



# THE BUGLE CALL

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*The Bugle Call* is the official newsletter of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, whose mission is to promote the stewardship of our historic, cultural, and natural Civil War resources; encourage superior visitor experiences; and stimulate tourism, economic prosperity, and educational development, thereby improving the quality of life of our community for the benefit of both residents and visitors.



*Travelers stop in Lewistown, Maryland to read a marker on the Gettysburg Campaign – Invasion and Retreat Civil War Trail. Photo courtesy of Russell C. Poole*



## Discovering Love, Loyalty and Leadership in the Heart of the Civil War

Maryland's Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, in Carroll, Frederick and Washington counties, offers a landscape embedded with stories of love and loss, loyalty and leadership unique to the border state experience. Visitors encounter these tales along Maryland's Civil War Trails, such as the "Gettysburg Campaign – Invasion and Retreat" driving tours that follow routes taken by Union and Confederate soldiers in June and July 1863.

Advance routes reveal personalities that stood, or failed, the test of leadership. In late June, as both Union and Confederate forces made their way into Maryland, Union General "Fighting Joe" Hooker resigned his command of the Army of the Potomac

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## KUDOS

We are proud that projects in all three HCWHA counties received Maryland Historical Trust Preservation Awards this year:

- Excellence in Media and Communications Award: The City of Frederick Historic Properties Website.
- Excellence in Community Engagement Award: The City of Hagerstown's comprehensive product development program, Interpreting Hagerstown's Civil War History.
- Excellence in Residential Rehabilitation Award: "Wilson's Inheritance," a beautifully restored house with outbuildings and preserved farmland in Carroll County.

The Austin Civil War Round Table awarded Dennis Frye's *September Suspense: Lincoln's Union in Peril* the 2012 Daniel M. & Marilyn W. Laney Book Prize for distinguished scholarship and writing on the military or political history of the Civil War.



Dennis Frye discussed his award-winning book, *September Suspense*, at the Frederick Visitor Center on August 4, 2012. Watch C-Span coverage of the program at [www.c-spanvideo.org/program/307448-1](http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/307448-1).

Dennis Frye's book *Harper's Ferry Under Fire: A Border Town in the American Civil War* received Association of Partners for Public Lands 2013 Media and Partnership Award in the category of Books, Revenue of 1 Million and Under.

in a fit of anger. He was upset with Chief of Staff Henry Halleck because Halleck would not allow Hooker to withdraw the 10,000 men garrisoned at Harpers Ferry and add them to his army.

Although Hooker had done an excellent job of rapidly moving the Army of the Potomac from northern Virginia into Maryland in pursuit of Confederate General Robert E. Lee, many of the men in the army, the president, and the chief of staff all questioned his ability to win a battle against Lee. Already lacking confidence in Hooker following his performance at Chancellorsville, Lincoln seized the opportunity to remove the general from command when Hooker tendered his resignation in protest. This was a bold decision considering that the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia was well on its way to Pennsylvania.

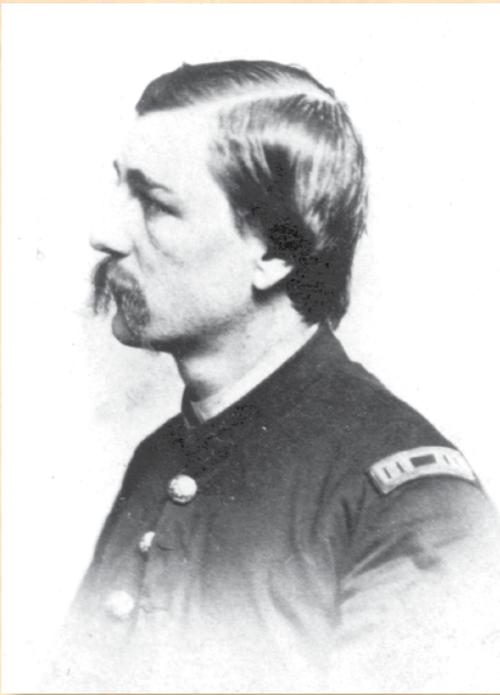
Thus, on June 28, near Frederick, General George Meade was greeted in the wee morning hours with news that he had been given command of the Army of the Potomac. General Meade willingly took up the mantle of leadership writing in a letter to his wife, "I am moving at once against Lee. A battle will decide the fate for our country and our cause."

A day after General Meade's appointment, a famous skirmish occurred in Westminster, where two companies of the 1st Delaware Cavalry clashed with General J.E.B. Stuart's cavalry. Under the leadership of Delaware Captain Charles Corbit, the union cavalry engaged troopers of Fitz Lee's brigade with "almost suicidal bravery," and earned the admiration of their Virginia foes, one of whom recalled, "There has never been, in my knowledge, a more terrific fight with pistols..."

Following "Corbit's Charge," General Stuart's column moved north towards Union Mills, a place bound up in the complexities of life in a border state. Brothers Andrew K. and William Shriver lived on either side of the Littlestown Turnpike. Andrew was a slave-owning, self-declared "Union man," while his brother, who did not own slaves, supported the Confederacy. By the end of day on June 29, Union loyalist Andrew was host to thousands of Confederates who occupied his property for the night. The next morning, Confederate officers breakfasted across the street with southern-sympathizing William, then set out for Pennsylvania, guided by William's 16 year old son, Herbert.

Poignant stories of love and loss are told at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, in Emmitsburg along the Mason Dixon Line. Between 20–25,000 Union troops encamped here in June, 1863, where Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton founded a religious order, now part of the Daughters of Charity, in 1809. This community exemplified sacrificial love by feeding the half-starved Union soldiers, to the point of emptying their cupboards entirely. Yet, a Sister's journal tells of a "loaves and fishes" miracle; expecting no breakfast after giving all their provisions to soldiers the previous day, baked goods for the morning repast appeared in the Sisters' kitchen. Sister Mary Jane underlined for emphasis, "I did not see it multiplied, but I saw it there!" A few days later, when battle raged, the Sisters were among the first from outside Gettysburg to provide help on the field. In fact, the Daughters of Charity gave nursing care and spiritual succor to the wounded of both armies at more than sixty sites in fifteen states during the course of the Civil War,

**Emmitsburg Heritage Days, June 28-30,** will commemorate the town's Battle of Gettysburg experiences with numerous programs in several locations. For information visit [www.setonheritage.org](http://www.setonheritage.org).



*Captain Charles Corbit will be remembered in the commemoration, 'Corbit's Charge – Union Mills 1863' featuring three days of special events in Westminster and Union Mills from Friday, June 28 to Sunday, June 30, 2013. For details, visit [www.unionmills.org](http://www.unionmills.org).*

a story that is also told at Frederick's National Museum of Civil War Medicine.

But Emmitsburg is also the site of a real, old-fashioned love story. Union General John Reynolds, killed on the first day of battle at Gettysburg, was a dashing,

romantic, figure. Civil War Trail markers in Frederick tell about his delightful reunion with cousins on June 28, and at the Shrine in Emmitsburg that he was secretly engaged to Kate Hewitt, whom he intended to wed when the war ended. Reynolds and Hewitt had planned for her to meet his family at a gathering on July 8. Sadly, Reynolds' family members learned about his fiancée after his death when she arrived to view his body lying in state at his sister's home in Philadelphia. As arranged by the lovers in case he did not survive the war, Kate Hewitt entered religious life and joined the Daughters of Charity in 1864.

Maryland's Civil War Trails tell stories like these that have been hidden within the landscape for 150 years. They also lead visitors to museums and historic sites such as Rose Hill Manor Park and the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Union Mills outside Westminster, the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, and Canal Towns like Williamsport and Brunswick where exhibitions, tours and special programs delve more deeply into the experience of life on the border, here in the Heart of the Civil War. For more information about visitor opportunities, and to download a Civil War Trails map guide, visit [www.heartofthecivilwar.org](http://www.heartofthecivilwar.org).

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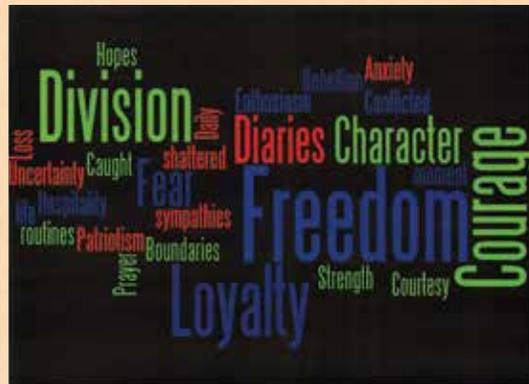
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## Dear Friends,

In February, Dr. Dean Herrin presented a session at Frederick's Master Docent Series titled, "Gettysburg and the Heart of the Civil War."

About 100 docents and volunteers from museums, parks, battlefields and other nonprofits and government entities listened to a great overview to prepare them to serve visitors coming to the area during Gettysburg's sesquicentennial year. My charge to the audience was to listen, not only to the factual content, but to identify universal ideas, themes and concepts that people of all ages and ethnicities, from all walks of life, and from any country of origin could relate. Participants submitted one-word responses, which we later used to create the following word cloud:



It is important for us to encourage broad thinking about big ideas, like "freedom," "loyalty" and "courage." Doing so will allow more people to find personal connections and relevancy in the Civil War history we preserve. The border state experience of Maryland, with its tensions and tough choices, affords us the opportunity to do as Sara Bloomfield of the U.S. Holocaust Museum recently described, "...to challenge our visitors to ask, not what I would have done but what *will* I do?" (*The Washington Post*, April 28, 2013)

Studies indicate that by the year 2020, the United States will see significant changes in demographics and diminishing affluence among populations that are now our core history visitors. Knowing such shifts are on the horizon, we have an opportunity to start engaging younger and more diverse audiences now, to assure that future generations appreciate and preserve our historic, cultural and natural resources, and continue to generate positive economic impact in our communities through heritage tourism.

Thank you for your good work in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Scott Shatto, Director

# HCWHA GRANTS IN FY12 AND FY13

The tables below summarize Management, Project and Mini-Grants awarded in HCWHA in FY12 and FY13 through the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority. We are pleased to have secured considerable funds to enhance heritage tourism and preservation.

## FY12 MANAGEMENT, PROJECT AND MINI-GRANTS

Type of Grant	Applicant/Purpose	Total Project Budget	Award
Management Grant	Management Entity/Management	\$208,053	\$100,000
Non-Capital	Catoctin Center for Regional Studies/"African Americans in the Civil War on the Maryland Border" Conference	\$70,548	\$20,500
Project Grants	Maryland Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Scenic Byway/Heart of the Civil War Documentary Film	\$500,000	\$47,000
	C & O Canal Trust/Canal Towns: In the Shadow of the Civil War	\$121,000	\$23,000
	Washington County Fine Arts Museum/"Valley of the Shadow" Civil War Exhibit	\$115,550	\$47,000
Mini-Grants	Community Foundation, Corbit's Charge Committee/Rosser's Raid Civil War Trail Marker	\$2,600	\$1,300
	New Windsor Heritage Committee/GPS Guided Walking Tour of New Windsor for Students	\$2,560	\$1,000
	Monocacy National Battlefield/The Return of Special Orders 191 Exhibit	\$5,000	\$1,700
	Seton Heritage Ministries/"Charity Afire" Brochure	\$5,000	\$1,700
	Maryland Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Scenic Byway/Frederick County, Maryland Bikeways & Recreational Trails Users Map	\$11,000	\$500
	Frederick Civil War Roundtable/Battle of Frederick Civil War Trails Marker	\$2,600	\$1,300
	Friends of Tolson's Chapel/The Dignity of Freedom: Pathways through the Civil War and Beyond	\$2,000	\$1,000
	Town of Williamsport/Retreat Through Williamsport Interpretive Support	\$5,000	\$600
	Sharpsburg Historical Society/Garnet Jex "The Upper Potomac in the Civil War"	\$900	\$900
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,051,811</b>	<b>\$247,500</b>

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*Interpreters inspire a new generation of history enthusiasts at events commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of South Mountain, at Gathland State Park in September, 2012.*

## FY13 MHAA MANAGEMENT, PROJECT AND MINI-GRANTS

Type of Grant	Applicant/Purpose	Total Project Budget	Award
Management Grant	Management Entity/Management	\$204,420	\$100,000
Capital Project Grants	Civil War Trust/Preservation of Monocacy Battlefield	\$438,400	\$90,000
	Town of Williamsport/Rehabilitation of Doubleday Hill and Self-Guided Tour of Civil War Sites	\$93,284	\$23,160
	Town of Emmitsburg/Preparation of Design to Revitalize the Town Square	\$56,000	\$28,000
Non-Capital Project Grants	Frederick Civil War Roundtable/"Bringing the Story of War to Our Doorsteps": Alexander Gardner's Dead at Antietam Photographs Exhibit and Website	\$27,000	\$7,358
	Historical Society of Frederick County/"1864 Frederick County and the Civil War" Exhibit	\$50,000	\$25,000
	Maryland Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Scenic Byway/Interpretive Exhibit – Mason Dixon Discovery Center	\$100,000	\$50,000
	Antietam National Battlefield/Sesquicentennial Visitor Experience Improvements	\$72,000	\$36,000
Mini-Grants	National Museum of Civil War Medicine/Public Space Enhancement – Signage	\$5,241	\$2,000
	Middletown Main Street/Rack Card for Sesquicentennial Commemorations 2014	\$1,870	\$840
	Town of Williamsport/"Retreat through Williamsport" Historical Bus Tour/Expert Speakers Funding	\$4,450	\$1,200
	Carroll County Arts Council/Images of the Civil War	\$3,404	\$1,700
	Thurmont First/Almost Blue Mountain City: "The History of Thurmont, Maryland"	\$4,000	\$1,000
	Middletown Valley Historical Society/Jefferson Street (Middletown, MD) Walking Tour	\$4,000	\$1,000
	Maryland Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Scenic Byway/Frederick County, Maryland Bikeways & Recreational Trails Users Map	\$11,000	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,075,069</b>	<b>\$367,758</b>



Frederick County's new bikeways brochure includes several itineraries that traverse beautiful scenery and Civil War points of interest, including some interpreted sites along Maryland's Civil War Trails.



Left: The Federal City Brass Band performed at the premier of the film, *Heart of the Civil War*, at the Weinberg Center for the Arts in Frederick on September 4, 2012.

Above: Thousands of reenactors and spectators visited the heritage area for the 150th Antietam Reenactment in September 2012, supporting jobs, generating tax revenue, and contributing economic benefit to our communities (see p. 8 for more on the economic impact of Civil War heritage tourism).



*The March to Falling Waters reenactment will take place on July 14, 2014.  
For details visit [www.williamsportretreat.com](http://www.williamsportretreat.com).*

## Rain, Rain, Go Away

Rain, rain, and more rain. More than a week of rain began on July 4, when Confederates started their escape from Gettysburg through Washington County, Maryland. Pursued, the Rebel army and its wagon trains met and engaged with Union cavalry at numerous locations from Monteray Pass in Pennsylvania to Smithsburg, Leitersburg, Funkstown, Hagerstown, Boonsboro, St. James, and Williamsport in Maryland. Williamsport is where The Gettysburg Campaign began nearly three weeks earlier, on June 15, 1863, when the Confederate Army entered Maryland pushing northward. Now, having lost 25,000 troops, General Lee sought refuge in Virginia but was trapped because the Potomac River was rain-swollen and impassible. Worse yet, the pontoon bridges at Falling Waters had been destroyed. It was ten long, wet, days before rain subsided and waters subsided sufficiently to allow General Lee and his troops to re-cross the Potomac River on July 14, 1863.

Each year, the Town of Williamsport, along with the Chesapeake and Ohio National Historical Park, presents the commemorative weekend, "Retreat Through Williamsport." The 150th anniversary weekend will take place July 10–14, 2013 with living history programs, concerts, speakers, hikes, youth activities, guided bus tours and more. Venues for programs include the Springfield Barn and Museum and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal NHP Cushwa Basin, as well as additional locations in town. Commemorations will interpret such events as the "Wagoners' Fight" on July 6, 2013 in which General John D. Imboden made a lone stand to defend the wagon trains of wounded he was escorting back to Virginia. Most infantry and cavalry support had not yet arrived at Williamsport, so General Imboden assembled a defensive force organizing about 700 of his wagoners into infantry companies under wounded officers. His quickly improvised force repulsed the attacks of Union cavalry generals John Buford and Judson Kilpatrick. General Imboden referred to Williamsport as a "great hospital for the thousands of wounded," and ordered every family in town to cook for the casualties.

The Retreat weekend will conclude with a five-mile walk and reenactment of the July 14, 1863 escape along the canal towpath into Falling Waters, West Virginia. Living history vignettes will be featured along the way to provide insight into the aftermath of the Retreat from Gettysburg. On that day in 1863, Confederate General J. Johnston Pettigrew, a key leader of Pickett's Charge, was mortally wounded. However, his men helped delay Union forces to allow the Army of Northern Virginia to escape in to West Virginia, and on to Virginia.

As a part of preparations for Williamsport's Sesquicentennial events, a new Civil War walking tour of Williamsport and Doubleday Hill enhancements are underway and will debut on July 4, 2013. The location is where General Abner Doubleday set up a battery overlooking the Potomac River and Conococheague Aqueduct in 1861. In 1897, the town created a memorial here, mounting three 3" Ordnance Rifle tubes to honor those from Williamsport who served during the Civil War. With funding, in part, from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, the cannon tubes are being restored and returned to the hill on carriages, along with other improvements to the site.

Williamsport, and several other towns that saw action during the Confederate retreat in 1863, will offer public programs interpreting this moment in such as a special walking tour commemorating the Battle of Hagerstown on Saturday, July 6 led by historian Steve Bockmiller. You can follow the retreat through Washington County by using the "Gettysburg Campaign – Invasion and Retreat" map guide, and participating in public programs along the way. For event details, and to download the Civil War Trails map guide, visit [www.heartofthecivilwar.org](http://www.heartofthecivilwar.org).

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# The Magnetic Pull of the Civil War

Two recent national studies affirm an underlying premise of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, that “Civil War sites are tourism magnets.” A study released by the Civil War Trust in April, 2013<sup>1</sup>, and the National Park Service report on “Economic Benefits to Local Communities from National Park Visitation, 2011,”<sup>2</sup> provide encouraging data about the economic benefits of preserving, enhancing, and promoting Civil War resources. Notably, the good news in these reports was collected and analyzed even before the Heart of the Civil War’s most impactful Sesquicentennial commemorations (anniversaries of the 1862 Maryland Campaign, the 1863 Gettysburg invasion and retreat, and Jubal Early’s 1864 Campaign and the Battle of Monocacy).

For example, Antietam National Battlefield served 384,987 recreational visitors in 2011, generating visitor spending of over \$20 million and 243 associated jobs. With 510,921 recreational visits counted at Antietam in 2012, when visitors flocked to the battlefield for 150th anniversary events, the economic impact was even greater. Antietam NB is located in Washington County, which according to data from Smith Travel Research led the state in room demand in 2012. That

year, Washington County saw a 9.3 percent rise in hotel room demand, a 12.1 increase in room revenue and an 11.1 percent increase in hotel occupancy. Similar good news was realized in Frederick County, where hotel revenue exceeded \$45 million, a 12% increase over the previous peak in 2008.

Increased room demand in the area is consistent with findings of the Civil War Trusts “Blue, Gray and Green” report that 71% of Civil War tourists stay at least one night in the battlefield communities they visit. The report also revealed that Civil War tourism supported jobs (956 visitors = 1 full time job) and tax revenue. Interviews with visitors to 20 battlefields found that 2/3 were visiting the area specifically to see the battlefield, 3/4 planned to visit other Civil War sites while in the area, and 91% said they would recommend the battlefield to others.

<sup>1</sup> Civil War Trust, “Blue, Gray and Green,” 2013.

<sup>2</sup> Cui, Yue, Mahoney, E. & Herbowicz, T. 2013. “Economic Benefits to Local Communities from National Park Visitation, 2011.” Natural Resource Report NPS/NRSS/EQD/NRTR 2013/631. National Park Service, Fort Collins, Colorado.

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