

Battlelines

Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association

Update on GBPA battlefield/Camp Letterman preservation campaign

The Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association is continuing its campaign to preserve battlefield and Camp Letterman land east of the borough from extensive commercial and residential development.

GBPA President Barb Mowery said that the numerous agencies involved have made progress in identifying the challenges such development would present to the nearby Gettysburg National Military Park and preservation of remaining undeveloped battlefield ground.

Mowery said one new element is the discovery that forms to nominate the Camp Letterman site and the Wolfe farm to the NPS National Historical Registration office in the 1990s and up to the year 2000 did not advance beyond the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission.

“These documents especially note the significance of the Camp Letterman field hospital grounds and that their historical importance warrants their placement on the Nation Register,” said Mowery.

After the battle and the Confederate retreat, Camp Letterman was established in the area south of York Road (State Route 30) to treat thousands of wounded and dying soldiers of both sides. Triage procedures that were created to evaluate the wounded as they were brought into the camp are still in use by U.S. armed forces more than 150 years later.

Another concern is the former Wolfe Farm.

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Message from the President

Friends,

We are on the verge of great accomplishments that should become public over the summer, perhaps even in the next few weeks.

The Board of Directors is continuing to be engaged in the crusade to preserve the Wolfe Farm and remaining undeveloped portions of the Camp Letterman Field Hospital.

In addition, we're working to minimize the adverse impact of expected residential housing development on property just north of the Daniel Lady Farm.

There is progress in improving communications between GBPA and most of the developers. This is providing them with increased historical perspective of the impact of their proposals.

New this year at the Daniel Lady Farm is the Friday Night Music events.

We also have expanded the number of rustic camp sites for scouting units.

The Scouts have responded to the increased opportunities. 2017 is bustling and we're already received applications for 2018.

Feedback from Scout leaders after encampments is overwhelmingly positive and is reflected in the farm's increasing popularity. THE GOOD WORD IS OUT.

We're anxiously awaiting the launch of our new website at www.gbpa.org. Preliminary designs show it will be far more attractive, better organized for easier use and virtually unlimited in its ability to host more dynamic features.

Watch for it to hit the internet on June 15.

See you at the farm,

Barb

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On the second day of the battle, Confederate artillery set up on the property and exchanged fire with Union batteries. Louisiana infantry regiments of Williams' Brigade; the 1st, 2nd, 10th, 14th and 15th Louisiana and part of the 50th Virginia assembled and advanced through the farm and the adjacent Daniel Lady Farm, which is preserved by the GBPA.

Their target was the Union right flank on Culp's Hill. After two days of desperate fighting to turn the Union right flank, the Confederate survivors retreated back across the Wolfe and Lady farms.

Mowery said the GBPA is spearheading action to complete the application process for the Wolfe Farm and Camp Letterman given final consideration for recognition on the Nation Register of Historic Places. She noted that numerous individuals and other interested organizations are also involved in the effort.

An application is also underway for the Daniel Lady Farm to received National Register designation.

In addition to the National Register action, the GBPA has established avenues of positive communications with most of the developers behind potential projects on the Wolfe Farm and other properties adjacent to the Lady Farm.

"Gettysburg should it come to fruition this level of cooperation would be a first for Gettysburg" said Mowery. "We hope this will ultimately result in solutions that balance historic preservation while assisting the local economy."

NRA GRANT FOR VENTURE CREW 1861 COLOR GUARD

www.gbpa.org
www.dpbs.org

On June 15, the GBPA will launch its newly-revamped website at www.gbpa.org.

The new site will be better organized for faster access and far more dynamic in its ability to feature video and interactive presentations.

Applications for Scout and reenactor camping on the Daniel Lady Farm will be formatted for a more timely registration process.

The GBPA's Venture Crew 1861 Fife and Drum Corps is working to form an infantry color guard (Company C, 1st PRVC) to expand its Civil War impression.

The group recently received a \$1400 grant from the National Rifle Association Foundation, Eastern PA District, toward the purchase of two reproduction 1861 Springfield rifles. Additional funds for the two rifles and "leathers" (cartridge box, cap box, etc.) will come from the GBPA Scouting Fife and Drum Fund. More funds will need to be raised for this project.

Crew leaders privately own two rifles and the company will seek to borrow several more for reenactments on an as-needed basis. The Crew owns a high-quality reproduction 1st PA Reserves- Regimental State Colors donated over a year ago and a serviceable 34-Star, National Flag. Uniforms, canteens and other

necessities will be provided from Venture Crew inventory or purchased with additions funds yet to be raised.

The Sergeant will be a Venture Crew Leader with BSA and NRA safety training. The Crew is now recruiting youth for the color guard as well as musicians for the Fife and Drum Corps.

The Crew hopes to initially field a color company-- with 4-6 Rifles, one Sgt.

and two flags -- at this year's 154th Battle of Gettysburg anniversary and other major reenactments.

For information on joining the Venture Crew, or how to make donations to the GBPA Fife and Drum Fund, go to GBPA.org. Donors to the fund are recognized under "Sponsors and Patrons" on Fieldmusic.org.



Friday Night Music at the Daniel Lady Farm

It's a long ways from Woodstock, but the Historic Daniel Lady Farm is hosting a series of outdoor concerts under the twilight sky, but don't expect tie-dye clothes and psychedelic rock.

Concerts of mainly 19th century selections will be held from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. every Friday evening in June and July. The only exception will be June 30 during the Gettysburg Anniversary Committee's annual battle reenactment weekend.

Performing artists will include Kent Courtney, the Susquehanna Travelers, the Guilford Station Bluegrass Gospel Band and the Fort Delaware Cornet Band.

Admission is \$5 for adults and children 12 and under will be admitted free of charge.

"We're looking at this foray into Civil War period music becoming an early-summer tradition at the Lady Farm," said GBPA Vice-President Kirk Davis. "It's another way to illuminate to the public the legacy of America at the time of the war and Gettysburg's huge role in its outcome."

More information about Friday Night Music at the Daniel Lady Farm can be found at www.gbpa.org.

GBPA PRESENTS:

FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC

AT THE DANIEL LADY FARM
986 HANOVER ST IN GETTYSBURG (RT 116)

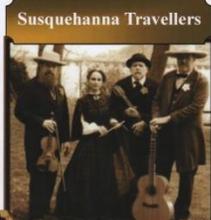




Fort Delaware Cornet Band



Kent Courtney



Susquehanna Travellers



ADULTS \$5



Guilford Station Blue Grass Gospel Band



KIDS FREE!

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT IN JUNE AND JULY FROM 7:00 - 9:00 PM

JUNE	JULY
6/2/17 - Kent Courtney	7/7/17 - Kent Courtney
6/9/17 - Guilford Station Blue Grass Gospel Band	7/14/17 - Susquehanna Travellers
6/16/17 - Susquehanna Travellers	7/21/17 - Kent Courtney
6/23/17 - Kent Courtney	7/28/17 - Fort Delaware Cornet Band
6/30/17 - No Music - Holiday	

All proceeds benefit the Education Department of the Historic Daniel Lady Farm

One of the nation's premier Civil War artifact and collectables shows and GBPA's largest annual fundraising event!



Gettysburg Civil War Collector's Show

June 24th - June 25th 2017



Looking at a record-breaking 330 tables this year, up from last year's 300, and the **most vendors ever**.

Saturday June 24, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday June 25, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Gettysburg Allstar Expo Complex, 2638 Emmitsburg Road

Admission: Adults \$8

Children under 12 admitted free

14th Preservation Ball recognizes 20 years of Pa. Gettysburg Monuments Project

State Rep. Harry Readshaw, D-Allegheny, was both the host and a surprise honoree at the 14th annual Civil War Preservation Ball held in March in the Pennsylvania Capitol Rotunda.

This year's ball included more than 200 attendees from at least 10 different states; Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia, as well as Pennsylvania.

Sponsored by the Victorian Dance Ensemble of the Civil War Dance Foundation, the ball benefits the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Project, which Readshaw founded in 1997 after reading about the deterioration of the more than 1,000 monuments in the Gettysburg National Military Park.

Pennsylvania has more than 140 unit monuments and markers and paying tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of the units and individual soldiers and officers.

Time, weather and human contact have caused wear to the monuments, most of which were erected by the veteran survivors of the battle, assisted by allocations from the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

A video presentation of the 14th annual Preservation Ball can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgvnN9jU3As&list=PLJtqNtfs0bgXKx19nkGZAwwN09By65Gks>



The Gettysburg Monuments Project supports funding repairs and creation of trusts for each monument and marker to provide regular maintenance.

Civil War-era music for the ball was supplied by the Philadelphia Brigade Band, under the direction of Richard Cummines.

Readshaw welcomed the crowd and introduced David Klinepeter, portraying Pennsylvania Gov. Andrew Curtin, a strong supporter of President Abraham Lincoln, who greeted the guests by thanking them for "supporting the effort." Christopher Gwinn, representing the Gettysburg National Military Park, and his wife Allyson

were introduced, as well as state Reps. Russ Diamond and his guest Beth McCormack and Dan Moul, who represents the area that includes the Gettysburg Battlefield, and his wife, Lori.

Gettysburg Foundation's CFO Dan Bringman and his wife Lucinda and former state Rep. Lynn Herman and his wife Julianne were also introduced.

Readshaw presented a citation to the GBPA-sponsored Boy Scouts of America Venture Crew 1861, for their portrayal of the Civil War 1st Regimental Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteer Corps.

During the intermission, Readshaw was surprised receive two citations recognizing his work in creating the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Project 20 years ago.

Readshaw received a House citation issued by Rep. Moul, who represents the Gettysburg region.

Gov. Tom Wolf submitted citation acknowledging the 20th anniversary of the Gettysburg Monuments Project. The governor's citation was presented by Herman.

There were two celebratory cakes, one inscribed with the anniversary, and the second featuring the two-horse logo from the Pennsylvania Coat of Arms. Readshaw cut the cake with an authentic Pattern 1850 Foot Officer Sword.

Readshaw pledged to continue the campaign to maintain the Pennsylvania monuments, providing financial resources that the National Park Service may utilize for the repair and restoration.

"They are what this is all about – why the Gettysburg Monuments Project exists: to preserve the 'Icons of Freedom' of the Gettysburg National Military Park for our generation and many more to come," Readshaw said. "The legacy of the Battle of Gettysburg and what brought our nation to those awful three days must always be remembered and respected."



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Every weekend until December
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays**

Historic Daniel Lady Farm Tours

Farmhouse and barn tours, living history

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

JUNE

June 9

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday Night Music at the Daniel Lady Farm

Gilford Station Bluegrass Gospel Band

June 16

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday Night Music at the Daniel Lady Farm

Susquehanna Travelers

June 23

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday Night Music at the Daniel Lady Farm

Kent Courtney

June 23, 24 & 25

44th Annual GBPA Civil War Artifact and Collectibles Show

Gettysburg Allstar Expo Complex, 2638 Emmitsburg Road
One of the nation's largest Civil War collectibles shows.

JULY

July 7

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday Night Music at the Daniel Lady Farm

Kent Courtney

July 14

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday Night Music at the Daniel Lady Farm

Susquehanna Travelers

July 21

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday Night Music at the Daniel Lady Farm

Kent Courtney

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday Night Music at the Daniel Lady Farm

Fort Delaware Cornet Band

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SEPTEMBER

September 2, 3

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Gettysburg: The Aftermath

How the Gettysburg Community and military medical personnel responded to the mass casualties left behind by the two armies.

Living history and presentations

NOVEMBER

November 17

GBPA Annual Membership Banquet

Dobbin House Tavern, Gettysburg

DECEMBER

December 9

Holiday House Tour and Tasting

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: <http://www.gettysburgbedandbreakfast.com/holiday/holiday.php>

Invasion of Historic Daniel Lady Farm by Scouts (Boy and Girl) continues to grow!

Drive by the Historic Daniel Lady Farm any weekend and you're likely to see clusters of modern tents.

Each month, more and more Boy Scout and Girl Scout units are calling to reserve a camp site on the Lady Farm as their base of operations for a visit to take in the sights and legacy of Gettysburg choose to camp on the Lady Farm.

The scouts and their leaders are traveling in from the Mid-West, Northeast, and Mid-Atlantic in groups of 10 to 30.

In addition to venturing into the heart the battlefield, many units also donate time to assist GBPA on the farm with such projects as erecting fences, planting fruit trees and clearing brush.

Several scouts have gone even further, dedicating time on special projects on the farm in route to achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Initially, troops spending weekends on the farm were exclusively from the Boy Scouts, but in the last two years Girl Scout units began to sign up and their numbers are increasing.



Early this year, the GBPA Board of Directors voted to allow scout encampments year around.

Kirk Davis, GBPA Vice-President for Operations, said he was surprised how quickly scout units responded to the expanded invitation, registering to take on the challenge of camping on the farm in the dead of winter.



Currently, there are 9 primitive sites for scout camps, a number that is being increased to 12.

Each site has a fire pit, porta-john (two if



necessary) and access to water for drinking, washing and cooking.

More details and registration can be accessed at www.gbpa.org.

Our Destination: Gettysburg PA

by Katherine Manucci

It all started as something quite simple: a friend needing extra help for a few days manning a booth in Gettysburg as part of the 150th re-enactment of *Battle of Gettysburg*. Little did I know what it would REALLY get me into.

This particular July was like many others: hot, humid, steamy. My mom and I, having no particular plans for the 4th of July, decided to help Barb Mowery for a few days selling items at the historic Daniel Lady Farm outside of Gettysburg. We had no particular experience, mind you, in anything relating to the Civil War, but not being shy women and having an interest in history, we were eager to try volunteering. Wearing white shirts, khakis and sneakers, we met Barb at the Daniel Lady Farm and were given a brief tour of the magnificently-restored home, barn and grounds.

Then Barb showed us to our tent. She explained that during the 3 days of fighting back in 1863, the Daniel Lady Farm served as a hospital for wounded Confederate troops, and later on, cared for both Union and Confederates. The Lady family had evacuated their home as fighting drew closer. Confederate officers deemed it perfect for a headquarters and hospital.



It was during this event, that we learned how many of the Gettysburg townswomen were thrust into the position of being nurses. They were moved by the tremendous suffering on both sides and rose to the occasion by treating the injured and dying.

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We noticed their “work clothes” and this became our first “fashion lesson” because I noticed immediately they were not wearing the big hoop dresses you see so often on those Hollywood movies. These women wore clothing to facilitate the work they had to do: headscarves, work skirts or work dresses and aprons. No fancy ball gowns, jewelry or satin slippers here!

On the way home, Mom and I agreed we should look the part and came up with some home-made outfits to wear the next day. We felt transported in time when we looked in the mirror. And that’s when it hit us...yes; we were bitten by the Gettysburg bug!!

Mom and I are now in our 4th year of volunteering for GBPA and we own everything from period jewelry, to ball gowns, tea dresses, work clothes, shoes, hoops, corsets and more! We became eager students of everything such as fashion, Victorian etiquette, funeral customs and balls.

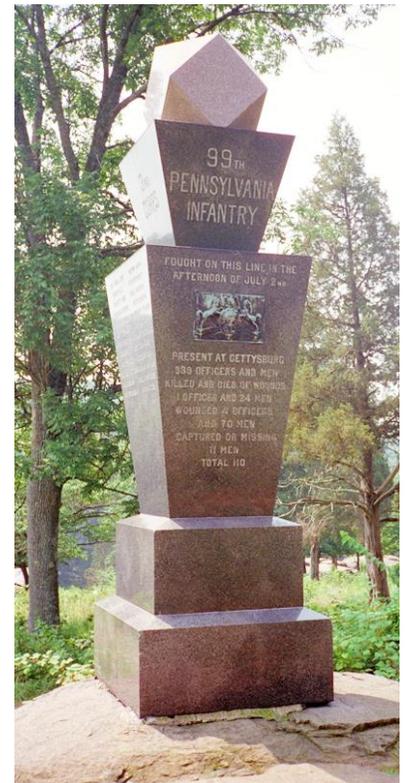
Let’s not forget those fabulous balls, which mean a girl needs a ball gown! And then there’s the “language of the fan,” which had to be learned by both men and women, since it served let a man know if a woman was interested in meeting or not. There is the Gettysburg Emporium on Baltimore Street, which sells ready-to-wear clothing. They will also custom design uniforms, daywear for men, women and children, and fancier items, complete with all the underpinnings (or underclothes) needed for an authentic look.

A weekend trip to Gettysburg is a great start, but it is by no means enough time to take in the full “Gettysburg experience.” For a weekend trip, I would suggest taking one of the many guided tours, such as the double-decker bus tour. You will see many sites in the city and tour the battlefields, after which you will be hungry and thirsty.



On Steinwehr Avenue, you will find Gettysburg Eddie’s, a sports bar paying homage to Edward Plank, a local baseball hero. Also there’s O’Rourke’s, an Irish/American pub named after a Civil War hero. For dinner, a trip to Gettysburg wouldn’t be complete without dining at the Historic Dobbin House, the oldest home in Gettysburg. This home actually dates back to 1776, when Reverend Alexander Dobbin built it for his family and it was even part of the Underground Railroad.

When you return to Gettysburg for a follow-up visit, consider meeting a ghost. With Gettysburg being the unwilling participant to so much death and destruction, this article wouldn’t be complete if I didn’t mention ghosts. Yes, those undead souls trapped in time by tragedy, who still linger on earth. There are numerous ghost tours available in Gettysburg, some more authentic than others, and it is an experience in and of itself. In today’s world, where so much is based on the technical and science, you may not believe in ghosts or spirits, but in Victorian times, people were very superstitious and open to the idea they could reconnect with loved ones who had passed on. If you’re curious enough to participate in a ghost tour, don’t be surprised if you feel the hair rise on your arm or the back of your neck when you feel a chill come over you.



Let’s wrap up with all those monuments on the Battlefield, each one a testament to the bravery of the men believed their cause was just, no matter what side they fought on. Most of the monuments are located in Gettysburg National Military Park, but some are on private lands. The monuments were erected as tribute to the participating states, officers, headquarters or hospitals, infantries, corps, sharpshooters, and other entities. The largest of all monuments is the Pennsylvania Monument, featuring the names of over 34,000 PA soldiers who fought in the Battle of Gettysburg. On top is a female figure representing the Goddess of Victory and Peace. She holds a sword in one hand and a palm leaf in the other. Many monuments feature symbols of peace. Perhaps it was a hopeful gesture that future generations would learn from the devastation of war and we wouldn’t have any more. You will have to visit and make your own history.

Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association

2017 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): _____

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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 and "Double Canister" email blasts
- 15% Discount at GBPA Headquarters 33 York St. Gettysburg, PA
- Invitations to members only events

____ 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 _____

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