

YOU MUST WEAR A MASK AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING THE TOUR

June 20, 2020, The Western Pennsylvania Civil War Roundtable 35th
Annual Battlefield Tour: Gettysburg.

Theme: Command at Gettysburg. During the day our guide Scott Hartwig will examine command decisions/successes/failures at the army, corps, division, brigade, and regimental level. The stops we are making are places where critical command decisions were made during the battle. One can argue some of these decisions determined the fate of our nation.

ITINERARY – Subject to the vicissitudes of campaigning. Tour will be conducted by car caravan. If possible take a friend in your vehicle to reduce the number of cars in the caravan. We will be traveling mostly on park roads and parking is within the park, except for lunch.

8 – 8:45 AM – Park at the **West End Guide Station** the small stone building located on the south side of route 30 (Chambersburg Pike) opposite side of road from John Buford's statue. – Decisions that bring the armies to battle - Division/Corps/Army

8:45 – 9:45 – Assault on the RR Cut – Regiment [**park at Stop 1 on auto tour and walk**]

9:45 – 10:45 – The 147th NY – Regiment

10:45 – 11:45 – Plan of Attack, July 2 – Army/Corps/Division - focus on Lee/Longstreet and Longstreet/McLaws [**park at Snyder farm on West Confederate Avenue**] which located near the Louisiana and Mississippi monuments.

11:45 – 1:15 PM Lunch at the Farnsworth House, 401 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg. Phone 717 – 334 – 8838. Parking in rear of Farnsworth House just off alley parallel to Baltimore Street. Can remove mask during lunch.

1:15 – 2:30 – Brigade attack – Kershaw's brigade on Stony Hill and the Wheatfield [**park on Sickles Avenue in Wheatfield.**] **We will walk to the various sites in and around the Wheatfield.**

2:30 – 3:30 – Division attack – Caldwell's division counterattack in the Wheatfield.

3:30 – 4:30 – Repulse of Pickett’s Charge [**park on Hancock Avenue near the Angle**]

Scott Hartwig is familiar to Roundtable members. Several years ago Scott spoke to a meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Roundtable on aspects of the battle of Gettysburg. Last year 2019 he conducted a remarkable Antietam tour for the Roundtable. At last year’s tour we asked Scott if he would conduct a tour in 2020 of his favorite Gettysburg spots. We were delighted when Scott agreed and he has put together a most intriguing itinerary for our 2020 tour.

Scott is a thirty-four year veteran of the National Park Service and served as Gettysburg’s supervisory historian for twenty years. He won the NPS regional Freeman Tilden Award for Excellence in Interpretation in 1993, and was fundamental in the growth of Gettysburg’s on-site interpretation and living history programming, distance and satellite education efforts, and a key player for the design of all aspects of the new Gettysburg museum/visitor center. He retired from the NPS in January 2014. Hartwig has authored numerous articles, essays and books on Civil War subjects, and has appeared on the History Channel, Discovery Channel and Pennsylvania Cable Network. His most recent publication is *To Antietam Creek: The Maryland Campaign from September 3 to September 16*, an 800 page in-depth study of the campaign up to the eve of the Battle of Antietam, published in September 2012 by Johns Hopkins University Press. Hartwig is currently working on the sequel which will cover the Battle of Antietam, its aftermath and the end of the campaign. He lives happily near Gettysburg with his wife, Barb.

Having trekked the battlefield with Scott you may want to continue to learn from Scott by reading his writings about the actions featured on the tour.

Gettysburg Magazine Articles:

Issue 1, pages 5-14, *GUTS AND GOOD LEADERSHIP: THE ACTION AT THE RAILROAD CUT, JULY 1, 1863*

Issue 1, pages 15-24, *THE DEFENSE OF MCPHERSON'S RIDGE*

Issue 2, pages 33-50, *THE 11TH ARMY CORPS ON JULY 1, 1863 - "THE UNLUCKY 11TH"*

Issue 25 pages 61 - 74, *I HAVE NEVER BEEN IN A HOTTER PLACE: BRIGADE COMMAND AT GETTYSBURG*

The Second Day at Gettysburg, editor Gary Gallagher, pages 136- 171, *“No Troops on the Field Had Done Better”*: John C. Caldwell’s Division the Wheatfield, July 2, 1863

Programs of the Sixth Annual Gettysburg Seminar, Mr. Lincoln’s Army, pages 247 – 289, *“The Fate of a Country” The Repulse of Longstreet’s Assault by the Army of the Potomac*

Papers of the Ninth Gettysburg Seminar, I Ordered No Man to go When I would Not go Myself, pages 143 – 180, *I Ordered No Man to go When I would Not go Myself*, Norman Hall, Alexander Webb, Alonzo Cushing, and *the Art of Leading Men in Battle*

Papers of the Tenth Gettysburg Seminar: Gettysburg: The End of the Campaign and Battle’s Aftermath, pages 50 – 81, The Army of Northern Virginia and the Gettysburg Campaign: “We came here with the best army the Confederacy ever carried into the field”

Gettysburg National Military Park publication: The Gettysburg Campaign & First day of Battle pages iv – vi, *The First Day at Gettysburg*; pages 155 – 196, *I Have Never Seen the Like Before Herbst Woods, July 1, 1863*

Gettysburg National Military Park publication: The Second Day at Gettysburg, pages 39 – 74, *Unwilling Witness to the Rage of Battle: The Experience of Battle of July 2*

Gettysburg National Military Park publication, The Third Day: The Fate of a Nation, pages 23 – 54, *High Water Mark: Heroes, Myth and Memory*

A Killer Angel’s Companion - a sterling guide to Michael Sharra’s classic fictional novel about the battle of Gettysburg.