

# Old Baldy Civil War Round Table of Philadelphia

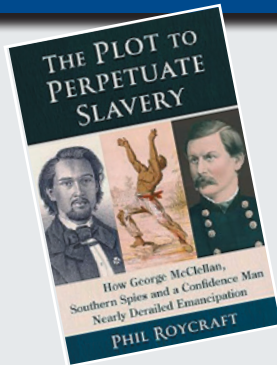
March 13, 2025

The Civil War: April 12, 1861 - August 20, 1866

## “The Plot to Perpetuate Slavery: How George McClellan, Southern Spies and a Confidence Man Nearly Derailed Emancipation”



**Phil Roycraft**



In the aftermath of the September 1862 Battle of Antietam, President Abraham Lincoln issued the most significant presidential decree in American history, the Emancipation Proclamation, which would forever free all slaves in territory not under Union control. Nevertheless, his chief military commander in the field, Major General George B. McClellan, was outraged. Within days, two former Union officers nefariously crossed the lines into rebeldom, an initiative resulting in an elaborate subterfuge to scam Lincoln into withdrawing the Proclamation in return for nebulous promises of peace.

This book tells the story, obscured in a veil of secrecy for 150 years, of the cloak and dagger chess match between Union detectives and Southern operatives in the months before emancipation become effective. Despite an ominous warning by author Herman Melville five years before, the scheme to perpetuate slavery almost succeeded, for it was engineered by a man the National Police Gazette once declared the "King of the Confidence Men."

Phil Roycraft is an environmental engineer, historian and author specializing in the Civil War era. He has written articles for a variety of historical journals including the Michigan History Magazine, Leviathan: A Journal of Melville Studies, Journal of Illinois History and the Maryland Historical Magazine. He lives in Cadillac, Michigan.

### Meeting Notice

Join us at 7:15 PM on Thursday,  
March 13,

**Please note:** We will be meeting at the Rohrer Center. And will also gather for the pre-meeting dinner at the Kettle & Grill.

If you are not already receiving Old Baldy communications, email [oldbaldycwrt@verizon.net](mailto:oldbaldycwrt@verizon.net) at least 24hrs prior to request the Zoom link for the program.

Watch for the usual meeting reminders and Zoom links in your email.

"Members, and Friends of the Roundtable who receive our email communications, will automatically receive the Zoom link and do not need to request it"

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**Paul Prentiss**  
President, OBCWRT

### Notes from the President

Welcome to March and our first physical meeting of 2025 at the William G. Rohrer Center in Cherry Hill. This month kicks off the beginning of spring. March brings the vernal equinox, the Full Worm Moon, and the return of Daylight-Saving Time. March is an especially invigorating month. Flowers are beginning to bloom in fields, buds are sprouting on branches, and migrating birds are returning north, singing along the way. Some say the Worm Moon is named after the earthworms emerging from the warming spring soil, but according to the Almanac, it refers to the

**We need members  
to assist us  
in the following  
areas:**

*Do any of these areas  
interest you?*

*Do you feel an urge to  
make a personal  
impact on our Round  
Table.*

*This is your chance to get  
more involved and make  
us even more successful.  
Please contact Paul, Cal  
and Anita  
to learn more about these  
opportunities.*

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**  
Event sked Coordination  
FOB Coordination  
Photographer/reporter  
Event setup/manning  
MAC Book Award

**MEMBERSHIP**  
Attendance  
Welcome Package  
Year Pins & name tags  
Mailing  
Member outreach

**PROGRAMS**  
Speaker Scheduling  
Honoraria Preparation  
Photographer  
College Lecture Series

**MEDIA AFFAIRS**  
Webmaster  
Newsletter Editing  
Facebook Management  
Zoom Meeting Setup  
Video Editing

larvae that emerge from the bark of trees and other winter hiding spots during this time. You should see March's full moon walking to our meeting on March 13th. Look up into the evening sky, it's a sight you don't want to miss because later that evening we will experience a total lunar eclipse. The moon enters the penumbra at 11:56 p.m.

A big thank you to all who are coming out to support and grow our Round Table. We look forward to seeing more members at our upcoming events. This month we have the opportunity meet in person. Our speaker, **Phil Roycraft**, will present *The Plot to Perpetuate Slavery: How George McClellan, Southern Spies and a Confidence Man Nearly Derailed Emancipation*. The lecture promises to be an exciting cloak and dagger chess match between Union detectives and Southern operatives.

We have a terrific schedule ahead and have a number of exciting events coming up. I hope you saw the *General Meade Society History Symposium* flyer and consider attending. The symposium will explore the story of the establishment of the Army - Navy - Marine Corps and their first years of service. The lectures and lunch will be held on Saturday, April 12th from 11:00am - 4:00pm at Maggio's Restaurant, Hampton Square Shopping Center, Southampton, PA.

In May over Memorial Day weekend, we will honor General Winfield Scott Hancock's life and service to our nation with a wreath laying ceremony at his tomb in Montgomery Cemetery, Norristown, PA at 10:30 AM on Saturday May 25th. Please join **Bill and Debbie Holdsworth** along with other OBCWRT members in this Old Baldy tradition

On Saturday June 14th, the *South Jersey History Fair* will be held at 500 3rd Avenue in Glendora. The *Gloucester Township Historic & Scenic Preservation Committee* is holding its History Fair on the grounds of the historic Gabriel Daveis Tavern Museum House.

Interested in serving your Round Table? Get involved! **The CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS** went out last week and we need you to respond. The Round Table has many small, easy tasks that are necessary to keep our organization running strong. Most take less than a few hours a month to perform and your participation is greatly needed. A sign-up sheet identifying tasks will be passed around at the meeting. **Please sign-up.**

Our **50th anniversary celebration** is less than two years away. A committee will be appointed soon to begin the planning of activities. Forward your suggestions to the Board and watch for announcements in the coming months. The next two years will be a great time to spread the Old Baldy message, promote and continue to grow our round table, and educate citizens on the importance of the Civil War Era as well as celebrate this milestone.

*Meet us at 5:30 for the pre-meeting meal at Kettle & Grill in Marlton at 5:30 on the 13th. Paul Prentiss, President.*

**Paul Prentiss, President**

# Help Needed

**As our Round Table grows the work on our Board  
Members and Department Chairpersons naturally  
increases. We need members to assist us....**



# Member Profile - William "Corky" Lowe

Kim Weaver  
OBCWRT Member



William "Corky" Lowe

*As this newsletter was being readied for publication, we found out that Corky died on May 24, 2023 in Harrisonburg, Va. due to complications from a motor vehicle accident. An interment service was held at BG William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown, NJ. He was 76.*

*Corky loved to travel the U.S. and he liked to do so on back roads and scenic byways as much as possible. One of the reasons for road trips, he said, is the road itself and what is on it or what it passes. He enjoyed driving in small town traffic, because when he saw something it was easy to turn around — and he turned around a lot.*

*In March 2022, Corky posted on Facebook a series of photos he snapped of small town memorials and monuments with a patriotic theme. Here is what he wrote for the caption and concluding sign off: "So, there they are. There will be more, and they all deserve to be visited. Maybe if we took more time and looked around us we might realize that the cost of freedom is not free...and in fact the early bills have been paid." Corky Lowe, Storyteller, Tewksbury*

*"I think the purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible, to be honorable, to be compassionate. It is above all, to matter, to count, to stand for something to have made some difference that you lived at all."*

— Leo Rosten, American writer and scholar

Reading the inspirational words from Rosten the mind calls up our Old Baldy friend and supporter of five years, retired U.S. Army Colonel William "Corky" Lowe. His life has been in constant service to both the country and community in one fashion or another.

Corky worked for the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) for 25 years and the National Guard for 30 years. In 2018 he retired as the coordinator of emergency management for Tabernacle Township.

At the DMAVA, Corky was the Director of Military Support (DOMS). He was responsible for overseeing the plans and projects of the New Jersey National Guard and Naval Militia. Prior to DOMS, Corky was Director of Veterans Services overseeing outreach and support to the state's veterans including nineteen field offices. He managed the Stand Down, an annual event that provides homeless veterans access to community resources needed in rebuilding their lives. Corky received the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal for service to its homeless veterans.

Corky's military career began when he was commissioned as a second lieutenant through ROTC from the University of Maine. He has served in Germany, Korea, Honduras, and Albania with infantry, regular Army and the New Jersey National Guard. He ended his military service as Commander, 57th Troop Command, NJARNG, located in Atlantic City. Corky, a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Becoming an Army officer was always a part of Corky's career plan. "I grew up liking the military. My desire to be a commissioned officer in the Army really solidified when I graduated from high school." He holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Temple University and a Master of Arts in Civil War Studies from American Military University.

Having consistently been interested in history, Corky is particularly curious about the role leadership played in the American Civil War as well as the everyday life of a Civil War soldier. He wonders, "Why did they stay in the fight?" It is a question Corky would direct to Lew Wallace if he could. Wallace was a major general in the Union Army who on July 9, 1864 led his forces at the Battle of Monocacy, delaying Confederate General Jubal Early's advance against Washington, D.C. Wallace brought into battle about 8,000 men; Early's forces numbered around 14,000. "Do you know how much courage it takes to go into battle outnumbered and knowing you are going to lose? And do it for all the right reasons with the end result that he may have saved the Union."





Corky's passion for history and the military is visible in the many solo road trips he has taken looking for the heart of America. He searches for veteran memorials and monuments in small towns, looks for "40 and 8"s, and GAR posts. He writes about his countrywide excursions and posts them on Facebook.

A Civil War historian, Corky is a member of the Blue and Gray Education Society where he is past president of the board of directors. Other memberships include the American Civil War Trust, Central Virginia Battlefield Trust, and Army History Society. He participates in the Old Colony CWRT, CWRT of the Merrimack, and Old Baldy CWRT which Corky declares, "best one there is."

Corky was born in Jacksonville, Florida, and raised in Brownwood, Texas and Bath, Maine. From 1976 to 2020 he lived in Tabernacle, New Jersey. After the death of his wife of 50 years, Laurelle (Greiner) Lowe, Corky moved to Tewksbury, Massachusetts to be near his daughter and two granddaughters.

## Today in Civil War History

### 1862 Thursday, March 13

#### **Eastern Theater**

General McClellan is told by the secretary of war that his plan of moving on Richmond by sea and then up the Virginia Peninsula must not leave the capital undefended. General Burnside expands his operations on the North Carolina coast by landing near the town of New Berne.

#### **Trans-Mississippi**

Union General Pope takes control of the area around Point Pleasant, Missouri, capturing over a million dollars worth of abandoned rebel supplies in the process. In the skirmishing there are some 50 Union and 100 Confederate casualties, few on either side being fatal.

### 1863 Friday, March 13

#### **The Confederacy**

An explosion at the Confederate Ordnance Laboratory at Brown's Island near Richmond kills 69 workers, 62 of them women. The haphazard Confederate efforts to mobilize their economy involve a sharp increase in the use of female labor.

### 1864 Sunday, March 13

#### **The North**

President Lincoln hints to the recently elected free-state governor of Louisiana, Michael Hahn, that some of the "very intelligent" blacks be seated in a convention which would define the elective franchise.

#### **Trans-Mississippi**

Two divisions of the Union XVI Corps plus Kilby Smith's division of the XVII land from Porter's fleet at Simsport, near the head of the Atchafalaya River.

### 1865 Monday, March 13

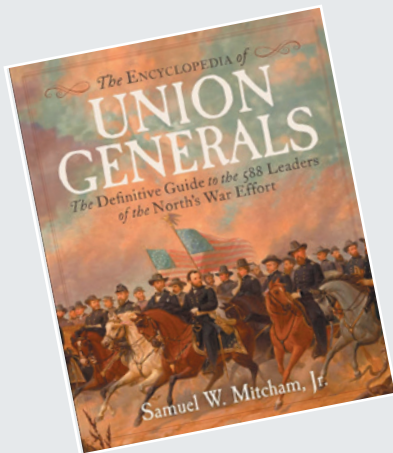
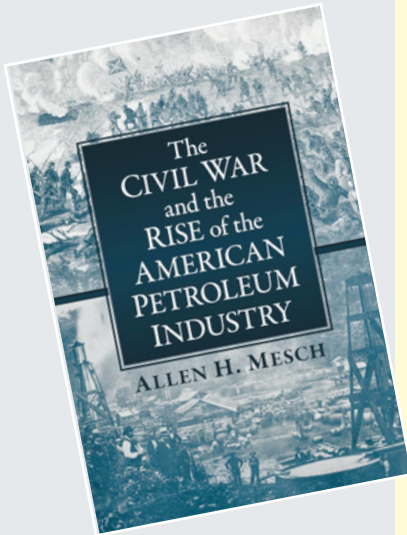
#### **The South**

The Confederate Congress sends President Davis the bill putting Negroes in the army and he signs without delay. The unspoken assumption is that individual states will grant freedom to slaves who fight for the Confederacy. Recruiting begins immediately and within weeks there will be small numbers of blacks in Richmond wearing the gray uniform of the Confederacy.

# American Civil War Books

(to be published March 2025)

Compiled by Kim Weaver  
OBCWRT Member



## ***The Civil War and the Rise of the American Petroleum Industry***

by **Allen H. Mesch/McFarland**

The precursors, events and legacy of the American Civil War have always been deeply intertwined with the nation's oil and gas industry, from the discovery of oil at the Drake Well in Titusville, Pennsylvania, in 1859 to the thousands of veterans who rushed into oil regions to seek their fortunes in the post-war petroleum boom. When Union oil fields became strategic military targets, the demand for kerosene increased, and when the Rebellion ended, Civil War veterans helped to spread the growth of oil exploration. New transportation and production technology saw rapid development, and new uses for petroleum products began to proliferate. This book thoroughly interrogates the relationship between the war and the development of U.S. petroleum, examining the involvement of Civil War officers and soldiers in all areas of the oil and gas industry. Illustrated with over 50 high-quality illustrations from the era, this detailed history demonstrates that while the American oil and petroleum industry existed before the Civil War, its incredible growth and longevity is owed in large part to the contributions of Civil War veterans.

## ***Encyclopedia of Union Generals***

by **Samuel W. Mitcham Jr./Regnery**

Anyone acquainted with the American Civil War will readily recognize the names of the Union's most prominent generals. Ulysses S. Grant. William Tecumseh Sherman. George McClellan. These men have long been lionized as fearless commanders and genius tacticians. Yet few have heard of the hundreds of generals who led under and alongside them. Men whose battlefield resolve spurred the Union through four years of the bloodiest combat Americans have ever faced. In *The Encyclopedia of Union Generals*, veteran Civil War historian Samuel W. Mitcham documents the lives of every Union general from birth to death, highlighting their unique contributions to the battlefield and bringing their personal triumphs and tragedies to life. Packed with photos and historical briefings, *The Encyclopedia of Union Generals* belongs on the shelf of every Civil War historian, and preserves in words the legacies once carved in stone.

## ***Lincoln's Peace: The Struggle to End the American Civil War***

by **Michael Vorenberg/Knopf**

## ***Hidden History of Vicksburg***

by **Ryan Starrett and Josh Foreman/The History Press**

## ***The Final Bivouac: The Confederate Surrender Parade at Appomattox and the Disbanding of the Virginia Armies, April 10-May 20, 1865***

by **Chris Calkins, Robert M. Dunkerly, et al./Savas Beatie**

## ***The First Day at Gettysburg, July 1, 1863***

by **James A. Hessler/Casemate**

## ***The Shiloh Campaign 1862, Battle for the Heartland***

by **Sean Michael Chick/Casemate**



**Confederate General William Dorsey Pender:**

***The Hope of Glory***

**by Brian Steel Wills/Louisiana State University Press**

**Hope Never To See It: A Graphic History of Guerrilla  
Violence during the American Civil War**

**by Andrew Fialka and Anderson Carman**

**/University of Georgia Press**

**A Contested Terrain: Freedpeople's Education in North  
Carolina During the Civil War and Reconstruction**

**by AnneMarie Brosnan/Fordham University Press**

**Our Onward March: The Grand Army of the Republic  
in the Progressive Era**

**by Jonathan D. Neu/Fordham University Press**



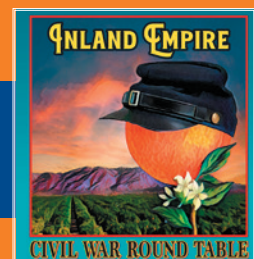
The Cruiser Olympia won fame in the Spanish-American War and served as a flagship in WWI

## HOMECOMING 250

**OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2025**

To kickoff America's celebration of its 250 years of independence, Homecoming 250 Navy Marine Corps will honor the men and women who gained and continue to defend our independence. Through our efforts, the Secretary of the Navy has announced that the Navy and Marine Corps should celebrate their 250th birthdays in their birthplace, Philadelphia, PA, and Camden, NJ. Homecoming 250 will salute their 250 years of distinguished service by hosting spectacular events, ceremonies, parades, aerial demonstrations, exhibitions, and educational programs featuring historic buildings, ships, museums, and waterfront sites on both sides of the Delaware River.

### **Our Sister Round Table Inland Empire Upcoming events**



**Monday, March 17 6:15 – 7:45pm,  
Jon Grinspan, author of *Wide Awake: The Forgotten Force That Elected  
Lincoln and Spurred the Civil War.***

**Tuesday, March 18 6:30 – 7:30pm  
Zach Foster, local historian, and creator of the YouTube channel *The Civil  
War; Wild West Edition*, will give a talk on *San Bernardino and the Civil  
War.***

**For Zoom links, and regional Round Table program times  
& locations, go to:  
[inlandempirecwrt.org](http://inlandempirecwrt.org) and [socalcwrt.org](http://socalcwrt.org).**

# Lincoln Forum an Event You Should Consider

by Ted Leventhal  
OBCWRT Member



**Soldiers' National Monument**

Starting November 15, 2023, I attended the Lincoln Forum in Gettysburg Pennsylvania. If you are not familiar with this group; it is a forum of Lincoln/Civil War nerds that have been meeting on the anniversary of the "Gettysburg Address" since April 1999 to commemorate that oratory, jewel of the English language presented by Lincoln November 19, 1863.

The venue is a hotel just outside downtown Gettysburg and close to Gettysburg National Park. The schedule is filled primarily with, usually well-known historians, scholars, authors, and often media personalities that have connections with civil war and/or Lincoln community. You may see and hear from scholars that were part of some series on the war that aired on PBS programming or other special productions. Of course there are book signing opportunities. Membership in the group is \$75 per year, affords a discounted rate and the early announcement of the next year's event, as well as newsletters. Of course, no event worth its weight in a small amount of pomp includes awards to individuals and scholarships to young Lincoln scholars,

I have been a member for several years before attending my first in 2023. The carrot then was the keynote speaker, Doris Kearns Goodwin. I was hooked. She was promoting a Lincoln historical movie she had produced.

To be able spend two and a half days discussing the civil war and Lincoln, and not boring anyone to death, in itself is a treat. This intercommunication includes meal tables, and lobby discussions. To attend two in a half day of forums, soaking in all this knowledge, seeing in person, and speaking with many scholar/educators, often authors I have already read, is so



**Reenactor Attendee**



**Reenactor Color Guard**



**Reenactor Bugler**



**Reenactors**



**Harold Holtzer, Director  
and  
Signage Person**

enjoyable and educational for us who are pulled toward CWRTs and like groups.

What surprises me is that others from our round table do not attend or are familiar with this jewel of an event. Others come from many parts of the country that require some extensive travel. It is fun talking with them. We are lucky, having it close by. Met in person Rich Rosenthal from the northern New Jersey CWRT last year there.

On the downside, they set up a bookstore and other vendors in the hotel, all of the speakers' and many other notable books are on sale, so close to our grasp. Yes, I came home with more books, again. Two years ago, I also ordered a mounted black and white photo of the Lincoln Memorial I found particularly moving. As they say, it spoke to me. It is mounted on the wall of my home office.





**Craig Symonds  
accepting his award**

If you elect to take the time and head to Gettysburg Park, the next day after the forum, there is a ceremony recounting that historic event which includes the reading of Lincoln's pearl and other related events at the park. Last year Lincoln's words were sung by a choral group. For the past thirteen years it has included the swearing in ceremony of new naturalized citizens of our country, never been to one live.

Now, the Important question, how costly is the scholarly retreat? The forum is \$400. Not a regal sum but not "throw away" change for most. It does include three nice meals for two full days and dinner the first evening. The hotel is additional; it is a typical mid-range hotel rate of approximately \$150 per night.

I recommend this event to any in our civil war community. I look forward to seeing other Old Baldy members there in November 2025.



**Part of the Spectators**



**The Swearing in of New Citizens**

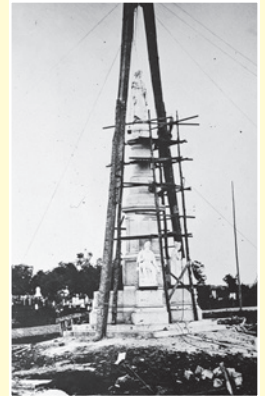
**Memorial Wreaths  
placed at the base  
of the  
Soldiers' National  
Monument**



## **Soldiers' National Monument**

**Construction of the  
Memorial in 1869**

GMNP



### **Soldiers' National Monument**

Designed by sculptor Randolph Rogers. Around the base are four figures representing "Plenty, History, War, Peace" and on the top is "The Genius of Liberty" and two thirds up the main shaft are 18 stars which represents the Union states who fought at Gettysburg. This is the second oldest memorial on the battlefield and was completed in 1869  
Location: National Cemetery  
Dedicated: July 1869



**"The Genius  
of Liberty"**



**"Plenty"**

**"Peace"**

**"History"**

**"War"**



# Mid-Atlantic Battlefields Under Threat!

by Kim Weaver  
OBCWRT Member

It is one thing to read about history in books; it's quite another to walk the fields where brave men fought and died for their cause. By hiking a battlefield, you will see a landscape very much like the one experienced by soldiers during their armed conflict. Once the land has been destroyed by the bulldozer, that is no longer possible. The American Battlefield Trust is actively engaged in legal battles and public advocacy to overturn the rezoning decisions at the Wilderness and Manassas battlefields. To donate, sign a petition, or to learn more, please visit [battlefields.org](http://battlefields.org).

## **The Wilderness Battlefield - Orange, Virginia**

Site of the opening battle in May 1864 of Ulysses S. Grant's sustained offensive against Robert E. Lee and the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, known as the Overland Campaign. Of the roughly 162,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who clashed in "the dark, close wood," some 29,000 would be counted as casualties. Neither side could claim a victory. The Battle of the Wilderness is preserved as part of the Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park.

**Proposed project:** Wilderness Crossing, a 2,600-acre mixed-use development that could add up to 5,000 residential units, and over 800 acres of commercial and industrial development, including nearly 750 acres of data centers and distribution warehouses within the historic boundaries of the battlefield. Because of the proposed project, the Wilderness Battlefield was named one of the country's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2024.

**Current status:** The Orange County Board of Supervisors approved-despite overwhelming public opposition-site rezoning from agricultural and industrial to mixed-use allowing the mega-development to move forward. A lawsuit to challenge the rezoning was filed against (defendants) Orange County, its Board, and the owners of the Wilderness Crossing site by the (plaintiffs) American Battlefield Trust, Central Virginia Battlefields Trust Inc., Friends of Wilderness Battlefield and local homeowners. The defendants have asked a judge to dismiss the case. A hearing is scheduled for March 21st.



### **Manassas National Battlefield Park - Manassas, Virginia**

Site of two major battles, both Confederate victories. Bull Run, or First Manassas, took place on July 21, 1861, the first major battle of the Civil War. Under pressure from President Lincoln to end the war in 90 days, the Union's Brig. Gen. Irvin McDowell embarked on a campaign to capture the Confederate capital in Richmond, but his troops were stopped at Bull Run by P.G.T. Beauregard's Rebel forces. Roughly 60,000 soldiers engaged with some 5,000 casualties. Second Bull Run, August 28-30, 1862, saw Maj. Gen. John Pope and his Union forces sacked by Gen. Lee's army. The Federals were kept from Washington and Lee was able to get his forces across the Potomac River and begin the first invasion of the North. 125,000 troops engaged with an estimated 21,000 casualties.

**Proposed project:** Prince William Digital Gateway, what would be the largest data center campus in the world surrounded by hallowed ground preserved by the American Battlefield Trust and Manassas National Battlefield Park. Sprawled across more than 2,000 acres, the campus would be home to 37 data centers roughly the equivalent of 144 Walmart Supercenters. The center would require 14 on-site electrical substations for operation.

**Current status:** The Prince William Board of Supervisors approved rezoning of more than 2,000 acres of rural land to industrial allowing the Digital Gateway to move forward. The American Battlefield Trust joined nine local residents in filing a lawsuit that asks the Circuit Court for Prince William County to overturn the rezoning and halt construction of the data center. Hearing date anticipated.



What is a data center? Every time someone hits the internet or uploads a short video to Instagram, they are relying on the efficiency and reliability of a data center. These huge warehouses, which can typically have a footprint of over 100,000 square feet each and reach 90 feet tall, store computers' processing equipment, internet servers and data drives. The centers use massive amounts of water and electricity. Northern Virginia is home to 70% of the world's data centers.

**David Duncan, president of the American Battlefield Trust, on the proliferation of large-scale developments, including data centers and mixed-use projects that would forever alter our sacred sites. "It is important to remember that development and preservation need not be mutually exclusive. Thoughtful policy and land-use decisions can result in thriving communities that embrace technology and economic growth while respecting the unique historic and environmental resources that cannot be moved."**



Park Day allows the American Battlefield Trust to cast a spotlight on beloved American landscapes nationwide. Projects will keep historic sites and battlefields clean, open and accessible for the enjoyment of all – this year, Park Day projects included painting signs, garden maintenance, trash and leaf removal, marker clean-up, trail and fence building and more. Looking for a way to get involved in the 29th Annual Park Day? Please visit [battlefields.org](http://battlefields.org) and search the interactive map to find volunteer activities near you!



# "New Jersey at Gettysburg" (Monuments)

Don Wiles  
OBCWRT Member  
Photos



**1st New Jersey Artillery  
(Battery A)  
"Hexamer's"  
Artillery Reserve - USA  
Fourth Volunteer Brigade**  
Major William Hexamer (Illness NAG)  
Lieutenant Augustin N. Parsons  
(6 - 10-pdr Parrotts)  
Engaged: 98 Casualties: 9  
Location: Hancock Avenue (South)  
Dedicated: June 1888



**1st New Jersey Artillery  
(Battery B)  
Third Corps - USA  
Second Division - Artillery Brigade**  
Captain Adoniram J. Clark  
Lieutenant Robert Sims  
(6 - 10-pdr Parrotts)  
Engaged: 131 Casualties: 20  
Location: Sickles Avenue  
Dedicated: June 1888

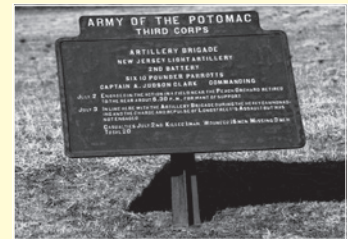
*The Number one gun was referred to as "Old Betsey" do to her reliability.*



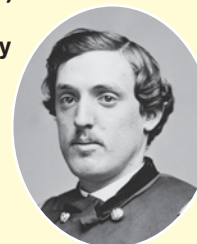
**4th New Jersey Infantry  
(3 Companies A,C,H - 6th Corps, 1st Division,  
Provost Guard  
7 Companies B,D,E,F,G,I,K - Reserve Artillery  
Train Guard  
Sixth Corps - USA  
First Division**  
Major Charles Ewing  
Engaged: 359 Casualties: 0  
Location: Granite Schoolhouse Lane  
Dedicated: June 1888

**1st New Jersey Cavalry  
(9 Companies)  
(Company L - 6th Corps Headquarters,  
2 Companies E,G - Washington, DC NAG)  
Cavalry Corps - USA  
Second Division - First Brigade**  
Major Myron H. Beaumont  
Engaged: 199 Casualties: 9  
Location: Gregg Avenue (ECF)  
Dedicated: July 1888

**1st New Jersey Artillery  
(Battery B) (Second Battery)  
Third Corps - USA  
Second Division - Artillery Brigade**  
Captain A. Judson Clark  
Lieutenant Robert Sims  
(6 - 10-pdr Parrotts)  
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**ARMY OF THE POTOMAC  
THIRD CORPS ARTILLERY RESERVE  
NEW JERSEY LIGHT ARTILLERY  
2ND BATTERY  
SIX 10 POUNDER PARROTTS  
CAPTAIN A. JUDSON CLARK  
COMMANDING**  
JULY 2 ENGAGED IN THE ACTION IN  
A FIELD NEAR THE PEACH ORCHARD  
RETIRED TO THE REAR ABOUT 6.30  
P.M. FOR WANT OF SUPPORT.  
JULY 3 IN LINE HERE WITH THE  
ARTILLERY BRIGADE DURING  
THE HEAVY CANNONADING AND  
THE CHARGE AND REPULSE OF  
LONGSTREET'S ASSAULT BUT WAS  
NOT ENGAGE..  
CASUALTIES JULY 2ND KILLED 1 MAN.  
WOUNDED 16 MEN. MISSING 3 MEN.  
TOTAL 20.

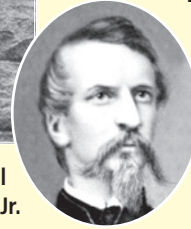


Major Charles Ewing



**Brigadier General  
Alfred Thomas Archimedes Torbert**  
LOC

**New Jersey Brigade  
Sixth Corps - USA  
First Division - First Brigade**  
Brigadier General Alfred T. A. Torbert  
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 15th New Jersey  
Engaged: 1609 Casualties: 11  
Location: Sedgwick Avenue  
Dedicated: June 1888



**Major General  
Phillip Kearny, Jr.**  
LOC

**1st, 2nd, 3rd and 15th New Jersey  
Left, Center and Right Flank Markers**  
Positioned along the Torbert Brigade Stone  
Wall

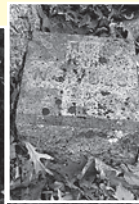
1st NJ RF



1st NJ LF  
15th NJ RF



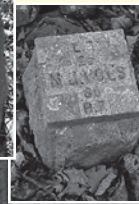
2nd NJ RF  
15th NJ CF



15th NJ LF



3rd NJ RF  
2nd NJ LF



3rd NJ LF



**Torbert's Brigade Stone Walls**

**(George Weikert Farm Boundary Stone Wall)**

Used as Union Defense works on July 2, 3, 4, 5, 1863. This stone wall separates various farm fields of the George Weikert Farm and is approximate 1520 feet in Length.  
Location: Sedgwick Avenue  
Built: 1800



**New Jersey Memorial Bench**  
The only Civil War Centennial Memorial on the battlefield and placed by the State of New Jersey  
Location: Sedgwick Avenue  
(New Jersey Brigade Monument)  
Dedicated: July 1963

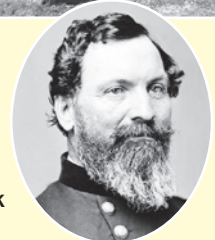


Sixth Army Corps  
USA  
Emblem



**1st New Jersey Cavalry  
(Company L  
Assigned Sixth Corps  
Headquarters)**  
(No Monument)

**4th New Jersey Infantry  
(3 Companies A,C,H - Assigned  
Sixth Corps  
Provost Guard)**  
(No Monument)  
Captain William R. Maxwell  
Engaged: NA Casualties: NA  
Location: Sedgwick Avenue  
Erected: 1921



**Major General  
John Sedgwick  
"Uncle John"**  
LOC





**5th New Jersey Infantry**  
**Third Corps - USA**  
**Second Division - Third Brigade**  
 Colonel William J. Sewell (W)  
 Captain Thomas C. Godfrey  
 Captain Henry H. Woolsey (W)  
 Engaged: 206 Casualties: 94  
 Location: Emmitsburg Road  
 Dedicated: June 1888



**6th New Jersey Infantry**  
**Third Corps - USA**  
**Second Division - Third Brigade**  
 Lieutenant Colonel Stephen R. Gilkyson  
 Engaged: 207 Casualties: 41  
 Location: Crawford Avenue  
 Dedicated: June 1888



**6th New Jersey Infantry**  
 Left and Right  
 Flank Markers



**7th New Jersey Infantry**  
**Third Corps - USA**  
**Second Division - Third Brigade**  
 Colonel Louis R. Francine (MW)  
 Major Frederick Cooper  
 Engaged: 275 Casualties: 114  
 Location: Sickles Avenue  
 Dedicated: June 1888



**Minie Ball**  
**(Bullet)**

The most common and destructive bullet use during the Civil War was the Minie Ball. It was designed by Claude Etienne Minie of France. The bullet was made of soft lead which allowed the grooves to expand and follow the grooves (rifling) in the barrel of the rifle. This caused the bullet to go further and straighter and because of the soft lead caused severe damage to the human body.



**8th New Jersey Infantry**  
**Third Corps - USA**  
**Second Division - Third Brigade**  
 Colonel John Ramsey (W)  
 Captain John G. Langston  
 Engaged: 170 Casualties: 40  
 Location: DeTrobriand Avenue  
 Dedicated: June 1888



**8th New Jersey Infantry**  
 Left and Right Flank Markers



**Colonel**  
**Louis Raymond Francine (MW)**  
 USAMHI





**Witness Tree**  
**at the 8th New Jersey Site**  
 (The tree has since been destroyed by a storm and removed.)  
 Location: DeTroband Avenue



**Was This the Tree?**  
 The Confederates began forcing two regiments of Burling's brigade to retreat. During the withdrawal, the Eighth New Jersey's flag became caught in the branches of a tree, delaying the retreat until the flag was free.



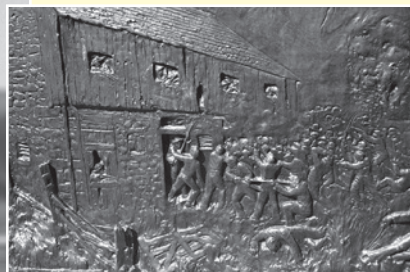
**11th New Jersey Infantry**  
**Third Corps - USA**  
**Second Division - Third Brigade**  
 Colonel Robert McAllister (W)  
 Captain Luther Martin (W)  
 Lieutenant John Schoonover (W)  
 Captain William H Loyd (W)  
 Captain Samuel T. Sleeper  
 Engaged: 275 Casualties: 153  
 Location: Emmitsburg Road  
 Dedicated: June 1888



**11th New Jersey Infantry**  
 Left and Right Flank Markers



**"Buck and Ball"**



**12th New Jersey Infantry**  
 Left and Right Flank Markers

**12th New Jersey Infantry**  
**"Buck and Ball"**  
**Second Corps - USA**  
**Third Division - Second Brigade**  
 Major John T. Hill  
 Engaged: 444 Casualties: 115  
 Location: Hancock Avenue (North)  
 Dedicated: May 1886







**William Bliss House Site**  
Location: Bliss Farm Site

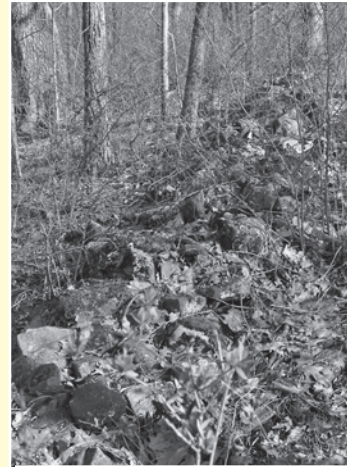
**Long Lane**  
The Farm Trace into the Bliss Farm Site



**12th New Jersey Infantry**  
**"Buck and Ball Regiment"**  
(Advance Position Marker - July 2)  
Second Corps - USA  
Third Division - Second Brigade  
Major John T. Hill  
Engaged: 444 Casualties: 115  
Location: Bliss Farm Site  
Dedicated: July 1888



*Considered the most beautiful carved monument from one stone on the Battlefield*



**13th New Jersey Stone Wall and Breastworks**

This wall and Breastworks was partially constructed by the 13th New Jersey Infantry on July 2-3, 1863. The 13th fought for 14 hours in this location.

There is not much of the wall and breastworks that still exist.

Location: Carman Avenue  
Built: 1863



**13th New Jersey Infantry**  
Left and Right Flank Markers



**13th New Jersey Infantry**  
Companies C and I  
Left Flank Marker

**13th New Jersey Infantry**  
**"Carman's Regiment"**  
Twelfth Corps - USA  
First Division - Third Brigade  
Colonel Ezra A. Carman  
Engaged: 347 Casualties: 21  
Location: Carman Avenue  
Dedicated: July 1887

**13th New Jersey Stone Wall and Breastworks**  
The wall and Breastworks viewed from the South side of Rock Creek. There is not much of the wall and breastworks that still exist.

Location: Carman Avenue  
Built: 1863





**FOB Welcomes  
New Members  
and  
Awards**



**Bob Fallon  
20-year pin**



**Tom Donnelly  
Philadelphia**

**Schedule of Old Baldy CWRT  
Speakers and Activities  
for 2025**

**April 10, 2025 - Thursday  
Ron Kirkwood**

**“Tell Mother Not to Worry: Soldier Stories From  
Gettysburg’s George Spangler Farm”**

**May 8, 2025 - Thursday  
Walt Lafty**

**“The Battle of Stones River”**

**June 12, 2025 - Thursday  
Steven Stotelmyer**

**“From Frederick to Sharpsburg: People, Places,  
and Events of the Maryland Campaign  
Before Antietam”**

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