

150th Anniversary of the Beginning of the Civil War



Cape May County Civil War Round Table September 2010 Meetings for 2010

Please contact Pres. Lolli if you would be interested in giving any presentations at meetings in 2010.

Website: www.cmccwrt.com

16 September: Group discussion led by Jim Marshall on the subject of visiting & touring Civil War sites **Refreshments:** Nancy Baxter

21 October: Dick Simpson will be making a presentation on *The Forgotten Battle of Franklin, Tennessee, 30 November 1864*

Refreshments: Mike Golla & Eddy O'Malley

18 November: To be Announced **Refreshments: Lou Bishop Jr. and John & Judy**

? December: End of Year & Christmas Party – start saving your pennies for this dinner!

Note: Check out the most recent color issue of *Exit Zero*. There's an article about Victor Grasso, a local artist; he's done some interesting pen & paper artwork that has Civil War related themes. Two are illustrated in the article – one featuring Col. Henry Sawyer, and one with Confederate President Jefferson Davis. His artwork is currently featured at an art gallery down in Cape May; check it out!

If you end up missing a copy of the newsletter, or the post office tears your copy up, digital copies are posted on the Round Table website (cmccwrt.com).

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Minutes for the Business Meeting Cape May County Civil War Round Table 19 August 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Lolli. We saluted the flag and held a moment of silence for those serving our country.

Pres. Lolli mentioned that Mrs. Helen Olen was very ill and asked for everyone to have her and her family in their thoughts and prayers.

Book for the drawing this evening is Bruce Catton's *The Civil War*.

Three new members have paid dues; Helene Grier, Kurt Hayward and Tom Donnelly.

Treasurer Marshall gave his report. Hard copy is on file. Motion made to accept report and file for audit; motion seconded and passed.

Reminder from Secretary Munson-Siter that the newsletter is also posted digitally on our web site. She has had complaints that the hard copies of the newsletter sometimes are mangled or go missing; this is one option to get replacement copies of the newsletter prior to the meeting.

Treasurer / website person Marshall announced the website is being upgraded as part of a project by his son. (This project has since been completed.)

Lou Bishop and Andy Lolli attended the remembrance ceremony for the 69th Irish Brigade's participation in the Battle of Glendale in Virginia. Representatives from both the CWPT and several other Civil War groups were also in attendance.

Mention was made that over the 14 – 15 August weekend, *The Atlantic City Press* wrote an article for the 100th anniversary of the GAR meeting in Atlantic City, which was the subject of a presentation at one of our meetings earlier in the year.

No further new or old business was brought up, so President Lolli adjourned the meeting so the presentation could proceed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Munson-Siter

Secretary
Cape May County Civil War Round Table

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Helen R. Olen



CUYAHOGA FALLS - Helen R. Olen, 92, passed away August 18, 2010 in Cape May, N.J.

Mrs. Olen was born in Washington, D.C. and had resided in Cuyahoga Falls since 1953, moving there from Michigan. She had worked in field personnel for B. F. Goodrich and was a member of Grandview United Methodist Church. Other memberships include Falls Chapter 245 OES where she had served as

President of the Starlighters, DAR where she had served three terms as Regent to the DAR and the United Daughters of the Confederacy having served as President for two terms and member of Red Hatter's of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio and Cape May, N.J.

Preceded in death by her husband, Andrew, she is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, G. William and Cindy Craft of Cape May, N.J.; step-children, Christine Wolf and Michale (Greg) Mills, both of Minerva, Ohio and Andrew (Regina) Glenn of Waynesburg, Ohio; grandson, Albert Craft; and special niece, Mary Molchan of Strongsville, Ohio.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23 in The Clifford-Shoemaker Funeral Home, 1930 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls, where Falls Chapter 245 OES will conduct an Eastern Star Service at 6:30 p.m. Monday and a Cuy Falls DAR service will be conducted at 6:45 p.m. A funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24 at the funeral home, Rev. James McKenzie officiating. Interment at Crown Hill Burial Park. In lieu of other remembrances, memorials may be made in her name to the Cape May County Animal Shelter & Adoption Center, 4 Moore Road, DN 501-B, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210.

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Historical Civil War Events in October

	1861
21	Battle of Ball's Bluff (VA)
	1862
4	Battle of Corinth (MS)
8	Battle of Perryville (KY)
	1863
	Nothing of Major Importance
	1864
19	Battle of Cedar Creek (VA)
23	Battle of Westport (MO)



Current Civil War Events in October 2010 (Re-enactments, etc.)

Listings courtesy of www.civilwartraveler.com

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| 1 | VA | Civil War walking tour of Old Town Winchester begins at 2 N Cameron St. 6 pm. \$5. Reservations required: 540-542-1326. | | |
| 1-2 | PA | Symposium, "Meet Mr. Lincoln," sponsored by the Seminary Ridge Preservation Foundation in Gettysburg. 717-338-3030 or www.seminaryridge.org . | | |
| 1-3 | MD | Conference, "Civil War Medicine," at the Sheraton Baltimore North hotel in Towson. Includes report on CSS <i>Hunley</i> sinking. Details: 301-695-1864 or email museum@civilwarmed.org . | | |
| 1-3 | PA | Seminar "Image of War," in Gettysburg. Annual Center for Civil War Photography event includes talks and photo-related Gettysburg tours. More info: www.imageofwar.org . | | |
| 1-3 | VA | Conference, "Art of Command: The Battle of Fredericksburg," in Middleburg and Fredericksburg. Lectures Friday and Saturday plus Sunday tour of the Fredericksburg battlefield. \$400 covers lectures, tour, reception and some meals. Details and registration: 540-687-6681 or www.mosbyheritagearea.org . | | |
| 2 | VA | Bus tour, "Grapes of Wrath: The 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign," leaves from Fort Ward in Alexandria. Tour and narrative combined with tastings at Valley wineries. Early registration suggested: 703-746-4848. | | |
| 2 | VA | Symposium, "A Day with Mosby," a discussion of Confederate John S. Mosby at the Winchester- | Frederick County Conservation Club, 500 Siler Road, Winchester. Talks, music and more. 10 am-4 pm. \$18. More info: 540-664-7820. | |
| | 2 | PA | "Civil War Letters by Campfire," at the Rolando Woods Lions' Club Park (Monterey Pass battlefield), Chairman Road, just north of Route 16, Waynesboro. 7:30 pm. Free. www.emmitsburg.net/montereypass . | |
| | 2-3 | PA | Living history, military and civilian demonstrations with battles scheduled each day at the Old Mill Village Museum near New Milford. 10 am-5 pm. \$5. www.oldmillvillage.org or 570-465-3448. | |
| | 2-3 | MD | Living history, infantry camp and demonstrations at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/anti or 301-432-5124. | |
| | 2-3 | VA | Living history, camps and demonstrations at Drewry's Bluff, a unit of the Richmond National Battlefield. 10 am-5 pm Saturday, 10 am-4 pm Sunday. Free. www.nps.gov/rich or 804-771-2145. | |
| | 7 | VA | Living history, "Sewing Circle," 19th-century techniques at the Bushong House in the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park in New Market. 10 am-4 pm. Free with admission. www.vmi.edu/newmarket or 866-515-1864. | |
| | 8-10 | PA | Tour, "Riding with Custer & Stuart: Gettysburg Cavalry Actions and Pickett's Charge," based in Gettysburg. \$400. Details: www.civilwartours.org . | |
| | 8-11 | VA | "Antebellum and Civil War Artifact Forum," in Petersburg. Tours of Petersburg-area sites, lectures, exhibits and more. More information, schedule and fees: www.wearlooms.net or 845-674-2104. | |
| | 9 | VA | Tour, "Jed Hotckiss (Stonewall Jackson's mapmaker) Sites," includes current exhibit in Dayton and sites in Augusta County and Staunton. 9:30 am-5:30 pm. \$65/includes lunch. Reservations: 540-879-2681. | |
| | 9 | VA | Civil War walking tour of Old Town Winchester begins at 2 N Cameron St. 10 am. \$5. | |

		Reservations required: 540-542-1326.			662-1473 extension 235.
9	MD	Point Lookout Memorial begins 11 am at monument to Confederate prisoners who died in the prison camp near Scotland. Living history and historical talks expected. cvccamp1359@comcast.net.	16	VA	Anniversary tours of the Bristoe Station Battlefield at the Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, 10708 Bristow Road, Bristow. Tours start on the hour 11 am-3 pm. \$5. www.pwcgov.org/historicsites or 703-792-5546.
9-10	MA	Reenactment, "Sayler's Creek" in Wincherdeon. Details: twelvega.tripod.com/id35.html.	16-17	VA	Reenactment, "Battle of Cedar Creek," near Middletown. Big annual event includes camps, demonstrations, lectures, music and battles each day. Details, ticket info: www.cedarcreekbattlefield.org.
9-10	VA	Living history, camps and demonstrations at the Appomattox Court House National Historic Site. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/apco.	16-17	VA	Living history, "Belle Grove Remembers," special civilian and military programs, at Belle Grove near Middletown. Held in conjunction with annual Cedar Creek reenactment. Separate ticketing: \$10/adult for Belle Grove event. 540-869-2028.
11	VA	Lecture, "Remembering Robert E. Lee: The Man in the Middle," by William C. Davis at the Lee Chapel auditorium in Lexington. 12:15 pm. Free. 540-458-8768.	21	VA	Living history, "Foodways Program," 19th-century techniques at the Bushong House in the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park in New Market. 10 am-4 pm. Free with admission. www.vmi.edu/newmarket or 866-515-1864.
13	SC	Lecture, "Civil War Music," at the Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon, 122 E Bay St, Charleston. 6 pm. \$10 (proceeds to the Friends of the Old Exchange). www.oldexchange.com.	23	VA	Civil War walking tour of Stephens City (south of Winchester) begins at the Newtown History Center, 5408 Main St. 10:30 am. \$5. Reservations: 540-869-1700.
15	VA	Tour, "The Tragic Deaths of Stephen Ramseur and Charles Lowell: Examples of a Generation Lost," car-caravan tour of part of the Cedar Creek battlefield, meets at the Belle Grove parking lot south of Middletown. 5 pm. Free. www.nps.gov/cebe or 540-869-3051.	23	VA	Ghost walk at Civil War Museum at the Exchange Hotel in Gordonsville. 7-9 pm. \$6/adult. 540-832-2944.
15-17	VA	Symposium, "The 1860 Presidential Election and the Coming of the Civil War," at Pamplin Historical Park in Petersburg. Reservations and fee required. 877-PAMPLIN or www.pamplinpark.org.	23	MD	Battlefield hikes on the Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick. Guided two-hour walks at 9 am, 11:30 am and 2 pm. Free. Reservations required: www.nps.gov/mono or 301-662-3515.
16	VA	Walking tour of Fort Huger, a James River Confederate fortification near Smithfield (15080 Talcott Terrace, Smithfield). 10 am. Free. 757-357-0115.	23	PA	Photography excursion, "Sunrise Battlefield Photo Safari" at the Gettysburg National Military Park. Register or more information: www.gettysburgfoundation.org or 877-874-2478.
16	VA	Civil War walking tour of Middletown begins at the Farmers' Market, 2325 First St. 11 am. \$5. Reservations: 202-213-5126.	23	PA	Living history, "Press Corp.," at the David Wills House in Gettysburg. Explore the newspaper business of the era. Free with admission. www.daviswillshouse.org or 866-486-5735.
16	VA	Self-guided tours of the First Battle of Kernstown at Rose Hill, a critical part of that battlefield near Winchester. Site at 1850 Jones Road is open 1-4 pm. \$5. www.shenandoahmuseum.org or 540-			

- 23-24 **MD** Living history, infantry camp and demonstrations at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/anti or 301-432-5124.
- 29-30 **MD** Living history, "Spirits of Point Lookout," at Point Lookout State Park near Scotland. Spooky tours of the former prisoner of war site. Details: 301-872-5688.
- 27 **VA** Lecture, "Those I Left Behind: Society at Home During the War," at Hanover Tavern, 13181 Hanover Courthouse Road, Hanover. 7 pm. \$5. Reservations: 804-537-5050 or www.hanovertavern.org.
- 30 **MD** Living history, "Ship's Company," life in the Civil War navy at the USS *Constellation* in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. 10 am-4 pm. Free with admission. www.historicships.org or 410-539-1797.
- 30 **VA** Seminar and tour, "'A Theme of the Poet, A Scene for the Painter': The Third Battle of Winchester," at the Lord Fairfax Community College in Middletown. Includes lecture and tour of the battlefield. \$20. 540-868-7191.
- 30 **VA** Living history, "Spirits of New Market," popular lantern tours of the "aftermath" of the Battle of New Market at the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park. Tours begin 7 pm and leave every 15 minutes until 8:45 pm. www.vmi.edu/newmarket or 866-515-1864.
- 30-31 **MD** Living history, infantry camp and demonstrations at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Free with park admission. www.nps.gov/anti or 301-432-5124.
- 31 **VA** Lecture, "The Battle of Rappahannock Station," at the Graffiti House, 19484 Brandy Road, in Brandy Station. 2 pm. Free. 540-727-7718 or www.brandystationfoundation.com.



Battle of Glendale Anniversary Marked with Dedication Ceremony

CIVIL WAR PRESERVATION TRUST AND 69TH PENNSYLVANIA REENACTMENT GROUP UNVEIL HISTORICAL MARKER

(Glendale, Va.) – Just in time to mark the 148th anniversary of the Battle of Glendale, officials from the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) and members of the 69th Pennsylvania Irish Volunteers reenactment unit have unveiled and formally dedicated a new historical marker on the battlefield. The historical marker depicts the charge of the 69th Pennsylvania's namesake regiment to retake a captured artillery position during the June 30, 1862 Battle of Glendale.

"Once a piece of historic land has been permanently protected, it is always our goal to see that it is interpreted for the public, so visitors can better understand the significance of what happened there," said CWPT chief operating officer Ron Cogswell. "Today we mark the beginning of that process here at Glendale."

The Battle of Glendale, also referred to as Frayser's Farm, was fought on June 30, 1862. Earlier that spring, the federal Army of the Potomac had launched an offensive up the Virginia Peninsula in an attempt to capture the Confederate capital at Richmond. After pushing with seven miles of the city, Northern fortunes turned when Robert E. Lee took command of the Confederate Army and began steadily driving the invaders back from the capital during his famous Seven Days Campaign, of which Glendale was the fifth major engagement. Rebel attacks were poorly coordinated and, despite an initial rout, Federal forces withdrew to a strategic defensive position at Malvern Hill. The piecemeal nature of the Confederate attack led to enormous casualties -- more than 6,000



killed, wounded or missing on both sides — and kept Lee from crippling the retreating Union Army.

The new marker celebrates the successful bayonet charge by the 69th Pennsylvania “Irish Volunteers,” who recaptured a Union artillery battery near the Whitlock House that had been taken by Confederate forces earlier in the fighting. It was constructed by Civil War Trails, Inc., of Richmond, Va. and financed by the 69th Pennsylvania.

“The charge at Glendale was a seminal moment in the history of our storied regiment,” said John Kopich, captain and commander of the 69th Pennsylvania reenactment unit. “We are exceedingly proud that it has been commemorated in such a meaningful and lasting way.”

The new marker is the first to be installed on the Glendale Battlefield in some time, and is part of a dramatic resurgence in land protection efforts at the site. In recent years, CWPT has purchased 577 acres of land at Glendale — 251 of them have already been transferred to the National Park Service. The success is even more significant when taken together with our efforts at the neighboring Malvern Hill Battlefield, where fighting occurred the next day in the summer of 1862. All told, CWPT has protected 1,336 acres at the two sites, creating a contiguous preserve of 1,468 acres of battlefield land.

“The preservation success at Glendale defies comparison — there has been nothing like it before in Virginia,” said Robert E.L. Krick, historian for Richmond National Battlefield, who also spoke at the event. “Never before in modern times has anyone preserved a major battlefield virtually from scratch.”

Not content to rest on past successes, however, CWPT continues to target additional acreage at Glendale for protection. Currently the organization is involved in a fundraising effort to purchase seven more acres of the battlefield, with hopes for further acquisitions in the future. To learn more about the current effort visit www.civilwar.org/battlefields/glendale.html.

In addition to the dedication of the marker, the ceremony featured approximately 30 uniformed members of the 69th Pennsylvania recreating the march made by their forbearers from the Nelson Farm to the Whitlock House, crossing fields and wooded terrain. Upon their arrival, the living historians fired a musket salute, signaling the official unveiling. Among the attendees at the ceremony were several area residents who have sold land to CWPT for its permanent protection and eventual integration into Richmond National Battlefield.

With 55,000 members, CWPT is the largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in the United States. Its mission is to preserve our nation’s endangered Civil War battlefields and to promote appreciation of these hallowed grounds. CWPT has preserved more than 29,000 acres of battlefield land across the nation, including 577 acres at Glendale. CWPT’s website is www.civilwar.org.

Bringing Civil War memories back to Atlantic City



Monday, August 16, 2010
Atlantic City Press

Dave Hann, 51, of Mullica Township, is a Civil War re-enactor and descendent of Civil War veterans from the Union and Confederate armies. The union electrician is a volunteer spearheading a committee to recognize the 100th anniversary of the 44th National Grand Army of the Republic Encampment in Atlantic City.

Question: What was the encampment, and why is it important today?

Answer: It was a convention of Union veterans from Sept. 19 to 24, 1910. The G.A.R. was the biggest Union veterans' organization, and encampments were important for friendship and remembrance.

This one was held 45 years after the war ended, at the dawn of a new century, the same year Atlantic City hosted its first air show. About 18,000 veterans showed up, including Vice President James S. Sherman, and the controversial Gen. Dan Sickles (who acted in defiance of orders at Gettysburg, but was later awarded the Medal of Honor).

It shows Atlantic City's part in Civil War history.

Q: How did you first find out about the Atlantic City encampment?

A: My brother bought me a couple of medals from it as a Christmas present about 25 years ago. The Absecon Lighthouse is depicted on them. We've been Civil War buffs since I was 10 and he was 8.

Q: What will the celebration entail?

A: We'll be unveiling a commemorative plaque, and we'll have Civil War re-enactors, a small parade and two Civil War period bands.

Q: When and where will it be?

A: At the Absecon Lighthouse (31 S. Rhode Island Ave., Atlantic City) Sept. 25. The time isn't definite yet. The lighthouse is one of the last remaining structures that was there in 1910 that the veterans' parade walked past. Also, the engineer who built it in 1857 was Gen. George Meade, commander of the Union Army at Gettysburg.

Q: If people want to get involved in helping with the event, what should they do?

A: We have meetings 7 p.m. Sept. 8 and Sept. 22) the Atlantic County Library, 40 Farragut Ave., Mays Landing.

People can call me at 609-561-7312 or check out our website at:

[http://sites.google.com/site/](http://sites.google.com/site/44thgarcentennial)

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Michelle Brunetti Post

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THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Gettysburg casino: a losing hand



The large and vocal opposition to the proposed casino in Gettysburg should be enough reason for the Gaming Control Board to deny a license to that historic town.

But if the gaming board needs further convincing, it should look to the supporters of the project. That's because they failed to make a compelling case that a casino would truly benefit Gettysburg.

Casino supporters argue that the gambling hall would produce major economic benefits for Gettysburg. Granted, the casino will generate tax revenue for the state and county. And some casino jobs will be created.

But this is nothing like an auto plant coming to town. At best, it's more like opening a Wal-Mart.

The economic ripple effects from a casino in Gettysburg will be minimal. Casinos are masters at keeping their customers on site. Just look at how little the rest of Atlantic City has benefitted from the casinos.

There's a reason why casinos serve food and drinks and provide entertainment and lodging. The business model is designed to keep everyone spending money around the clock, and not wandering off the property.

The casino will not attract tourists from outside the region. Just consider the other casinos that have opened in Pennsylvania. The overwhelming majority of customers live near the casino.

Few, if any, gamblers are flying in or driving long distances to get to a casino in Bensalem. The same will be true for Gettysburg.

Since the casino customers are from the region, there is not much new money getting pumped into the local economy. The money that is getting spent at the casino is money that would have been spent on other things, like movies and restaurants. (In the case of the hard-core gamblers, the money spent at casinos would have gone to buy food and clothing, or pay the rent.)

Granted, Gettysburg attracts lots of tourists who come to see the historic battlefield. But the Civil War buffs and families that come to Gettysburg are very different clientele from the casino crowd. In short, there is no synergy between the Civil War battlefield and a gambling hall.

If anything, a casino detracts from the battlefield and undermines the quality of the experience that comes with visiting historic Gettysburg. Especially one right next door.

In the end, it remains to be seen how much the gaming board will actually consider the strong opposition to a casino in Gettysburg. In the past, it seems like the gaming board has awarded licenses to the applicants with the most political clout, rather than the best business plan.



Bentonville, North Carolina