



# DRUM AND BUGLE CALL

## MAHONING VALLEY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

**DATE:** Monday, September 11, 2017 @ 6:30 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** A La Cart Catering, 429 Lisbon St, Canfield, OH 44406  
**SPEAKER:** **Julie Mujic, Professor of History at Capital Univ, Columbus**  
*Loyalty in the North during the Civil War*

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“During war, is loyalty required to your country and to your government too?” Our September speaker, Dr. Julie A. Mujic, will discuss this question with us, promising a “provocative survey of how loyalty was understood in the North during the Civil War.”

Dr. Julie A. Mujic, Adjunct Professor of History at Capital University in Columbus, will explore with us the “nature of loyalty, how it was expressed and debated, and how northerners viewed those with opposing perspectives during our nation’s deadliest conflict,” using as an example university students who stayed in school rather than fight in the war.

A freelance indexer, Julie earned her Ph.D. from Kent State University in 2012 and has published extensively on the Civil War. She is on the Board of Trustees for the Columbus Historical Society and will serve on the Program Committee for the 2018 Meeting of the Society of Civil War Historians.



**FALL TOURS**—Join us October 20-22 for a detailed look at “Stonewall” Jackson’s role in the 1862 Maryland Campaign. In tour titled “Jackson Saves Lee in Maryland (1862), the boys from Civil War Excursions will guide us through the siege of Harpers Ferry and A.P. Hill’s march to and attack at Antietam. We’ll also make an exclusive visit to the site of the last action of the Maryland Campaign, the Shepherdstown Battlefield. The cost is \$55/person. Call Dan at 330.###.#### for more information.

**FALL/WINTER DONATION DRIVE**—the MVCWRT fall/winter 2017 donation drive will benefit The Friends of the Ball’s Bluff Battlefield, a private organization affiliated with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. Included in the tours mentioned above is an anniversary walk of the Ball’s Bluff Battlefield that Friday. The NPS website says “the Ball’s Bluff Battlefield and National Cemetery are poignant reminders of a disastrous Union defeat in the first year of the Civil War when Confederate Brig. Gen. Nathan ‘Shanks’ Evans stopped a badly coordinated attempt by Union forces under Brig. Gen. Charles P. Stone to cross the Potomac at Harrison’s Island and capture Leesburg.”

# The Ladies Department *By Charen Fink*

**The Haunted Civil War**—The scientific world will dispute the existence of ghosts and spirits; however, try to explain that to those who claim to have either seen spirits or experienced the supernatural. This article is not designed to verify or refute the notion of a haunted Civil War but report what people have seen but cannot explain.

**Gettysburg:** Mark Nesbitt has published many books about the Ghosts of Gettysburg. Some of the sites will be listed here but perhaps you may like to explore them and see for yourself! Devil’s Den, where a fallen Confederate soldier’s body was moved around to be photographed; the George Weikert House, with creaking footsteps in the attic and doors that would not stay closed; Little Round Top, where a specter battle scene was taking place for foreign dignitaries, only there was no battle re-enactment that day; the Codori House had an “unseen” visitor that was heard pacing within the house by the absent superintendent’s daughter while her father was away. Park Rangers arrived and saw nothing. Others areas include the Wheatfield, Old Dorm of Gettysburg College, and many more haunted homes, buildings and battlefields.

**The Story Behind Notable Yankee Women—Mary Walker** was raised in Oswego, New York to reform-oriented parents with the ideas of abolitionism and sexual egalitarianism. She was encouraged in intellectual pursuits. All were treated equally even when she decided to become an M.D. like her self-taught doctor father.

She rejected middle-class women’s dress. Her parents taught her that corsets and tight-fitting women’s clothing was unhealthy. She was called too lazy to wash, wanted to display her legs or was seeking publicity. Mary felt the conventional clothing was perilous to the point of threatening her sanity. She objected to the amount of fabric which draped their bodies and caused too much weight, the heavy skirts collected dirt as they swept along the ground. This new manner of dress allowed for freedom of movement and circulation. In later life, she resorted to wearing men’s trousers, dress coat and top hat and living as a man.

**Reference:** Leonard, Elizabeth D. *Yankee Women*. W.W. Norton & Company: New York, London, 1994.  
Nesbitt, Mark. *Ghosts of Gettysburg*. Thomas Publications: Gettysburg, PA, 1991.

Most of the past newsletter articles can be found in Charen’s new book, *The Civil War Ladies’ Department*. You can order a copy from Amazon.com or get one directly from Charen for \$16.95 in Ohio or \$18.00 (includes tax) in North Carolina by emailing her at [dcftandm@hotmail.com](mailto:dcftandm@hotmail.com).

## **SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS FOR 2017-2018**

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| <b>10/9</b> Bradley Keefer, Chickamauga Memories | <b>3/12</b> Robert Dunkerly, the Surrenders of the Confederacy         |
| <b>11/13</b> Dr. Jonathan Noyalas, TBA           | <b>4/9</b> Thomas Bogar, <i>Backstage at the Lincoln Assassination</i> |
| <b>12/11</b> Dr. Barton Myers, the Lee Chapel    | <b>5/14</b> Kris White, Burnside’s Bridge at Antietam                  |
| <b>1/8</b> Mike Wilson, McKinley impression      |  |
| <b>2/12</b> Stuart Dempsey, the Union 11th Corps |  |

# TACTICALLY SPEAKING

By Gary Wholf

*On several occasions I've discussed with Gary Wholf about how when I'm reading a description of a battle the flow of the narrative is often interrupted by the author's use of military jargon to describe a particular maneuver. Gary's a former re-enactor and "star" of the 20th Maine's climactic charge down Little Round Top in the movie Gettysburg and just the man to give me—and all of you—some insight into how units moved around a Civil War battlefield with a new feature called "Tactically Speaking."*

This is the typical formation of an infantry company (the Company is the basic unit within the primary fighting unit, the Regiment).

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**Sgt**      **1Lt**      **Sgt**      **Sgt**      **2Lt**      **Sgt** (*file closers*)

There were many drill manuals available and used during the Civil War including Hardee's, Casey's and Gilham's to name a few. For this article, we will use Casey's. The company is formed with tall men on the right descending to the shortest man on the left. This makes firing easier, as you will see in future articles.

The front rank consists of *The Company Commander* on the right, which is typically the Captain. The remainder of the front rank consists of privates (O) and Corporals (C) placed at the platoon break (right of the center is first platoon, left is second platoon) and at the section break at the midpoint of each platoon.

The rear rank consists of privates covering the men in the front ranks. Each pair of front and rear rank soldiers is called file partners. The First Sgt. falls in behind the Captain. This is a Company Front formation.

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**Amazing discovery...** During her first day on the job, a librarian found the Civil War shells pictured at right in a storage closet at the Gleason Public Library in Carlisle, MA. "I came in early to rearrange my closet and there was a little bin on the floor," said Abby Noland. A label on the box read that its contents had been "inspected by a munitions historical expert, and they could be live." Noland called police and a bomb squad removed the shells.



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In *Antietam: Essays on the 1862 Maryland Campaign* (1989), edited by Gary W. Gallagher, our good friend Will Greene contributed an article in which he explained Lee's strategy during the campaign: *Robert E. Lee took the measure of his counterpart in Maryland and based his strategy around it. A.L. Long states that Lee "availed himself of McClellan's over-caution and essayed perilous movements which he could not have ventured in the presence of a more active opponent." Lee himself attested to this evaluation. When informed of McClellan's removal in November 1862, he remarked to Longstreet, "I fear they may continue to make these changes till they find someone whom I don't understand."*

## ***RIDE TO GETTYSBURG***, by Hugh G. Earnhart

Around 10:00 PM on the evening of July 1, 1863, a forty-seven year old gentleman packed his personal items and made his way along the Taneytown Road towards the Gettysburg Battlefield. He was six feet tall, capable, aggressive, and a prudent officer who graduated 19th in his class at West Point in 1835. On his ride from Taneytown, he was accompanied by General Henry Hunt, chief of artillery; General Gouverneur K. Warren; Captain William Paine, cartographer; several staff officers and some troopers from Company C, 2nd Pennsylvania Cavalry.

As the Major General's party approached the Gettysburg Battlefield, they were confronted by congested wagon traffic from Major General Winfield Scott Hancock's 2nd Corps and Brigadier General Henry Hunt's Artillery Reserve. To the left, the group got a good look at a hill to be named "Little Round Top," where they also saw the camps of several 12th Corps veterans. Forced into the fields, woodlots, and farmyards by the road traffic, the general passed the Weikerts' farms where the 3rd Corps was camped, having just arrived from Emmitsburg. The 2nd Corps was just arriving, headed to the area next to the 3rd Corps.

As he returned to the road and continued north, the general saw the small whitewashed clapboard house of the widow Lydia Leister in the moonlight, some silhouetted artillery guns, a copse of trees, and some shadowy figures of soldiers of the 1st and 11th Corps.

Dismounting at the gatehouse on Cemetery Hill, the newly appointed leader of the Army of the Potomac was on the battlefield. His name was George G. Meade.

**Book sales to benefit battlefield preservation**—Dan Welch tells me that we got a huge number of book donations in the spring, so we'll have plenty to choose from for our monthly used book sales, which benefit our battlefield preservation fund.

Dan is a seasonal ranger at Gettysburg NMP, and I recently sat down with him to get some information and to get his impressions of the past summer (this will be part one, with part two coming in October).

He says that there was a slight but noticeable decrease in visitation this summer. However, the park is still very popular (an explosion in the tick population hasn't deterred anyone) and attracts visitors from all over the world. Dan mentioned hosting Israelis, French Canadians, Germans, and Brits on his tours this summer, and commented that the British visitors are generally well prepared and are very interested in military tactics. As for the others, they tend to focus more on the Gettysburg Address.

Park rangers conduct 24 different programs and tours, and a ranger with Dan's experience is expected to be prepared to present all of them. Because the NPS has not seen an increase in funding in 30 years, staffing is a problem. There are four full-time rangers at Gettysburg (one of which is our good friend Matt Atkinson), which is down from nine a few years ago. Dan is one of 11 seasonal rangers, and they are supplemented by four to six interns. Budget cuts will also affect park maintenance, which in fiscal 2013 for the entire park service adds up to \$11.93 billion in deferred maintenance.