



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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Speaker: Kevin Pawlak

Author, Antietam National Battlefield Guide

Topic: The Battle of Shepherdstown

Kevin was born and raised in western New York and became interested in the Civil War following a trip to Gettysburg at the age of 9. He recently graduated from Shepherd University with a Major in Civil War and 19th Century America and a minor in Historic Preservation. Kevin has worked at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park and serve as a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Antietam. He completed internships with the Papers of Abraham Lincoln at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library as well as at the Missouri Civil War Museum. Currently, Kevin is in the process of writing his first book, *Shepherdstown in the Civil War: One Vast Confederate Hospital*, to be released in September 2015 and published by The History Press.

Kevin's topic discusses the important strategic and political implications of the small and lesser known Battle of Shepherdstown, which ended the Maryland Campaign and secured a much needed victory for the United States, a victory that Abraham Lincoln followed with the announcement of the Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation.

Please visit our website for our list of speakers for the 2014-2015 meetings!



FACEBOOK Update !

Our Facebook page is up to 67 likes. Can we get to 100!?

Please visit our page for meeting reminders, things to see and do, and articles to ponder or discuss
~ Gary Dyson

The Prez Says.....

Answer to last month's question, was of course, George Armstrong Custer.
This months a bit harder, regarding Pres. Lincoln.

- 1) What was John Wilkes Booth's fiance's name?
- 2) What was the title of the play at Fords theater on the night of April 14th, 1865?
- 3) Who else besides Lewis Paine, George Atzerodt, and David Herold were hanged?
- 4) According to legend who shot John Wilkes Booth in a Virginia barn several days after the manhunt?

~Jack



Ramblings from the Raffle Table



Sure & begorra and aren't we celebratin' himself Saint Patrick and all things Irish at the Raffle Table this month! You're not Irish? Well neither am I but I'm all for celebrating anything and everything. I don't have any green beer to offer you but certainly there is no denying the contribution that Irish soldiers made to both the Union and Confederate armies. And that is what I am featuring at the Raffle Table this month. So be showin' me your green (greenbacks that is) and buy the lucky tickets. Aren't we all lovin' the bargain at 2/\$1.00!



Phillip Thomas Tucker's "God Help the Irish!" emphasizes the lives and experiences of the individual Irish soldiers fighting in the ranks of the Brigade, supplying a better understanding of the Irish Brigade and why it became one of the elite combat units of the Civil War. If you listen closely "Faugh-a-Ballagh" still echoes in the evening air at Antietam.

Have enough books? No problem! You can toast the Irish Brigade every morning with your own grand 12 oz. 69th Regiment N.Y.S.V. coffee mug. (No one told me it was only to be a book raffle) What you add to your coffee is your own business but I prefer a bit of Baileys myself.



May I scatter the luck of the Irish on you for being so generous in supporting our Raffle Table each & every month.

"Go raibh maith agat" (that's the Irish for "Thank you").

Kathi

Next Month's Speaker:

April 16, 2015

Speaker: Brad Gottfried, Civil War author

Topic: Women of Gettysburg and the Sisters of Charity in Emmitsburg

Civil War Seminars & Tours

Chambersburg Civil War Seminars & Tours hosts Civil War tours led by nationally recognized historians since 1989.

Tour 2015 Events Schedule

April 10-12: ["Ed Bearss Symposium on Leadership & Combat in the Civil War" \(click\)](#)

May 15-17: ["On the Trail of Those Damn Black Hats" Weekend with Lance Herdegen and the Iron Brigade \(click\)](#)

July 22-26 ["The End of the War: Richmond, Petersburg, and Appomattox"](#)

Sept. 24-27 ["Lincoln" with Ed Bearss and others](#)

Our 2015 Civil War tours include sessions by scholars and bus tours with expert guides like Ed Bearss, Lance Herdegen and Richard Sommers to deliver an unforgettable experience. Special discounts are available for Civil War Round Table members. Please call 717-264-7101 for details.

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Gary Dyson has done an amazing job with posting interesting Civil War facts and discussions.

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Our MISSION

TO cultivate and preserve Frederick County's Civil War heritage and broaden the understanding of the Civil War Era and its impact on our nation.

TO explore the many facets of the Civil War from the battlefield to first-person narratives, including guest lectures by writers and historians.

TO support historical projects and activities aimed at increasing public interest and appreciation of our Civil War history, both locally and nationally.



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FCCWRT Winter Weather Policy

Sadly, winter storm season is upon us. Due to foul weather conditions, We may need to cancel our monthly meeting. If Frederick County Schools and/or the National Museum of Civil War Medicine (meeting location) announce closures for the afternoon/evening of the meeting our meeting will be cancelled. We will make every attempt to send an email notification as soon as the cancellation decision is made. Please use your best judgment in making safety your top priority.

