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# CAPE MAY COUNTY CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

## Upcoming June 20th Meeting

For our June 20th meeting we will see the presentation “**Civil War Medicines and Medical Practices**” by Herb Kaufman, a historian and educator. Kaufman studied and received his Bachelors and Masters degree from Temple University, and is also a living historian.

## Past meeting - May 16th

On May 16, historian and freelance journalist Kellie Gormly presented the compelling story of the life and death of Lieutenant William Pohlman at the battle of Gettysburg in 1863. She explained that the Swope family tended to Lieutenant Pohlman after he was wounded in the battle. She also described the history of the residence where he was doctored, called “Swope Manor”.

Pohlman was born in Borneo in 1842. His parents were in Borneo performing religious missionary work. In the 1850s, his parents decided to send him and his sister back to the US to live with his aunt. Eventually, he enrolled in Rutgers College in 1859. In 1861 he enlisted in the Union Army and served in the first New Jersey Regiment Company G. Over the next two years, he fought in 14 battles, including the First Bull Run and Antietam. Gormly read several letters that he sent home to his sister and aunt during that time describing the horrific scenes of battle. These letters helped to explain the feelings of the soldiers in the war.



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## The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) is a congressionally chartered fraternal non-profit organization that was founded in 1881 as an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, a organization for Union Civil War veterans. The SUVCW is dedicated to preserving the memories and honoring Union ancestors that were put in the ultimate test in our nations darkest hour. Officers of the Roundtable have approved a \$50 dollar donation to the Brigadier General Nathaniel Lyon Camp #10, of Vineland, to help fund their project at Ambury Hill Cemetery, a cemetery in disrepair comprised of veterans of the United States Colored Troops.



## About Us

The Cape May County Civil War Roundtable was created in 1985, and since then has enjoyed strong membership and active participation. The Roundtable is active every year from April to November. Meetings are held on every third Thursday of each month at 7pm, at the American Legion Post 331, 11617 2nd Ave, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend meetings. Dues are \$30 every year, or \$40 for family.

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**Civil War Question Answer for May:** “Of the various Confederate high ranking Officers of the American Civil War, and Confederacy, who was Confederate general that directly outranked General Robert E. Lee?” **Samuel Cooper**

**Civil War Question for June:** “Out of the various State flags that have been officially adopted, which States flag is based off Cavalry guidons from the Civil War?”

The answer will be revealed in the next monthly issue of the Cape May County Civil War Roundtable!



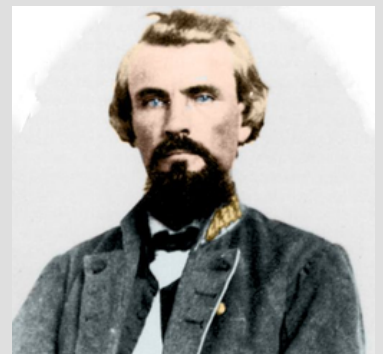
## Civil War History of June

**Battle of Cold Harbor, June 1-3, 1864** : Union General Grant's forces launched a frontal assault on well-fortified Confederate positions, resulting in heavy Union casualties and a significant Confederate defensive victory.

**Second Battle of Winchester, June 13-14, 1863** : Confederate General Ewell's troops defeated and captured a large Union garrison at Winchester, Virginia, paving the way for the Confederate advance into Pennsylvania and the subsequent Battle of Gettysburg.

**Siege of Vicksburg tightens, June, 1863**: Union General Grant tries to break the deadlock in the siege of Vicksburg in Mississippi. Enduring the siege, Confederate General Pemberton suffers from heavy casualties from Infantry and Naval attacks, leading to his eventual surrender.

**Battle of Brice's Crossroads, June 10, 1864** : Confederate cavalry under General Nathan Bedford Forrest defeated a larger Union force in Mississippi. Despite being outnumbered, Forrest's troops used superior tactics and knowledge of the terrain to encircle and rout the Union forces, inflicting heavy casualties and capturing many supplies. This victory bolstered Confederate morale and disrupted Union operations in the region.



## **Upcoming Meetings for 2024**

**July 18th - “Gettysburg: One Woman’s War”** - Presented by Michelle LaRue. Michele presents the story of the Battle of Gettysburg and the aftermath through the eyes of local townfolk. She is a member of the Actors Equity Association and SAG-AFTRA. This story is compelling and Michelle presents it in first person.

**August 15th - “The Abraham Lincoln Murder Case”** - Presented by Rodger Arthur, a historian, lecturer, teacher, and frequent speaker.

**September 19th - “The Grand Army of the Republic and the GAR Museum”** - by Walt Lafty, a Civil War Historian, GAR Museum Curator, and Round Table Leadership.

**October 17th - “Civil War Naval Ships - The Sultana, the Black Diamond and the Massachusetts Disasters”** - Presented by Mike Jesberger, Historical Lecturer, and College Professor

**November 21 - TBA**

