



The Regimental Bulletin

Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table of Northern New Jersey

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*** NEXT MEETING ***

Wed, March 19th @ 7PM - Online Zoom Presentation

Union General John Rawlins

Grant's Conscience

Presented by Melissa Winn

Grant's Conscience: The Unique Camaraderie Between Ulysses S. Grant and his Chief of Staff John Rawlins

Melissa A. Winn will discuss the life of **Union General John Rawlins**, the prewar origins of his close and unique friendship with General Ulysses S. Grant, and the many ways in which the lives and legacies of these two men were not only intertwined during the Civil War, but for each of their lifetimes, and, likely, eternity

Although barely mentioned in the personal memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant, Union General John A. Rawlins, Grant's chief of staff, was often considered his right-hand man, closest confidante, and by some, even, his conscience—the man who kept Grant sober during the Civil War. So why the snub in Grant's two-volume recollections

of the conflict in which they served side by side? Melissa Winn will uncover the myths and truths about their historic connection.

Melissa A. Winn is the Director of Marketing and Communications for the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. Previously, she was the Marketing Manager for the American Battlefield Trust, and Director of Photography for HistoryNet, publisher of nine history-related magazines, including *America's Civil War*, *American History*, and *Civil War Times*, for which she served as the primary photo researcher, photographer, and a regular writer. She's a Senior Editor for *Military Images* magazine, with a regular column focused on women and the Civil War; Editor of *Shavings*, the member newsletter of the Early American Industries Association, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Civil War Roundtable Congress; and President of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table. Winn received a BA in English from the University of Wisconsin. She's a member of the Professional Photographers Association, Authors Guild, Women's Relief Corps, and the Center for Civil War Photography.



Melissa Winn

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PKCWRT 2025 Schedule

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Wed, Mar 19 - 7pm

Melissa Winn

John Rawlins

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Wed, April 16 - 7pm

Cecily Zander

General John Pope

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Wed, May 21- 7pm

Sean Chick

PGT Beauregard

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Wed, June 18 - 7pm

Dwight Hughes

Civil War Naval History

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Summer Break July - August

Wed, Sept 17 - 7pm

Michael Block

Cedar Mountain

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Wed, Oct 15 - 7pm

Larry Korczyk

Gen Rowley on Day 1, Gettysburg

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Sat, - Nov 1

Annual PKCWRT Field Trip

Wed, Nov 19 - 7pm

TBD

Saturday, Dec 6th, 2025

PKCWRT Holiday Party

TBD

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New Jersey Civil War Trivia Questions

1) What was the last Northern state to fully abolish slavery?

- A) Pennsylvania
- B) New Jersey
- C) New York
- D) Massachusetts

Answer: B)

2) What was the role of New Jersey's iron industry during the Civil War?

- A) Supplied ironclad warships
- B) Built Confederate cannons
- C) Manufactured railroad ties
- D) Produced swords for both sides

Answer: A)

3) Approximately how many soldiers did New Jersey send to fight in the Civil War?

- A) 50,000
- B) 75,000
- C) 88,000
- D) 100,000

Answer: C)

4) Which important battlefield did the 13th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry help secure?

- A) Antietam
- B) Gettysburg
- C) Vicksburg
- D) Shiloh

Answer: B) (Culp's Hill)

5. What was the name of the key New Jersey military training camp during the Civil War?

- A) Fort Lee
- B) Camp Dix
- C) Camp Olden
- D) Fort Mercer

Answer: C)

6. New Jersey was the only Northern state to initially reject which Constitutional amendments after the Civil War?

- A) 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
- B) 13th, 14th, and 15th
- C) 10th, 11th, and 12th
- D) 16th, 17th, and 18th

Answer: B)



<https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/nature-of-history/digital-invasion>

A Digital Boom in Hallowed Ground

Virginia's historic battlefields are under siege—not by armies, but by **massive data centers**. Northern Virginia has become the world's largest data hub, processing an estimated **70%** of global internet traffic. But as Loudoun County's "Data Center Alley" overflows, developers are pushing deeper into rural, **historically significant areas**—land that witnessed some of the most defining moments in American history.

The construction of monolithic server farms on or near these sacred grounds threatens to **erase irreplaceable heritage sites**, replacing rolling landscapes with industrial sprawl. The American Battlefield Trust is leading the fight to protect these historic places, but they cannot do it alone.

Hallowed Grounds at Risk

America's battlefields are more than just land—they are open-air classrooms, places of remembrance, and **living monuments to the soldiers who fought and died for our nation**. But today, these sacred sites are in danger of being paved over for profit.

In Prince William County, developers have proposed the **Prince William Digital Gateway**, a massive 2,100-acre data center complex that would industrialize land adjacent to Manassas National Battlefield Park. **This park preserves the site of the First and Second Battles of Manassas (Bull Run)**—where thousands of Americans fell in the struggle to shape the country's future. If approved,

this project would place a sea of warehouses and power stations mere steps away from one of America's most significant battlefields.

Meanwhile, in Orange County, data center developers have set their sights on land near Wilderness Battlefield, where Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee first clashed in one of the Civil War's bloodiest engagements. **If we do nothing, these historic landscapes could be lost forever.**

The Environmental Cost of Expansion

Beyond erasing history, data centers pose a significant environmental threat. These facilities are among the most resource-intensive industries in Virginia, consuming vast amounts of electricity and water, while contributing to pollution and urban sprawl.

Massive Energy Use

In 2022, Virginia data centers accounted for 21% of Dominion Energy's electricity sales, with demand projected to increase by 183% by 2040. This means greater reliance on fossil fuels, increased emissions, and growing environmental degradation.

Water Depletion

A single data center can consume 3-5 million gallons of water daily, straining local water supplies. That's equivalent to the annual usage of 30,000 households—all for cooling machines.



Irish Americans of the NY 69th fighting alongside a regiment made up of NY Firefighter's at the Battle of First Manassas in a painting by Don Troiani

Pollution and Stormwater Runoff

Large-scale construction projects disrupt local ecosystems, increase stormwater runoff, and worsen air and water quality—damaging the landscapes surrounding our battlefields.

The American Battlefield Trust is working to halt irresponsible development and push for policies that balance technological progress with preservation, but *they urgently need our support*.

A Call to Action: Help Save Our Battlefields

The American Battlefield Trust, alongside environmental and preservation groups, has formed the **Virginia Data Center Reform Coalition**, advocating for responsible growth that does not destroy America's historic landscapes. They are calling on lawmakers to enforce better protections for battlefields and conduct studies on the cumulative impact of data center expansion.

But the fight is **far from over**. These historic sites

cannot defend themselves—they **need advocates like you to step up**. Without immediate action, the battlefields where thousands of Americans fought and sacrificed could be lost beneath a sea of data centers, erased from our landscape and our memory.

The time to act is **NOW**. Help us protect these national treasures. Every donation makes a difference.

Donate today to preserve our nation's history: <https://www.battlefields.org/give>



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Thank you,
Norm Dykstra
PKCWRT Treasurer