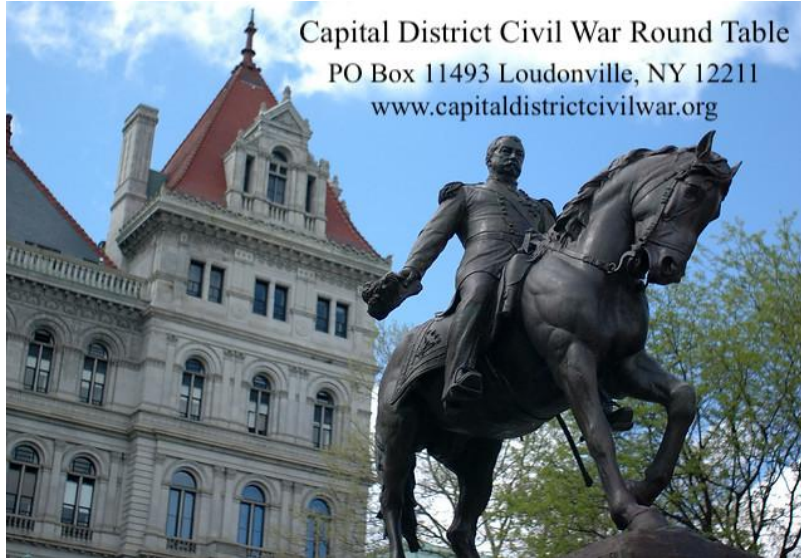


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REPORTS OF THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG



Kurz & Allison. The Battle of Gettysburg. , ca. 1884. Aug. 14. Photograph. <https://www.loc.gov/item/2003656853/>.

JUNE MEETING

Friday, June 11, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING USING ZOOM

BRUCE MOWDAY

Three Views of Gettysburg

Business Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Presentation	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Questions & Answers	8:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Bruce Mowday is an award-winning author and newspaper reporter. He has authored more than twenty books on history, sports, business and true crime.

Mowday has appeared on the PBS Emmy award-winning Counter Culture show, *Discovery ID* channel, *ReelZ network*, *C-SPAN*, the *Pennsylvania Cable Network*, *Hollywood and Beyond*, *Whatcha Got*, *Journey into the Civil War*, *Chronicles of the American Civil War* and Philadelphia and local television shows. *Civil War Monitor* magazine published an article by Bruce on Gettysburg.

He is a frequent speaker at various civic and historical groups. The Congress of Civil War Round Tables has named Bruce a “5-Star” speaker. Mowday has hosted his own radio shows, has been editor of magazines and was chairman of the Chester County Historical Society and president of the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates. He is a former board member of the Valley Forge Park

Alliance and the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau.

THREE VIEWS OF GETTYSBURG is a new program that combines Bruce’s books, *Pickett’s Charge: The Untold Story*, *J. Howard Wert’s Gettysburg* and *Emotional Gettysburg*. These books, and more, are available through Bruce’s website: mowday.com

ZOOM DIRECTIONS

1) **Download** Zoom program from the Internet at <https://zoom.us/download>

2) Once in Zoom, **create** a username and password **OR log in** through other methods such as your Facebook account username and password.

3) On the Zoom main page, you will see four icons. To join a scheduled meeting, click “**Join**” in the upper right side. Enter the meeting ID number and passcode. **Meeting ID: 876 3245 3907**

4) Your computer **camera** will turn on. A pop-up box appears and asks if you want to join with **computer audio**. Click the blue “**Join**” icon.

5) Click the “**mute**” button seen on the left side of the bottom black bar so a slash appears across the microphone.

Please keep your microphone **MUTED** during the presentation to eliminate interruptions of background noise.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 10: Ron Kirkwood returns to speak on “Women to the Rescue at Spangler.” We would like to have this as an in-person presentation, but we

will make that decision closer to the date.

THANK YOU, MEMBERS

The Round Table wishes to thank Matt George and Leo McGuire for their donation to the Preservation Fund.

REPORTS FROM *THE ABINGDON VIRIGINIAN*, JULY 10, 1863.

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84025980/1863-07-10/ed-1/seq-3/>

Great Battle near Gettysburg, Pa.

Defeat of the Federal Army

Over Twelve Thousand Prisoners Taken Four Federal Generals Killed — The Yankee Commander Wounded.

PETERSBURG, July 5.—A train just from City Point reports a terrible battle near Gettysburg, Pa., on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Northern papers say that Archer's entire brigade, (Confederate) was cut off and taken prisoners—but only eight hundred had arrived in Baltimore.

Maj. Gen. Reynolds, (Federal,) was killed [in] the first fire. The latest is that Meade was calling on Stanton lustily for reinforcements—stating at same time that the fight was indecisive and the rebels pressing him heavily.

SECOND DISPATCH.

RICHMOND, July 5.—The battle at Gettysburg was between Longstreet's and Hill's corps, and nearly the whole of Meade's army.

The Federal Gen. Paul is among the killed.

The rebels at Carlisle have all fallen back towards the main body of Lee's army. We would reoccupy the place.

The Yankee accounts represent the battle as indecisive, both sides suffering severely.

Another great battle was expected near the same point.

Later from the Battle of Gettysburg.

Federals Admit an Enormous Loss.

RICHMOND, July 5.—Accounts from the Baltimore American state that on Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock, the First and Eleventh corps of the Army of the Potomac entered Gettysburg, the cavalry of the enemy falling back.

On passing out the west end of the town the Confederates under Longstreet and Hill advanced steadily, and in a few minutes there was a heavy firing of artillery and musketry along the whole of the Federal and Confederate lines, and several successful charges were made by the Confederates.

At three o'clock the Confederates massed their entire forces and endeavored to turn our right wing, when a heavy fight ensued, both sides suffering severely.

The field between the contending armies was strewn with the dead and wounded.

It is said that the Confederates suffered fully as heavily as we did.

The effort to flank our right wing entirely failed.

The advantages of the day are regarded as decidedly with our forces.

Officers who arrived last night, in charge of prisoners, describe the fight as rather unfavorable to our arms. They state that the enemy held the field at

the close of the day, our forces having fallen back after the fall of General Reynolds.

On Thursday there was heavy skirmishing, but no general engagement.

The enemy were rapidly concentrating their troops yesterday.

Meade's whole army had reached the field of battle.

Gen. Wadsworth was severely wounded.

Our loss was enormous and heavy, and especially among the field and line officers.

Latest from the North.

Meade's Report of the Battle at Gettysburg.

Gen. Longstreet Reported Killed.

PETERSBURG, July 6.—The Philadelphia Inquirer of the 14th has been received.

Gen. Meade's official dispatch to Washington, dated July 2, 11 o'clock, p. m., says "the enemy attacked me at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and after one of the severest contests of the war, he was repulsed at all points. We have suffered considerably in killed and wounded. Among our killed are Brig. Gen. Paul and Gork. Among the wounded are Gens. Sickles, Barton, Graham and Warren. General Sickles' leg was amputated on the field.—We have taken a large number of prisoners."

A second dispatch from Gen. Meade, dated 8 o'clock Friday morning, says the "action commenced again at early daylight upon various parts of the field. The enemy thus far have made no impression upon our position. All accounts agree in placing the entire rebel army in position in our front.

Prisoners we have taken report that Longstreet's and Hill's forces were much injured yesterday, and many General officers killed. The dead body of Gen. Barksdale is within our lines. We have' thus far about sixteen hundred prisoners and a small number is yet to be started."

The correspondent of the Inquirer says that it is reported that Gen. Longstreet is among the rebels killed.

The rebels still held Gettysburg at 1 p. m., July 3d.

Our loss is very heavy. That of the rebels cannot be far from 20,000, and the fight was still progressing on Friday.

The rebels so far have been repulsed in every attack. The fight is still raging.

Gen. Lee sent in a flag of truce, asking for a cessation of hostilities, for burying the dead, which Meade refused.

The Inquirer breathes freely after reading Meade's dispatches.

Vicksburg is not yet taken.

The Brashear City intelligence is confirmed in the Northern journals.

BOARD UPDATES

The Executive Board met via Zoom on May 17. They discussed the possibility of having in-person meetings in the fall. Decisions will be reported closer to the September meeting date.

Treasurer Steve Muller reported that the Operating Account has \$3,743.49. The Preservation Account has \$3,256.25 in it.

The Board also discussed the

possibility of creating a Civil War display in a community location, such as a library or historical society. We will share details once they are finalized. Anyone interested in helping can contact the Board at our email address on the back of the newsletter: cdcwrt@hotmail.com

BUFORD'S VIEW

by Matt George

This past Tuesday I attended the New York State Archives History Award for 2021. This year's recipient was Annette Gordon-Reed. The format again was a conversation between her and Harold Holzer. Much of the discussion centered on Gordon-Reed's newest book "On Juneteenth". I got to personally meet the author and briefly talk to her as she signed her book for me. Originally from Texas, she is a very charming and well-spoken young woman who has a wide ranging knowledge especially in the history of Texas. Steve Muller, Treasurer of our Round Table also attended. I also was pleased to see former Round Table member Donna Goyette who informed me she is again a grandmother. It only seems like a couple of years ago that I carried her youngest daughter on my shoulder as Howie Young and I (& the 125th N.Y.) walked in the St. Patrick's Day parade in N.Y.C.

In a little over a week I will be joining Board Member Nick Thony and a few of his close friends for a brief weekend tour of Gettysburg. My responsibility is to visit and discuss the ground where the 134th N.Y. fought on Day 1 of the battle. As most of you know, the 134th (from Schenectady & Schoharie counties) took part in what is called the

"brickyard fight". It will be good to be on the battlefield again. I'll be staying at my cousin Mark Allen's house in Thurmont. Mark and his wife Janet are members of our Round Table.

Although the specific details are not yet available, I plan to attend the Civil War Congress Conference in Philadelphia in September. It's being hosted by the Old Baldy Civil War Round Table. The plans are set for the Piedmont Heritage Area (formally the Mosby Heritage Association) Conference on "The Art of Command." The dates are October 1-3 in Middleburg, Virginia. The topic of this year's Conference is "Prelude to Second Manassas." Speakers include Dennis Frye, Clark B. Hall, John Hennessy, Scott Patchan, and Eric Wittenberg.

This month's Trivia:

- 1) What was the 39th New York Regiment's more popular name?
- 2) Who was the Regiment's colonel (Arguably the most corrupt dishonest officer in the Union Army)?
- 3) What was so unique about the makeup of the men in this regiment?

Email your answers to jbuford63@aol.com All responders with correct answers to all three questions will receive a book.

One final amusing fact; the officer in question 2 above claimed to be an experienced military man from Europe. He was a total fraud. Somebody said later they thought they recognized him as a circus performer who was noted for riding an ostrich in his act.

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