

February 2018



Battlelines

Rally 'Round the Colors!

Join the GBPA!

The fight to preserve Gettysburg continues. You can take an active role through your membership in the GBPA.

Right now, the GBPA is engaged in the struggle to preserve the remaining undeveloped ground of the battlefield and the Camp Letterman Field Hospital that treated thousands of wounded and dying soldiers in the aftermath --- **ground that is threatened by imminent commercial and**

residential development.

Your membership is essential to preserving as much of this legacy ground as possible.

Not only does membership bring your voice to the table, you receive free admission to a tour of the Historic Daniel Lady Farm and the house and barn that served as a field hospital to the fallen of the battle, you receive **free admission to this summer's annual membership picnic on the Lady Farm.**

New this year is the GBPA education center, museum and headquarters in existing buildings adjacent to the farm.

Your membership makes you a part of legacy of Gettysburg and the challenge to preserve it for generations of Americans to come!

See our membership application on the last page--- Enlist in the battle to save Gettysburg!

Also in this newsletter:

- Update on repairs to crash-damaged Daniel Lady farmhouse
- New GBPA education center gets trial run
- Cavalry event to charge onto Historic Daniel Lady Farm
- 2018 season kicks off with Preservation Ball in PA State Capitol
- Annual membership banquet wrap-up
- GBPA on Mars?

Lady Farmhouse repairs won't be easy

On November 11, a pick-up truck slammed into the west side of the Daniel Lady Farmhouse.

Fortunately, the driver, who had suffered a medical emergency, survived and no one was in the farmhouse at the time.

The truck burst through the fieldstone wall and into the front sitting room where Confederate surgeons treated desperately wounded officers during the 1863 battle.



The fireplace and mantle were obliterated and the wood floor, still showing bloodstains, was heavily damaged, though the stained portions are still visible.

Initially, it appeared repairs would be relatively easy to address. However, an engineering study of the structure disclosed severe problems.

Among them are hairline fractures spread throughout the masonry on the side of the building where the truck struck and extending across the front of the house.



The impact on the foundation and floor joists was so great that several joists were knocked as much as six inches out of place before springing back into position, but still unstable. This will require removing and replacing the floor in the sitting room and adjacent hallway. Each board will have to be indexed upon removal and eventually replaced to its original position.

Following the engineer's report, GBPA issued requests for bids on the repairs. The Board of Directors approved the awarding of bids for the interior and masonry work at its January meeting.

The cost of repairs to these and other aspects of the damage is entirely insured.

"We cannot yet set a date for when the repairs will be completed," said GBPA Vice President of Operations Kirk Davis, who is overseeing the repair project along with President Barb Mowery and Administrative Vice President Brendan Synnhamon.

"Our concern is that the repairs be done precisely and not that they be done with haste."

When the contractors have wrapped up work the building will again be inspected by structural engineers and the GBPA Executive Board to ensure correct workmanship and appearance.



First event in GBPA Education Center salutes Lady Farm volunteers



Shortly before Christmas, the GBPA held a holiday appreciation luncheon for the volunteers and docents so essential to the growing role of the Historic Daniel Lady Farm in fostering the legacy of Gettysburg.

The luncheon was the first event to be held in the new GBPA headquarters building adjacent to the Lady Farm, which the GBPA acquired last summer.

The luncheon also gave the volunteers an opportunity to discuss the expansion of programs at the Lady Farm in the coming year, including those of the growing Rebecca Lady Society.

In addition to being the first to experience the new education center, participants got a look at the work underway in what will be the museum and retail sales portion of the three-



building complex.

The education center will be used for meetings, seminars, displays, presentations and performances, often in association with special programs at the nearby farm.

The center also will provide a fallback location for events at the Lady Farm that might be hampered by rain, such as wet weather often encountered by the Friday Night Music at the Farm series last summer.

Work on the new facility has focused on



interior improvements with exterior work to begin in the spring.

While programs are already being scheduled for the education center, formal dedication of the new GBPA complex will be set when it can be assured that all operations are fully functioning.



GBPA to influence Mars exploration?

Yep, it just might

Next time you check out the GBPA website at www.gbpa.org, keep in mind its association with Mars ... in more ways than one.

Yes, Mars is the Roman god of war, which Gettysburg saw plenty of. It's also the name given the "angry red planet," and that is where the GBPA tie-in is.



Wade Hisiro

Wade Hisiro, son of board member Carl Hisiro, handles the technical aspects of updating the GBPA website, that is, when he's not busy with his electrical and computer engineering studies at the University of Virginia. Part of those studies includes participation on a team of five students and their professor that are finalists in NASA's BIG Ideas Challenge for 2018. Wade is the only underclassman on the team as the other four are graduate students.

According to *UVAToday*, the challenge is a design competition sponsored by the Game-Changing Development Program within NASA's Space Technology Mission Directorate and managed by the National Institute of Aerospace.

The dilemma the students are to overcome is the need for a dependable power source that could be placed on Mars before the landing of human explorers. Under the direction of electrical engineering professor Mool Gupta, Wade and his teammates tackled viable concepts, designs, installation plans and operation of a large solar-power system on the desolate planet.

UVAToday says "Team Gupta" proposes large balloons, each with the diameter of half a football field and up to 6 stories tall topped with flexible solar panels to generate electricity.

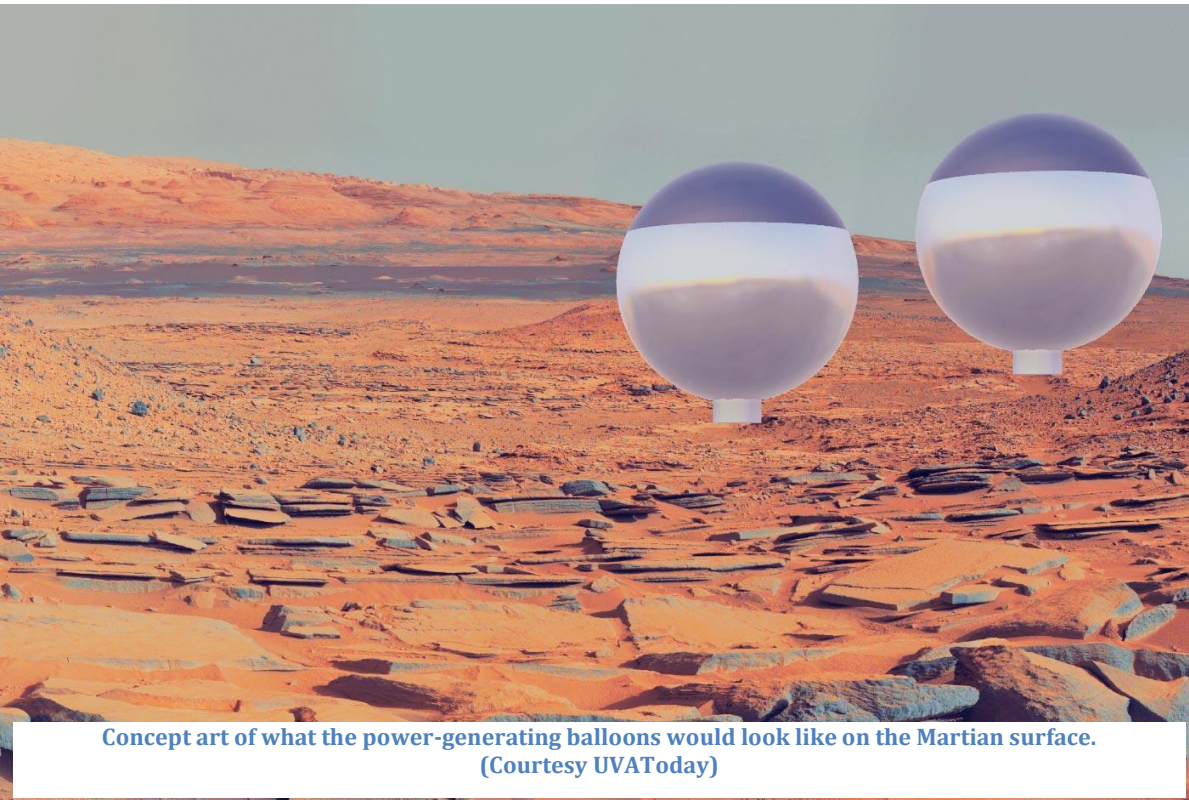
Concept art of what the power-generating balloons would look like on the Martian surface. The finalist

designation means NASA has accepted the basic concept Wade and his teammates have evolved.

The final selection will come in March when the five finalist teams present their proposals to NASA in Cleveland, Ohio. Until then, the devil is in the details as Wade and the others on Team Gupta further refine the proposal. Their competitors include teams from Princeton University, Texas A&M University, the University of Colorado at Boulder and Norwich University.

There's no word on whether Wade and the UVA team are being

urged onward by a team of cheerleaders, but if they were looking for volunteers, proud father Carl would certainly be first in line.



Concept art of what the power-generating balloons would look like on the Martian surface.
(Courtesy UVAToday)

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Message from the President

Friends,

First, I thank the members of the GBPA Board of Directors for their confidence in reelecting me as president.

In 2018, I will be placing a top priority on working out agreements with the proposed developers of the Wolf Farm and other undeveloped property between York Street and Hanover Street in the vicinity of the Historic Daniel Lady Farm.

The land includes ground that was part of the Confederate battle line where they came under Union artillery fire and over which they would advance in their assault on Culp's Hill, as well as the remaining undeveloped property that once held the post-battle Camp Letterman General Hospital.

Our goal is to minimize the detrimental impact the commercial and residential development will have on the remaining hallowed ground and on the view-shed from the northern and eastern portions of the Gettysburg National Military Park.

Meanwhile the GBPA Board is busy expanding programs on the Lady Farm and preparing our new headquarters and education complex that will greatly expand our ability to educate America about the legacy of the battle of Gettysburg and the civilians who lived here during the epic battle and afterward.

Of course, the board is shepherding the intricate restoration of the Daniel Lady Farmhouse, heavily damaged when struck by a pick-up truck in November.

And, I would be remiss not to acknowledge the growing involvement of the docent volunteers, especially those of the Rebecca Lady Society, in their dedication to making

visitors to the Farm feel that they are stepping back through history as they tour the house and barn. Their work makes the experience so much more satisfying and effective than a static display.

Come on out to the Farm and see for yourself --- and consider joining us in passing along the legacy.

Barb

Countdown to the Annual Preservation Ball

It's just over one month away --- the 15th Annual Civil War Preservation Ball in the glory of the Pennsylvania State Capitol Building Rotunda --- 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

Dedicated to assisting the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Project, the ball help fund repairs and maintenance of the more than 140 markers and monuments that honor Keystone State regiments



and individuals on the Gettysburg battlefield.

Sponsored by the Civil War Dance Foundation, this 15th annual edition of the ball could put the Dance Foundation over the \$100,000 mark in total funds raised for the monuments.

Surrounded by the beauty and history of the Capitol Rotunda, the Civil War Preservation Ball benefits the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Project. The project helps fund repairs and maintenance of the more than 140 markers and monuments that honor Keystone State regiments and individuals on the Gettysburg battlefield. Sponsored by the Civil War Dance Foundation, this 15th annual edition of the ball could put the Dance Foundation over the \$100,000 mark in total funds raised for the monuments.

Led by the Civil War Dance Ensemble, music will again be provided by the Philadelphia Brigade Band.

Tickets are \$65 per couple, \$35 for an individual. Civil War period dress is not required, though gentlemen in modern attire are asked to wear coat and tie and ladies are requested to be in a dress.

Reservations are required and no tickets will be available at the door.

More information can be obtained at PreservationBall@CivilWarDance.org. The Civil War Dance Foundation website is at www.CivilWarDance.org.

The Dance Ensemble will be offering free dance classes from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday, February 11 and Sunday, February 25 at the Capital Union Building at Penn State – Harrisburg, 777 West Harrisburg Pike in Middletown.

There is an introduction to Civil War dance moves at the Civil War Dance Ensemble Facebook page: www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9l6r2Ae-g4.



Rebecca Lady's Birthday Party and Tea

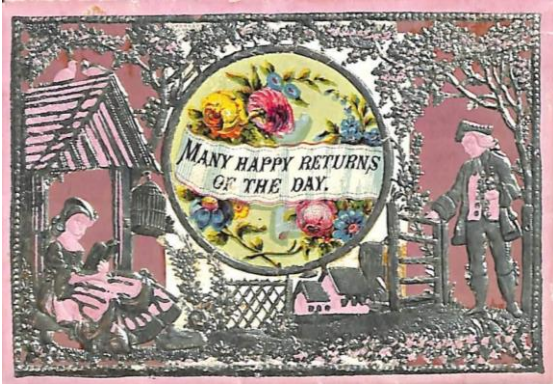
Sponsored by the Rebecca Lady Society, Volunteers of the Historic Daniel Lady Farm

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Come join us for lovely tea and Birthday Celebration in 1860's fashion!

The Historic Daniel Lady Farm has seen many changes in its nearly 200 years, and each year the volunteers work to bring new and fun events to the community.



This year, we are honoring Mrs. Rebecca Lady on what would be her 193rd Birthday!

Spend the afternoon with ladies and gentlemen excited to learn and share the history of Gettysburg and the traditions of Victorian times.

Our tables will be set in all their finery with recipes, new and old, to tempt any palate. And, what would a birthday party be without GIFTS? --- One lady will be chosen as this year's (Honorary) Rebecca Lady! She'll receive a basket of cheer to remember her special day with us.

Cost of admission is \$10 per person. Reservations can be made through the Rebecca Lady Society Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/RebeccaLadySociety.

Women's Contributions & Challenges Weekend

DID YOU?? ...

Ever want to try civil war reenacting but don't know where to start?

Ever hear of a reenactment - JUST for Women?

Ever feel like the odd woman out in a male-dominated hobby?

Ever wish you could ask questions, without criticism?

Ever wonder where to find reference material?

Then this is a weekend for YOU!!!

June 1 through 3 you enter the ONE & ONLY judgment-free reenactment for ladies!!

Spend the weekend surrounded with other women who share your curiosity about a woman's place during the Civil War. Share your knowledge, and your skills. Interact with veteran reenactors, "newbies" and "betweeners." We are here to share ideas and fellowship and learn from each other.

Camp on the Historic Daniel Lady Farm in Gettysburg. Water, firewood, port-a-pots provided -- and several fire rings available.

New to camp life? Not a problem!! We have tents, cots, and bedrolls set-up and available for your use! Our "dormitories" are limited, so register SOON!!

Have your own gear but need help with set up? Not a problem! Tell us your arrival time and we'll loan you one of our farm hands!

You'd rather stay in one of our area's wonderful B&B's, hotels, motels, or campgrounds? That's fine too. If you need any suggestions feel free to ask! We all have our favorites.

\$15.00 per person

Register by MAY 15th (online registration coming soon)

Contact Melynda Wrightstone: melwinna1@yahoo.com or via Facebook

Make all checks payable to "GBPA" and mail to:

GBPA

P.O. Box 4087

Gettysburg, PA 17325

Venture Crew 1861 Scouts -- 2017 summary

In 2017, the GBPA-chartered Venture Crew 1861 participated in or sponsored over 30 events, including the National Scout Jamboree, fife & drum performances, living history reenactments, overnight camping and scout events.

Including all Eagle and Summit project hours Venture Crew members provided 962 service hours.

James Nathaniel Johnston completed his work and earned Life and Eagle Scout as a Venturer.

At year end, the Venture Crew is rechartering 19 Venturing youth (age 14-21) and an equal number of adults. Many Venturers and adult scouters are dual registrants with Boy Scout troops. The Fife & Drum Corps also has a number of youth participants (under 14) who are members of scout troops but not yet Venturing eligible.

The Venture Crew began recruiting riflemen and flag bearers to form a permanent Civil War Color Guard.

Current youth members and leaders come from four counties in PA and two counties in Maryland.

Performing as the 1st Pennsylvania Reserves Volunteer Company, the Venture Crew continues to act as the Memorial Day Color Guard for American Legion Post 809 in Maytown, Lancaster County.

Venture Crew advancement programs, practices and leadership meetings are held on Mondays at 6:00 PM at the Zion Lutheran Church in Leola PA.

"Brice's Crossroads Attack" coming to Historic Daniel Lady Farm

On September 22 and 23, the Historic Daniel Lady Farm will host a cavalry reenactment for the first time.

The scenario from the war's Western Theatre will be a reenactment of the battle of Brice's Crossroads in Mississippi in June of 1864 when a contingent of Confederate cavalry under Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest outflanked a superior Union force.

GBPA Vice-President of Operations Kirk Davis said there are already 45 mounted Southern reenactors committed to the event and 25 dismounted troopers. Enlisted Union cavalry reenactors currently number 20, with 20 dismounted troopers and about 35 infantry.

In addition, about 45 living history participants and speakers will be on hand.

The \$10 entry fee for people thirteen and older includes a tour of the Daniel Lady farmhouse and barn, which were a Confederate field hospital during the Battle of Gettysburg. Children 12 younger are admitted free when accompanied by an adult.



"This will be a great opportunity for people to get an up-close look at cavalry operations and how the troopers cared for and outfitted their mounts," said Davis.

The event is still accepting reenactor registrations. The registration fee of \$15 includes a dinner for reenactors Saturday evening.

For more information, contact info@gbpa.org.

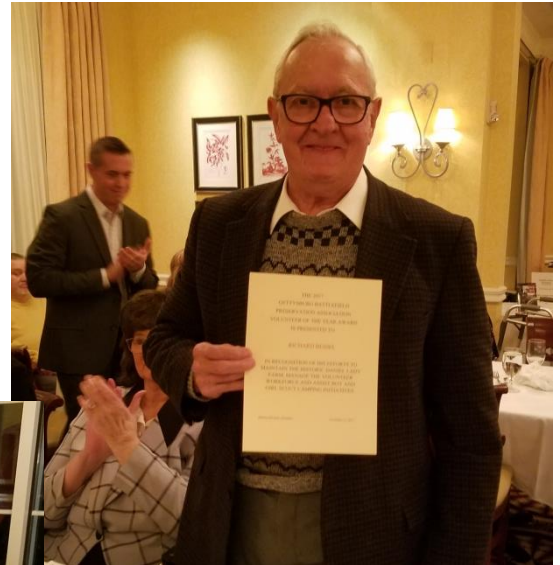
2017 Annual Membership Banquet

Despite a last-minute site change due to a security threat along the Remembrance Day Parade route, the annual November GBPA membership banquet was held at the Wyndham Gettysburg.

Members were provided with updates on the repairs to the Daniel Lady farmhouse, which was struck by a truck a week earlier and on the renovations to the newly-purchased buildings on Hanover Street that will provide the GBPA with a permanent headquarters, museum, retail shop and all-purpose room.

Richard Beidel was the recipient of GBPA's first annual Volunteer of the Year award. Richard's efforts include maintaining the lawn around the house and barn as neat as a golf course fairway.

Four members of the Confederation of Union Generals provided historical insight into the personalities they portray: Lieutenant Gen. Winfield Scott; Major Gen. John Buford, Major Gen. Abner Doubleday and Brigadier Gen. Henry Hunt.



Craig Caba, GBPA charter member and Curator of the J. Howard Wert Gettysburg Collection presented the J. Howard Wert American Heritage Award to Andrew Adam, the Eagle Boy Scout who created Unity Park in



Gettysburg. The park, with its drummer boy statue, honors the musicians, Union and Confederate, who served in the Civil War.

The evening also brought a change in a tradition. Past dinners featured a silent auction of donated items. Recent years had seen the participants and financial returns from the feature steadily decrease.

But this year, Board of Directors member Carl Hisiro wrangled more prizes from local merchants and ran the former auction as a drawing for a gift basket and other prizes. The \$246 raised was much more than recent silent auctions had returned.



2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

Every weekend, April - December

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays

Historic Daniel Lady Farm Tours

Historic Daniel Lady Farm, 1008 Hanover Street, Gettysburg

Farmhouse and barn tours, living history

Admission: \$10; children 15 and under, accompanied by an adult, admitted free.

(TOURS ARE DEPENDANT UPON COMPLETION OF REPAIRS TO FARMHOUSE)

March

15th Annual Civil War Preservation Ball

7 P.M. – 10 P.M. Saturday, March 10

Pennsylvania State Capitol Building Rotunda, Harrisburg

Sponsored by Civil War Dance Foundation

Benefits the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Project

Music by the Philadelphia Brigade Band.

Tickets: \$65 couple, \$35 individual.

Reservations required.

More information at: PreservationBall@CivilWarDance.org.

May

Rebecca Lady's Birthday Party and Tea

1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, May 5

GBPA Education Building, 1008 Hanover Street, Gettysburg

Sponsored by Rebecca Lady Society, Volunteers of the Historic Daniel Lady Farm

Tea and birthday celebration in recognition of Rebecca Lady's 193rd birthday.

Admission: \$10 per person. Reservations can be made through the Rebecca Lady Society Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/RebeccaLadySociety.

Military Timeline Living History

10 a.m. – 4 p.m., May 25 & 26

Historic Daniel Lady Farm, 1008 Hanover Street, Gettysburg

Sponsored by Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association

Reenactors and living historians present displays, talks and demonstrations spanning the major American conflicts from the Revolution, Civil War, World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam and the conflicts in the Middle East.

Admission: Adults: \$10. Children 15 and under admitted free. Includes tour of the historic Daniel Lady farm house and barn.

More information at: www.gbpa.org.

June

Women's Contributions & Challenges Weekend

June 1 - 3

GBPA Education Building, 1008 Hanover Street, Gettysburg

Women's involvement in Civil War reenactment, from the "newbie" to the experienced.

Sponsored by Rebecca Lady Society, Volunteers of the Historic Daniel Lady Farm

Tents, cots, and bedroll set-up provided those who wish to camp out.

Admission: \$15 per person

Register by MAY 15th (online registration coming soon)

Contact Melynda Wrightstone: melwinna1@yahoo.com or the GBPA at: info@gbpa.org.

45th Annual Civil War Artifact and Collectibles Show

Saturday, June 30, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, July 1, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center Allstar Expo Complex, 2638 Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg

Regarded as one of the best in the nation the Artifact and Collector's Show is expected to again feature more than 200 vendors and over 300 tables of artifacts, swords, firearms, correspondence, books, photographs, documents and much more.

Admission: Adults: \$8. Children 12 and under free if accompanied by an adult.

Vendors contact: bsynnamon@gmail.com or call 717-334-2350. More information at: www.uniondb.com or info@gbpa.org.

September

Gettysburg: The Medical Aftermath

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. September 15 & 16

Historic Daniel Lady Farm, 1008 Hanover Street, Gettysburg

Sponsored by the GBPA, the weekend explores what the people of Gettysburg experienced in the days and weeks following the 1863 battle in coping with the wounded, dying and dead. The focus will be on the medical advancements made during the war and the many firsts that happened at Gettysburg. A number of these innovations are still used in medicine today.

Admission: Adults: \$10. Children 15 and under admitted free. Includes tour of the historic Daniel Lady farm house and barn.

More information at: www.gbpa.org.

Annual Motorcycle Ride to Gettysburg

11 a.m. September 22

Commonwealth Avenue behind the State Capitol, Harrisburg

Funds from this annual motorcycle ride sponsored by the Alliance of Bikes Aimed Toward Education (A.B.A.T.E.) benefits the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Project and the GBPA's Daniel Lady Farm.

The ride begins on Commonwealth Avenue behind the State Capitol in Harrisburg. Sign-up starts at 11: a.m. After a brief program, the ride leaves at 1 p.m., arriving at Battlefield Harley-Davidson/Buell on Route 30 east of Gettysburg. A short ceremony follows. Refreshments are sponsored by Battlefield Harley-Davidson/Buell.

Donation is \$10 per person

Information: State Rep. Harry Readshaw's Harrisburg office at 717-783-0411, gettysburg@pahouse.net, or www.abatepa.org/Events/Gettysburg_Ride.html, or at: www.gbpa.org.

Brice's Crossroads Attack Cavalry Reenactment

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. September 22 & 23

Historic Daniel Lady Farm, 1008 Hanover Street, Gettysburg

Reenactment of the Battle of Brice's Crossroads in Mississippi in June of 1864.

More than 70 mounted cavalry expected with additional troops on foot.

In addition, about 45 living history participants and speakers will be on hand.

Admission: Adults: \$10. Children 15 and under admitted free.

Includes tour of the historic Daniel Lady Farm house and barn.

More information at: www.gbpa.org.

November

Annual GBPA Membership Dinner

6 p.m. November 16

Gettysburg (Location TBA)

Fellowship and a salute to the members of GBPA, including outstanding volunteers and Venture Crew Scouts. Update on GBPA activities and plans. Guest Speaker TBA.

December

Holiday House Tour and Tasting

December 8

Historic Daniel Lady Farm, 1008 Hanover Street, Gettysburg

Sponsored by Inns of the Gettysburg Area

The Historic Daniel Lady Farm is one of the stops on this annual tour of historic inns, homes and properties decorated for the holiday celebrations of the 1860's.

More information at: www.gettysburgbedandbreakfast.com/holiday/holiday.php.

Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association

2018 Annual Membership Form

Thank you for your annual membership! Founded in 1959, the GBPA continues its mission to preserve our American heritage through land preservation & advocacy, living history programs, lectures, seminars, Daniel Lady Farm tours, and support of Scouting. With your support we look forward to preserving our history for generations to come.

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email (print clearly): _____
Telephone _____
Date: _____ Type: _____ New _____ Renewal

Annual Membership Benefits include

_____ Individual \$30

- Free Admission to Daniel Lady Farm House and Hospital Tours *Does Not Include Special Events
- Subscription to "Battle Lines" newsletter
- 15% Discount at items at the soon-to-open GBPA Headquarters (890 Hanover Street), and the Daniel Lady Farm
- Invitation to members-only events, including annual picnic

_____ Reenactor \$15

- Same benefits as Individual Membership
- Unit or impression: _____

_____ Family/Grand-family \$50

- Same benefits as Individual Membership for 2 Adults and all children under 18 OR Two Adults and up to 4 grandchildren under 18

_____ Student \$10

- Same benefits as Individual Membership with valid student ID

_____ Lifetime Individual \$500

- Individual Membership Benefits for life.

Please accept an additional donation of \$_____ on behalf of

(Organization, Scout Troop, or Reenacting Group)

Please check if you are interested in volunteer opportunities with the GBPA _____

Please check if you are interested in a Corporate Membership _____

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