

The Civil War Round Table of Eastern PA, Inc. proudly presents:

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A Conference for the Benefit of Historic Preservation

Saturday, May 6, 2017- The Center at Holiday Inn Lehigh Valley

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Program

7:45 - 8:45 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45	Welcome
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Michael Harris - General John Sullivan and the Battle of Brandywine
10:00 – 10:15	Break
10:15 – 11:15	D. Scott Hartwig – To Antietam Creek; The 1862 Maryland Campaign.
11:15 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	Col. Douglas Mastriano, US Army, PhD. – Sergeant Alvin York -Legend or Hero? Finding the truth with archeology and ballistic forensics analysis.
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Buffet Lunch
1:30 – 2:30	Dr. Gregory J.W. Urwin - The Wake Island Defenders: "Victory in Defeat: War, Survival, Liberation, & Understanding."
2:30 – 2:45	Break
2:45 – 3:45	Ward Nickisch, Col. US Army Ret. - Fallen, But Not Forgotten: The Search & Recovery of POWS/MIAS
3:45 – 4:15	Book Raffle and Closing

Event cost is \$50.00 per person which includes Continental Breakfast and Buffet Lunch. Please send your check made out to “CWRT of Eastern PA, Inc.” to Edwin Root 2332 Fox Meadow Dr., Allentown, PA. 18104. Kindly include your phone number and email address so we may confirm receipt.

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Speakers

Michael C. Harris is a graduate of the University of Mary Washington and the American Military University. He has worked for the National Park Service in Fredericksburg, Virginia, Fort Mott State Park in New Jersey, and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission at Brandywine Battlefield. He is the author of *Brandywine : A Military History of the Battle That Lost Philadelphia But Saved America, September 11, 1777*

D. Scott Hartwig 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. He is the author of *To Antietam Creek: The Maryland Campaign of 1862*.

Colonel Douglas Mastriano was commissioned in the US Army in 1986. He began his career on the Iron Curtain with the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment based out of Nuremberg, Germany. While serving along the East German and Czechoslovakian borders, he participated in the end of the Cold War and after this, deployed to Iraq for Operation Desert Storm. Here, his regiment led the main attack against Saddam's elite Republican Guards. He is a faculty member at the US Army War College in the Department of Military Strategy, Plans and Operations. He is the author of *Alvin York: A New Biography of the Hero of the Argonne*.

Dr. Gregory J.W. Urwin the immediate past president of the Society for Military History, is a professor of history at Temple University. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Notre Dame in 1984, and taught at Saint Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City, Kansas, and the University of Central Arkansas before arriving at Temple in 1999. Urwin has produced nine books, including *Custer Victorious: The Civil War Battles of General George Armstrong Custer*, *Facing Fearful Odds: The Siege of Wake Island*, *Black Flag over Dixie: Racial Atrocities and Reprisals in the Civil War*, and his latest, *Victory in Defeat: The Wake Island Defenders in Captivity, 1941-1945*.

Ward Nickisch, Col. US Army Ret. is a native of Huron, South Dakota who retired after almost 30 years of active Army service, including duty in Vietnam in 1970 and 1971. He later commanded two companies in Germany and a battalion in the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, NC and went on to serve as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army. His last assignment was as the Director of Casualty and Memorial Affairs for the US Army. In that position he supervised the US Army's Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii (CILHI), which conducted the search, recovery, identification and repatriation of the soldiers (of all military Services) whose bodies were never recovered from all prior wars.

Authors will have books available for sale.