



The Signal Flag



BRANDYWINE VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

Campaign # 27

Skirmish # 8

April 2013

From the Rear Ranks:

Greetings Members!

A good time was had by all during Charlie Zahm's re-scheduled concert this month. The great snow storm hoax of 2013 put a slight wrinkle into our original meeting but due to members of the executive committee pulling together and some luck in scheduling availability by the town everything worked out. This month we are privileged to have John Michael Priest speaking on Pickett's Charge. For this month I have selected an article in the New York times describing the first set of Bread Riots by the Ladies of Richmond in 1863. This article is but one example of how the prolonged War of Rebellion was taking its toll on Southern civilians. I hope to see you all this week!

Respectively,
Chip Crowe
President,
Brandywine Valley Civil War Round Table

BREAD RIOT IN RICHMOND

THREE THOUSAND ANGRY WOMEN RAGIN IN THE STREETS

Baltimore, Tuesday April 7, 1863



Col. Stewart, of the Second Indiana Regiment, one of the fourteen United States officers just released by the rebels, and who just arrived here, makes the following statement: On Thursday last he saw from his prison window in Richmond a great bread riot, in which about three thousand women were engaged, armed with clubs, guns and stones. They broke open the Government stores and took bread, clothing and whatever else they wanted. The militia were ordered out to check the riot, but failed to do so. Jeff Davis and other high officials then made speeches to the infuriated women, and told them they should have what they needed. They then became calm and order was once more restored. All the other released Union officers confirmed his statements.

(Source New York Times Article Published April 7, 1863)



~ Officers ~

President: Chip Crowe
Vice President: Hank Fisher
Secretary: Ted Pawlik
Treasurer: Dave Walter

~ Committee Members ~

Preservation: Bob Sprague, John Walls
Nominating Committee: Vince Carosella
Speakers: Vacant (currently by committee)
Trips: Greg Buss
Credentials/Greeter: Ted and Marilyn Pawlik
Round Table Telegram: Robert Sprague
Publicity: Jim Lawler
Historians: Bob Sprague
Social Dir: Flo Williams
Banquet: Jim Lawler
Photographs – Hank Fisher

~Members at Large ~

David Hoffritz, Dave Kohler, John Whiteside

~ Official Sutler ~

Harriett Mueller: Books / Periodicals
302-429-6201

~ Annual Membership ~

Individual \$25.00; Family \$40.00; Student \$15.00
(Full time student up to age 23)

? Questions? Contact:

Richard (Chip) Crowe
President, Brandywine Valley Civil War Round Table
15 Rose Tree Drive
Downingtown, PA 10335
E-Mail: rcrowejr1@yahoo.com

BVCWRT Web Site:

<http://bvcwrt.home.comcast.net>

BVCWRT Blog:

<http://bvcwrt.blogspot.com/>

BVCWRT Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/BrandywineValleyCivilWarRoundTable>

Webmaster: Jim Lawler

dtownjim@comcast.net



***We are wheelchair assessable**

Unsolicited articles from our members are welcome.
Please contact Chip!

What is the BVCWRT all about???

We were founded in 1987. According to our by-laws, "the purpose of the Brandywine Valley Civil War Round Table shall be to provide a congenial medium through which persons having a common interest in the events of the American Civil War - its causes and effects, engagements, personages, units, armaments and other things pertaining thereto - may satisfy their interest and broaden individual knowledge through discussion, lectures, field trips and the exchange of books, paper and other data. The purposed is also to consider the preservation and protection of the battlefields, sites, landmarks, relics and collection of the period."

In plain English, we are an organization of diverse people brought together by our common interest in the American Civil War. This interest can range from the casual to the obsessive. We intend to tailor our activities and presentations to appeal to all our members, novice or expert.

Welcome New Members & Reenlistments

The Round Table welcomes our new members since our last meeting. Please welcome them and share your Civil War enthusiasm.

New Members: Welcome to Roger Readinger!





Brandywine Valley Civil War Round Table
Come to our next meeting
April 3, 2013

Speaker: John Michael Priest
Topic: Into the Fight: Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: West Chester Borough Hall, Gay Street

The following biography was taken from the Antietam Battlefield Guides website:

John Michael "Mike" Priest has been studying the Civil War since he was in grade school when his parents took him and his brother to Gettysburg every weekend. A specialist in small unit tactics, referred to by Ed Bearss as the "Ernie Pyle of the Civil War soldier", he has authored or edited about 12 books on the Civil War.



- Antietam: The Soldier's Battle
- Before Antietam: The Battle of South Mountain
- A two volume set on the Battle of the Wilderness: Nowhere to Run and Victory Without Triumph
- Into the Fight: Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg (He can also be seen on the Discovery Channel with Unsolved History: Pickett's Charge, which is based in part on this book).
- Soon to be released: "Stand to It and Give Them Hell,: The Second Day at Gettysburg from Cemetery Ridge to Little Round Top"

A retired school teacher, he loves hiking Antietam and South Mountain. His favorite sites on the Antietam Battlefield include Fox's Gap at South Mountain and the walking trails for the Bloody Lane, West Woods and The Final Attack Trail at Burnside Bridge.



2012-2013 Scheduled Speakers

- **Sep 5, 2012:** Sid Copel - "Notable Civil War Personalities"
- **Oct 3, 2012:** Roger Arthur - "1862"
- **Nov 7, 2012:** Mike Plunkett - Musical Presentation: "Paddy Has Gone For A Soldier"
- **Dec 5, 2012:** Don Ernsberger - "Meade's Breakthrough with the PA Reserves at Fredericksburg"
- **Jan 2, 2013:** Traditional Round Table Discussion
- **Feb 6, 2013:** Christopher Densmore - "Emancipation and the Pennsylvania Quakers"
- **Mar 6, 2013:** Charlie Zahm - "Civil War Music"
- **Apr 3, 2013:** John Michael Priest - "Into the Fight: Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg"
- **May 1, 2013:** Melissa Yiaski Rabinsky - "Mary Todd Lincoln : Before, During and After Mr. Lincoln"
- **May 14, 2013:** (Annual Banquet): Robert L. Hodge - "Confederates in the Attic"

Brandywine Valley Civil War Round Table Membership Application

Application Type: New _____ Renewal _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Note: Monthly newsletters are distributed by E-mail only.

Membership Type: Individual (\$25) _____ Family (\$40): _____ Student (\$15): _____

If family membership, please list other names:

Bring the completed form and a check payable to BVCWRT to a meeting or mail it to:
Dave Walter, Treasurer, 937 Thorne Drive, West Chester, PA 19382

**ANNUAL BANQUET
BRANDYWINE VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE**

WHEN: Tuesday, May 14, 2013
6:00 pm Cash Bar; - 7:00 pm Dinner; - 8:00 pm Guest Speaker

WHERE: The Elks Lodge, 335 West Washington St., West Chester, PA 19380

MENU: Tossed Garden Salad
Choice of:

- Boneless Breast of Chicken Marsala, with sliced mushrooms and herbs in a Marsala wine sauce with roasted red bliss potatoes
- Pan Seared Filet of Flounder, served with a lemon butter sauce and a side of rice
- Virginia Baked Ham with a Honey Mustard Glaze and roasted red bliss potatoes

All entrees include: Vegetable du jour, rolls and butter, coffee and tea
Dessert: Cheesecake with Strawberry Topping

SPEAKER: Robert Lee Hodge - "Confederates in the Attic"

COST: \$40.00 PER PERSON

RESERVATION DEADLINE – May 1, 2013 at 7:00 PM! - NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Order Form: Detach, complete reservation, and send with payment to:
Dave Walter, Treasurer, 937 Thorne Drive, West Chester, PA 19382 - (610-363-8903)

	Entree selection
Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Fish <input type="checkbox"/> Ham
Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Fish <input type="checkbox"/> Ham
Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Fish <input type="checkbox"/> Ham
Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Fish <input type="checkbox"/> Ham

Address _____

_____ X \$40.00 = Total Amount Due _____ (DEADLINE – May 1, 2013 at 7:00 PM!)

Make checks payable to: Brandywine Valley Civil War Round Table
(Cancelled checks are your receipt) BANQUET DATE – Tuesday, May 14, 2013