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ABOVE: The Smith Granite Company delivering the 1st Massachusetts monument, crated, 1886 on Emmitsburg Road, looking south (background barn is part of the Rogers farm demolished by the park in the 1930s). LEFT: The monument today.
This past April, the Gettysburg Foundation issued a press release announcing my retirement at the end of the fiscal year—September 30, 2016. Therefore, as I sit and write my last newsletter column, I wish I could sit down with each one of you face-to-face, and share a cup of coffee to say goodbye and thank you personally. I’ve gotten to know so many familiar faces over the last 5½ years—from musters, from work days, from First Corps events, from membership mixers, from seeing you volunteer, and from many of you just stopping me and saying hi. You have made me feel a part of this incredible family we call the Friends.

It has been an extraordinary time for me in Gettysburg, but the Foundation is about to embark on several new multi-year projects; it is a good time to transition. I have no plans at the moment except to retire to my home in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, and be open to whatever God has in store for me.

Each of you has touched upon the successes of the Foundation during my tenure either directly, indirectly, or through encouragement and advice—and for that I am grateful. Your caring and your dedication to our mission has made my job easier and has given me inspiration and energy.

It is only together, that we have had so many accomplishments over the last 5½ years. It is only because of YOU that we are able to look back with pride at the following successes:

- Purchase, painting, and operations of the Gettysburg Lincoln Railroad Station;
- Purchase of the Armory;
- Rehabilitation and grand opening of the new cannon carriage shop at the Armory;
- Rehabilitation of the George Spangler Farm including demolition of non-historic structures, rehabilitation of summer kitchen, reconstruction of smokehouse, and restoration of the barn, all of which were special projects by Friends and others;
- Development of an interpretive plan for the George Spangler Farm, institution of summer interpretive programming with visitor shuttles, and special volunteer docents from the ranks of our Friends;
- Successful planning and implementation of the 150th anniversary and associated events with NPS and community partners;
- Successful weekend-long celebration of the Friends 25th anniversary in 2014;
- Hosting colleagues from other Friends groups around the country at the 2015 Fall Friends Alliance gathering;
- Our five-year strategic plan for the Gettysburg Foundation approved in 2014;
- Informative, professional, and impressive annual reports for the Foundation beginning in 2011 and continuing today;
• The planning and development of the Spotlight Exhibit area in the free area of the museum, which changes every six months;

• The planning and opening of the Treasures of the Civil War Exhibit in the Gilder Lehrman Special Exhibits Gallery from 2013 – 2016, and the planning and opening of the Art of the Civil War Exhibit in the Gallery from 2016 – 2019;

• Starting the Gettysburg Foundation youth leadership and education program especially for underserved and underrepresented school districts in inner city and rural areas—Education 150;

• The successful reinvigoration of the Guardians’ Society, of which many of you are members;

• Demolition of the cyclorama and old visitor center parking lots on Cemetery Ridge—and the planned rehabilitation of the Cyclorama parking lot later this year;

• Membership and Development events around the country where you welcomed Superintendent Clark and me with smiles, open arms, and refreshments;

• A very special relationship with the Civil War Museum of Philadelphia and the signing of an agreement which will ensure the protection of thousands of priceless artifacts here in Gettysburg for generations to come;

• Building and painting fences, painting barns, removing brush, and tending the Sherfy House garden;

• And many other, smaller projects that don’t get a lot of publicity, but that are equally important to the park and its special resources, including but not limited to: providing funding for the cultural landscape report of Day One of the battle; for the cleaning of the statue of Winged Victory atop the Pennsylvania Memorial; for rehabilitation of the Lincoln Speech Memorial; for teacher conferences, student visits, and student exchange programs; and many others.

What I will miss most about the job are the people. I will miss seeing you—our Friends members—several times a year at our events. I will miss our dynamic and dedicated volunteers and staff at the Foundation, along with my partners at the NPS. I will also miss living in the magical town of Gettysburg, and most of all will cherish the time spent with friends. I feel so blessed to have had this chapter of Gettysburg in my life.

Gettysburg continues to plant seeds of inspiration and courage to do great things around the country. Do not forget how special you are and what a difference you make. You are looked up to by many Friends groups at other national parks which one day aspire to “be like the Friends of Gettysburg.” Our partnership with the National Park Service, the projects accomplished at our annual volunteer work day, and the ability to rally the support of thousands of people who love the park are the dream of other park superintendents. Friends make it happen.

Thank you for all you have done for us over the years. I hope you will continue to support the Gettysburg Foundation and the Friends of Gettysburg, as I know I will. As you finish reading this letter, know that I hold each of you in my heart as I say farewell, not goodbye.
MAKING NEW Connections

Why celebrate 100 years of national parks? It’s simple. We’re asking people to discover their parks and make new connections because these places matter. America’s national parks are beautiful, emotional places. Places like Gettysburg National Military Park, Flight 93 National Memorial, and the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail tell us more about who we are and help us understand history. Many parks are natural wonders that offer scenic getaways, wildlife viewing and other adventures. The National Park Service Centennial is about celebration, discovery, and making new connections.

Doors Open Gettysburg, the Gettysburg BioBlitz, Eisenhower’s Presidential Paint and Wine Nights, and our arts programming are just a few of the Centennial programs held to date, and they have been tremendously successful in engaging new audiences and showcasing stewardship responsibilities in the parks.

Art is a fundamental way that people connect with the parks. Gettysburg’s new Artists-in-Residence programs are connecting with our local community and with artists and the arts community across the country. The program is by far the fastest growing program in the more than 50 Artists-in-Residence programs nationally. By focusing on arts programs, we can find new expressions of the park experience and find fresh perspectives that showcase the meaning of the parks.

Our challenge is always to continue to work on making new connections with our visitors. The lessons of leadership, bravery, conduct, recovery, and resilience that can be learned on the battlefield at Gettysburg, in the cemetery, and at the Eisenhower farm are lessons that have value in our lives—from the first grade right on through adulthood. We’re overflowing with inspiring stories—arts programming helps us make those connections.

Our vision is to provide memorable experiences at Gettysburg and Eisenhower national parks for our visitors so that when they leave, they tell others to come here, and tell their sons and daughters how important these places are. We can't preserve these parks for future generations all on our own. We need to create the next generation of park visitors, supporters, and advocates.

We hope you have been here for some of these events, and that you'll come see us during the rest of the summer to enjoy these Centennial programs:
Centennial PROGRAMS

August 5 . . . First Friday Event: “Inspired by Gettysburg” – At the Gettysburg Lincoln Railroad Station from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Light refreshments.


August 25 . . . National Park Service Founders Day – Celebrate the 100th birthday of the National Park Service at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center.


August 27 . . . Centennial “Farm-to-Table” Event – At Eisenhower National Historic Site. Celebrate the National Park Service Centennial with a memorable meal and dining experience, incorporating local produce and recipes. For tickets, please call (877) 874-2478 or go to GettysburgFoundation.org.

September 2 . . . First Friday Event: “Inspired by Gettysburg” – At the Gettysburg Lincoln Railroad Station from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Light refreshments.

For more information, visit www.nps.gov/gett and www.nps.gov/eise
NEW CIVIL WAR ART EXHIBIT


The Civil War led to a groundswell of artistic expression. This includes immediate impressions expressed artistically by soldiers, views of the conflict captured by artists working as correspondents, and paintings, sculptures, and folk art produced in the post-war era. Looking through eyes of artists provides yet another angle from which to study the Civil War.

Some pieces of the exhibit are on display for the first time, so don’t miss this opportunity! Admission to the exhibit is included with the purchase of a Museum Experience ticket, which is a benefit of Friends of Gettysburg membership.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL BALL

Join Gettysburg National Military Park in celebrating their Centennial with an elegant Civil War Ball sponsored by the Gettysburg Foundation at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center on Friday, August 26 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. This event will help raise money for the preservation of historic Civil War battlefields including Monocacy, Antietam, Gettysburg, and Harpers Ferry. Gettysburg Foundation member tickets are $25.00 for an individual, all others $30.00 for an individual, $55.00 for couples. For tickets, please call Gettysburg Foundation reservations at 877-874-2478 or visit our website at www.gettysburgfoundation.org to reserve your ticket today.

This early 19th century military “cheesebox” canteen may have been carried by a confederate soldier and painted by the soldier to pass the time or as a reminiscence of wartime service. This piece, along with other Civil War art, is on display in the new exhibit.
When the National Park Service was established in 1916, a national military park was certainly not slated for inclusion in the agency’s holdings. Administered since its creation in 1895 by the United States War Department, a commission of aged Civil War veterans had overseen the management and development of Gettysburg National Military Park as a memorial to the armies that fought this momentous battle in 1863. The park was a base for military study and training, and the cemetery a place to contemplate the human toll of the battle. As the last of the commissioners passed away, the park was left to support an aging infrastructure of inadequate avenues and its vast collection of monuments, memorials, and battlefield markers. The financial collapse of 1929 and subsequent Great Depression forced the War Department to limit funds necessary to manage this significant battleground. Legislative efforts in Congress to transfer this and other military parks to the National Park Service languished until June 10, 1933, when President Franklin Roosevelt issued an executive order that transferred Gettysburg National Military Park to administration by the National Park Service. What lay ahead was a daunting task. At first, park officials believed that “the Park was completed” with the exception of critical maintenance issues in the park and national cemetery. These could be corrected only through a series of rehabilitation projects that would transition these areas to the way we see the park today. Many of the War Department-era adornments were removed and park avenues improved for modern traffic. The cemetery underwent a massive landscape transformation and entrance stations were constructed on two of the main roads into Gettysburg. By 1938, the National Park Service presence was notable in the park and in the Federal building that housed park offices on Baltimore Street in Gettysburg, where a handful of park employees greeted visitors and provided information on how to see the park. Was the park as complete in 1934 as the former superintendent asserted? In general terms, yes; but in a larger sense, no.

Though every unit that composed the Army of the Potomac and the Army of Northern Virginia was honored with bronze markers in the park, state memorials were primarily from northern states with only three southern states represented to remember the service of their native sons at Gettysburg. Underfunded schedules resulted in deferred maintenance of the monuments and significant historic buildings on park land. These intricately important elements that characterized Gettysburg were in dire need of attention as the 100th anniversary of the Civil War approached.

The National Park Service prepared for a national observance spread over four years with events to take place at every Civil War park throughout the system. The centennial also brought with it a new initiative for southern states to erect state monuments at Gettysburg, fully achieved between 1961 and 1982, when the last southern state monument was dedicated. The final state monuments were Maryland in 1994 and Delaware in 2000, the service of Americans from all the contributing states fully recognized.

While monuments and markers continue to tell the story of the battle of Gettysburg, the mission of the National Park Service has progressed to expand the role of interpreting the Battle of Gettysburg and its significance in one of the most devastating conflicts this nation has experienced. Through an expansion of ranger programs, lectures, and exhibits in the new Museum and Visitor Center, the story of the war is presented from the turbulent years of political and social arguments that occurred long prior to the first shot being fired in 1861 and consequences of a declaration of “War Between the States” at a cost of over 680,000 American lives.

And what were the consequences of that war? The park is mindful of the aftermath and how the period of reconstruction led to reconciliation, the slow melding of the nation working toward the goal of what Abraham Lincoln termed as a “new birth of freedom,” a struggle that continues to this very day.

As the National Park Service observes its 100th anniversary of public service this year, the employees in green and gray whom visitors encounter during their visit to the park are dedicated to preserving the park and its purpose, continuing to recognize those burials in the Gettysburg National Cemetery, and preserving the dramatically compelling story of the Battle of Gettysburg and Gettysburg Address. And it manages those 1,325+ monuments, memorials, and markers, the majority placed here by veterans of this battle, that continue to signify beyond words the symbolic idealism of “the last full measure of devotion.”

The National Park Service and its employees could not be prouder of the responsibility and look forward to the next centennial of hard work in preserving the story of Gettysburg and welcoming visitors to see this national treasure.
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REMEMBER: Friends of Gettysburg memberships make great gifts. Call our membership office at 717-339-2159 and give the gift of preservation.
Commemorative era steps from Sykes Avenue toward the summit of Little Round Top. Chains were needed for crowd control even in 1910. The monument is the 91st Pa. Infantry monument.
The Gettysburg Foundation is proud to celebrate the National Park Service Centennial with our partner, Gettysburg National Military Park. To create a legacy we are helping fund major projects such as the rehabilitation of Zeigler’s Grove and Little Round Top. Before progressing with rehabilitating or restoring something, it is important to be sure of its significance in the history and development of the national park.

The Battle of Gettysburg was quickly recognized as a defining event in the nation's history, which led to early and ongoing efforts to preserve the battlefield landscape, including its topography and terrain.

Commemoration of the events of the Battle of Gettysburg resulted in a landscape of monuments, memorials, and markers which record the history and emotions of Civil War veterans and others who wanted to leave this legacy for future generations.

The management of historic landscapes is often complex and multi-layered. On the landscapes of Gettysburg National Military Park are features related to the 1863 battle, such as farm houses, rock walls, and fence lines, as well as commemorative features that have been placed on the field, such as monuments, markers, memorials, and historic avenues. In addition, Gettysburg includes a specific, designed landscape within the Soldiers’ National Cemetery.

Avenue fencing on Howard Avenue in 1900. The Adams County “poor farm” buildings visible in the background are now gone.

Sickles Avenue, old and new alignments at The Loop. By 1914 the early avenues had already been changed to eliminate confusion and more closely follow the lines of battle.
Commemorative features on the Gettysburg battlefield are nationally significant and their preservation is a vital part of the mission of Gettysburg National Military Park, which is:

“Gettysburg National Military Park preserves, protects, and interprets for this and future generations, the resources associated with the 1863 Battle of Gettysburg during the American Civil War, the Soldiers’ National Cemetery, and their commemorations.”

Commemorative features preserved today include more than 1,300 monuments, markers, and tablets; steel observation towers at Culp’s Hill, Warfield Ridge, and Oak Ridge; the avenue system with its numerous culverts and bridges; and repaired/rebuilt stone walls and fences on the battlefield. From 1863 to 1927, veterans and survivors of the battle preserved the grounds of Gettysburg and created commemorative features that still define the park today.

The 1895 law establishing Gettysburg National Military Park expanded upon the 1893 Commission Act, authorizing the federal government to preserve the “important topographic features of the battlefield” and to preserve and mark the battle positions. The law gave the Gettysburg National Park Commission (GNPC), which was run by veterans of the Civil War, the tools to protect the historic and natural resources that comprised the battle setting in 1863. The Commission’s preservation and memorial activities included creating tablets to the regular army of the United States, as well as designing and building commemorative features such as the park’s historic avenues, observation towers, and more. These features had a permanent impact upon this landscape, resulting in a commemorative landscape on the original battlefield landscape.
The momentous nature of what occurred at the battle of Gettysburg along with the high level of preservation and accurate marking of the battlefield landscape continues to draw people to Gettysburg National Military Park, a place of national consciousness where individuals can consider the far-reaching implications of the battle, the Gettysburg Address, and the American Civil War itself.

During this centennial celebration, the park is looking forward to its next 100 years by developing a strategy to preserve commemorative features and those that would potentially be brought back in the future. A document called the Commemorative Era Treatment Philosophy will include a concise historical overview of the development of the commemorative landscape; identify typical landscape characteristics and features associated with the commemorative landscape, including issues pertaining to existing physical condition and historical integrity; and provide general treatment principles to guide future landscape rehabilitation, including reasons for reestablishing commemorative landscapes or individual features that have been lost or obscured.
This newsletter issue features some of the many ways the National Park Service and the Gettysburg Foundation practice preservation, on-going maintenance and education prior to and extending beyond the NPS centennial. The Gettysburg Battlefield Commission Act (March 3, 1893) [Sundry Civil Appropriation Act (27Stat. 599)] was passed by Congress for “the purpose of preserving the lines of battle at Gettysburg … for properly marking with tablets the positions occupied by the various commands of the armies of the Potomac and of Northern Virginia on that field” and for the “purchase or condemnation of land of historical importance, and for opening and improving avenues along the positions occupied by troops upon those lines, and for fencing the same.” The February 1, 1895 enabling legislation for the establishment of a national military park at Gettysburg provided for the purchase of the lands belonging to the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association; “embracing about eight hundred acres, more or less.” Acting under direction of the Secretary of War, the “commissioners heretofore appointed” will “superintend the opening of such additional roads as may be necessary for the purposes of the park and for the improvement of the avenues heretofore laid out therein, and to properly mark the boundaries of the said park, and to ascertain and definitely mark the lines of battle of all troops engaged in the battle of Gettysburg, so far as the same shall fall within the limits of the park.”

This two-photo quiz challenges you to find and appreciate some of the battlefield’s necessary features, modernized but existing from the late 19th–early 20th centuries. We hope you increase your knowledge and understanding of the setting that was the backdrop of the historic 1863 battle of Gettysburg. Thanks to Winona Peterson, NPS Cultural Resources Program Manager, for the archival photos and diagrams of commemorative era features that helped form today’s park for sustainability far beyond the NPS centennial.

Clues are in the photo captions; answers in the next issue (save your newsletters and check how successful you are in photo identifications). 

*Answers to the photo quiz from Volume 27, Issue 2 are on the back cover.*

**PHOTO 1:** Secluded behind the Slyder and Bushman farms, General Elon Farnsworth and four companies of the 1st Vermont cavalry made an heroic but futile charge through thick woods and across streams against Law’s Alabama Brigade at the close of the battle on July 3, 1863. This “bridge” is actually considered a culvert by the Federal Highway Administration.

**PHOTO 2:** This often-unvisited part of the park’s avenue system was one of the most contested parts of the second day’s fighting when Kershaw’s South Carolinians and Semmes’ Georgians charged across the Rose farmstead, through woods and across small streams as they attacked Union regiments from Delaware, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey in a day of confusion, July 2, 1863.
The year 1916 is one that General Eisenhower was unlikely to forget. That year he decided to make a commitment which would change his life forever. A beautiful debutant from Denver, Colorado had captured his heart and he was prepared to ask her that all important question. The same time that then Lieutenant Eisenhower was weighing these heavy life decisions, the United States government was weighing some heavy decisions of its own. As Lieutenant Eisenhower contemplated marriage and fidelity, President Woodrow Wilson was presented an argument for a different type of fidelity and commitment: the National Park Service.

It was easy to understand why these two young people found each other so attractive. Ike must have cut a dashing figure in his new army uniform and Mamie Doud was vivacious and charming. After only a few months of dating, Lieutenant Eisenhower knew he had found his life mate. Mamie felt similarly as she later in life confessed there was no formal proposal from Ike. They both just knew they had found the “one.” Ike did present Mamie with a copy of his West Point Class ring on Valentine’s Day. The tradition was that officers gave miniatures of their class rings as engagement rings to their girlfriends but Mamie wasn’t having a miniature, she wanted the full size copy! Her mother refused to let her wear the ring, though, until Saint Patrick’s Day the following month when her father returned from a business trip and he could give his formal blessing to the union. The very sentimental Mamie would celebrate both days as the “days” of her engagement. The couple decided on a November wedding and settled happily into wedding planning.

As the future Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower were looking forward to their nuptials, the push for a National Park Service was continuing in Washington. Since the creation of Yellowstone National Park in 1872, members of our government recognized the need to preserve and protect those areas of our country that were unique in their natural wonders and history. By 1916, supporters of the idea of a National Park Service were moving to strongly present their case. One of the main champions was a man named Stephen Mather. He believed that only under a single governmental agency could the national parks be properly packaged together and promoted. His campaign stretched beyond just the halls of Washington as he promoted his ideas wherever he could, in newspapers, letter writing campaigns, school essay contests, and the pages of National Geographic. His continued efforts were like that of an earnest suitor determined to make his case to an uncertain sweetheart.

As the spring of 1916 flew by, things were looking uncertain for Ike and his case with Mamie. Tensions between Mexico and the United States led Ike to believe he might be sent across the border and the young lovers wanted to be married before that might happen. With a little pleading, the two convinced the Douds to let them move up the wedding date. So on July 1, 1916 a very nervous Lieutenant Eisenhower took the train from San Antonio, Texas up to Denver, Colorado. He stood the entire way to ensure he didn’t get wrinkles in his best dress pants. There in the Doud family living room, the two were united in marriage.

As the Eisenhowers began married life together, the campaign for a National Park Service also came to a joyous conclusion. On August 25th 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed into law the National Park Service Organic Act. This act created a new federal bureau in the Department of the Interior for protecting the thirty five national parks and monuments as well as those yet to be established. Stephen Mather would find his devotion to the cause rewarded when he was appointed the first director of the National Park Service.

The year 1916 would cement a path for two newlyweds who would eventually impact millions of people here in the United States and across the world. That same year, the Federal Government would instill in future generations of Americans a love of some of the nation’s most spectacular landscapes, natural resources, and irreplaceable historic sites. Just as the Eisenhowers made a commitment to each other, the American people still have an enduring commitment with our parks today. Like a marriage, there is an innate promise to love and honor these sites that are so important to the shared heritage we have as Americans.
It’s been one year since the Friends of Gettysburg started RECRUITING young people to their membership ranks. In this time, the Recruits have an impressive list of accomplishments and have had a great time in the process.

The mission behind the Recruit membership level is simple: use fun, service-based activities to get young people, ages 18–38, involved with Friends projects and the history of Gettysburg. The great work done by the Friends over the past 27 years will be sustained in the future only if the next generation is fully engaged.

Recruits have especially embraced their *Seedling to Cider* project. This project allows Recruits to assist the National Park Service in taking care of the historic orchards on the battlefield. This work maintains the 1863 landscape and ensures that fruit from the orchards doesn’t go to waste. As part of this project, Recruits gathered multiple times on the Rose Farm Orchard last summer to harvest apples and returned in the winter to give the apple trees necessary pruning. The apples are turned into hard cider through a partnership with Good Intent Cider, which donates a portion of the proceeds from cider sales to orchard preservation.

*By Ben Hansford*
On April 14, Recruits completed the first cycle of the Seedling to Cider project by planting ten Liberty and Enterprise trees on the Rose Farm Orchard with assistance and guidance from National Park Service Resource Management staff.

After the tree planting concluded in the early evening, Recruits continued the day at Rupp House History Center where they enjoyed refreshments, socializing, and tours of the Rupp House. Good Intent cider-master Adam Redding was on hand to pour samples of Rose Farm Orchard Cider, the first batch made with Recruit-picked apples, and to talk about the cider making process.

Perhaps the most exciting aspect of the April 14 event was that Recruits were joined by members of Adams County Young Professionals, who made this event their monthly after-work social event. By partnering with another local organization, Recruits were able to network and get more young people to join their work. Max Felty, a member of both the Recruits and Adams County Young Professionals (ACYP), played a large role in bringing these groups together. He said “many months back a conversation began to find some opportunities that would allow for the two organizations to collaborate on a service project as well as allow time to socialize so that participants could learn more about each other’s organizations and efforts. ACYP saw this event as a major success and hopes to repeat similar events in the future to help build both organizations.”

Good Intent’s Rose Farm Orchard Cider has been featured and sold at several events including Spring Muster and this flagship batch has completely sold out. Each person who enjoyed this tasty cider saw a portion of their purchase donated to the Seedling to Cider project and battlefield preservation.

The second batch of cider made from Recruit-picked apples has been released and celebrates a very special occasion. Good Intent’s Centennial Cider is a limited reserve batch that commemorates the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. Containing Enterprise apples harvested in late 2015 from the Rose Farm Orchard, Centennial Cider has a copper hue that is darker than most ciders. Aged in bourbon barrels, it contains vanilla and woody tasting notes and the type of apples used gives a fuller body.

Crafting this cider in honor of the NPS Centennial is a task that Good Intent’s Adam Redding greatly enjoyed.

“We at Good Intent Cider were honored to have the opportunity to work with the Gettysburg Foundation in this novel celebration of the National Park Service Centennial. We feel that, while we grew up in and around the Gettysburg Battlefield, it has strengthened our connection and appreciation of the Park. This collaboration has also increased our awareness of the need for funding of our national parks and the valuable role that organizations like the Gettysburg Foundation play.”

Recruits will be busy in the coming months. If you’re driving through the battlefield on a Saturday in the late summer or early autumn, you may see Recruits in the Rose Farm Orchard harvesting apples. They will also gather at the George Spangler Farm in late August for their annual gathering featuring a picnic, live music, and of course tasting the cider that is the fruit of their labor.

While Recruit events are always enjoyable for those who attend, the mission behind this membership level is quite important and serious. Getting young people involved in the work of the Friends is the best way to ensure organizational sustainability. Anyone between the ages 18-38 is invited to join the Recruit ranks. Registration is available by visiting friendsofgettysburg.org or by calling our membership department at 717.339.2156.
The Friends of Gettysburg celebrated the 20th anniversary of our annual Volunteer Work Day! Thank you to the 300 volunteers who traveled from 18 different states to clear brush, paint fences and buildings, clean and paint headstones, and build post and rail and Virginia worm fences. Work was accomplished at 10 different sites in Gettysburg National Military Park and Eisenhower National Historic Site, and lunch was enjoyed at the George Spangler Farm.
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Upcoming Programs Registration Form

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Please choose preferred program: ☐ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ☐ 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

☐ Encounters with History • September 24, 2016 • An Overview of the Battle of Gettysburg
(9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., includes lunch)
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October 7 and 8, 2016
Held at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center

Friday, October 7, 2016
Friday Evening Program: The Civilian Conservation Corps at Gettysburg with Gettysburg National Military Park Staff Historian John Heiser
Nicknamed "Roosevelt's Tree Army", the Civilian Conservation Corps was part of the “New Deal”, created in the first 100 days of President Franklin Roosevelt's administration in 1933. The Corps would not only reforest and preserve devastated public land and river ways, but provide work for thousands of unemployed American men. Gettysburg National Military Park benefited from work performed by the CCC and the projects, funded under the Emergency Conservation Works legislation, are still evident in the park today. We'll take a look at the CCC and what the Corps accomplished during their brief time at Gettysburg. The Friday evening program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 8, 2016
On Saturday, six different battlefield tours will be offered. Attendees will choose one program in the morning from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and one in the afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A lunch buffet and silent action will be offered in the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The available programs are listed below:

Program #1 Indoor AM: “I never fully believed in armored vessels until I saw this battle.” with Licensed Battlefield Guide Paul Bailey
On March 8, 1862, the ironclad CSS Virginia destroyed the USS Cumberland and the USS Congress in a battle that showed the supremacy of iron and steam over wood and sails. The next day, the Union ironclad Monitor met the CSS Virginia and although they fought to a draw, the engagement changed the very nature of naval warfare for all time. Licensed Battlefield Guide Paul Bailey, who lives in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia, will discuss the impact the Battle of Hampton Roads had on the war and the links to the Battle of Gettysburg.

Program #2 Indoor PM: Through Their Weary Eyes: Longstreet's Assault from the Men Who Participated in It with author John Michael Priest
This audio visual presentation, using information from John Michael Priest’s work, Stand to it and Give Them Hell, will concentrate on the human aspect of the battle from the front line soldiers in both armies. The author will concentrate on individuals about whom he wrote in the book and speak about their personal experiences. We will also take a look at photographs of the soldiers and reflect on how the war affected them personally.

Program #3 AM or PM: Corporal Manley Stacey's Diary Account of the 111th New York at Gettysburg with Licensed Battlefield Guide Ed Suplee
Corporal Manley Stacey was in the 111th NY, of Willard's Brigade. The 111th NY was in the very thick of the action on both July 2nd and 3rd, suffering 63.8% casualties (313 men out of 490 present for duty). They were the unit adjacent to the famous 1st Minnesota on July 2nd. We will follow the 111th NY's movements at Gettysburg and read excerpts from Stacey's very vivid and comprehensive diary accounts from Gettysburg and throughout the war. This is a moderate walk over some high grass and rough ground areas.

Program #4 AM or PM: The Fight for the Harmon Farm with Licensed Battlefield Guide Chris Army
This tour will examine the actions of the Confederate attacks over the property known as the Harmon Farm at the time of the battle. During the late morning and mid-afternoon of July 1st, 1863, the Harmon Farm saw heavy skirmish action leading up to the late afternoon Confederate divisional attacks as the Union defenders sought to hold the ground west of Gettysburg. We will walk the ground and discuss these actions and the role the farm had in Gettysburg history before, during and after the battle. This tour is a moderate walk on uneven terrain.

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Program #5 AM or PM: Fire Zouaves at Gettysburg with Licensed Battlefield Guide Chuck Burkell
During the Battle of Gettysburg, there were a number of “fire Zouave” regiments that served at Gettysburg. Zouave regiments followed rich, cultural traditions that were established years earlier in Europe and Africa, and then carried forward and/or adapted to practices within the American Civil War…and at Gettysburg. Additionally, a number of Zouave regiments were further distinguished as “fire Zouaves” resulting in additional identity than just soldiering, have served prior to the war in protecting their communities as firefighters in such areas as Lancaster, Pennsylvania, New York City, Chicago, Boston, and other locations. This presentation will explore the origins and traditions of Zouaves; their respective fire services histories, and their actions with outcomes during the Battle of Gettysburg. This is an easy to moderate walking tour with some uneven ground.

Program #6 AM or PM: The Barns of the Gettysburg Battlefield: Their Architecture and Role in the Battle with Historic Gettysburg Adams County Barn Preservation Project Chairman Curt Musselman
This presentation will describe the different styles of barns present on the Gettysburg Battlefield today and will look at the battle action that took place in and around these barns. You will enter a number of the National Park Service barns on the battlefield to see both unique features and those that are typical of almost every barn on the field. This is an easy walking tour with some uneven ground.

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**FALL MUSTER REGISTRATION FORM**

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  _____ x $12.00 per person = _______

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  ☐ Program #3: Corporal Manley Stacey’s Diary Account of the 111th New York at Gettysburg
  ☐ Program #4: The Fight for the Harmon Farm
  ☐ Program #5: Fire Zouaves at Gettysburg
  ☐ Program #6: The Barns of the Gettysburg Battlefield: Their Architecture and Role in the Battle

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  ☐ Program #2 Indoor: Through Their Weary Eyes: Longstreet’s Assault from the Men Who Participated In It
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REMEMBRANCE DAY

14th Annual Remembrance Illumination
Saturday, November 19, 2016
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Held at the Soldiers’ National Cemetery
in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

This event is free of charge and open to the public.

On November 19, 1863, at the Dedication of Soldiers’ National Cemetery in Gettysburg, President Abraham Lincoln claimed: “the world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.” The words he spoke, while brief, would help redefine the nation and would reverberate throughout history as “The Gettysburg Address.” To honor the sacrifice of those who fought so bravely on these and more distant fields, an annual Remembrance Illumination will take place within Soldiers’ National Cemetery at Gettysburg. This solemn commemoration is a testament to those soldiers’ efforts and their place in American history.

Donate
Support the Gettysburg Foundation with a heartfelt donation to the Remembrance Illumination to sponsor a candle in honor or memory of a loved one.

Volunteer
Volunteers are needed to help set-up, clean-up, greet guests, read the names of the Civil War soldiers buried in Soldiers’ National Cemetery, and serve on the Honor Guard. Volunteer assignments are limited and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Remembrance Day
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Remembrance Day
Volunteer Information

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Guest(s): ________________________________________________________________

Volunteers are needed for several tasks, and you may volunteer for more than one.
Please note that times are approximate and will be confirmed prior to the event.

☐ Set-Up (4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)
☐ Clean-Up (9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.)
☐ Read Names (15-minute increments)
☐ Greet Guests (1-hour increments)

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General Dwight D. Eisenhower took up painting at his home in Gettysburg to help relieve stress. We now invite you to pick up your brush, enjoy some wine and relax! Please join us for a unique, fun and educational event at the Eisenhower Farm.

DATE Thursday, September 22, 2016 (Rain Date – Friday, September 23, 2016)
TIME 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Open-house style tour of Eisenhower’s home and art
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Artist instruction, painting, and refreshments
PLACE Eisenhower National Historic Site
We will paint outdoors behind Eisenhower’s sun porch. (Directions and parking instructions will be provided to registrants.)
COST $45 for Friends of Gettysburg and Adams County Arts Council members
$50 for non-members
Includes two drink tickets, light refreshments, a tour of Eisenhower’s home with an NPS Ranger, artist instruction and supplies, and your finished work on canvas.
REGISTER BY 9.9.16
► Online at adamsarts.org
► Contact Elle Lamboy, Gettysburg Foundation, at 717.339.2158 or elamboy@gettysburgfoundation.org
► Wendy Heiges, Adams County Arts Council, at 717.334.5006 or classes@adamsarts.org

SPACE IS LIMITED.

Our painting inspiration will be one of President Eisenhower’s original paintings!
**Centennial EXCHANGE**

**Appomattox 1865 Foundation President Sue Cochrane and an Appomattox student prepare luminaries at the Soldiers National Cemetery in November.**

**Gettysburg National Military Park Ranger Chris Gwinn presents a Skype lesson to Appomattox High School from the David Wills House Museum in downtown Gettysburg.**

**Centennial EXCHANGE** was a program set up between the Gettysburg Foundation and the Appomattox 1865 Foundation that featured education and visitation between high school students in the two iconic Civil War parks. Staff members of the two national parks provided tours for the visiting students and also presented pre-visit lessons about their parks via Skype webcasting. The two participating schools were Appomattox County High School in Appomattox, Virginia, and Gettysburg Area High School in Gettysburg, PA. Between eight and twelve students were invited to participate from each school and were selected by their advanced placement (AP) high school history teachers. Students were to be high school sophomores, juniors or seniors.

Visitation times were selected according to anniversaries being celebrated in each of the respective parks. It was decided that Appomattox High School students would come to Gettysburg over the November Remembrance Day celebration and Gettysburg Area High School students would travel to Appomattox over the time of the anniversary of Lee's surrender to Grant in early April. The program officially got rolling in early October when the first of four Skype lessons was webcast to Appomattox High School from Gettysburg Area High School. The purpose of the Skype lessons was to give the students an introduction and orientation into the battle of Gettysburg and prepare them for what they would see and experience in November. All four lessons webcast in October were presented by Gettysburg National Military Park interpretive rangers. Students were sent discussion questions to work on after every lesson. Of special interest was the final Skype lesson which featured background on President Abraham Lincoln's November 1863 visit to Gettysburg. This lesson was webcast live from The David Wills House Museum in downtown Gettysburg.

Phase two of the **Centennial EXCHANGE** program began on November 18, 2015 when twelve Appomattox County High School students along with their teacher, Mr. Joe Servis and the Appomattox 1865 Foundation President, Mrs. Sue Cochrane journeyed to Gettysburg. Over the course of the next three days these students from Virginia had a busy schedule and were able to participate in a variety of educational experiences ranging from taking a battlefield tour, learning to march while recreating
Pickett’s Charge to setting up for the 13th annual Remembrance Day Illumination. The visit also allowed time for the Virginia students to meet and get acquainted with the Gettysburg students who would soon have their turn to visit Appomattox.

In March, a total of four Skype lessons were presented to students at Gettysburg Area High School. Mr. Bryan Willard, AP history teacher at Gettysburg, assembled his students weekly to view presentations coming to them from Appomattox. All of these lessons were very interactive and featured not only National Park Service rangers from Appomattox, but also local living historians. The third lesson was an exceptional first person question and answer session with these living historians. Gettysburg students had prepared questions ahead of time and directed them at the five Appomattox “personalities.”

On April 8th, the Gettysburg students, Mr. Willard and four staff members from the Gettysburg Foundation left Pennsylvania and travelled to central Virginia headed to Appomattox. Over the weekend, the Gettysburg contingent experienced the ceremonies of the 151st Anniversary of the Surrender at Appomattox. Their experience also included trips to Sailor’s Creek Battlefield State Park, High Bridge State Park and the National Museum of the Confederacy. The trip to High Bridge State Park seemed to be the favorite of the Gettysburg students as their visit there was not only educational in the historical sense but also looked into engineering, architecture, archaeology, and biology. The three-day visit was not only enjoyable but also very rewarding for the students. One Gettysburg student stated, “It is an experience that I will remember for a lifetime. I was able to learn new content, meet new people and get outside my comfort zone for once!” Another student told one of the Gettysburg Foundation staff that “this was the best weekend of his life.”
For this “NPS Centennial Issue” of the Friends newsletter, the partner interviewed is relatively new to this park and even to the National Park Service, but not new to a commitment to his country and to wearing a uniform proudly—Tom Forsyth, Deputy Superintendent at Gettysburg National Military Park (GETT).

He is a native Virginian, but moved with his parents to Michigan then Ohio. At the end of the Cold War, in the mid-1980s, Tom enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and left home as a teenager, serving his country for five years. He was stationed in England and was in Europe in 1987 when President Ronald Reagan made his famous “Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall” demand at the Brandenburg Gate in West Berlin. During those “growing up years” Forsyth developed a strong sense of patriotism and pride “in service to country.”

Afterward, he returned to the U.S. and settled in Florida with a job in a young DIY home improvement company where he was able to grow as a manager, specializing in a management style that encouraged employee development and self-sufficiency. For the next 20 years Forsyth, with his wife and two children, moved from Florida to Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Texas, Louisiana, and Arizona, as his management responsibilities continued to grow.

In 2011, wanting to make a difference in the world and be deeply inspired by a mission, Forsyth accepted an NPS job in Washington D.C. “Coincidentally, I accepted the job on the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11. Before long I knew that I’d made the right decision—wearing the uniform of the green and grey, and being motivated by the NPS mission is just what I was looking for,” said Forsyth.

In May 2014, Forsyth arrived in Gettysburg as the park’s Administrative Officer. This January, he was promoted to Deputy Superintendent. During his time in Gettysburg, Forsyth has already made his mark with two innovative visitor opportunities: Artist-in-Residence programs and Doors Open Gettysburg.
In 2015, Gettysburg joined more than 50 national parks with "Artist-in-Residence" programs, the first Civil War park to participate. When he first heard about the program, Forsyth said “We can do that.” In 2015, the program started with three artists, in 2016 there are eight, and now there are hundreds of artists applying for the opportunity to live and work for one month on the battlefield. Forsyth arranged for the historic Klingel house to be used as the residence, an immersion experience that inspires artists working in media such as painting, poetry, music, photography, dance, and other genres. Together with the National Parks Arts Foundation and the Gettysburg Foundation, Forsyth finds and selects the artists, and helps make the most of each artist’s time in Gettysburg.

This spring, Forsyth revived the popular “Doors Open Gettysburg” event after a ten-year hiatus. The event gives visitors a rare opportunity to visit multiple houses and barns on the battlefield not typically open to the public. He developed a cooperative team of NPS and Gettysburg Foundation staff, Park Watch, and other volunteers to work at each site to showcase the preservation mission of the NPS and the compelling stories of each structure. Doors Open was such a success that the Park has decided to make it an annual kick-off for the summer season.

“These places apply to every American: everyone can find a connection with these two parks and we need to find new ways of engaging all audiences. Not only the Civil War battle stories, but the natural beauty, the memorialized art, the people of this place … are all so inspirational,” Forsyth said. Looking toward the rest of 2016, he added, “Now more than ever, as we celebrate our Centennial, we need to re dedicate ourselves to the mission of welcoming visitors and preserving these special places for our next one hundred years.”

When he is not at work, Forsyth, an Adams County resident, and his family enjoy various day trips, and learning about different cultures, new foods, small town fairs and activities, and generally being outdoors. Tom Forsyth is truly a man who wears many hats, is proud of each one and dedicated to being worthy of each one.
How did you first get involved with the Friends of Gettysburg?

A We moved to Gettysburg from southern Maryland in October of 1992 and were looking for volunteer opportunities.

J While visiting the park we saw folders on the counter for the Friends of the National Parks. I looked at Art and said; “This is what we want to do!” We took the folder home, filled out the volunteer application, and mailed it back. We were called to volunteer right away. Our first volunteer assignment was to assist with mailings at the Friends office close to the Gettysburg square. I also wanted to volunteer with the National Park. Becky Lyons [former NPS park ranger, now deceased] called me to see if I would like to volunteer at the Visitor Center Information desk. I really enjoyed working the information desk and speaking to visitors from all over the country. Art started volunteering at the information desk the next year. We continue to volunteer in many ways at the Park.
What were some of the first projects that you coordinated for the Friends?

One of the first projects that we coordinated was peach picking at the Sherfy Orchard in 1993. Art and I scheduled volunteers to sell “Pick Your Own” peaches. I kept a letter from the Executive Director at the time, Vickie Greenlee, which details a week of peach picking. It says, “I thought you’d like to know that we picked every day from 8/27/93 to 9/4/93; we had 24 volunteers during that time, 953 groups came for a total of about 3,000 peach pickers. They picked over 12,000 pounds of peaches and $2,840 went into the Park’s orchard upkeep fund.” People really enjoyed visiting the orchard and returned to pick year after year.

Another project that we helped to coordinate was a series of archeological digs in 1995.

The digs happened during the summer at various locations around the Park. We had 42 volunteers. Most of them came for about five days at a time. Many volunteers said that even though they were working in the sun and digging they were having the time of their lives. One of our volunteers was so excited when she found part of a ladies high-laced boot near the foundation of the McPherson home.

Then in 1996 we were asked to schedule a group of volunteers to paint headstones in Soldiers’ National Cemetery.

I separated the cemetery into nine sections and assigned a leader to each section. Gettysburg National Military Park (GETT) Historian Cathy Harrison instructed the group on proper painting techniques for the headstones on Friday afternoon. Saturday 84 volunteers attended and painted headstones from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. They were able to complete the entire Civil War section of the cemetery.

What can you tell me about the first volunteer work day?

The first volunteer work day was held on both a Saturday and Sunday. One hundred eighteen volunteers from 12 different states attended and the main site was the Klingel Farm. Volunteers painted most of the outbuildings and picket fencing at that farm, as well as cleared briar bushes along the lane to the Trostle Farm.

They repaired fencing along the Henry Spangler Farm lane and renewed a portion of the horse trail. President Earl Coates and Vice President Barbara Finfrock were on hand to provide support and encouragement to all for their hard work. We provided lunch for the volunteers. Hal Greenlee cooked hamburgers and hotdogs and the Friends provided the side dishes. Art and I coordinated this event for seven years, and I designed a t-shirt each year that Friends members could purchase to commemorate Volunteer Work Day.

What other volunteer events did you enjoy helping with?

We helped with the first Illumination in 2003. We helped to fill bags with sand, as well as set up and clean up the event. We enjoyed this event so much that the following year we invited friends to come and help. Unfortunately the event was rained out, but we and our friends were glad we could help to honor those who served our country.

What would someone be surprised to learn about you?

Our grandson Butch is a history teacher in Marion, Georgia. Every year he brings his students to visit Gettysburg. Art and I pay for a Licensed Battlefield Guide to take them on a bus tour of Gettysburg. We send them to the Museum, Film, and Cyclorama; give them a pizza lunch; and then I give them a tour of Soldier’s National Cemetery. The kids are great, and it is such a wonderful experience for them. It is so important to us to help cultivate a love for history in the younger generation.

Do you have a favorite spot on the battlefield?

My favorite spot on the battlefield is Soldiers’ National Cemetery. While volunteering with the National Park Service I was able to take a training course to lead tours. I enjoy sharing this important story with the many visitors who come to Gettysburg.

Some of my favorite spots on the battlefield are Little Round Top and the Pennsylvania Monument. These are part of a nine-stop mini tour that I created for friends and family that come to visit us.

What do you recommend that a new Friend of Gettysburg see on a trip to Gettysburg?

I think they should visit the Museum and Visitor Center and be sure to see the Cyclorama. It is also very important to see the Soldiers’ National Cemetery.

I think it is important to see the cemetery and go on a tour with a National Park Ranger. They will make it a wonderful experience for you. The Rupp House museum is very well done, an experience you must fit in. I also recommend the Shriver house museum for a perspective on the civilian experience.

Friends of Gettysburg memberships make great gifts. Call the membership office at (717) 339-2159 and give the gift of preservation.
Gettysburg Foundation’s leadership program, *In the Footsteps of Leaders*, serves several target audiences, including corporate, government and educational organizations. One recent partner, The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry (until 1987 named Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce) interacts in all of these arenas and more. It is the state’s largest broad-based business association, with its statewide membership comprising businesses of all sizes and across all industry sectors. This article highlights our recent partnership with the PA Chamber, who recently brought 30 Pennsylvania business leaders to study leadership. The inspiration for this event came from Gene Barr, President and CEO of the PA Chamber, as part of the organization’s 100th anniversary initiative, which coincides with the centennial anniversary of the National Park Service.

*At the Angle, Sue Boardman instructs the group about cultural resources as they prepare to cross the stone wall where Armistead broke through the Union lines on July 3, 1863.*
SB How did the PA Chamber find out about the Foundation’s program?

GB I have been a Friends member for more than a quarter century and a strong supporter of the work of the Friends and Foundation and recognize the tremendous work the organization does in preservation and restoration. This leadership program offers a tremendous opportunity for our organization and members to partner with the Foundation and experience some of that great work.

SB During our time on the battlefield we talked about mission-directed leadership. Within the PA Chamber’s mission to act as “The Statewide Voice of Business” how can leadership examples from the In the Footsteps of Leaders Gettysburg Foundation program help you to further your mission?

GB There are many lessons in leadership, communications, innovation, motivation that can be taken from a study of those critical three days in our nation’s history. As the state’s largest broad based business advocacy organization our job is to be on the ‘front lines’ of public policy development and business engagement. We are constantly looking for ways to assist our members in finding valuable programs, such as this one, to further develop their leadership and management skills in their companies and in their communities. This also helps the chamber enhance our advocacy efforts on behalf of business.

SB The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has awarded the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry a rating of Accredited with Distinction, the highest and only national program that recognizes chambers for effective organizational procedures, sound policies, corporate citizenship and impact on the state. The PA Chamber goes above and beyond to meet the needs of your member businesses, much like Gen. Buford did for the Union Army at Gettysburg. What motivates you to reach for these higher standards?

GB We are one of just seven state chambers in the U.S. to be accredited and one of only five to be “accredited with distinction.” It is a testament to a truly skilled, bright, and energetic staff whose motivation comes from the realization that we are the voice for business in Pennsylvania, which means representing thousands of businesses of all sizes, across all industry sectors throughout the Commonwealth. We must be active and vigilant in our efforts and act in a highly ethical fashion because of the visibility of the organization. Sometimes that means innovating to better utilize our resources as John Buford did on the first day at Gettysburg recognizing that traditional cavalry fighting would probably not get the job done.

SB Most of the business leaders you brought to Gettysburg did not previously know each other. But on the battlefield, they share a common experience. How does this program help them to network?

GB Often those participating in this program are with the same employer but not in the same location. They do share a similar purpose, mission and direction. In this case the members in this class came from a number of different companies with a few people who knew each other but most were meeting for the first time. One of the common thoughts expressed was how pleased they were to network in such a distinctive venue and program. Because of your stories on the personalities of the leaders of the armies they discussed those concepts among themselves and realized that they do have quite a bit in common as business leaders. Despite the fact that they came from different size companies, from different locations, from regulated versus non-regulated industries, they recognized a commonality of experience.

Another wish among the participants was that this program had been a little longer to allow for more post tour discussion. Next time, we hope to build in time for more discussion and debriefing.

SB What were some of the leadership examples your business leaders found to be relevant within the Gettysburg story?

GB Most obvious was the simple fact that so many lessons could be gleaned from something that happened 153 years ago. It reinforced that human behavior—what we want, what we need, how we react—doesn’t change much. They were fascinated to see how egos could drive such a cataclysmic event, how some of that era’s leaders could not imagine how technology could change the battlefield equation (e.g. the continuation of linear tactics in the face of evolved weaponry), and how the lack of clear and concise directions and orders leads to communication problems. Some mentioned how helpful it was to ‘walk the ground’ and see the field from different perspectives. First viewing the field of Pickett’s Charge from the Union position and then crossing...
In the Footsteps of Leaders

Gene Barr, President and CEO of the PA Chamber of Business and Industry speaks to business leaders.

the field from Seminary Ridge and seeing what the Confederates saw and how the landscape and elevation are very different. It was a good example of the benefit of ‘getting out of the office’ and looking at operations from the ground up. Participants were impressed with how the program stressed three things: know the mission, take initiative, and build consensus leadership.

Leading the PA Chamber for a number of years amidst an ever-changing political landscape have you seen a parallel between your work and the challenges faced by the army commanders at Gettysburg?

After 13 years at the Chamber, its president since October of 2011, one common parallel is dealing with climate issues. Commanders in the Army of the Potomac and the Army of Northern Virginia had to deal with the heat and humidity of a central Pennsylvania summer and, after the battle, with a drenching rain. In our job, we deal with the political climate which, unfortunately, has been increasingly bitter and rancorous with a sense of decreased cooperation. We often deal with changes in legislative leadership or the governor’s office, realizing that each of us has to perform and achieve the mission with the resources at our disposal.

Understanding the issues most PA business leaders face today, can you highlight a relevant leadership example or two from the battle that might help guide business leaders in their jobs?

One of the most important issues business leaders have to deal with is succession planning or, contingency planning with key personnel so that the business can move forward over time. Often, succession planning is done in an orderly manner when one executive transitions out over a period of time allowing for the ascension of a new CEO. However, contingency planning is typically more demanding. What happens when one of your key personnel, someone who had been groomed to lead the company, opts to leave the organization? What do you do when someone leading a major initiative resigns, dies or becomes debilitated by a serious illness? What does the Union Army do when, on the morning of the first day of the battle, the commander of the First Corps, John Reynolds, one of the shining stars of the organization is struck down? The participants through the artillery drill in the program, had to consider such planning. What happens when you lose 40 percent of your team yet you must maintain direction and keep the artillery piece firing?

Another point the participants took from the program was how to deal with the situation when a subordinate who has otherwise performed well disappoints in a crucial situation—witness Longstreet, Stuart and Harry Heth. Their hesitations and shortcomings certainly caused issues for Lee over the course of the campaign.

How about you personally? Who is your favorite leader from the battle and why?

It’s difficult not to be drawn to perhaps the most political individual present at the battle, Dan Sickles or to Joshua Chamberlain and the many stirring words he wrote about Gettysburg such as “In great deeds, something abides. On great fields, something stays.” And we can sympathize with Robert E. Lee who found some of his trusted lieutenants wanting in crucial times.

However, it would probably be John Buford. For years, I had thought Buford was the most under-appreciated individual of the campaign for his masterful work of initiative and innovation on Day One. As Buford did, one can stand on McPherson’s Ridge and imagine everything laid out—the advancing Confederate army in front and the town and high ground behind and wonder what was running through Buford’s mind. It took the movie “Gettysburg” to bring John Buford and other leaders “to life,” but walking the field “In the Footsteps” to bring it to reality.
Last year, Gettysburg Foundation launched the Guardians’ Society, an honorary society that recognizes those who have made a provision for Gettysburg in their estate plans. We are extremely pleased that 41 people have come forward and joined the Society so far.

In April, an inaugural dinner was held to bring this loyal group of supporters together for the first time and show appreciation for their commitment. Seventeen Guardians’ Society members attended with Gettysburg Foundation President Joanne Hanley and Gettysburg National Military Park Superintendent Ed Clark, who welcomed and thanked our guests. “What a special gathering we enjoyed for the Guardians’ Society dinner,” said Hanley. “I hope the Society grows rapidly as one more way to support Gettysburg Foundation through estate planning.”

In addition to the welcoming remarks, Guardians’ Society members were able to mingle and socialize prior to enjoying dinner. Rev. Donald Lindman from Ephrata said, “This dinner was an opportunity to be with people who share our love for, connection to, and support of Gettysburg. We enjoyed the intimate setting and the delicious meal provided by the Foundation.” Patricia Fowler from Phillipsburg, NJ agreed: “We shared our stories and reasons why we support this place through the Gettysburg Foundation. Walking away from the dinner my husband and I happily realized that we were not alone in our passion and commitment to Gettysburg and that there were others, like us, who have included the Gettysburg Foundation in their estate planning.” Most importantly, the evening reminded us of the importance that Gettysburg holds for many people—the solemn lessons learned here, the charting of a new course for our nation, and paying respects to the soldiers who gave their lives and last measure of devotion.

The next annual Guardians’ Society dinner will be held on April 21, 2017—joining the Society gives you the opportunity to attend! There is no more personal way to honor the sacrifices made on this hallowed ground than by including the Gettysburg Foundation in your estate plans. Planned gifts fund the battlefield for years to come and provide a cornerstone of support for the next generation. Jay Zeiler, Director of Philanthropy, welcomes any questions about how to make a planned gift to Gettysburg and will work with you in achieving your goals. He can be contacted at 717-339-2103 or jzeiler@gettysburgfoundation.org.
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August 20 — Encounters with History: “Sickles Gets Away with Murder!” with Licensed Battlefield Guide Jim Hessler

August 26 — National Park Service Centennial Ball: Held at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center

September 9 & 10 — First Corps Event: Field trip to Antietam with Dr. Carol Reardon and Col. Tom Vossler (for First Corps Members only) SOLD OUT


October 7 & 8 — Fall Muster: Held at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center

October 29 — Encounters with History: “Connecticut at Gettysburg” with Licensed Battlefield Guide Stuart Dempsey

November 19 — Dedication Day and Remembrance Day Illumination: Held at the Gettysburg Soldiers’ National Cemetery

December 3 — Encounters with History: “In the Wake of the Storm” Stories of the aftermath of the battle with Licensed Battlefield Guide Britt Isenberg

For more information or to register for upcoming events, visit www.friendsofgettysburg.org

ANSWERS TO PHOTO QUIZ IN VOLUME 27, ISSUE 1

Photo 1 Answer: On Emmitsburg Road near the Codori barn, facing southwest from where Pickett’s men crossed the fields.

Photo 2 Answer: On Confederate Avenue, approaching the McMillan farm, the Round Tops in the background.

Photo 3 Answer: On the hill overlooking the Moses McLean farm along the Mummasburg Road just beyond the Peace Light.

Photo 4 Answer: The Lydia Leister farm on Taneytown Road.

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A full list of upcoming events is available on the Events Calendar at www.gettysburgfoundation.org.

Please note: All programs are subject to change without notice.