “The Unsung Hero,” black Union soldiers, at the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park in Kennesaw. 10 am, 1 and 3 pm. Free. nps.gov/kemo

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9 TN Bicycle tour of the Stones River National Battlefield in Murfreesboro. Ranger-led 90-minute ride meets 8:45 am at the visitor center. Free. nps.gov/stri

9 TN Ranger program, “My Enemy’s Enemy is my Friend — The Civil War in Indian Territory,” at the Moccasin Bend National Archeological District (Brown’s Ferry Federal Road Trailhead). 10 am. Free. nps.gov/chch

9 VA Living history walking tour, “As Glides in Seas the Shark,” The Civil War in Eastern Loudoun,” at Claude

Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal’s Gap Road, Sterling. 7:30 pm. Tickets, more info: mosbyheritagearea.org or 540-687-6681.

9 VA Anniversary programs, Second Battle of Winchester, at various sites in and around Winchester including car-caravan tours, a reception and talks. Free. shenandoahatwar.org

9 VA Living history, “Camp Day,” at Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site in Alexandria. Camps and demonstrations. 10 am-4 pm. \$2. fortward.org

9 MD Living history, “Artillery Day,” at the Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick. Camp and demonstrations 9 am-3 pm. Free. nps.gov/mono

9-10 OR Reenactment, “Battle of Joseph Stewart,” at the Joseph Stewart State Recreation Area near Medford. Camps and demonstrations 9 am-5 pm Saturday, 9 am-3 pm Sunday. Battles 11 am, 3 pm Saturday; 11 am, 2 pm Sunday. racw.org/calendar-of-events

9-10 MO Reenactment, “Hulston Mill Civil War Days,” at the Hulston Mill Historical Park, midway between Greenfield and Everton on US 160. Camps, demonstrations and battles each day. 9 am-5 pm Saturday, 9 am-2:30 pm Sunday. \$5/adult. hulstonmill.com

10 GA Living history, artillery demonstrations at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Kennesaw. 11 am, noon and 2 and 3 pm. Free. nps.gov/kemo

10 GA Walking tours, “Cheatham Hill,” at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Kennesaw. 11 am and 1 pm. Free. nps.gov/kemo

10 VA Symposium, “Mosby and his Rangers in Northern Virginia,” at Mt. Zion Historic Park in Aldie. 10 am-3:30 pm. \$20. mosbyheritagearea.org

13 VA Tours of the opening action of the Second Battle of Winchester at the Kernstown Battlefield, 610 Battle Drive, south of Winchester. kernstownbattle.org

15 VA Dinner, lecture, living history, “General ‘Stonewall’ Jackson: His Wounding, the Arm, and his Final Days,” at the Generals’ Quarters Restaurant, 32345 Constitution Highway, Locust Grove. 6-9 pm. \$30. fowb.org

16 TN “Hallowed Ground,” lantern tours of the Stones River National Cemetery at the Stones River National Battlefield in Murfreesboro. 7:30 and 7:45 pm. Free. Reservation info: nps.gov/stri (click calendar).

16 GA Ranger-guided bike ride of the Chickamauga Battlefield NMP. 9:30-11:30 am. Free. Loaner bikes available, call 706-866-9241 for reservations. nps.gov/chch

16 TN Bicycle tour of the Stones River National Battlefield in Murfreesboro. Ranger-led 90-minute ride meets 8:45 am at the visitor center. Free. nps.gov/stri

16 VA Van tour, “Submarines, Infernal Machines & Torpedoes,” leaves from Lee Hall in Newport News. 8 am-4 pm. \$50. Registration, more info: leehall.org

16 VA Boat tour, “Potomac Blockade,” cruise the sites of the early-war Confederate blockade of Washington DC. Begins at Leesylvania State Park, 2002 Daniel K. Ludwig Drive, Woodbridge. 10 am-1 pm. \$45. More info, reservations: 703-792-5618.

16-17 WA Reenactment at the Fullbright Park in Union Gap. Camps and demonstrations 9 am-8 pm Saturday, 9 am-3 pm Sunday with battles 11:30 am, 3 pm and 8:30 pm Saturday, 11:30 am and 3 pm Sunday. centralwaagmuseum.org/civil-war-reenactment-union-gap.asp

16-17 OH Reenactment, “Heritage Village Museum Civil War Weekend,” at Sharon Woods Park, 11450 Lebanon Road, Sharonwood. Camps and demonstrations 10 am-5 pm Saturday, 10 am-3 pm Sunday. Battles at 2 pm each day. \$10/adult. Details: heritagevillagecincinnati.org

16-17 VA Anniversary activities, “Opening Assaults at Petersburg,” at the Petersburg National Battlefield. Car-caravan and walking tours. 10 am and 2:30 pm Saturday, 1 and 2 pm Sunday. nps.gov/pete

16-17 VA Living history, artillery and infantry camps and demonstrations at the Manassas National Battlefield Park. 11 am-3 pm. Free. nps.gov/mana

17 GA Walking tours, “Cheatham Hill,” at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Kennesaw. 11 am and 1 pm. Free. nps.gov/kemo

21 GA Lecture, “Atlanta Cyclorama,” at the National Civil War Naval Museum in Columbus. 7 pm. Free. portcolumbus.org

22 VA Car-caravan tour, “‘Men ceased to be men’: The Battle of Port Republic.” 10 am-3 pm. Free. Registration, exact tour location: 540-740-4545 or shenandoahatwar.org

23 GA Living history, artillery and infantry demonstrations at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Kennesaw. 11 am, noon, 2 pm and 3 pm. Free. nps.gov/kemo

23 TN Bicycle tour of the Stones River National Battlefield in Murfreesboro. Ranger-led 90-minute ride meets 8:45 am at the visitor center. Free. nps.gov/stri

23-24 MO Living history, “Siegel’s Germans at Wilson’s Creek,” at the Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield near Springfield. Camp and demonstrations. 11 am-3 pm. Free with park admission. nps.gov/wicr

23-24 GA Walking tours, “Cheatham Hill,” at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Kennesaw. 11 am and 1 pm. Free. nps.gov/kemo

23-24 WV Living history, “Under Fire: Hold the High Ground, 1862,” at Boliver Heights, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Camp 11 am-4 pm. Demonstrations 1, 2 and 3 pm. Free with park admission. nps.gov/hafe

23-24 MD Living history, camps and demonstrations at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Artillery demos 11 am and 1 pm Saturday. Artillery and infantry demos 11 am and 1 pm. Sunday. Free with park admission. nps.gov/anti

23-24 VA Living history, “Action Front,” non-firing artillery demonstrations at the Ball’s Bluff Battlefield Regional Park north of Leesburg off Route 15. 9 am-5 pm Saturday, 10 am-3 pm Sunday. Free. novaparks.com/parks/balls-bluff-battlefield-regional-park

24 GA Living history, artillery and infantry demonstrations at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Kennesaw. 11 am, noon, 2 pm and 3 pm. Free. nps.gov/kemo

24 VA Living history, artillery demonstrations, at the Petersburg National Battlefield. 1-4 pm. Free with park admission. nps.gov/pete

29-30 PA Lectures, panel discussions, “Great Conversations at Gettysburg,” at the Gettysburg NMP visitor center. “What is the Role of Museums and the History Community,” lecture 7 pm Friday. Saturday panels and lectures 9 am-5 pm. Free. gettysburgfoundation.org/news/#GreatConversations

30 GA Living history, Independence Day celebration at Fort McAllister State Park near Richmond Hill. Military camps and demonstrations, games and more. 9 am-4 pm. Free with site admission. 912-727-2339.

30 TN Living history, “On to Chattanooga: A Campaign of Contrasts,” the Tullahoma Campaign with camps and demonstrations at the Stones River National Battlefield in Murfreesboro. 9 am-4:30 pm. Free. nps.gov/stri

30 TN “Hallowed Ground,” lantern tours of the Stones River National Cemetery at the Stones River National Battlefield in Murfreesboro. 7:30 and 7:45 pm. Free. Reservation info: nps.gov/stri (click calendar).

30-July 1 GA Walking tours, “Cheatham Hill,” at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Kennesaw. 11 am and 1 pm. Free. nps.gov/kemo

30-July 1 VA Anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Malvern Hill at the battlefield, 9175 Willis Church Road, near Richmond. Special tours and living history. nps.gov/rich

National Historic Preservation Group Forms American Battlefield Trust

May 8, 2018



(Washington, D.C.) – The Civil War Trust, a national nonprofit preservation group recognized for its success in saving battlefield land, has formed the **American Battlefield Trust** — a new umbrella entity dedicated to preserving America’s hallowed battlegrounds and educating the public about what happened there and why it matters today.

The new umbrella organization reflects how the Civil War Trust’s battlefield preservation achievements have grown

and its mission expanded to include other conflicts from America’s formative first century. In 2014, at the request of the National Park Service, the Trust extended its mandate to include protection of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 battlefields. Its decision to do so coincided with the passage of federal legislation aimed at preserving battlefields of those two conflicts. Since then, the Trust has saved nearly 700 acres of battlefield land associated with the American Revolution and War of 1812 while continuing to save Civil War battle sites at a record pace.

Earlier this month, the **U.S. Department of the Interior announced** that the Trust had been selected to serve as the federal government’s nonprofit partner for the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. The organization’s commitment to protecting Civil War battlefields was recently underscored by the announcement that it would be saving 18 acres of core battlefield land on **historic Seminary Ridge** at Gettysburg.

“We see preserved battlefields as outdoor classrooms that both illuminate and inspire,” said American Battlefield Trust President James Lighthizer. “They allow young and old alike to walk in the footsteps of America’s first citizen soldiers. No Hollywood movie, documentary, or museum exhibit can compare to standing amid the now-quiet trenches of Yorktown or gazing across the field of Pickett’s Charge at Gettysburg.”

The Civil War Trust will continue as the principal division under the American Battlefield Trust umbrella, focusing on battlefields and educational outreach related to that conflict. A second division known as the Revolutionary War Trust will serve a similar function, concentrating on battlefields associated with America’s War for Independence. According to Lighthizer, “this new organizational structure gives us the strength and flexibility needed to protect critically important battlefield land in an increasingly competitive real estate market.”

The formation of the American Battlefield Trust is the latest step in the evolution of the modern battlefield preservation movement, which began in the mid-1980s in response to the loss of important historic sites to spreading commercial and residential development. The new entity is a direct descendant, through a series of mergers and name changes, of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, founded by a group of professional historians and preservation advocates in 1987.

The organization is best known for its high-profile battlefield preservation efforts, including protection of the historic epicenter of the Antietam battlefield, the site of

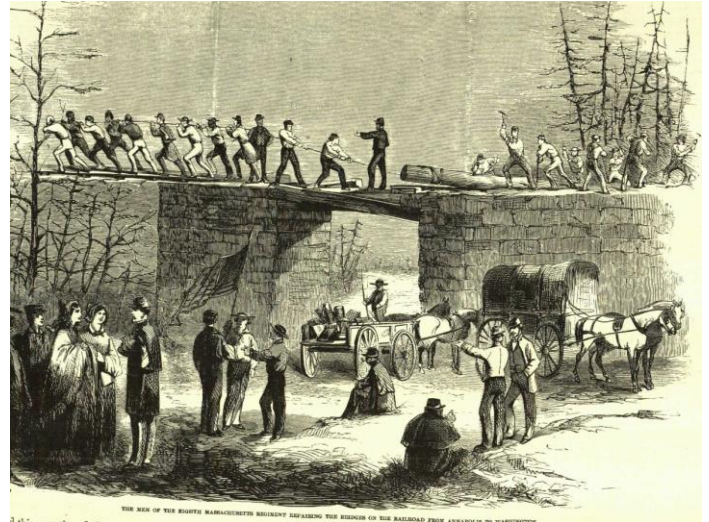
George Washington's famous charge at Princeton, the Slaughter Pen Farm at Fredericksburg, and Robert E. Lee's battlefield headquarters at Gettysburg. In addition, as the Civil War Trust, it engaged in grassroots campaigns to prevent development at Chancellorsville and the Wilderness in Virginia; Franklin, Tennessee; and Morris Island, South Carolina (site of the famous charge portrayed in the movie *Glory*).

“Over those years and under a variety of names, we have saved nearly 50,000 acres of battlefield land throughout the United States, while earning accolades for being one of the most efficient and effective nonprofits in the nation,” said Lighthizer. “Now, as the American Battlefield Trust, we will continue that tradition of preservation leadership.”

Although primarily known for its land preservation successes, the organization is also firmly committed to promoting the rich and diverse history of America's first century conflicts. Using battlefield land as a unique and powerful teaching tool, the Trust's educational efforts include popular videos, you-are-there Facebook Live broadcasts, GPS-enabled smartphone apps, online battle panoramas, animated maps, classroom field-trip sponsorships, a national Teacher Institute, hundreds of website articles and images, and “Generations” events that encourage family members of all ages to experience history in the places where it occurred.

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The American Battlefield Trust is dedicated to preserving America's hallowed battlegrounds and educating the public about what happened there and why it matters today. To date, the nonprofit, nonpartisan organization has protected nearly 50,000 acres of battlefield land associated with the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War. Learn more at www.battlefields.org.



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