

# Cape May County Civil War Roundtable

November 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting (in person meeting)

7 PM in the Museum Barn



**Presentation:** Gary Casteel will be speaking on Historical Monumentation with special emphasis on the James Longstreet Monument, located in Pitzer's woods, Gettysburg National Battlefield Park. Gary will also discuss his upcoming project promoting the National Civil War Memorial.

## **Biography of Gary Casteel, November 18<sup>th</sup> Presenter.**

Gary was born in West Virginia. He is a nationally recognized sculptor and painter. He designed and made the huge James Longstreet statue at Gettysburg. He currently resides in Gettysburg with his wife Leslie. Gary has a local sculpting business in Gettysburg, Valley Arts Gallery is located at 789 Baltimore St in Gettysburg. (ValleyArtsGallery.com)

**CMCCWRT will be breaking in December for the winter and resume meetings in April 2022**



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Recap of our in-person meeting October 22, 2021 Meeting:

1. Election of our Officers
  - a. John Herr – President
  - b. Lou Bishop Jr – Vice President
  - c. Hank Heacock – Treasurer
  - d. Bill Buchanan – Recording Secretary
  - e. Andy Lolli – Fundraising
2. Our attendance was 17 which was excellent for our second in person meeting.
3. Dues for 2021 waived. Send 2022 dues to Hank Heacock, 105 S Dennis Rd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
4. Book Raffle by Andy Lolli for “Lincoln’s Foreign Legion 39 NY Infantry”, was won by Scott Jett.

#### **Last Month’s Presentation, October 22,2021:**

“The Lutheran Seminary in the Battle of Gettysburg” by Cody Eash, Director of Education and Museum Operation. Cody presentation was excellent. He gave us a complete history of the Seminary Building as well as the Seminary’s role in the Battle of Gettysburg.

The Seminary is the oldest continuous operating Seminary in the US since 1826. Codie emphasized that the building was itself a part of the battle. The building was an operational hospital from July 1 to July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1863, with up to 700 patients.

Codie shared the following information and events:

- “24 Hours on the Ridge” Nov 4, 2021 - Nov 5, 2021 5:00 pm to 5:00pm Cupola Tours, Candlelight Exhibits Seminary Ridge Museum and Education Center in Gettysburg.
- Adams County Giving Spree- Nov 5, 2021 ( ACCF Giving Spree.org)
- Visitation of Seminary Ridge- Parking Lot behind the Building, (green lot) Senior’s fee \$10, Adults \$12.

#### **Other Civil War Related Events:**

1. Join the General Meade Society at the Cannstatter Volks- Fest Verein marking the twenty-five years celebrating the life of George Gordon Mead on Saturday, Nov 13, 2021. The cost is \$60 per person which includes dinner. For reservations contact Jerry Mc Cormick at 215-848-7753 or email: [gedwinmc@msn.com](mailto:gedwinmc@msn.com)
2. G.A.R. presents a new 200M Program on Sunday, Nov 7, 2021 at 1:00PM. “They Meet Again- The 1913 Reunion of the Battle of Gettysburg”. Contact Joseph Perry at [garmuslib1866@gmail.com](mailto:garmuslib1866@gmail.com)
3. Remembrance Day Parade : November 20<sup>th</sup> 1-2 PM along Baltimore Street and Steinwehr Avenue, Gettysburg.
4. Remembrance Day Illumination : November 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30 to 9 PM, National Cemetery, Gettysburg.



**From the President :** I encourage you to join in on Round Table Zoom meetings from other Civil War groups in the area. The George Meade Society, The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum (in Philadelphia), the Old Baldy Round Table, and the South Jersey (in Toms River) Round Table have all continued to conduct Zoom meetings at different times throughout the month. Google their webpages and send a request to their president to be included in their meetings and given Zoom passwords. I have found that these local clubs will share this information openly with members of Cape May County Round Table. Your President John