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Announcing Our 491st Meeting

"To Antietam Creek: The Maryland Campaign of 1862"

Will be Presented by D. Scott Hartwig

DATE: Saturday, March 8

Location: Big Spring Country Club

COCKTAILS: 6:00 P.M.

DINNER (\$25.00): 7:00 P.M.

PROGRAM: 8:00 P.M.

Meet Our Speaker - D. Scott Hartwig

D. Scott Hartwig recently retired after a 34-year career in the National Park Service. The last 20 years of his career he served as Gettysburg's supervisory historian. He won the regional Freeman Tilden Award for excellence in interpretation in 1993, and was fundamental in the growth of Gettysburg's on-site interpretation and living history programming, distance and satellite education efforts, and a key player for the design of all aspects of the new Gettysburg museum/visitor center. Additionally, he has authored numerous articles, essays and books on Civil War subjects, and has appeared on the History Channel, Discovery Channel and Pennsylvania Cable Network. He is also the author of *To Antietam Creek: The Maryland Campaign from September 3 to September 16*, published in September 2012 by Johns Hopkins University Press.

To Antietam Creek: The Maryland Campaign of 1862

'To Antietam Creek, the Maryland Campaign of 1862', will explore four key topics that shaped the course of this pivotal campaign; why did Lee invade Maryland in September 1862, what were the relative strengths and weaknesses of the two armies and how did they influence the campaign; did McClellan fail to act decisively after the discovery of Special Orders 191, and why, when his campaign seemed to have collapsed in failure, did Lee choose to stand and fight at Antietam?

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RESERVATIONS: Call Doug Krawczyk (502-425-0325) to place your reservations. If you are making reservations for more than just yourself, please give the names of the others. If you leave your reservation on his answering machine, please spell out your name so he can correctly identify you. You can also make your reservation by e-mail by sending it to bryanw@macconstruction.com. Please call or email **no later than Wednesday, March 5**, by noon. If you wish to join us just for the program, please call and make a reservation so that we can provide you with a chair. If you are only coming for the program, you can call Doug anytime up to 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Reminder for Table Reservations: We can reserve tables for parties of **eight** only, and we need you to provide us with the names of all the people in your party when you make the reservation. This will enable us to manage our meeting space in a more efficient manner. Thank you.

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More Details About the Spring Field Trip

We will be going to Tennessee for the spring field trip to study John Bell Hood's 1864 campaign. The dates of the trip will be April 2 - April 6. Our guide will be Thomas Cartwright who has made the Middle Tennessee campaign his life's work. We will do a short tour of Fort Donelson on the way down with Greg Biggs as our guide. Your reservation fee of \$200 is now past due. Total cost for the trip is projected to be \$350 per person for tour and bus ride; \$330 for tour only; and \$60 - no bus or tour.

Here is a partial agenda:

Wednesday- April 2nd : Travel to Ft. Donelson for an overview presented by Greg Biggs. After the tour, go to Country Inn & Suites Cool Springs, Franklin, TN and check in.

Thursday, April 3rd : Thomas Cartwright will focus on the Battle of Spring Hill, including troop movements before and after the battle as well as other points of interest.

Friday, April 4th: Finish Spring Hill and then examine the Battle of Franklin. Again, Thomas has several sites to visit and discuss.

Saturday, April 5th: This day will concentrate on events in Nashville in the aftermath of Franklin and general overview of Nashville throughout the war.

Sunday, April 6th : Return home.

Our guide has obtained permission for us to access several private sites normally not available. Bryan is going to schedule a pre-trip meeting/presentation for everyone going on the tour at Big Springs and will let everyone know when it is scheduled. We need deposit money from those who have not yet paid.

Field Trip Pictures Needed for Quiz!

Please send or bring to Bryan Winslow your pictures for the field trip picture quiz. Bryan's email address is Bryanw@macconstruction.com. The more pictures we get, the better the quiz. Please make sure the pictures you send have **people** in them.

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Bourbon and BBQ Will Return June 14!

Once again the Louisville Civil War Round Table will hold a Bourbon and BBQ fund raiser event. This year's will be held at the Art Boerner's lovely home on the Ohio River on Saturday, June 14 beginning at 4:00. Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting. Spaces are limited! There will be a special bourbon tasting presentation by Mike Veach of the Filson Historical Society. This year we will feature small batch and craft whiskies. Mike will have his bestselling book "Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey: An American Heritage" available for purchase and autograph! Also, Dixie Hibbs, Bardstown historian, will speak on distilleries in Nelson County. We will have our usual great food featuring BBQ ribs, brisket and pulled pork with sides, desserts, sauces etc. Cost is \$40 per person for members of the Round Table. For non-members the cost will be \$50 per person and non-member reservations will not be available until after May 10. Don't delay, sign up as soon as possible and pay your fee. This is the only way to guarantee your reservation. The last two BBQ and Bourbon events sold out and we had to turn people away so act now!

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2014 Schedule

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| Saturday | March 8 | Scott Hartwig | To Antietam Creek: the Maryland Campaign of 1862" |
| Saturday | April 12 | Anne Marshall | "Kentucky After the Civil War" |
| Saturday | May 10 | Kristina Johnson | "South Carolinians at Gettysburg" |
| Saturday | September 13 | Jack Davis | "The Lies of Loreta Velasquez" |
| Saturday | October 11 | Jeffrey Wert | "TBA" |
| Sunday | November 16 | Bud Robertson | "TBA" |

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Winners of the February Door Prizes

Congratulations to our door prize winners at the February meeting.

Vicksburg

Chancellorsville

20th Maine

Country in Danger

The 1st Day at Gettysburg

by Michael Ballard

by E. Furgurson

by John Pullen

by Richard Thompson

Ed. Gary Gallagher

won by Brenda Posey

won by Len Gross

won by Jean Marlowe

won by John Thomas

won by Maria Fernandez

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February 2014 Quiz:

1. How did Union recruiters get around European neutrality laws as they recruited Europeans for the Union Army?

The recruiters used the lure of enlistment bounties, but were very careful to advise potential soldiers that they could be hired only as laborers while in Europe but were free to enlist once they arrived in the United States.

2. Why was the distillation of whisky forbidden in the Federal Department of the Ohio early in 1864?
Grain had become very scarce and was needed elsewhere.

3. In February 1864 there was a large escape from Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia. Who organized the escape, how was it done, how many escaped, and what happened to them?

The escape was engineered and led by Colonel Thomas E. Rose of Pennsylvania. 109 Federal officers escaped through a tunnel. Of these 59 eventually reached Federal lines, 48 were recaptured and two drowned. Colonel Rose was one of those captured a short distance from Union lines. He was later exchanged because he was deemed too dangerous to keep. Many of the prisoners at Libby were sent to Andersonville Prison in Georgia.

4. When Major General William T. Sherman's troops captured Meridian, Mississippi in 1864, they destroyed warehouses, arsenals, hotels, hospitals, depots, supplies, including how many miles of railroads, how many bridges, and how many locomotives?

They destroyed about 115 miles of railroads, 61 bridges and 20 locomotives.

5. What happened on February 17, 1864 that still makes news today?

The USS Housatonic was sunk by the CSS H. L. Hunley off the coast of Charleston, S.C. The Hunley remains in the news.

March 2014 Quiz:

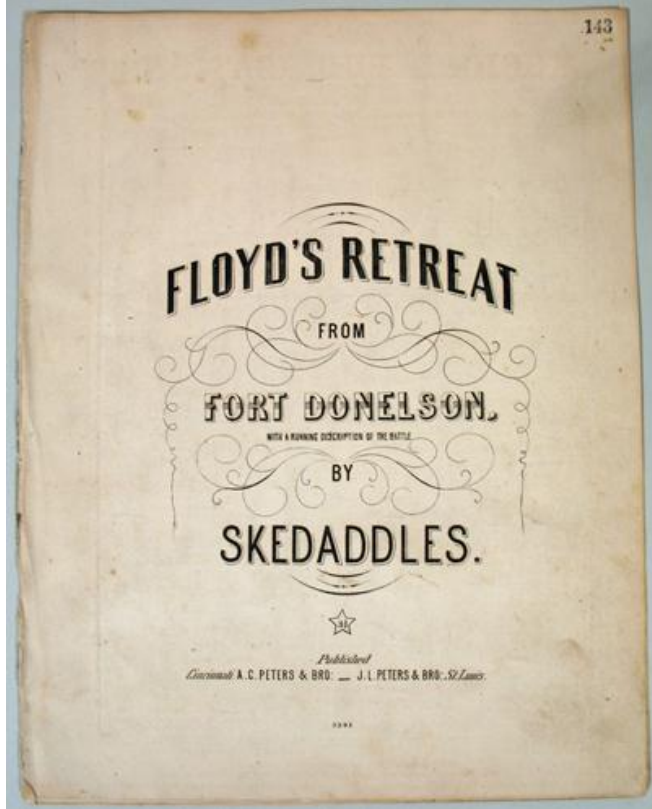
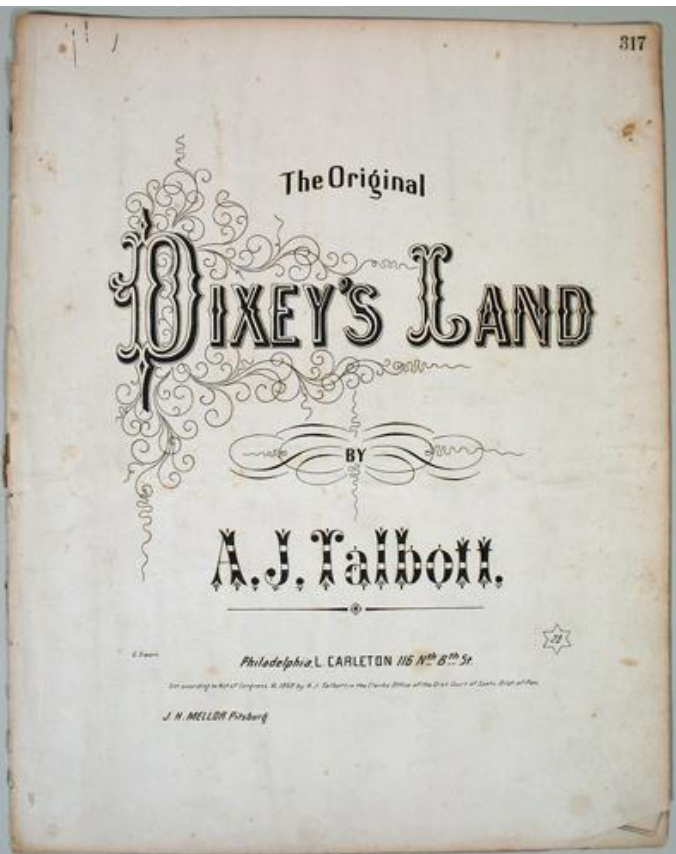
1. When Abraham Lincoln was elected president, the mayor of an American city proposed that the city secede from the United States and become a free city. Name the mayor and his city.

2. In 1896 newspaper correspondent George Alfred Townsend erected a memorial arch to Civil War journalists and artists on his South Mountain estate in Maryland and personally selected the first names to be engraved on it. How many war correspondents and artists did he select?

3. A war correspondent for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* wrote a story unfavorably depicting Union General George G. Meade. Who was the reporter? What did Meade do? What was the end result?

4. What Northern officer was both a general in the U.S. Army and an admiral in the U.S. Navy?

5. What was the real name of the violent Confederate captain who called himself "Charlie Hart"?
(The Quiz is prepared by Harriette Weatherbee)



Sheet Music to be Auctioned!

These three pieces of rare and original sheet music will be available for you to bid on at our next meeting. Silent bidding will start in February and run till May. The starting bids are: \$25 for the Star Spangled Banner of the Free, \$30 for the Floyd's Retreat, and \$30 for Dixey's Land. Final bids will be taken at 8 PM at the May meeting. Floyd's Retreat is in a number of library collections and we will be there on our April field trip. Sheet music based on a specific battle seems to be of interest to collectors, as is sheet music with color graphics such as the Star Spangled Banner of the Free. The Dixey's Land sheet music is pre-Civil War and does not seem to be a common version.

150 Years Ago Sunday, Feb 23: Confederate Submarine Made History.

On a moonlight night 150 years ago February in the Civil War, the hand-cranked Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley launched from its moorings on the South Carolina coast and into the history books. It was to become the first submarine ever to sink an enemy warship. On Feb. 17, 1864, the Hunley sank the Union ship Housatonic as the Confederates desperately tried to break the Civil War blockade then strangling Charleston. While the Housatonic sank, so did the Hunley. The combat saw the submarine crew set off a black powder charge at the end of a 200-pound spar, sinking the ship before the sub itself went down. The remains of the eight-member Hunley crew would be recovered more than a century later. In April of 2004, thousands of men in Confederate gray and Union blue — as well as women in black hoop skirts and veils — walked in a procession with the crew's coffins from Charleston's waterfront in what was called the last Confederate funeral.

150 Years Ago Sunday, March 9: Ulysses S. Grant Takes Command of all Union Armies.

On March 10, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed papers promoting Maj. General Ulysses S. Grant to the rank of lieutenant general of the U.S. Army, formally handing Grant command over the entire Union army. The promotion by Lincoln allowed a key distinction that Grant was in charge as general-in-chief of the armies of the United States. By this time in the Civil War, Grant had won fame for victories in western Tennessee and triumph at Vicksburg, Miss., cutting the Confederacy in two. The Union victories around the same time in July 1863 at Vicksburg and Gettysburg would mark a turning point in the war. In the weeks ahead, Grant would send forces to drive through the South while he sought to crush Confederate Robert E. Lee's forces with the Union's Army of the Potomac. The New York Times, in reporting March 15 on the promotion of Grant, said the Army of the Potomac was expected to be reorganized for fighting ahead by being remade into three corps. "The country will look anxiously for speedy and happy results as the consequence of these fundamental changes in command," the newspaper said.

Civil War Trust Announces Plan to Save 45 Acres at South Mountain

(Washington, D.C.) - Early on September 14, 1862, five North Carolina regiments under General Samuel Garland, Jr. hunkered down behind a stone wall at Fox's Gap in South Mountain. Shortly after dawn, General Jacob Cox's division of the Union Ninth Corps advanced toward their position, threatening to push the Tar Heels out of the gap and, more importantly, threatening Robert E. Lee's perilously sprawling army. Garland's stiff resistance forced the Yankees to deploy the balance of the Ninth Corps. Additional Confederate brigades joined the fight, waging a day-long defense that claimed the lives of two generals, Union General Jesse L. Reno and the Confederate commander, General Garland. Though forced to withdraw, the Confederates bought Lee valuable time to mass his army near Sharpsburg, setting the stage for the bloodiest single day in American history - the Battle of Antietam. The Civil War Trust now has the opportunity to preserve a key portion of Fox's Gap, where some of the heaviest fighting of the battle occurred. Virtually surrounded by preserved land, this 45.5-acre tract represents a significant "donut hole" in the South Mountain battlefield—one the Trust has been anxious to preserve for many years. With your support, we can now complete and protect this part of South Mountain for future generations. Help Save South Mountain!

Attest:**John Davis
Adjutant****By Order of:****Doug Krawczyk
President**