Our June Meeting
Topic: “Rock Carvings at Gettysburg”
Presenter: Historian Randy Drais
Tuesday, June 21, 2016
7:30 pm

6:15 pm for dinner
(all welcome – but reservation needed!)
Radisson Hotel
Route 1 @ Old Lincoln Highway
Trevose, PA

Dinner Menu – Stuffed Capon. Served with salad, rolls/butter, iced tea, diet soda, and dessert.
Substitute: Pasta (chef’s selection).

Contact Rose Boyle at roeb50@verizon.net or 215-638-4244 for dinner reservations by June 16. Dinner Price $25.00

You are responsible for dinners not cancelled by Monday morning June 20.
In This Issue

- June's Member Snapshot by Bernice Kaplan
- Ed Greenawald alerts us to a local event
- Preservation News from Paula Gidjunis
- Paula Gidjunis takes us “Around Town” to the Water Works
- Our May presentation on the CSS Shenandoah is summarized by Larry Vogel, and then he gives us the “Other” Shenandoah
- Keeping with the nautical theme, Jack Lieberman discusses an unexpected "sailor" in a Civil War Vignette
- In our Book Nook, Hugh Boyle gives props for the donation and purchase of books for preservation, and in a switch from books Mike Burkhimer reviews an unusual Gettysburg DVD
- Where is Galusha Pennypacker? Carol Ingald knows, in a Delaware Valley in the CW column
- John Jastrzebski takes us to New Market in his Personal Civil War
- An update on Will Cushing by Bernice Kaplan

“Rock Carvings at Gettysburg”

Born and raised in York, Pennsylvania, Randy Drais developed a keen interest in the Battle of Gettysburg and the Gettysburg Campaign immediately after a 5th grade field trip to that famous Civil War battlefield. A lifelong passion to learn more resulted in his creation in March of 2008 of a website, http://battleofgettysburgbuff.com/, for individuals who wish to learn and do more than the average visitor to the battlefield. A “companion” website, http://battleofgettysburgbuff.net, Facebook page, and a quarterly newsletter soon followed.

A graduate of York College of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in International Studies, Randy has worked in the PA House of Representatives, the PA Department of State, and the PA Senate. Married with two daughters, Randy retired on January 1, 2015 and is now able to devote even more time to his main passion, learning even more about the Battle of Gettysburg and sharing that information with others.

One of the more unusual facets of the Gettysburg battlefield is the existence of many rock carvings. Made by soldiers during the battle or by veterans upon their return or by civilians or tourists, rock carvings can be found on many areas of the 6,000 or so acres that encompass the Gettysburg National Military Park.

Looking for rock carvings is an extremely interesting and unusual way to explore the battlefield, but it is also an extremely interesting and unusual way to discover some of the battlefield history that is often overlooked or quickly forgotten, especially of the personal and often tragic stories of soldiers, both Union and Confederate, who left their mark, both figuratively and literally, on this hallowed ground.

Please join us as we welcome Randy for a look at many of the rock carvings on the Gettysburg battlefield and the stories behind them.

The good weather has finally arrived. Now we can get ready for the heat of June, July and August. It is also a time to relax and just enjoy life, and I hope each of you will be able to do just that this summer. Vacation time is made just for that. Time to get away from the grind of day after day. Relax with a good book or maybe two or three. Visit a battlefield site or just get out into the good weather. For me it will be just going to the shore and sitting and doing nothing. I have gotten quite good at that.

But summer is still a working time and things still have to get done. We will still have our monthly round table meetings in June, July and August. There was a time some years ago when
we considered taking off for the summer, but the members said no and that those meetings were important and they all looked forward to them. Now we have meetings 11 months of the year and in December we have that special social night just to get together and be with one another. For now it is summer, and I wish all of you a great summer and a great time to relax and enjoy family and friends, and I look forward to seeing you all at the meetings.

Hugh Boyle
President

Brain Teasers

JUNE BRAIN TEASERS

1 – Whose brigade carried “Burnside’s Bridge”?
2 – What was the last battle that Grant and Sherman fought together?
3 – Who led the Rebels at the Battle of Murfreesboro?

(Answers in next month’s newsletter!)

ANSWERS TO MAY’S “WHO WAS” BRAIN TEASERS

1 – Who was the Vice President under James Buchanan? – John C. Breckenridge
2 – Who were the two Vice Presidents under Abraham Lincoln? – Hannibal Hamlin and Andrew Johnson
3 – Who was the Vice President under U.S. Grant? – Schuyler Colfax

Member News

Congratulations to the winners of the book raffles at our May meeting – Ed Greenawald, Jack Kauffman, Carol Ingald, Marshall Sterling, and first-time visitor Al Gerber, who also held the lucky raffle ticket at our pre-meeting dinner. We do try to make our guests and new members feel welcome!

Pete Romeika reports that for the final class of the semester for his Barnes Foundation art class the meeting was held at Dr. Barnes’ Estate "Ker Feal" in Chester Springs. Pete received a tour of the grounds and home which are rarely open to the public.

Kent State University Press has recently published The Lincoln Assassination Riddle, which was co-edited by Mike Burkhimer along with Frank Williams. Also contributing essays to the book were Del Val members Hugh Boyle and Steve Wright. You can use the following link to purchase the book from Amazon - http://www.amazon.com/Lincoln-Assassination-Riddle-Revisiting-Nineteenth/dp/1606352954
And I’m sure the guys will autograph it for you.

Eileen Homa has started another Master’s program – this time at Cabrini University – in Religious Education and Pastoral Studies. Eileen’s biggest concern is that some classes will fall on DelVal meeting night. She wants her Del Val friends to know that she will meet vicariously through the Newsletter and Facebook!

From June 17-21, John Jastrzebski & Ed Greenawald will make their 6th trek to the Gettysburg College Civil War Institute Summer Conference focusing on Reconstruction & the Legacy of the War. Of special interest are two military-style staff rides of the local CW engagement and an annual reunion with a descendant of Hood’s Texas Brigade.
Ed Greenawald recently spoke to colonial garbed students at the Crooked Billet Elementary School in Hatboro (formerly Crooked Billet), PA, during their long-time annual commemoration of an American Revolution skirmish which actually began on the school grounds. On 1 May 1778, British light infantry & dragoons with an equivalent force of loyalist Queen’s American Rangers & Chester County dragoons surprised the smaller PA militia unit conducting a land blockade of occupied Philadelphia to disrupt supplies from reaching General Howe’s troops in winter quarters after the 1777 Philadelphia Campaign. The students and faculty go all out in this history remembrance open to the public!

Following April’s presentation as Harriet Tubman, Millicent Sparks wrote to thank Del Val for her warm welcome - “I sincerely appreciate Walt’s (Walt Lafty) write up about my April visit to DelVal. I always have a good time with you guys and am so grateful to have been asked to return. Please give my love to all!”

Jane Peters Estes will present her program on “Wedding Customs & Traditions” on Wednesday, June 15 at 2:00 pm at Terraces, Little Egg Harbor, NJ and again on Thursday, June 23 at 1:30 pm at the Weston Club in Marlton, NJ.

Walt Lafty will present a program entitled “Walt Whitman, the Civil War’s Poet Patriot” at the Bucks County CWRT on Tuesday July 5 at 7:00 pm.

On June 3, Bernice Kaplan visited Stonyhurst as part of the Northeast Philadelphia History Network’s (NEPHN) monthly meetings. Stonyhurst is the magnificent mansion which is one of the facilities of the Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity (Trinitarian Sisters) and is the former home to U.S. Representative George Castor (1855-1906), built in 1887 by George T. Pearson, one of this city’s great Victorian architects. Bernice was pleased to note that Jim Mundy was also among the visitors.

Bob Russo gave a presentation on Arlington National Cemetery on May 12 to the Old Baldy CWRT, where he also serves as Vice President.

The Delaware Valley CWRT extends heartfelt condolences to Alan Ash on the recent passing of his mother Nancy Ash.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Alan and his family at this difficult time.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Chauncey Harris - Elkins Park, PA

OUR JULY BOOK DISCUSSION NIGHT SELECTION

The bitter 1876 contest between Ohio Republican Governor Rutherford B. Hayes and New York Democratic Governor Samuel Tilden was the most sensational and corrupt presidential election in American history. It was also, in many ways, the final battle of the Civil War. Although Tilden received some 265,000 more popular votes than his opponent, and needed only one more electoral vote for victory, contested returns in three southern states still under Republican-controlled Reconstruction governments ultimately led to Hayes’s being declared the winner after four tense months of brazen political intrigue and threats of violence that brought armed troops into the streets of the nation’s capital.
MEMBERS' SNAPSHOTs  By Bernice Kaplan

In September 2010, I took my first Civil War class at Manor College. JOHN BROWN AND HARPER'S FERRY was a fascinating course taught by Pat Caldwell. The young man sitting next to me in that overheated classroom is “The Rest of the Story” and a wonderful choice for this month’s member snapshot.

For those of us who read Case Shot and Canister, the best Civil War Round Table newsletter in the country, you are familiar with Larry Vogel’s folksy style summaries of our monthly meetings as well as his regular series, CIVIL WAR – THE REST OF THE STORY, which have established him as our resident Charles Dickens.

Larry was born and raised in a close-knit family in Penn Hills, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1987 with a degree in Civil Engineering.

Shortly after graduation, he moved to Trenton to take a job with the New Jersey Department of Transportation and has been with them ever since. Unsurprisingly, Larry has steadily moved up in the ranks and is currently the Traffic Impact Coordinator, meaning he is a liaison between Construction Projects and other various areas of the Department. From 1987 until 2008, although he was working full-time, Larry coached the Midget Eagles Youth Football Team in Hamilton, New Jersey. Utilizing his excellent writing skills, Larry wrote the team’s newsletter and year book for 15 years, not realizing at the time that he would go on to become Del Val’s star reporter.

Larry’s interest in the Civil War commenced while he was in high school when he read John Jakes’ bestselling novel, North and South. He became more enthusiastic after watching the Ken Burns series on television.

In 2001 Larry took a class, The Civil War Overview, at the Newtown Branch of Holy Family College, not knowing this class was associated with the DELVAL Civil War Round Table. Other classes that he signed up for were canceled and Larry lost track of them until his birthday in 2009. He decided to google Civil War Classes, came across the listing for Manor and immediately signed up for two, one of which was Gettysburg with Frank Avato and Jim Dover. Larry still did not know these were DELVAL classes. Frank Avato mentioned in the new class that his wife’s father was a Civil War Veteran. Larry actually remembered the same story in the class he took in 2001. Larry found the booklet given at that time and in his notes were the instructors’ names: Frank Avato, Andy Waskie, Hugh Boyle and others... so he “knew he had returned to where he began.” As of May 2016, Larry thinks he has taken 50 classes at Manor thus far.

While not joining the DELVAL CWRT until the fall of 2011, he wishes he had joined earlier. He also belongs to the GAR Museum, the General Meade Society, the Bucks County Historical Society, and maintains a membership to the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh.

Larry has taken 70 trips with Starr Tours since 2002. His favorite tour guide is – a big drumroll – Jane Peters Estes. He loves her Civil War Trips (I thoroughly agree). Interestingly enough, his two favorite trips have been Moose Watching in Maine which he has taken with his sister on both occasions. Hey, we all need a break from the Civil War at times.

However, in addition to Jane’s Civil War Trips with Starr, Larry has been on many trips with Civil War Historian and Tour Guide, Ed Bearss. Larry has been to most of the battlefields in Virginia; his favorite is Chancellorsville, and he hopes to visit the ones in Tennessee sooner rather than later.

Larry is a fan of his Pittsburgh teams: the Penguins (ice hockey), Pirates (baseball), Steelers (football), and his college basketball and football teams.

Besides traveling, Larry’s favorite hobby is porch sitting and lounging by the pool. Perhaps it is during these moments of reflection that Larry composes his memorable articles for our newsletter and hopefully The Rest of the Story will continue.
Upcoming Events

June 12, 2016 – Sunday – 1:00 pm – Flag Day Commemoration at Moland House – Moland House is just north of the OLD York & Bristol Roads intersection across a stone-facade bridge on the right-hand side (a two-story stone colonial behind a short stone wall). This year’s “no charge” commemoration will be held on Sunday 12 June starting around 1 pm. A first person presentation by an Oneida tribal member will portray Polly Cooper, who helped the Continental troops survive at Valley Forge by providing and teaching them how to use native white corn, which required special preparation to make it digestible, and other related information. See more information in the “Event Alert” column on page 7.

June 25, 2016 – Saturday – Vintage Baseball at its Best! Pennypacker Mills – 5 Haldeman Road, Schwenksville, PA – The Athletic Base Ball Club of Philadelphia will play 1864 era baseball for all to enjoy. Enthusiastic Ladies & Gentlemen are invited to cheer the teams. Kids will enjoy playing “Town Ball,” a fun activity that was the precursor to baseball. The Pennypacker mansion is open for guided tours. Food vendor available. All ages; free; suggested donation $2 per person.

October 1-7, 2016 – Saturday to Friday – Starr Tours – Land of Lincoln: Springfield, IL and St. Louis, MO – with Jane Peters Estes – 7 days/6 nights – Visit New Salem village where Lincoln resided prior to moving to Springfield, his Springfield home, grave and Presidential Museum; spend a day on the Spirit of Peoria – a true paddlewheel riverboat – with great food and entertainment; visit the recently-opened Missouri Civil War Museum and Anheuser-Busch brewery in St. Louis, as well as an opportunity to view the Arch and the courthouse made famous by the Dred Scott decision. Tour includes transportation, lodging, 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner. $1,249.95 pp/double. Additional information is available on Starr's website (http://www.startours.com/) or call 800-782-7703. This will probably be the last opportunity for this tour.

October 8-10, 2016 – Saturday to Monday - Annual Fall History Excursion of the Meade Society – “The Shenandoah Valley” – Tour of Civil War and historic sites in the Shenandoah Valley, including V.M.I. Details to follow. Contact Jerry McCormick to reserve gedwinmc@msn.com
October 13-16, 2016 – Thursday to Sunday –
Starr Tours – Civil War Trails: Rochester & Auburn, NY – with Jane Peters Estes
– 4 days/3 nights - Visit the homes of William Seward, Harriet Tubman, Susan B. Anthony, the Women's Rights Historical park, Mt. Hope Cemetery (final resting place of Frederick Douglas and 2,100 Civil War participants), Elmira (site of the Civil War prison), and a ride on the Genesee River aboard the Sam Patch, a packet-style boat. Tour includes transportation, lodging, 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners. $729.95 pp/double. Additional information is available at http://ww.starrtours.com/ or call 800-782-7703.

October 21, 2016 – Friday – Twelfth Annual Gravediggers Ball – Crystal Tea Room, Wanamakers – To benefit the Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery Historic Preservation Efforts. This black-tie or costumed event will include cocktails, dinner, dancing and musical entertainment by a dynamic 11-piece dance band. All proceeds go towards the continued restoration and preservation of historic Laurel Hill Cemetery. Cost: $175 donation per person. For info call 215.228.8200, or visit theundergroundmuseum.org

November 10, 2016 – Thursday – 10:00 am –
US Marine Corps Birthday Observance – At Laurel Hill Cemetery at grave of General Jacob Zeillin, 7th Commandant. A Veterans' Day Tour follows “Servicemen Killed in Action”.

November 19, 2016 – Saturday – starts 10:00 am – Remembrance Day in Gettysburg – General Meade & his Generals and the veterans of the Battle of Gettysburg Honor/Dedication Ceremonies during the Remembrance Day Observance. Honoring all commanders and veterans of the Battle. Please meet at the Regulars’ Monument along Hancock Ave. at 10:00am; then proceed to the Meade Equestrian Monument at 10:30am for traditional honor ceremonies and wreath layings. Contact Jerry McCormick at (215) 848-7753 or gedwinmc@msn.com for info.

December 9-10, 2016 – Friday & Saturday –
Starr Tours – Gettysburg – with Jane Peters Estes – ONE DATE ONLY - Includes two meals (breakfast, dinner), accommodations, deluxe motorcoach transportation. Sightseeing includes "A Christmas Carol" at the Majestic Theater, Tuba Carol Fest, Eisenhower Farm Christmas, Jennie Wade House, Shriver House Civil War Christmas, Farnsworth House dinner and Gettysburg Outlet Shoppes. This is a great weekend getaway and a wonderful time of the year to spend in Gettysburg! $319.95 pp/double.

Event Alert!

COMMEMORATE FLAG DAY – AND LEARN SOME LOCAL HISTORY

By Ed Greenawald, drafted MC for the event

Annually Washington HQs at the Moland House commemorates Flag Day on the Sunday afternoon on or before our official Flag Day. A case can be logically built that the "Betsy Ross" flag was received by General Washington before the Main Continental Army marched from that encampment site towards the British landing at the Head of the Elk on upper Chesapeake Bay, meeting at Brandywine Creek for the first major engagement of the Philadelphia Campaign of 1777.

This year's 'no charge' commemoration will be held on Sunday, 12 June starting around 1 pm. A first person presentation by Sheri Beglen, a member of the Oneida Nation Wolf Clan, will sing a song, portray Polly Cooper, who helped the Continental troops survive at Valley Forge by providing and teaching them how to use native white corn which required special preparation to make it digestible, and tell of her 18th century life. Ron Patterson, also of the Oneida Nation Wolf Clan, will discuss the ties between our 2 nations before & after the Revolution.

The Moland House is just north of the OLD York & Bristol Roads intersection across a stone-facade bridge on the right-hand side (a two-story stone colonial behind a short stone wall).

For additional information, see Joseph T. Glatthaar, a historian familiar to CW readers, & James Kirby Martin who co-authored Forgotten Allies: the Oneida Indians & the American Revolution, NYC: Hill & Wang, 2006. In supporting the American patriots, this nation went against most of the other members of the Iroquois League. Similar to those Indians assisting the Union, they were in the minority as most tribes affiliated with the South. Polly Cooper and Oneidas at Valley Forge are in the index.
By Paula Gidjunis, 
Preservation Committee Chair

MANOR COLLEGE GETTYSBURG DAY

The Preservation Committee raised an additional $203 on Manor Day on May 21st. Thanks to all those who came out to help.

PENNYPACKER MILLS

Jim and Linda Dover, Mary Ann Hartner, Judy Folan, Paula Gidjunis, John Shivo, Tom Donnelly and Carol Ingald (below), along with photographer Walt Lafty were on hand at Pennypacker Mills on June 4-5 to represent the Del Val CWRT.

VANDALISM AT PETERSBURG BATTLEFIELD

Memorial Day is a sacred day set aside to honor those who died for our freedom, a day that was begun to honor the Civil War dead. Unfortunately, it does not seem to matter to some folks. Apparently some people decided to go relic hunting on the Petersburg, Va. Battlefield. A park employee found a series of unauthorized excavations at the park. Petersburg is the site of the longest military siege of the Civil War. When the city fell in March 1865, it opened the way to Richmond and eventually to the end of the war. [http://www.cnn.com/2016/05/28/us/petersburg-battlefield-looting/index.html]

SAVE THE CROSSROADS AT CHANCELLORSVILLE AND THE WILDERNESS!

From the Civil War Trust website:
“Chancellorsville and The Wilderness were two monumental battles in the Civil War. Fought within the same expanse of woodlands, and almost exactly a year apart, these two bloody fights resulted in more than 61,000 soldiers – North and South – that were killed, wounded, or captured.”

The Trust is conducting a campaign to raise money to buy parcels of land that will connect the two battlefields. You can help by donating here: [http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/chancellorsville/crossroads-2016/]

ELECTRIC MAP REOPENS

The Electric map that once sat in the old Visitor’s Center at Gettysburg National Military Park is now operating in Hanover. The Hanover Heritage & Conference Center runs the map and also tours of Hanover. Here are the hours of operation and info on from their Facebook Page: "The Electric Map is open from Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays beginning June 3, with additional hours and days during peak season and for special tours and events. Check our website, hanoverhcc.com for additional summer hours; email HanoverHeritage@gmail.com to arrange a group showing. Tickets are $8 for adults; children under 12 $4."
**Around Town**

*Do You Know the Water Works?*
*By Paula Gidjunis*

John Shivo and I recently took a trip with the Old York Road History Society to the Philadelphia Water Works (www.fairmountwaterworks.org/). The Fairmount Water Works (FWW) is a National Historic Landmark, a Civil Engineering Landmark, and a National Mechanical Engineering Landmark. It opened its doors in 1815 as the sole water pumping station for the city. It later housed the Philadelphia Aquarium until 1962 and then for 10 years it was home to the John B. Kelly Pool, a practice pool for competitive swimmers and for School District of Philadelphia students. In the 1970s, the Junior League of Philadelphia started fundraising to preserve the site. Now the FWW has become the region’s premier urban environmental education destination.

[Photo credit www.visitphilly.com]

There are a variety of tours and events held for the public. Some tours are free, others have a fee, but you must register for whatever tour you wish to take. The museum itself has a variety of exhibits; several of them are interactive and will engage those of all ages. This is definitely a site worth visiting if you are interested in history, industry and life on the river.

After this tour we were treated to tea at the Ormiston Mansion at 2000 Reservoir Drive in East Fairmount Park. (http://www.ormistonrhs.org/) It is owned and run by the Royal Heritage Society to preserve Pennsylvania’s British history. A two-and-a-half story, late Georgian House built of red brick, it is well preserved. It was built in 1798 by Philadelphia born Edward Burd. He married Elizabeth Shippen in 1778 when he was also appointed Prothonotary. Shippen was the older sister of Peggy Shippen who married Benedict Arnold.

[Photo credit www.ormistonrhs.org]

From the website: “Burd died in 1833 and the City of Philadelphia bought the mansion from his heirs in 1869. Ormiston Mansion then became part of Fairmount Park. For years Ormiston had varied uses including as a residence for park employees and as a home for the Fairmount Park Art Association. The Royal Heritage Society has maintained the mansion for Fairmount Park since 1982.” The mansion is only open for special events and private tours.

**Member contributions to the newsletter are always welcome and encouraged. Short articles of 600-800 words are especially desired. First-time authors encouraged!!!**

Please send as a Word document to Pabc0808@aol.com  
Thank you!
"Oh, Shenandoah..."

By Larry Vogel

The May Meeting of the Delaware Valley Civil War Round Table was held on a wet cool Tuesday night, in a spring full of wet cool nights. A fine crowd showed up to hear a speaker, Dan Cashin, who has spoken on several subjects in the past for us.

Though Dan's other speaking engagements at the Round Table covered varied subjects, for this meeting he returned to what he knows best, Civil War Navy, or more specifically the "Last Cruise of the CSS Shenandoah".

Dan's interest in Navy subjects should not be a surprise as he told us in the very near future he will be celebrating 50 years working at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

To start his talk on the Shenandoah, Dan gave us the standard statistics of the boat, length, weight etc. He also then told us what he thought everybody already knew about the Shenandoah, followed by the exciting stories of the voyage and the sailors involved.

The CSS Shenandoah was originally named Sea King. On its famous last voyage it was captained by former USS Navy veteran James Waddell who was a North Carolinian.

The Sea King was a British ship that was supposed to sail from London to Bombay, India, in October 1864, so everybody thought. As it turns out it rendezvoused with a supply ship Laurel in Madeira, carrying officers and guns that would outfit the "new" Confederate raider to be named Shenandoah.

The CSS Shenandoah's new mission was to seek out and utterly destroy commerce around the world.

Captain Waddell and the crew's journey took them around the Cape of Good Hope (South Africa), capturing ships along the way, eventually ending up in Melbourne, Australia where they took on more supplies and crew. Many of the new crew were actually stowaways who got on the boat in Australia, and ended up not getting off the ship miles and months away. They left Australia in February 1865 and headed to the Bering Sea to wreak havoc in the North Pacific whaling grounds.

On June 27, 1865, Captain Waddell learned from a captured ship, the Susan & Abigail, that General Robert E. Lee had surrendered his Army of Northern Virginia. And then about six weeks later Waddell finally learned of the war's end when he was met at sea by the British ship Barracuda.

Captain Waddell and the crew knew that returning to a U.S. port would mean facing a Union court and possible piracy charges, so they decided to surrender the ship where it had started - at the unofficial home port of Liverpool.
So they started and completed a three month, 10,000 mile voyage back to England while being pursued by Union vessels. The CSS Shenandoah sailed up the River Mersey with the Confederate flag flying. They encountered the HMS Donegal. Captain Waddell surrendered the Shenandoah to Captain Paynter of HMS Donegal on November 6, 1865, thus lowering the Confederate Flag for the last time.

As Dan Cashin did a great job telling us about the CSS Shenandoah, I will tell you the USS Shenandoah.

Shenandoah was the name of several US ships, the first of which was a wooden screw sloop built by the Philadelphia Navy Yard and launched on December 8, 1862. It was commissioned on June 20, 1863 with Captain Daniel B. Ridgeley in command.

Shenandoah departed Philadelphia to Boston and back to pick up its crew and then it headed towards North Carolina, to join the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron, for the next fifteen months or so. By no means was this assignment a stationary one as the Shenandoah managed to sail as far as Key West, Florida, and to the Bahamas and Bermuda. The Shenandoah had several fire fights with blockade runners.

In December 1864, the Shenandoah hurried north to join the great Federal Fleet poised on the coast of North Carolina for the attack on Fort Fisher which protected Wilmington, North Carolina. It took at least two attacks and the better part of a month but Fort Fisher was finally captured. The Shenandoah then spent a few days carrying wounded men from transports to shore hospitals. It then joined in the final days of the Union siege of Charleston and finally returned to the Philadelphia Navy Yard and was decommissioned.

WOW - seems to be the expression of Dan Cashin as he accepts the traditional “esteemed drinking vessel” following his presentation.

Dan then told us of the Final Ending of the Ship, The Crew and the War......ending yet another great presentation at the DVCWRT.

Civil War - The Rest of the Story

Shenandoah – the Other Story

by Larry Vogel

I will take a break, from my continuing series, the REST OF THE STORY, and I tell you about the Shenandoah, the OTHER STORY.
Shenandoah joins in attack on Ft. Fisher
www.navsource.org/archives/09/86/86375.htm

After the Civil War the USS Shenandoah continued to faithfully serve the nation going to such faraway places such as Singapore, Japan and Korea. Its last cruise went to the Pacific coasts of South and Central America.

The Shenandoah was sold in July 1887 to W. T. Garratt & Company, San Francisco, California.

And now you know, the OTHER STORY.

CIVIL WAR VIGNETTES

Cats at Sea
By Jack Lieberman,
with supplemental info by Pat Caldwell, Editor

Throughout naval history, cats were a common sight aboard ships, where they hunted mice and rats. Beyond their "official" duties, they were also embraced as mascots and pets by sailors with whom they served. Cats had the run of the ship — a tradition dating back thousands of years.

As the U.S. Naval Institute explains: It is likely that the ancient Egyptians were the first seafarers to realize the true value of having cats as shipmates. In addition to offering sailors much needed companionship on long voyages, cats provided protection by ridding ships of vermin. Without the presence of cats, a crew might find their ship overrun with rats and mice that would eat into the provisions, chew through ropes and spread disease. The more superstitious sailors believed that cats protected them by bringing good luck. It was also common for crews to adopt cats from the foreign lands they visited to serve as souvenirs as well as reminders of their pets at home.

Did the USS Shenandoah or CSS Shenandoah have a cat on board? Well, the USS Lehigh did, and maybe the USS Monitor did, too.

In an excerpt from “The Loss of the Monitor”, by Francis Butts, a survivor of the Monitor’s crew, Butts writes” “A black cat was sitting on the breech of one of the guns, howling one of those hoarse and solemn tunes...”

And then there is this photo of the Lehigh:

[Photo provided by Jack Lieberman]
Its caption reads: “The crew of the USS *Lehigh*, an ironclad like the USS *Monitor*, posed on deck on the James River, Virginia, in 1865. The inset image shows a sailor holding one of the ship's mascots, a cat. Did a black cat trapped in one of the *Monitor’s* cannons go down with the ship when it sank in December 1862?”


And that is another mystery that remains unsolved, but read the feature noted above (which is also the source of the photo) to form your own conclusion.

[Editor's Note – for additional information on cats as mascots in the Civil War, please see the OFF THE WALL entry by Bernice Kaplan entitled “Horses, Dogs, Homing Pigeons, Cats, Wait….. Cats?” in the January 2014 issue of *Case Shot & Canister*, pp. 13-15.]

---

The Book Nook

By Hugh Boyle, Book Editor

Books, Books, Books!

The Delaware Valley Civil War Round Table has now become the sought-after book seller. All this is because of the generosity of our members and the eagerness of other members to want to increase their libraries. The books we make available are not just toss away books or old discolored books, these are new titles in very good condition and at much reduced prices. At the Bensalem Reenactment, at Manor Day, at Pennypacker Mills, or at any one of the events where the round table sets our tent and tables, you can be sure the selection is the best. What all this means is that there are many dollars raised for preservation. Our Preservation Committee is putting the resources and dollars to great use in preserving the heritage of the Civil War. So don’t be shy – step up and buy a book or two. It is good for your education and for preservation.

---

Did You Know

... that before Lincoln left Gettysburg in November 1863 the one person he wanted to meet was John Burns.

---

The Gettysburg Story – The DVD
Directed by Jake Boritt

Reviewed by Mike Burkhimer

My children are at the age where they ask what I want for Christmas and then I will give them money to buy a gift. *C’est la vie*… Well this past Christmas I was intrigued by an ad that kept popping up on Facebook. It was a film documentary called *The Gettysburg Story*. I was immediately astounded by the visuals that were in the trailer. There were fast moving shots of the
modern battlefield as well as 3D overlays of the battlefield with troop movements. I saw the director was none other than Jake Boritt. Boritt’s father is the famous Hungarian-American Lincoln scholar Gabor Boritt. Gabor Boritt left Hungary as a 16 year old after fighting the Soviets in the uprising in 1956. He came to America and became a leading Civil War scholar and Lincoln expert whose books are very influential. His son Jake has directed a documentary about his father, which was excellent, so I was inclined to check it out just on the pedigree of the director.

Well, the two disc set came in the mail (I know because my children ordered it from my Amazon account), and I looked surprised as I opened it on Christmas morning. Well, after they got done playing their games and went to bed, I decided I would check it out (first calling my son down to tell me how to work all these gadgets that all hook into each other in some way.)

I didn’t know exactly what to expect when I started watching the 60 minute video. I immediately found out it was narrated by Stephen Lang. Lang narrates and does the voices of different generals throughout the movie. Lang is known to most Americans for being the villain in the mega-hit film, *Avatar*. However, to Civil War buffs he is famous for playing General Pickett in the movie, *Gettysburg* as well as Stonewall Jackson in the film, *Gods and Generals*. If there is over-acting in voice work this is it. Lang emphasizes every word he says, and his changing voices to other characters is somewhat jarring. It might have been better to simply have a no-name person narrate the film.

If you are looking for a detailed or even semi-detailed look at the battle, one would be disappointed. So much of the action is simply ignored, especially on the first day of the battle. The railroad cut, the fishhook, Iverson’s Pits, and Barlow’s Knoll are not even mentioned. Of course if you want a more detailed study of the battle you would try to find it in a book, so I wasn’t expecting detailed tactical analysis. Yet even my low expectations were not met in this regard. I think someone watching this video without a good knowledge of the battle will not really come out with a good synopsis of what happened those three days.

So is the video worth watching at all? Yes. The visuals are truly amazing. This film used a drone with a camera and flew all over the battlefield to get shots that are not available to anyone else. Here we actually see General Lee’s face close up on top of the massive Virginia monument. Here we see a sweeping shot of Devil’s Den as the drone moves across the famous rocks and boulders. The flame at the top of the Eternal Peace Monument is viewed from above and makes a stunning sight to behold.

There were a few truly amazing pieces of work, in which parts of the battlefield today were over-laid with troop movements. There is a shot of what Barksdale’s Mississippi Brigade’s charge at the Peach Orchard would have looked like on the actual ground. This helped to picture (if one had taken a bird’s eye view that day) what the movements of the troops would have looked like those days. My complaint is there wasn’t enough of this. There were also some amazing pictures – using time lapse photography as the sun moved across the sky, one could see the shadows move on the monuments. There is a second disk that comes with the order that provides more visuals in clips that did not make the final film cut.

So does one invest in this film or not? It depends, to give a wishy-washy answer. If you love the battlefield of Gettysburg and have been going there your whole life, you will want to pick this up for the striking visuals. One can almost turn the volume off and watch the film as it unfolds to appreciate not just the history, but the great beauty that is Gettysburg National Battlefield Park. However, this is not a film for the novice who wants a good sound introduction to the battle.

2-disc set; $29.99 retail
What Happened to the Galusha Pennypacker Memorial?

Text and Photos by Carol Ingald

Recent visitors to Logan Square may wonder what happened to the heroic bronze memorial honoring Union Civil War General and Medal of Honor recipient Galusha Pennypacker. The photos below, taken in 2008, show the memorial framed by leafy trees with the former Philadelphia Family Court Building in the background.

Clad in classical attire and flanked by a pair of tigers, General Pennypacker looks more like a young Greek or Roman warrior than a Civil War general. The inscription on its limestone base reads:

GALUSHA PENNYPACKER
BREVET MAJOR GENERAL
UNITED STATES ARMY
1842 – 1916

During a recent walk through Logan Square on my way to the Free Library, I discovered that Pennypacker’s memorial is encased in a temporary wood structure designed to protect it during PennDOT’s I-676 bridge reconstruction project, to replace seven deteriorated bridges over I-676 between 18th and 22nd Streets. The leafy trees in the 2008 photo have been cut down, to make room for construction materials and equipment. Only the semicircular concrete base/sidewalk in front of the temporary enclosure provides visual proof that this is the memorial’s location.

The memorial was commissioned in 1919 by the State Art Commission and the Pennypacker Memorial Commission of Pennsylvania. Charles Grafly, who was initially selected to design the sculpture, provided the basic concept for the
design. After Grafly died in 1929, his former student, Albert Laessle executed the memorial. The memorial was dedicated on June 1, 1934 (his birthday). It was donated to the City of Philadelphia and is part of its public art collection.

According to a booklet issued for the 1934 memorial dedication, Galusha Pennypacker was the youngest general on either side of the Civil War, and the youngest man ever to be commissioned Colonel and Brigadier General and brevetted Major General in the regular army of the United States. There remains some discrepancy regarding the exact year of Pennypacker’s birth, due to conflicting historical records and accounts. (Del Val’s resident Pennypacker expert, Paula Gidjunis, has researched this extensively. To date, no birth records have been verified.)

Galusha Pennypacker joined the Pennsylvania Volunteers in 1861 for a three-month stint, and then enlisted for three years with the 97th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and rose through the ranks rapidly. During the Civil War, he was wounded seven times in eight months, most severely on January 15, 1865 during his leadership of the 97th Pennsylvania Volunteers in its assault on and capture of Fort Fisher, at the mouth of the Cape Fear River, in North Carolina. Immediately after the war, he practiced law in West Chester for a few years, and then rejoined the military, serving in various locations and capacities until 1883, when he retired to his home in Philadelphia. In 1891, Pennypacker was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions and injuries at Fort Fisher.

General Pennypacker died at his Philadelphia home on October 1, 1916. He is buried at the Philadelphia National Cemetery (officers’ section, grave 175), which is located at East Haines Street and Limekiln Pike in Philadelphia’s West Oak Lane neighborhood.

As for the Galusha Pennypacker Memorial, according to information on PennDOT’s “Bridges over 676.com” website, once the bridge reconstruction project is completed, the public space surrounding the Galusha Pennypacker Memorial will be landscaped with paver blocks, a variety of trees and shrubs and new benches. Pennypacker’s statue will be cleaned and refurbished so that future generations may continue to enjoy this work of public art honoring one of Pennsylvania’s most famous Civil War generals.

A PERSONAL CIVIL WAR

Visiting New Market Battlefield – An Added Benefit to a Civil War Program
by John Jastrzebski

April 7th and it was raining as I approached my wife’s cousin’s house in Martinsburg, WV. I’m in this area of West Virginia for a one day Civil War program at Shepherd College scheduled for the 9th. I arrived early because lodging is free, and more importantly because my wife’s cousin’s husband Dave wanted to go down to New Market battlefield.

As neither of us had been there before, I read William C. Davis’ book The Battle of New
Market published in 1975. The book is a good read and well written. I see there is a rather recent book titled Valley Thunder, that I’ll have to purchase.

New Market Battlefield State Historical Park is just off of Exit 264 of I81 in Virginia. It is an excellent facility, and if you’re in the area, worth stopping to see.

As you enter the parking area, you see the beautiful Visitor’s Center. At the front of the Center is a cannon, before which is placed a row of six original headstones of VMI cadets who died outright or were mortally wounded – ten cadets total lost their lives at the battle.

Once inside, you purchase your ticket and depending on the time, you can wander around the art gallery, the museum, or if you time it right, head to the theater and see the movie (45 minutes, starts on the hour, and is a good telling of the story).

The museum presents a highlighted timeline of significant campaigns/battles in the East. There are a number of interesting artifacts, including Civil War body armor.

Hidden in a “corner” of the Virginia Room (the museum area/wing) is a diorama of the action at the Bushong farm and as you look out the large window, you see the Bushong farm laid out before you.

Once you’ve done the Center, there is a self-guided tour of the farm you can walk. You are aided in this endeavor by the Visitor Guide you are given once you purchase your ticket. Dave and I started the walk and it was pleasant; about a third of the way into it the weather turned it turned cold and started to rain! We walked briskly to the car and headed for lunch.

The existence of the park is due to the generosity of George R. Collins, VMI Class of 1911. Collins was a successful businessman and when the Bushong farm came on the market in 1942, he purchased it and saw it as an opportunity to preserve the land. In 1964 he presented the land to VMI with a 3 million dollars endowment which has become the 300+ acre battlefield.

If you get the chance, you should go to New Market!

[Photos by John Jastrzebski]
POSTSCRIPT TO THE ARTICLE
“AMERICAN IDOL” WILLIAM BARKER CUSHING
By Bernice Kaplan

According to the GAR Open House agenda, on Sunday, August 7, Jamie Malanowski will be giving a presentation on “Commander Will Cushing: Daredevil Hero of the Civil War”.

If you had the opportunity to read the April issue of Case Shot and Canister, you may have seen my article “Wunderkind of the Civil War” which was about an article written by Jamie Malanowski in the April issue of Smithsonian Magazine. Malanowski’s article, which was entitled AMERICAN IDOL, offered a “fresh look at the Civil War’s most daring naval officer”, William Barker Cushing.

In the May issue of Smithsonian, a reader, Jack Horst, submitted a letter, adding some additional information about the men who fought with Cushing, as well as his brother, Alonzo. Apparently, five of the courageous men who fought with Cushing on the suicide mission against the CSS Albemarle were awarded the Medal of Honor. (Officers at that time were not eligible for this award.) Commander Will Cushing’s brother, Alonzo, at the age of 22, was killed on July 3, 1863 at the Battle of Gettysburg, while defending the Union position on Cemetery Ridge against Pickett’s charge.

Alonzo Cushing was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor on November 6, 2014 by President Obama.

I hope many of you will be able to come to the GAR Museum on Sunday, August 7, to hear Jamie Malanowski’s presentation about the fascinating Commander Will Cushing.

Civil War Institute
The Civil War Institute class format allows a greater variety of choices for students who find it difficult to attend 3-week or 6-week courses. Semesters now include multiple-week courses, 2-week courses and 1-night seminars. Classes may be taken as part of the certificate program or individually. Completion of your choice of four core courses, and any four elective courses is required to receive the certificate. Non-core, elective courses require a minimum of 6 credit hours. Any combination of 2-night and 1-night programs may fulfill that requirement.

Call (215) 884-2218 to register or for an application for the certificate program, or online www.manor.edu/cont-ed/civil-war/courses.php

Class hours are 6:30 till 8:30 pm, unless otherwise noted. Manor College is located at 700 Fox Chase Road in Jenkintown, PA.

* Indicates Core Course
** Indicates Elective Course/Seminar

SUMMER 2016

** Murderer, Adulterer, Embezzler and the Yankee King of Spain – 1 night (2 hrs) – NEW – Talk about fools and scoundrels! Dan Sickles was all of the above, and more. Hear about the 90-plus years of "Devil Dan's" roguish life and checkered career. 
Wednesday, June 15 ** NOTE DATE CHANGE
Fee: $29
Instructor: Hugh Boyle

** Lincoln's Boys – 1 night (2 hrs) — NEW
Lincoln's three secretaries – John Nicolay, John Hay and William Stoddard – had responsibilities seldom entrusted to men so young. They also forged distinguished careers after the war.
Monday, June 27
Fee: $29
Instructor: Jerry Carrier
** Duels, Fools and Scoundrels – 1 night (2 hrs)
– The war produced a variety of truly colorful characters, both Northern and Southern. You couldn't call them successful or, in many cases, even clever, but they were never boring.
Wednesday, July 13
Fee: $29
Instructor: Herb Kaufman, M.Ed.

** Shattered Lives of the Lincoln Assassination
– 1 night (2 hrs) – NEW – When John Wilkes Booth fired his derringer, Abraham Lincoln was not the only victim. Other casualties included Lincoln's family, cabinet and friends, and even Booth's co-conspirators.
Thursday, July 28
Fee: $29
Instructor: Hugh Boyle

** War Is All Hell – 1 night (2 hrs) – NEW – No Civil War leader was more complex or quotable than William Tecumseh Sherman, who at various times was called a madman, a genius and (briefly) a traitor.
Monday, August 8
Fee: $29
Instructor: Jerry Carrier

FALL 2016

** The Attack on Harpers Ferry – 1 night (2 hrs)
– NEW – Before Fort Sumter, this federal arsenal, where the Shenandoah River meets the Potomac, was the flashpoint of the Civil War.
Wednesday, September 7
Fee: $29
Instructor: Patricia Caldwell

** How the Press Covered the Civil War – 1 night (2 hrs) – NEW – This class will show how well or poorly "history's first draft" got the war right – and how the war, in turn, changed the practice of journalism.
Monday, September 12
Fee: $29
Instructor: Jerry Carrier

*Civil War 101 (formerly called the Overview Series) – 6 nights (12 hrs) – A year-by-year overview of the war, climaxed by a panel discussion that tackles the students’ questions.
Thursdays, September 15 through October 20
Fee: $150
Instructors: DVCWRT members

** The “Fire Eaters” – 1 night (2 hrs) – NEW – Discussion of the extremist politicians who led the charge for Southern secession, predicting that the North was too timid to resist.
Wednesday, October 26
Fee: $29
Instructor: Herb Kaufman

** Bleeding Kansas – 2 nights (4 hrs) – NEW – Kansas Territory provided a boilerplate for events that would envelop the entire country. Local events here in the 1850s would lead to much bloodier things to come.
Thursdays, November 10 and 17
Fee: $55
Instructor: Hugh Boyle

** Reconstruction – 4 nights (8 hrs) – NEW – Although hostilities ended in 1865, repercussions would last beyond the soldiers return home. This class which spans the period 1865-1880 looks at the politics and social ramifications as the country was rebuilt.
Mondays, November 10, 17; December 5, 12
Fee: $105
Instructors: Hugh Boyle & Herb Kaufman

** The Causes of the Civil War – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – An overview of the factors – political and social – that led to America being at war with itself.
Wednesday, November 30
Fee: $29
Instructor: Herb Kaufman
Manor College Gettysburg Day
May 21, 2016

Delaware Valley
Civil War Round Table
3201 Longshore Avenue
Philadelphia PA 19149-2025