



# The Regimental Bulletin

*Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table of Northern New Jersey*

## Virginia Military Cadets

*Speaker: Lew Taylor*

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Wayne Public Library  
461 Valley Road  
Wayne, NJ 07470

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7:15pm at the Wayne Public Library**

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*VMI Cadets at New Market: Painting by Don Prechtel*

James Henry Lane, Robert E Rodes, George Marshall, George S. Patton, Sr & Jr, Fred Willard and Dabney Coleman, just to name a few.

During the Civil War, cadets and alumni played instrumental roles. On fourteen occasions, the Confederacy called the cadets into active military engagements. The Institute is best known for its actions at the Battle of New Market, VA on May 15th 1864. Two hundred and forty seven members of the VMI Corp of Cadets fought as an independent unit. In a matter of minutes, VMI suffered fifty five casualties with ten cadets killed, six of those killed are buried on the VMI grounds behind the statue “Virginia Mourning Her Dead”.

Our speaker is **Lew Taylor**, a disability retired U.S. Army veteran (Vietnam) and a retired public librarian. Originally from Harrisonburg, Virginia, Lew now lives on Cape Cod. Lew holds a BA and MA in American History from American Military University and he is an instructor at the Cape Cod Academy for Life Long Learning. He is also a research assistant and Project Lead for the American Public University System’s Iraq-Afghanistan Veterans Oral History Project. In his spare time Lew enjoys reading, gardening, and running his bookstore – **I Cannot Live Without Books** – in West Dennis, MA. Lew is also the member of many historical societies and serves on the board of the Harrisonburg/Rockingham County (VA) Historical Society.



*Lew Taylor at his bookshop in Cape Code, MA*

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# THIS DATE IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY

APRIL 18th

1861

- The US Armory at Harpers Ferry was abandoned and burned by its Garrison. However much of its machinery was left intact.
- At New York City, Major Robert Anderson and his men from Fort Sumter disembarked as heroes.

1862

- General Irvin McDowell marched overland toward Richmond and McClellan from Washington, occupied Falmouth. McDowell's men were to be part of McClellan's pincher movement supporting his advance from the Peninsula. These troops were later removed in a panic by Lincoln and sent to the Shenandoah Valley caused by Stonewall Jackson's successful campaign. This move ultimately allowed Jackson to unite unopposed with Lee on the peninsula.

1863

- Colonel Benjamin Grierson's Raiders met with their first organized opposition between Ripley and New Albany, Mississippi. (This was the raid that was the basis for the John Wayne Film, *The Horse Soldiers*.)

1864

- General P.G.T. Beauregard was assigned to lead the Department of North Carolina and Southern Virginia. He was to be in charge of defending Richmond, the southern part of Virginia and Northern North Carolina from Benjamin Butler's threatened invasion from the coast.

1865

- The controversial Sherman-Johnston Memorandum was signed near Durham Station, North Carolina ending fighting in North Carolina and Virginia.
- The body of President Lincoln lay in state in the East Room of the White House.

On behalf of all our members, a special thank you to **Sylvia Moger** who has dedicated so many years to the Phil Kearny Round Table and as our Regimental Bulletin Newsletter Editor. We wish her all the best in the future and hope for a speedy and complete recovery.  
- Joe Truglio, President.

## CIVIL WAR QUIZ

1. This land-naval battle took place eight miles south of Richmond on May 15, 1862. What was this battle called?
2. The Union Ships involved were the Naugatuck, Aroostook, Port Royal and two ironclads, (one of which was making its maiden battle) can you name them?
3. On one of the ships had a detachment of fourteen marines, one of who became the first marine to win the Medal of Honor for his actions during the battle. Who was he?
4. One of the ironclads was so badly damaged during the battle that her metal armor was later removed and she finished the war as a three masted wooden sloop. Name the ship.
5. Who was the Confederate Officer in command?
6. Who was the Union Officer in command?
7. What was the result of the battle?
8. What was the total casualties?



From left to right Bob Gerber, Speaker Phil Kohn and Norm Dykstra. Phil Kohn spoke about Brigadier General William Steele, CSA and Confederate activity in the West.



## 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

**April 18th**

Lew Taylor  
VMI Cadets

**June 20th**

Hamish Lutris  
Texas in the Civil War

**Sept 19th**

Kim Kamaris  
General George Armstrong Custer, USA

**Nov 14th**

Kevin Pawlak  
General John S. Mosby, CSA

All Meetings are held at the  
Wayne Public Library - 7:15 PM  
461 Valley Road, Wayne NJ

# Mary Todd Lincoln's Civil War White House Christmas with Judy Cox and Paul Serge

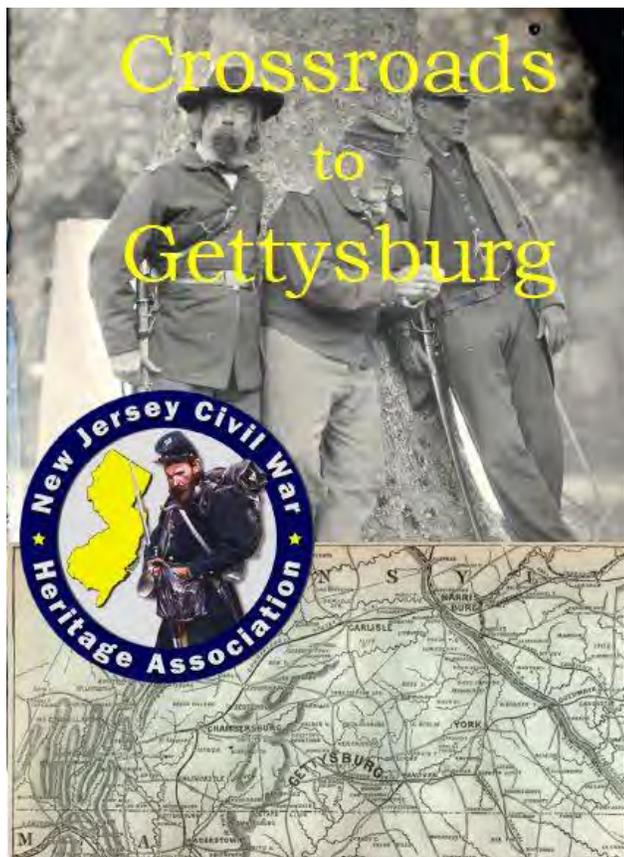
Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table Holiday Party - December 2018 - Amore Restaurant, Wayne NJ



## Upcoming Local Events

### Crossroads to Gettysburg

June 2nd & 3rd - 10am - 4pm  
Allaire State Park - Holmdel, NJ



The public will experience a new type of Civil War reenactment within a historic village following ten Federal regiments on their route to a date with destiny.

The Historic Village of Allaire will serve as the backdrop for the towns of Hanover Junction, PA, Emmitsburg, MD, Frederick, MD, Taneytown, MD and Fairfield, PA, as the troop make their way in pursuit of the invading Confederates.

Generals Meade, Reynolds, Slocum, Colonels Chamberlain and Sharp as well as President Lincoln will have "commanding" roles in interpreting the happenings of late June, 1863. Two Licensed Gettysburg Battlefield Guides will also narrate the scenarios.

The Allaire Mansion will be converted into Georgetown's summer White House and the soldiers will enter the Village from different points to create the illusion of various towns adjacent to the Mason-Dixon line. Rebel skirmishers will delay the advancing troops who will be pressed into many different lines of battle along their journey.

For more information and updates, see **Cross Roads to Gettysburg** on Facebook, NJCivilWar.com or <http://allairevillage.org/eventbrite-event/9th-annual-civil-war-encampment/>

## ANSWERS TO THE CIVIL WAR QUIZ

1. The Battle of Drewry's Bluff
2. Monitor & Galena
3. Corporal John F Mackie (along with two other men, Quartermaster Jeremiah Regan and First Class Fireman Charles Kenyon)
4. USS Galena
5. General William Mahone
6. Commander John Rodgers
7. Union ships withdrew back to City Point
8. 24 Union, 15 Confederate (although the Richmond National Parks Service has the total at 41)



### Civil War Evening Lantern Tour, Skirmish & Concert June 2nd, 2018 - Historic Village at Allaire

Become a part of history and join us for this one-night only event – a THREE in one special that includes a guided lantern tour of the encampment and village, concert, and skirmish! This must see after-dark special event is like none other!

- Experience camp-life after dark a guided lantern tour! Feel like part of the encampment as period dressed historical interpreters lead you by lantern light through the Confederate, Union and civilian camps. Special tours of the historic homes, craft shops, bakery, and general store at Allaire!
- The era and mood is set with a musical concert
- Once the sun goes down, watch the skirmish as forces clash at the Mill Pond Bridge!

**Admittance with an evening event ticket ONLY! Tickets are \$20 per person and advanced registration is required!**

Spaces are limited, so advanced ticket purchasing is required! The event begins at 7 pm upon being assigned to a tour group at the Historic Row House & Village Museum (aka Visitor Center). Tours conclude with a night skirmish at the Mill Pond Bridge that will begin at approximately 8:15 pm.

This highly specialized event takes about two hours to complete (7 pm to 9 pm) and is both indoor and outdoor. Seating is provided for the musical concert. For more details visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/civil-war-evening-lantern-tour-skirmish-concert-tickets-43423087624>

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# Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey North Anna River Campaign: guided by Chris Mackowski

*You are responsible for your trip to VA & your Hotel reservation & costs*



Chris Mackowski

**Tour Begins Saturday at 8:10 am June 2, 2018 in front of:  
Hampton Inn & Suites Fredericksburg South  
4800 Market Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22408**

**Itinerary** ← (subject to change) →

**Saturday, June 2, 2018 - 8:10 am promptly** ~ Line up cars at Hampton Inn & Suites Fredericksburg S.  
**Please Note: Consolidating rides will be especially important this year.** Parking will be tricky because we'll be visiting spots on both battlefields that aren't really developed for tourists.

8:20 am—**North Anna River**—Move out for first stop.

8:30 a.m.—**Massaponax Church**, where we'll pick up the Army of the Potomac's route of march out of **Spotsylvania**. We'll follow the army as it winds through **Caroline County**, down to the banks of the **North Anna River**. We'll stop at **Carmel Church**, where Grant and Meade made their headquarters. Then we'll jump the river to the **Confederate position** and look at several spots along their line not accessible to most battlefield visitors.

Noon—Lunch break

1:30 p.m.—Walking tour of **North Anna Battlefield Park** (about a two-mile walking tour to the tip of the **Confederate position at Ox Ford** & back).

4:30 p.m.—Head back to the hotel.

7:00 pm **Group dinner with Chris Mackowski at: Castiglia's, 10705 Courthouse Road, Fredericksburg, VA**

**Sunday, June 3, 2018 - 8:10 am promptly** ~ Line up cars at Hampton Inn & Suites Fredericksburg S.

8:20 a.m.—**Mine Run**—Move out for first tour stop

9:00 a.m.—**Germanna Ford**, where we'll meet the Army of the Potomac as it crosses the **Rapidan River** for the start of the campaign. We'll follow the center column of the army to its rendezvous point at **Locust Grove** and talk about the Confederate response. We'll visit the **Payne's Farm battlefield** for a look at the action of Nov. 27, 1863, then we'll look at some **newly discovered earthworks** along the Confederate left, and then we'll hop all the way over to the Confederate right—a position so intimidating that the Federals called off their planned grand assault.

Noon—Head for lunch and then home.

**The cost of \$75.00 covers your Guided Tour. You are responsible for any/all other costs.**

The Robert E. Lee CWRT has a block of rooms at discounted rates reserved until May 12 at:  
**Hampton Inn & Suites Fredericksburg South, 4800 Market St., Fredericksburg, VA 22408**

Includes Complimentary Hot Breakfast

Call (540)898-5000 and ask to reserve with group code **CHXREL** for the **group rate of \$91.00.**

← **May 12, 2017 is the group rate cut off date.**

Arrive Friday pm, June 1, 2018 and check out Sunday am, June 3, 2018

👉 **Please: Send \$75.00 payable to RELeeCWRT** 👈

👉 **May 12, 2017 is the cut off date to reserve your room at the group rate of \$91.00**

**Mail your check (payable to RELeeCWRT) to: Henry F. Ballone ~ 23 Rochelle Parkway ~ Saddle Brook ~NJ ~07663**

I wish to attend the Spotsylvania tour with the Robert E. Lee CWRT ~ guided by Chris Mackowski.

☛ My **\$75.00** check (payable to **R.E.Lee CWRT**) is included.

I will arrive Friday June 1 and check out Sunday June 3 am prepared to continue tour.

I will attend Saturday evening dinner with the group.

I hereby release the R.E. Lee CWRT and its members from any and all liability arising out of this trip.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

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