



The Signal Station



It's planting time again, planting ideas, dreams, onions (it's too early for anything else.) This prework can sprout and flourish or fizzle and compost. It is always dependent on the weather's cooperation. Only one thing is for sure, if you planted garlic in October and have healthy looking greens, you are already ahead of the game.

Of course, this is mostly metaphorical but it's about to get really busy, like really really busy in every National Park across the United States. Something that can not be forgotten in the hustle and bustle of the America250 celebrations is our ability to vote. Civic participation is one of those seeds that, when planted and tended, allows great ideas to bloom.

Our Roundtable's election night is April 23rd. If you are a current member and attend the meeting in person, you get to vote.

How cool is that?!

Up for Election: Two Board Member Seats with 3 year terms

On the ballot this year are: Darin Weeks, Ted Hirt & Jaimee Umstadd

Our membership continues to grow with amazing people who bring skills and fresh ideas of their own. If you have the inclination and a little time, we will have two more seats open in 2027 where your ideas can take root & blossom.



Above:
Mark Quattrock,
Officer of the
Election Committee

April Board Elections

Two Board Seats Open

Two positions on the Board of Directors are up for election in April.

Current Members Seeking Re-Election

The two board members currently holding these seats have expressed interest in running again.

Additional Nominations Welcome

Anyone interested in being considered is encouraged to speak with Mark Quattrock for more information.

If We Have More Than Two Candidates

A formal election will be held at the April meeting.



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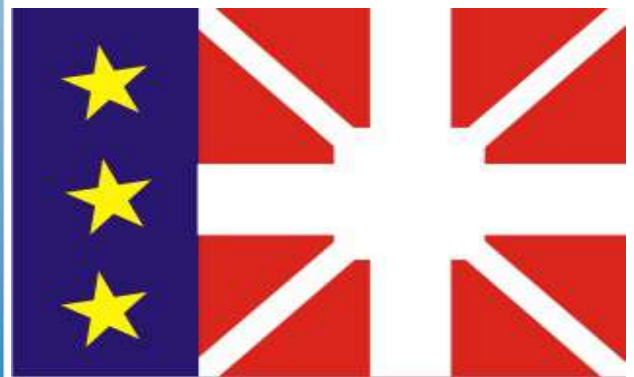
Board Members (elected for 3 year terms)

(2026) Ted Hirt, Jaimee Umstadd

(2027) Randy Livingston, Mark Quattrock

(2028) Robert Lustrea, Ann Monasky

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Joe Mieczkowski

President's Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

As we move through another year of programs, conversations, and education, I have been thinking a great deal about the milestone approaching our nation: the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. Yesterday there was a lecture at the Adams County Historical Society, where our December banquet speaker, Dr. Chris Mackowski, explored John Adams and the Revolutionary War, offering a timely reminder that Gettysburg's story does not stand alone. It is part of a much longer arc of American struggle, sacrifice, and civic evolution. I was delighted to see several fellow Roundtable members in attendance, which made the afternoon feel even more connected to our shared experiences.

Here in Gettysburg and across Adams County, preparations for the America250 commemorations are already underway. Our community is embracing this moment with the same spirit of reflection and stewardship that defines our work as a Roundtable. From educational initiatives to public art, the 250th offers us a chance to connect the Revolution's ideals with the Civil War's defining test and with the responsibilities we carry today.

One of the most striking local symbols of this commemoration is the Gettysburg 250th Bell created by local artist Wendy Allen, the 2024 recipient of our Roundtable's Cal Doucette Achievement Award. Her design features contemporary photographs of Adams Countians and captures the essence of what these anniversaries invite us to consider: how ordinary citizens across generations have contributed to the ongoing work of American democracy.

As we look ahead to December, past president Lynn Heller recently reminded me of a fitting detail. Our Holiday Banquet is held in the Abigail Adams Room at the Dobbin House, the oldest building in Gettysburg. The house, like our nation, was established in 1776, which gives the setting a special resonance during this commemorative period. It is a space named for a woman whose voice helped shape the moral conscience of the early republic. Chris Mackowski will join us to present his program on Grant's Last Battle, a topic that brings us back to the Civil War era and invites us to reflect on leadership, perseverance, and the closing chapter of one of America's most consequential lives. It will be a memorable evening in a setting that beautifully bridges the Revolutionary generation and the Civil War generation.

As always, I am grateful for your enthusiasm, your presence, and your commitment to keeping history alive in this community. We have several great programs on the agenda in the months ahead and I look forward to sharing them with all of you!

Yours,

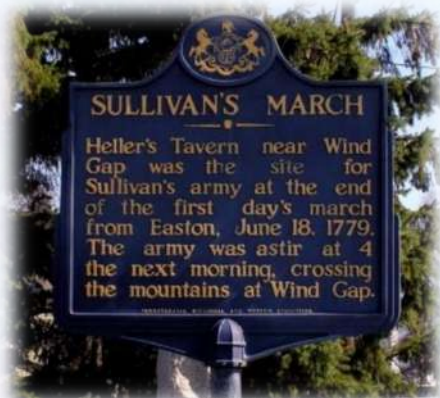
Michele Hessler

President, Civil War Roundtable of Gettysburg



A local voice opens a window to the past.

November 16th, 2025 was a big day. It was a day many of my peers were looking forward to intently. It was perfect to curl up on the sofa and enjoy some warmth after spending an entire day before outside for the Remembrance Day Parade and evening of Luminaries in the National Cemetery. We all had our sights on the previous era with the release of *The American Revolution*; Ken Burns latest documentary. There are many Civ War historians that also happen to be Rev War historians in our scholarly town. Like many of you, I watched the episodes with a mixture of fascination, glee & horror. I have relatives that fought in the Continental Army (and also a Hessian or two) so I watched to learn. It was Episode 3 that caught me off guard.



This marker is now missing. Photo by Paul Crumlish

Growing up in the shadow of the Appalachian Mountains we had a road named "Sullivan's Trail" that I traversed almost daily. The story on the PA Historical Marker in Wind Gap was brief.

It would lead me to be proud of my little neck of the woods. After all, General Sullivan of the Continental Army marched through my area. We weren't just an insignificant backwater and I had a historical marker to prove it. I watch Episode 3 and suddenly George Washington, himself, is ordering Sullivan to take his force North. This part of the story being relevant and new to me, I listened. Then it happened. Sullivan isn't on his way to destroy Old England, He is ordered to take a scorched earth campaign against the Iroquois in Northern Pennsylvania and all through New York State. When he reaches the final Village of Geneseo, a voice comes in, a quote from a witness, a woman, Mary Jemison. I jumped up nearly knocking my husband off the sofa, "Oh MY Gosh! It's Mary Jemison! She's from HERE!" I explained that I read her Historical Marker along Chambersburg Pike every time we go to Mr. Ed's Elephant Museum and Candy Store. The first time I saw it, I ventured a rudimentary investigation to understand the basics of her story. What I knew; Mary's family lived out on the range

of wild South-Central Pennsylvania in the 1700's and her family is attacked by Native Americans. She is taken away and survives the remainder of her life with the tribe. After watching that episode, I became a bit obsessed with finding the rest of her story and scoured YouTube, podcasts, audiobooks and web pages. What I found was a wealth of inconsistencies of her age, the year of her abduction, and physical description. I found *Narrative of the Life of Mrs. Mary Jemison*. Mary who was illiterate, dictated her life story to friend and minister Dr. James Seaver in 1824. This book is in public domain today and can be found to read in full on this website: <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/6960/6960-h/6960-h.htm>

Warning: The book explains in graphic detail the practices of the Native Americans when they captured European settlers.

Mary was born on the ship in 1743 while her family was traveling from Ireland to Pennsylvania. In 1755, a raiding party made up of Shawnee and French soldiers attacked the Jemison family homestead in the Buchanan Valley of Pennsylvania. She was around 12 years old at the time. The family was forcibly marched West and forced to drink urine when thirsty and given little food. Her father became despondent but her mother realized her daughter's life would be spared once she saw Mary receive clothing from the tribe. Her mother beseeched Mary to remember her heritage, her language and her religion. A short time later, Mary's family was killed and she watched by that evening's fire as the natives cleaned and prepared their scalps. She recognized her relatives by their hair.

She was taken West to the Ohio Valley, where she was adopted by two Seneca women who had lost a brother in the war. It was here that she learned it was customary to receive a captive to kill in effigy of your loved one or to adopt to replace in your family. Rather than being treated as a servant or prisoner, Mary was ritually adopted into the Seneca Nation and given a new name, Deh-he-wa-mis (often translated as "Two Falling Voices" or "Pretty Girl"). Over time, she learned the Seneca language, customs, and way of life.

She married within the tribe, raised children, farmed, and lived as a Seneca woman for the rest of her life. Even after the American Revolution and increasing pressure on Native lands, she stayed with her adopted people, moving with them as land was lost through treaties and displacement. In her later years, Mary became well known among both Native and non-Native communities as the "White Woman of the Genesee." Mary eventually had the opportunity to return to colonial society, but she chose to remain with the Seneca because she knew her children would never be accepted by the colonist settlers due to their darker skin and native heritage.

Mary Jemison died in 1833 at about 90 years old, outliving many of her friends and well beyond Major General John Sullivan who passed in 1795. She is buried at Letchworth State Park in New York, where a statue commemorates her life. A similar statue graces St Ignatius Loyola Church at 1095 Church Rd, Orrtanna, PA 17353.



Letchworth State Park, NY
Photo Credit Anton Schwarzmueller



St. Ignatius Loyola Orrtanna, PA

Substitute and Representative Recruit: The Complex Role of One Man in Service

At the edge of the Poconos is a town called Stroudsburg. Many people miss it as they navigate the chaos and gridlock of Route 80 during rush hour, but it holds many secrets of its own. One such story is that of a prior resident who became a Representative Recruit for the most important man in U.S. history, Abraham Lincoln.

This young man came from humble beginnings. John Summerfield Staples. John Staples, his father, was a local wheelwright. A close friend of Rev. Horatio Howell (who served the Presbyterian Church in the Delaware Water Gap). Older John was the supply pastor that stepped in to preach to Howell's congregation while he was serving in the Army. He took his son under his wing and taught him woodworking skills early and it wasn't long before he was quite the capable young man. At the age of 18, John took the role as Substitute soldier for a family friend, Robert Barry. He collected \$500 for this contract and on November 3rd, 1862, John was on his way to join the 176th PA, Company C, Drafted Infantry, a 9-months regiment.

The Army took our soldier south to New Bern, NC. Where they had few engagements but plenty of garrison duty. May 5th, 1863, John was lost in delirium and discharged from the army. Typhoid clouded his mind as he slipped in and out of consciousness. He traveled by wagon then by train and ushered out by orderlies at the Dansbury Depot. He found himself back in Stroudsburg with his family to care for him. Home. He finally started to mend, no doubt the fresh air whipping through the ample trees helped immensely. A sullen mood would fall over the town after each major battle. Like other civilians in his small 'burg, John would keep an eye on the newspaper after battles, reading the names of the casualties, hoping they weren't his friends. Shortly after the battle of Gettysburg, it didn't take long for word of Reverend Howell's death to reach them. John Staples senior would conduct the eulogy for his fallen friend's congregation.



A call came out for carpenters to work in the Navy Ship Yards in Washington D.C. John's father took the leap and had been working in D.C. for nearly 10 months when his son asked to join him. Father and son worked plenty but had some free time to walk about the town. By September, enlistment was waning in the U.S. Army. Lincoln mulled over what to do about this situation and his solution was to create a Representative Recruit. This role would be distinctly different from the well known Substitute. Where a substitute would take the place for a draftee, a Representative would be hired to fight for someone that was ineligible for draft, due to age, health, type of employment. This role didn't replace a person in the army, it added someone that wouldn't have been there in the first place.

Lincoln's Patriotism.
Old Abe has at last caught Gov. Andrew's disease, "the cannon fever," and gone out to fight—"by his next friend," John Summerfield Staples, of Monroe county, Pa., who seems to covet the distinction of being shot in place of his superfluous highness, O. A. John was introduced to Abraham on Saturday last, who complimented him on his fine personal appearance—a courtesy which John most unfortunately was not able to reciprocate. Abraham is reported to have expressed a hope that John would do his duty manfully. It is not stated whether he instructed him to pay particular attention to one Major Todd of the rebel army. We take it for granted, however, that the President wishes him to look after that chap, for willingness to shed the last drop of blood of one's wife's relations, is an established test of loyalty.

As you can see in the newspaper clippings, not everyone was a fan of Lincoln's idea.

Any Other Man's Son—Not Bobby.
President Lincoln, on Saturday, furnished as a representative recruit John Summerfield Staples, of Stroudsburg, Monroe county, Pa., a young man, twenty years of age, who has served nine months in the 168th regiment Pennsylvania Militia.—*Cincinnati Gazette.*
There is patriotism for you! Old Abe takes the son of old man Staples and sends him to the field to dare the danger of battle, but allows his boy Bob to put on the airs of a Prince, and go in "cahoots" with Abolition horse contractors and other speculators!—*Statesman.*

Lincoln has furnished John Summerfield Staples as a "representative substitute"—a fighting proxy. The people will furnish Abe with another substitute in November—Little Mac.

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Recruit continued.

Lincoln believed he should demonstrate this new process himself so he instructed secretary John Hay to find a suitable representative for him. The job was given to Draft Club President, Noble Larner.

On the day Mr. Larner was looking for his man, John & his father were taking one of their strolls down Pennsylvania Ave. Mr. Larner offered the young veteran \$500 to return to service and was brought to the White House to meet the President. It was all done officially, swiftly and deliberately. Other celebrities of the time followed Lincoln's cue and hired their own Representative Recruits such as Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Edward Everett. Mr. Staples eventually left the Ship Yards and returned home to Stroudsburg, while his son stayed behind in D.C. in his new role. He was given duties far from the battlelines. In the 2nd D.C. Regular Volunteers, He was a clerk for the Provost Marshall, a guard for prisoners, a helping hand in the hospitals. He was mustered out September 12th, 1865 and John came home. He married his childhood sweetheart Rachael Barry in 1869.

John Summerfield Staples was known to be kind and good-natured, representative of what good humanity looks like. He passed away January 11th, 1888. His funeral was well attended at the Stroudsburg Methodist Church and he was buried at the Stroudsburg Cemetery. Although time went on He was never forgotten in his hometown. A bridge was built to honor him, and it was rebuilt after a flood took the first one away. A historical marker is posted on Dreher and Main Street, now directly across from Stroudsburg High School. His headstone close by is accompanied by his G.A.R. star and proudly declares his role as Abraham Lincoln's Representative Recruit.

—Jaimee



Photo taken 2/14/2026



Image from The Pocono Record



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““Though many enlisted for the bounty, numbers of these men became efficient soldiers and shared in the hardships and honors of the command.” Samuel P. Bates

Scott Mingus—Railroads in the Gettysburg Campaign



Scott & Michele . Photo by Lynn Light-Heller



January 22, 2026

Above: 5 Good Minutes featured our own Vice President Beth Wheeler giving us a front row seat on what it is like to be in a period piece film.

Scott Mingus surmised what was on R.E. Lee's mind as he made his way to Pennsylvania. And as usual gave a perfect explanation how Rail was used by both the U.S. and C.S. Armies.



Photo by Lynn Light-Heller



Rich Condon—Pittsburgh at Gettysburg



Brian & Michele. Photo by Lynn Light-Heller



Michele & Rich .Photo by Lynn Light-Heller

February 22, 2026



5 GOOD MINUTES with guest Brian Kennell. This evening he was presented with a donation from the Roundtable to continue his excellent work preserving Evergreen Cemetery.

Rich Condon was our guest speaker. Pittsburgh was remembered tonight

"...instead of the deafening roar and din of a mighty conflict all his peace and goodwill but our minds and hearts are stirred no less when they were 25 years ago."

Sgt A.T. Brewer 61st PA



Stephen Evangelista Brings the Story of the Gettysburg Gun to Life



Above: 5 Good Minutes featured, Andrew Dalton. **Left:** Proposed look of the Jack Hopkins House and soon to be Black History Museum in town.



Left: Close up of the 4th Gun of Battery B First Rhode Island Light Artillery
Right: Stephen demonstrates the final loading of the Gettysburg Gun.



Image courtesy of The Internet Archive



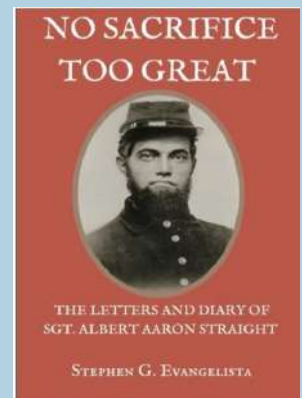
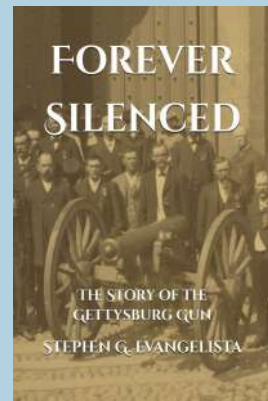
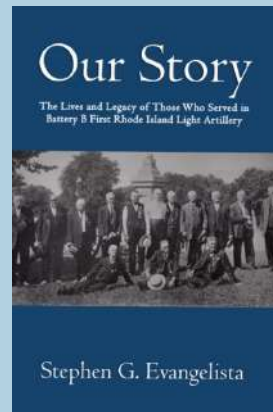
The Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable welcomed historian and author Stephen Evangelista for a powerful and engaging presentation on his acclaimed work, *Forever Silenced: The Story of the Gettysburg Gun*.

Through vivid narrative and meticulous research, Evangelista traced the gun's journey from its casting in Boston in 1862 to its pivotal role on July 3, 1863. At the height of battle, a Confederate shell struck the muzzle, rendering the gun inoperable at a critical moment. That silence, misinterpreted by Confederate forces, helped shape the events surrounding Pickett's Charge, offering a striking example of how a single moment can alter the course of history.

Evangelista's presentation also emphasized the human dimension of the story. Stephen brought to life the experiences of the men of Battery B, First Rhode Island Light Artillery, underscoring the courage, sacrifice, and moral weight carried by those who served.

Today, the Gettysburg Gun, now preserved at the Varnum Armory Museum in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, survives today on its original wooden carriage and stands as a tangible link to one of the defining moments in American history.

Evangelista, author of three widely recognized Civil War works and a dedicated living historian, delivered a presentation that was both scholarly and deeply personal, connecting artifact, history, and human experience in a way that resonated strongly with all in attendance.



The Revolution and The Civil War

As we study history, we tend to focus on eras in isolation. But as we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Revolution, we should recall that the Civil War generation often invoked the Founders. Lincoln's First Inaugural Address comes to mind, in which he pleaded against secession by invoking "*the mystic cords of memory, stretching from every battle-field, and patriot grave, to every living heart and hearth-stone.*" The Revolution also was cited frequently by our local press in the secession year of 1861. I provide just a few examples here.

In an April 15, 1861 editorial, the *Gettysburg Compiler* (a Democratic newspaper) criticized the Republican newspaper, the *Star and Sentinel*, for supporting the Lincoln Administration's instituting the Civil War. The *Compiler* contended that the Union of States could not be maintained by "*one-half making war upon the other - who do not believe that the bayonet and ball are the proper instruments with which to seal the hearts of all the people together in the bonds which grow out of the wisdom and patriotism of our Revolutionary fathers.*" Two days later, the *Star and Sentinel* rejoined that the Democratic Party papers and politicians were expressing sympathy for the rebels and recognition of the Confederacy. The editor lamented that "*there have always been such men. Of such were the Tories in our Revolution and the Blue-Lighters in the war of 1812.*" But "*history has doomed these classes to infamy. Such will be the disposition made of the men of 1861, who have no hearts or hands for their country's service or succor.*"

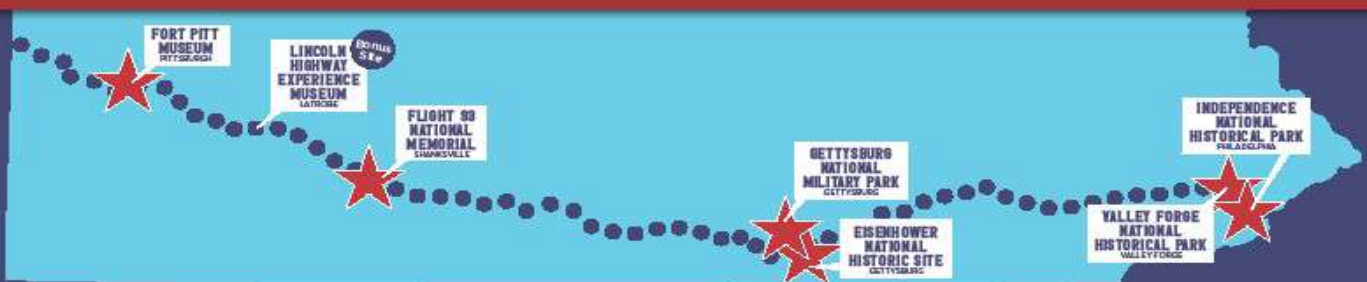
In May 1861, the *Star and Sentinel* juxtaposed an article ("*A Revolutionary Incident*") with an article on local Union recruitment efforts. Headlined a "*Time to Preach and a Time to Fight,*" the writer recalled the example of a Protestant minister, Rev. Peter Muhlenberg, who preached a sermon in 1776 in Virginia on the *duties that men owe to their country.*" He declared that "*The time to preach is past; the Time to Fight Has Come!*" He then discarded his episcopal robes to appear in a military uniform and immediately began recruiting men from the congregation.

In an adjacent news article, "*Zouaves in Gettysburg,*" the writer noted a recent meeting to raise a local Zouave unit. There were already 35 members, "*prepared to defend their homes and firesides; and if necessary, to carry and sustain the 'Stars and Stripes' wherever their country calls them.*" Finally, in "*Patriotic,*" the writer reprinted the extract to a letter from an older man to Captain Buehler of the Independent Blues, lamenting that his age precluded his serving with the unit, but he hoped that the troops could bring the war "*to a speedy and happy issue.*" The writer exclaimed that this note "*has the true ring which characterized the utterances of our Revolutionary fathers. We rejoice to believe that the country and State are full of such men.*"

◆ Ted Hirt

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Flight 93 National Memorial

Defending freedom in the face of terror in 2001.

Fort Pitt Museum

Expanding the territory westward in the late 1700s.

Plus Special Bonus Site:

The Lincoln Highway Experience

Events and Programs!

Our humble town boasts opportunities to listen and learn year-round, so celebrate Gettysburg and join us at these Upcoming Events with our Community partners.

April 2nd-4th, 2026 Gettysburg Film Festival: American Revolution From April 2-4, 2026, The Gettysburg Film Festival will highlight powerful films about the American Revolution, the founding of the United States, and the enduring ties between 1776 and Lincoln's defining words in 1863—and beyond. Tickets Required. www.gettysburgfilmfestival.org

April 4th, Eisenhower National Historic Site Easter Egg Roll The Eisenhower home will host its third annual Easter Egg Roll on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a rain date of Monday, April 6. The event invites young visitors and families to enjoy a festive day of activities inspired by a beloved presidential tradition. Free. <https://www.nps.gov/eise/easter-egg-roll.htm>

April 11th, Eastern Museum of Motor Racing Spring Open House. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. with valve cover racing registration, followed by racing at 10:00 a.m. Guests can enjoy a cruise-in and nostalgic drag car static display starting at 10:00 a.m. Lunch, provided by EMMR, will be served at 12:00 p.m. A Celebration of Life for Jeff Golden will be held at 1:00 p.m., followed by nostalgic drag car "fire ups" at 2:00 p.m. Free. Registration Required. <https://tinyurl.com/EMMROpenHouse>

April 17th, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 250 Years of Industry & Innovation. At the Beyond the Battlefield Museum (Adams County Historical Society) in Gettysburg. Hosted by the Adams Economic Alliance, this special event explores the lesser-known story of how industry, entrepreneurship, and innovation shape Adams County over the past two and a half centuries. <https://adamsalliance.org/>

April 18th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Gettysburg Independent Blues 165th Anniversary Event. At the CPL Jack Skelly GAR Hall Post #9 in Gettysburg. The Gettysburg Independent Blues will commemorate the 165th anniversary of the unit's volunteer enlistment for federal service in the Union Army during the Civil War. <https://tinyurl.com/GettysburgBlues165>

April 21st, 7 pm, Shippensburg Area Civil War Roundtable. Barbara Franco presenting Gettysburg Surgeons: Facing a Common Enemy. Barbara Franco will share her findings from a 10-year project to identify the surgeons who cared for the wounded at the battle of Gettysburg. Christ United Methodist Church at 47 East King Street, Shippensburg. <https://shippensburgcwrtp.wordpress.com/>

April 24th, 3:30 p.m. Revolution on the Ridge: Preserving the Union, Conserving the Earth. Seminary Ridge Museum & Education Center. The program examines how the experiences of Civil War veterans helped influence the growth of environmental awareness and the preservation of natural spaces across the United States in the years following the war. <https://www.seminaryridgemuseum.org/events/>

May 9th, 10 a.m. Comparisons Across 2 ½ Centuries: Pennsylvania Military Leaders. WW2 American Experience, 845 Crooked Creek Rd, Gettysburg. Presented by Leon Reed, Pennsylvania Military Leaders. This program showcases PA's military legacy through leaders from 3 major wars, including "Mad Anthony" Wayne, Civil War generals John Reynolds and Winfield Scott Hancock, and World War II commander Jacob Devers of York. <https://visitww2.org/event/>

May 21st, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. The Conestoga Wagon. Northern York Historical & Preservation at the Maple Shade Barn in Dillsburg. Speaker Katelyn Reist. How Conestoga wagons have played a significant role in shaping our nation. www.northernryorkhistorical.org/events

June 10th, 1 p.m. Historic Gettysburg Walk Join Anne Gageby, Director of Education at Strawberry Hill Nature Center and a member of the Healthy Adams County Physical Fitness Task Force, shares stories of her great-great-great grandmother's life in Gettysburg during and after the Civil War. Take part in a guided two-mile walk beginning at the Gettysburg Rec Park and traveling along the west side of historic Gettysburg. <https://www.healthyadamscounty.org/>

June 19th, Juneteenth Celebrations: Juneteenth | Commemoration at Lincoln Cemetery 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Attendees will participate by placing lights along the graves of those buried in the cemetery, including veterans, community leaders, and families. Following the program, 8:15 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., attendees may walk across the street to Gettysburg Rec Park for an outdoor screening of the Civil War film *Glory* as part of the Juneteenth Cinema Under the Stars program.

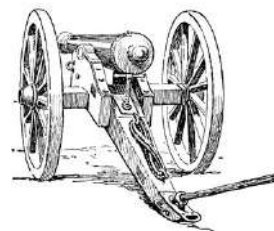
<https://destinationgettysburg.com/juneteenth-gettysburg/>



Our meetings are the Fourth Thursday of each month.

We meet at ACHS Battlefield Overlook Events Center, 625 Biglerville Road, Gettysburg, PA. The doors open at 6:30 pm. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

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Upcoming Speakers

April 23
Ron Kirkwood
The Spangler Farm, Part 2

May 28
Codie Eash
Did R.E. Lee use the Seminary Cupola during the Battle?

June 25 at 6:30 p.m.
(rain date 6/29)
Deb Novotny
Evergreen Cemetery, Part 2

July 23 at 6:30 p.m.
(rain date July 27)
Jason Hileman
The McClean Farm

August 27 at 6 p.m.
(rain date August 31)
Kaleb Kusmierczyk
Archaeology on Seminary Ridge

September 24
Dr. Clifton Potter
Yankees in the Hill City:
POWs in Lynchburg, VA

October 22
Keith Kehlbeck
The Old Capital Prison



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The Civil War Roundtable of Gettysburg, PA **2026 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

The Civil War Roundtable of Gettysburg, PA welcomes new and returning members to join us for our monthly meetings and activities. Individual membership dues are \$30 a year. A family membership is \$45 a year per family living at the same address. Your membership runs from January 1 to December 31 of the calendar year.

New members can join anytime during the year and dues are prorated as follows:

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