



The Regimental Bulletin

Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table of Northern New Jersey

***** NEXT MEETING *****
Wednesday, May 18th @ - 7PM - Online Zoom Presentation

See Details Below to Join In

Gettysburg's Seminary Ridge **Speaker: Peter Miele**

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Pete Miele is a proud native of northern New Jersey. After graduating from Ramapo College of New Jersey with a degree in History and Secondary Education, he began his career in secondary education, teaching American History, World History, and American Studies. In 2013, fulfilling a long-time dream, Pete relocated to Gettysburg,

Pennsylvania, obtained a MA in Applied History from Shippensburg University, and found employment with the new Seminary Ridge Museum and Education Center. Over the past eight years, he has worked at the museum in education and operations roles and, in 2020, was named the museum's Executive Director. In 2021, he began classes towards a PhD in American Studies at Penn State, Harrisburg. His interests include 19th century mid-Atlantic social and cultural history, environmental and medical history, historical memory and monumentation, and public heritage and museum studies.



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<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMocuGhpz8qHNPriS6AtTwsEf2cKrxOAOZD>

Reserve Your Room Now for the Annual PKCWRT Gettysburg Trip

Friday, Nov 4th - Sunday, Nov 6th

at the **Best Western in Gettysburg**

Click here to get the Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table Special Rate

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.39139.html?groupId=R68RS6A4

This special rate is only available **until Oct 4th**. A block of ten rooms have been reserved under PKCWRT. Due to a series of factors, the rate has gone up to \$145-\$150 depending on the bed size room.



Jim Hessler,
Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide

Our Saturday tour is with Jim Hessler, Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide, on Custer at Gettysburg. As a additional bonus, Jim will be our speaker on the September 14th on the topic of Custer at Gettysburg giving us an overview for our November walking tour of the battlefield. Please also sign up for using the link to the left.

We are still working on a Saturday night dinner and other add on details. We will let you know in the coming months.

Please reserve your hotel now.



George Armstrong Custer
General, US
Not to be confused with Jim Hessler

PKCWRT 2022 Schedule

Due to Public Safety concerns
All Meetings & Presentations will be
via ONLINE - Zoom Calls

PKCWRT will re-examine our in person
meetings after our June 15th 2022
Zoom Meeting

Save the dates!

Wed, May 18 - 7pm

Peter Miele

Gettysburg - Seminary Ridge

[Register Here](#)

TIME AND SPEAKER CHANGE!

***Thursday, June 16 - 7pm**

Scott Mingus

The Lincoln Funeral Train

[Register Here](#)

Summer Break - July & August

Wed, Sept 14th - 7pm

Jim Hessler, LBG

Custer at Gettysburg

[Register Here](#)

Wed, Oct 19 - 7pm

Robert G Langford

Lincoln's Commanders

Battles Fought & History Made

Resting Now in Peace

Sat, Nov 5th

Jim Hessler, LBG

Gettysburg Tour in Gettysburg, PA

Wed, Nov 16 - 7pm

Vic Vignola

Struggle for the Adams House/Fair Oaks

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Sat, Dec 3rd - 4pm

PKCWRT Holiday Party

Bistro 107, Moonachie, NJ

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Chris Mackowski and Joe Truglio (a *Civil War News* book reviewer) after one of Chris's visits to the Phil Kearny CWRT.

In the April 2022 Civil War News, Chris Mackowski of Emerging Civil War and good friend to the Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table, gives a tip of the hat to PKCWRT President Joe Truglio.

From the ECW Editor

I was pleased to open the March 2022 issue of Civil War News to see a review by **Joe Truglio** of our ECW 10th Anniversary book **The Summer of '63: Vicksburg and Tullahoma**. "I found this book full of valuable information on the battle and also valued the opinions of authors I admire and respect," Joe said.

We admire and respect Joe. As a member of the Robert E. Lee Civil War Roundtable and president of the **Phil Kearny Civil War Roundtable**, both in New Jersey, Joe has been a stalwart friend to ECW since our very earliest days. When I did a talk for the Colonel Henry Ryerson Civil War Round Table in northern New Jersey, Joe made the trek up to see me. He had commented so frequently on our blog posts that, when he introduced himself, I recognized his name immediately.

That encounter made Joe the first ECW reader I ever met in person, a distinction I still look back on with great fondness and nostalgia and I'm pleased to call him my friend to this day. In fact, the symposium wouldn't be the symposium without Joe, and his pals Hank [Ballone] and Chris [Garrabrant], bunking up in the Civil War House and CivilWarNews.com spending the weekend with us.

Joe's review highlighted in the above article Civil War News Book Reviews March 2022

Summer of '63: Vicksburg and Tullahoma

Chris Mackowski and Dan Welch,
Editors. Maps, illustrations, photos,
index, 305 pp., 2021, Savas Beatie,
www.savasbeatie.com, hardcover, \$29.95
Reviewed by Joseph Truglio

Vicksburg or Gettysburg?

One of the most common discussions amongst Civil War buffs is: "What is the more important battle, Vicksburg or Gettysburg?" Emerging Civil War/Savas Beatie has published two books on this issue, one for each event. I have not read the Gettysburg book but did read the Vicksburg book. The format is the anthology type, with approximately twenty authors giving their opinions on

the various stages of the battle. The Tullahoma campaign is thrown in for good measure. Many essays are short; however, this does not detract from the history nor the results. This is not a battle history but rather the opinions of noted historians as to the battle's results. One need not read the essays in order, but it is recommended to do so to maintain continuity. I found this book full of valuable information on the battle and also valued the opinions of authors I admire and respect. Virtually all the essays are taken from ECW podcasts and this book allows those who have no access to podcasts the opportunity to learn of the events in written form. One need not agree with the opinions of the authors but can form more informed opinions themselves. This is a format that I wholeheartedly enjoy. What is best about this format is that is well suited for the novice student of the War. This is a valuable tool for beginning students. It seems that this is also the forte of ECW in reaching out to

new scholars of Civil War history. The price is affordable for virtually all readers, and it will make a great gift for an "emerging" student. My only complaint, and it is not really a complaint, is that there should have been a bit more on the important happenings at Tullahoma. None the less I came away fully satisfied. I look forward to reading the Gettysburg book to see if it changes my mindset. In passing, I'm in agreement with this set of authors that Vicksburg is the more important event. However, that is just this reader's opinion.

Get yourself a copy and let me know what you think!

Joseph Truglio, of Manchester, N.J., is a retired Motion Picture Technician who has a life long interest in the Civil War. He is currently President of the Phil Kearny CWRT in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.

PKCWRT Member **Claire Grainger** of River Edge, NJ shared this information about her Great Great Grandfather, Irish Brigade Veteran **Charles M Grainger**. A veteran of two wars; Crimea and the Civil War. A true patriot, Grainger even tried to enlist a third time for the Spanish American War. He was wounded several times during his service but luckily always returned to his regiment. Charles served the entire Civil War and was mustered out on 6/20/1865 at Alexandria, VA.

He was also a prisoner of war confined at Macon, GA & later Columbia, SC POW Prison camps escaping on 1/1/1865 and making it back to Union lines. Charles was promoted several times during his Civil War service from 2nd Lieutenant on 9/17/1862, 1st Lieutenant on 11/26/1862 and Captain 5/5/1864. His post war career is just as impressive as his Civil War career as a Brooklyn hotel owner at Coney Island, Brooklyn as well as police officer, retiring as a lieutenant. Grainger continued to be active participating in G.A.R. veteran events, especially those of his old Irish Brigade, which he hosted many of their gatherings at his Atlantic Hotel. Thank you to Claire for sharing this with our members.

CAPT. C. M. GRAINGER, WAR VETERAN, DIES

Served With Gallantry in the
Crimea and Also in the
Civil War.

VOLUNTEERED AGAIN IN 1898.

Offer to Raise a Regiment Declined on
Account of His Age—An
Unusual Career.

Captain Charles M. Grainger, who served in the Crimean War and in the Civil War and offered his services in the Spanish-American War, died at his home, 1 Fair View place, Flatbush, last evening. Born at Mallow, County Cork, Ireland, August 9, 1840, the son of Major William Grainger of the famous King's Own Regiment, he enlisted as soon as he could in his father's regiment and was soon promoted to be sergeant. When the Crimean War broke out he was sent to the Crimea and served gallantly till the end of the war. Coming to this country at the first call to arms in the war for the Union, he enlisted in the Eighty-eighth Regiment, New York Volunteers, and was rapidly promoted from second to first lieutenant and then to captain of Company B. He was in the thick of the fighting, until severely wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., on December 13, 1862; and again at the battle of Chancellorsville, Va., on May 3, 1863; he was severely wounded at the battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863, and suffered from these wounds for many

years. In the action on the Weldon Railroad, Virginia, on June 22, 1864, he was captured by the Confederates and sent to Libby Prison, from which he made his escape in the winter of 1864-5. After many narrow escapes from recapture in two days wandering in the woods, he was finally guided by friendly negroes to the banks of the James River, where he was rescued by the United States gunboat Nipsic. He was taken to Lincoln Hospital at Washington, D. C., where he frequently was visited by President Lincoln



Captain Charles M. Grainger.

and became one of his "boys." He had letters from the great President, which he cherished above all else. He served with distinction from December 10, 1861, to June 30, 1865.

When the Spanish-American War broke out Captain Grainger at once offered his services, agreeing to raise a regiment and provide his own horse and equipment, but the Government declined the offer on the ground that the captain was "too old for active

service." This was not the opinion of Secretary Roosevelt, who favored granting the captain's wish, and promised to secure him a chance if the war lasted any time. Its abrupt conclusion, however, prevented the captain from gaining any further glory in arms. He traveled extensively in America and Europe and then joined the New York police force, in which he served twenty-five years, receiving a medal of honor for saving the lives of two sailors from drowning, and at the end of his service, a lieutenant in rank, he retired on pension and became the proprietor of the Atlantic Hotel at Ocean parkway and Surf avenue, Coney Island. His police experience secured him the place of captain of the Coney Island police, from which he was removed when the force was consolidated with the metropolitan police.

Captain Grainger is survived by his wife, Rebecca E., and his brother, William Grainger, M.D. He was a charter member of Encampment No. 38, Union Veteran Legion of New York City; a member of Dahlgren and Tefft Posts, G. A. R.; of the Eighteenth Assembly District Republican Club, the New York Veteran Police Association and the Holy Cross Church, in which the services will be held by Mgr. John T. Wood on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. His comrades of the Union Veteran Legion will hold ritual services at the house, Fairview place and Martense avenue, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle, Brooklyn, NY,
08 Jun 1915, Tue • Page 4



88th New York flag, Dec 1862
Tiffany & Co replica

**Captain Charles M Grainger's Civil War Muster Roll Abstracts of New York State Volunteers
which details his service in the 88th New York Volunteer Infantry.**

MSR

Granger, Charles M.										630		
AGE.	ENLISTED.					MUSTERED IN.						
	WHEN.			WHERE.	PERIOD YEARS.	WHEN.			GRADE.	COMP'Y.	REG'T.	
	YEARS.	DAY.	MONTH.			YEAR.	DAY.	MONTH.				YEAR.
	21	10	December	1861	New York	3	10	December	1861	Sergt.	B.	88
							17	September	1862	2 nd Lt.	"	"
							26	November	1862	1 st Lt.	"	"
LEFT THE ORGANIZATION.												
HOW.	WHEN.			IN WHAT GRADE.	EXPLANATION.							
	DAY.	MONTH.	YEAR.									
Transferred	12	June	1863	1 st Lt.	to Co. B.							

REMARKS: Muster-in as 2nd Lt. accepted to date Aug. 9th 1862.

Cos Roll Missing in action June 22/64, at before Petersburg Va
Wounded Chancellorsville. M. Return Aug 1862 Present as 1st Lieut
Commanding Co MRA Oct 21/64, Captured in action June 22/64 at
Petersburg Va 9th MRA Born as Granger

Born _____ Age _____ years. Occupation _____
Eyes _____ Hair _____ Complexion _____ ft. _____ in.

Captain Charles M. Grainger (also spelled Granger) who served in both Company B & D of the 88th New York Infantry of the famous Irish Brigade on Sale at the Horse Soldier in Gettysburg, PA. The Card meas. 4.25 x 6.50 inches and shows Granger is a white shirt and dark civilian suit. He wears a dark tie with a wide knot. Attached to the knot is a circular pin with a 2nd Corps badge at center and what looks to be "GETTYSBURG" printed across the center of the badge.

Paper image is mounted on dark heavy stock imprinted with "VICTOR ACKER, 159 SIXTH AVENUE, N.Y." Two different period inscriptions. The first inscription is in old blue ink and reads "VERY TRULY YOURS / CHAS. M. GRANGER / NEW YORK CITY / SEPT. 17/87." The second inscription is of the same period and is done in black ink and reads "AN OLD COMRADE / CAPTAIN IN THE 88TH / N.Y. VET VOLS. / IRISH BRIGADE."

<https://www.horsesoldier.com/products/gettysburg-items/32422>





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