

November, 2017



Battlelines

Gettysburg, we have a headquarters.

It will be a few months before it starts to go into service, but the GBPA has acquired the commercial property just west of the Historic Daniel Lady Farm.

The one-acre property on Hanover Street includes three combined structures; a house, small retail section and a large warehouse.

The house will become the **permanent** headquarters of the GBPA, replacing a donated storefront on York Street in the borough. It will provide offices and a meeting room for the board of directors and committee meetings.

The warehouse will become a museum with an all-purpose room. The room will be used for a wide variety of Civil War-oriented seminars, temporary displays

and special events.

While the exterior may look somewhat weather-beaten, the roof, exterior walls and interior features are solid, said GBPA Operations Vice-President Kirk Davis, who led the process to acquire the property.

“Our biggest challenges will be to update the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning as well as make improvements to the

plumbing and electrical systems. We also want to give the outside walls a look more in tune with the 1860’s,” said Davis. “The parking lot will be fixed-up with an emphasis on water-permeable materials. There also will be a discrete gravel



roadway in the back so people and support vehicles can go back-and-forth to the Lady Farm house and barn and avoid Hanover Street.”

“This is going to be an asset for the entire community of Gettysburg,” said GBPA President Barb Mowery. We want our new museum and meeting room to be an attraction that will not only help draw visitors to Gettysburg, but to provide them an incentive to spend more time in Gettysburg to learn more about our great legacy and enjoy all that the community has to offer.

A formal dedication of the new GBPA headquarters and museum building will be scheduled for a date to-be-determined in 2018.

Teaming up with Historic Gettysburg Adams County

On September 2, Historic Gettysburg Adams County officially moved its Architectural Salvage Warehouse to its new home at the Historic Daniel Lady Farm.

The HGAC is leasing one of the existing pole barns adjacent to the Daniel Lady Barn.

The Architectural Salvage Committee accepts donations of vintage window trims, cast iron kitchen sinks, multi-paneled doors, shutters, metal radiator covers, wavy glass civil war era windows, glass insulators, fireplace mantles, lamp parts and globes, cast iron locks, doorknobs, military books, restored and caned maple dining chairs and other relevant items for restoration or repurposing.



Proceeds from the sale of salvaged items go to the upkeep of the Grand Army of the Republic Hall in Gettysburg and other HGAC preservation projects.

“We’re honored that HGAC selected our available space at the Historic Daniel Lady Farm since both our organizations are dedicated to local historic preservation,” said GBPA Vice-President of Operations Kirk Davis, second from left in the ribbon-cutting photo.

Docents Make a Difference

“On Sunday, October 15th, my husband and I arrived at the Daniel Lady farm for the tour not realizing that it was about to close. Holly, dressed in a beautiful blue period costume and Kevin, dressed as a Confederate officer, graciously offered to give us a guided tour of both the house and barn. Kevin even stayed after Holly had to leave to answer questions and talk about Civil War medicine and surgical techniques. I greatly appreciate the kindness and courtesy of your staff and will recommend this tour to all my friends and relatives.

Thank you GBPA.”

BG from Pennsylvania

Historic Daniel Lady Farm Growing as Boy Scout Camping Magnet

Already, the Lady Farm has attracted around 700 scouts so far this year with almost 500 more on their way. We’re still getting more requests for this year and 2018, including some troops who want to pitch their tents during the cold of the winter months.

The troops have been attracted from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Maryland, Delaware New York, New Jersey and Virginia, and of course, across Pennsylvania.

Scout campers are charged a modest fee to cover GBPA expenses and assist the continued operations of the Lady Farm. Among the benefits for the scouts are a tour of the house and barn. For more information about scouting at the Lady Farm, visit our website at www.gbpa.org and click on the Scouting link.

'Ride to Gettysburg' Continues to Roll

The 17th Annual "Ride to Gettysburg" on Sept. 23, was another hit in the lengthening history of this event sponsored by Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education (ABATE) as 473 riders signed up to make the trek from the state Capitol in Harrisburg to Battlefield Harley Davison in Gettysburg that benefits the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Foundation and the GBPA's Historic Daniel Lady Farm.



Rep. Readshaw signals to begin the 2017 Ride for the Monuments

ago," Readshaw said.

The GBPA-sponsored B.S.A. Venture Crew 1861, portraying the 1st Pennsylvania Reserves Volunteer Fife & Drum Corps, played The Star-Spangled Banner at both the beginning and end of the ride.

Leading the motorcycles to their destination were the God Bless America Motorcycle Color Guard, Harrisburg's Zembo Mounted Patrol and Hurnley's Slingshots.

"I'm indebted to the local first responders and members of ABATE who help make the ride one of the safest organized motorcycle rides in Pennsylvania," Readshaw said. "So many people contribute to make the event a success every year, and ABATE members have been steadfast in their support."

Local police and fire departments involved in traffic control to enable the group to ride together were the Capitol Police; the Camp Hill, East Pennsboro, Lower and Upper Allen police and fire departments; the Gettysburg, Hampden Township and Shiremanstown fire departments; and the Gettysburg and York substations of the Pennsylvania State Police.



Planning already is under way for the 2018 Ride to Gettysburg next fall.

State Rep. Harry Readshaw, D-Allegheny, founded the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Project in 1997 to rescue Pennsylvania's more than 140 monuments and markers on the Gettysburg battlefield. The monuments and markers memorialize the actions of Pennsylvania troops at Gettysburg.

The riders, dubbed 'Readshaw's Raiders,' "haven't forgotten the importance of Gettysburg and the sacrifices made in that

Adams County hamlet 154 years



State Fire Commissioner Tim Solobay of Washington County, a former member of the state House and Senate, served as ride marshal. Readshaw and Solobay were joined by state Rep. Mark Keller and former state Rep. Teresa Forcier from Crawford County as well as her Motormaid's riding group.

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monument Project, which began in 1997. The motorcycle trek started in 2001.

Readshaw also has encouraged other states to restore and preserve monuments they have placed on the Gettysburg battlefield honoring their respective soldiers. Most accomplished their goals, one with official state legislation.

Confederation of Union Generals headline annual membership dinner on Nov. 17

There will be more gold-fringed epaulets than one can shake a sword at on proud display at the annual GBPA membership dinner on Nov. 17, as part of Remembrance Day weekend activities in Gettysburg.

The gathering at the Dobbin House Tavern on Steinwehr Avenue will begin with a social half-hour at 6 p.m. with music from B.S.A. Venture Crew 1861, portraying the 1st Pennsylvania Reserves Volunteer Fife & Drum Corps, which is sponsored by the GBPA.

Dinner will start at 6:30.



that honors the musicians, Union and Confederate, who served in the Civil War. The award will be presented by Craig Caba, GBPA charter member and Curator of the J. Howard Wert Gettysburg Collection.

The evening will be concluded with a brief review of what GBPA has accomplished in the past year and its goals for 2018.

Tickets for the banquet are \$35 each, or two for \$60. Reservations can be made by using the Reservation Form attached to the last page of this newsletter or by visiting the GBPA website at www.gbpa.org and going to "Annual Dinner" in the Events Calendar. Print the form off from the website and mail it in to GBPA.

Questions can be directed to GBPA via email at info@gbpa.org or by calling 240-469-8642.

At 7:45, the Confederation of Union Generals will offer insight into four of the generals they portray at Civil War events each year. The program will feature Lieutenant General Winfield Scott facilitating the discussion among fellow historic reenactors Major General John Buford, Major General Abner Doubleday and Brigadier General Henry Hunt.

Another highlight will be the bestowment of the J. Howard Wert American Heritage Award to Andrew Adam, the Eagle Boy Scout who created Unity Park in Gettysburg



The Historic Daniel Lady Farm will close for regular tours after Saturday, Dec. 9 and resume next year as spring approaches.

Scout camping will continue during the winter months.

Lady Farm Prepares Holiday Finest

The GBPA is again honored to have the Historic Daniel Lady Farmhouse designated as one of the stops on the **Dec. 9** annual Holiday House Tour and Tasting sponsored by the Inns of the Gettysburg Area. Proceeds from the tour will be donated to the South Central Community Actions Program.

Here's the itinerary provided by the Inns of the Gettysburg Area:

Dobbin House – (9 a.m. -11 a.m.) 89 Steinwehr Ave., Gettysburg (717-334-2100); Built in 1776 by the Reverend Alexander Dobbin, this stone farmhouse was part of the Underground Railroad and was a witness to the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. Guests will be treated to beautiful colonial era Christmas decorations on this tour.

These other stops on the tour are open from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

- **The Little Round Top Farm** - (717-334-6905); The home is located on twelve pristine acres, which includes a large pond, numerous granite boulders, and a walking trail to the spot where General Joshua Chamberlain's 20th Maine Infantry saved the Union's left flank.
- **Baladerry Inn** – 40 Hospital Rd., Gettysburg (717-337-1342); Located to the south of Gettysburg, the George Bushman farm served as a field hospital for the Army of the Potomac. Hand-blown glass windows and wood floors serve as reminders of the past. Today the inn offers ten guest rooms and suites.
- **Historic Daniel Lady Farm** – 1001 Hanover St. (Rt. 116), Gettysburg; Daniel Lady Farm played an important role in the three-day battle of Gettysburg. The farm was occupied by southern forces on July 1, 1863, and served as a Confederate staging area for the remainder of the battle. In addition, the farm served as a hospital for the wounded; several burials were recorded on the property.
- **Inn at Herr Ridge** – 900 Chambersburg Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 (717-334-4332); The Inn at Herr Ridge was built as a tavern in 1815, adding lodging options in 1828 under the ownership of Frederick Herr. The house remained a tavern until 1868, when it was sold and became a farm. In 1977, a tavern was reopened on the site and now offers guests 17 distinctive guest rooms and suites.
- **The Swope Manor** – 58-60 York St. Gettysburg, PA 17325 (717-398-2655); This property dates back to 1793, with today's brick building built in 1836 by George Swope. It remained a private home until the early 1900s. Renovated and opened as a bed and breakfast in May 2013, The Swope Manor offers 13 rooming options, including three executive suites.
- **SCCAP Cafe** – 153 N. Stratton St. Gettysburg (717-334-7634 ext. 175); South Central Community Action Programs is the non-profit organization recipient of funds raised through our annual House Tour. The Foodservice Development Program led by Chef Jeremy Schaffner is one of the career training programs offered through SCCAP. The café is open on weekdays for lunch and catering is available.
- **Historic G.A.R. Hall** – 53 E. Middle St. Gettysburg; Enjoy a tour of the historic G.A.R. Hall beautifully decorated for the upcoming holiday season while shopping for a "few of your favorite things!" The hall was originally a Methodist Episcopal Church and is the oldest standing church building in Gettysburg. It was sold to the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1880 and remained in use until the 1930s. The property was acquired and restored by the Historic Preservation Society of Gettysburg-Adams County (HGAC) in 1988.
- **Christ Lutheran Church** – 30 Chambersburg St., Gettysburg (717-334-5212); Built between 1835 and 1836, this historic church building was utilized as a hospital during and after the battle. In addition to many beautiful features of the building, the bell tower is original and the bell which has hung there since 1836 is still used every Sunday. Please return to the church after the House Tour for the Songs and Stories of the Civil War candlelight program beginning at 8 p.m.

Tickets for the complete tour are \$20 per person and can be purchased at member Inns or on-line at: www.gettysburgbedandbreakfast.com. For more information call 717-337-1342.

Note: The Daniel Lady Farm will be open for its regular tours on Dec. 9 as well.

Venture Crew 1861 Plays Through Disrupted Cedar Creek Reenactment



Venture Crew 1861/Field Music 1st PRVC attended the 153rd Anniversary Cedar Creek Battle Reenactment in October in Middletown Virginia.

A suspicious device said to be similar to a pipe bomb was found in the sutler (vendors) area after the Saturday battle. The sutler area and Confederate camp were evacuated. Virginia State Police bomb squad, FBI and ATF arrived and the device was rendered safe.

The Federal Camp stayed in place under increased security. The Venture Crew Field Music

played on bravely to keep up morale in the camp during the police lock down. Sunday's public events were cancelled.

For the reenactors, Sunday's schedule evolved slowly. After morning Mass, the crew had their new 1st PRVC Regimental "State Colors" blessed by Father John Kwiecien, the USV Chaplain.

Federal and Confederate camps decided to hold a Sunday battle, without spectators, as a show of unity and defiance.

Venture Crew 1861 was among the participants at the Sunday "battle" without spectators. At the conclusion, musicians played the Battle Hymn of the Republic, Rally 'Round the Flag, and Dixie as reenactors sang along.

The event closed with Field Music PRVC and Calvert Arms playing the Civil War Fife & Drum version of the Star Spangled Banner.



Venture Crew Individuals Continue to do the GBPA Proud

Summit Award: Daniel Lady Farm Project

Maria Jilka with Venture Crew help has completed her Venturing Summit Project. Her project was to build trash can screen fencing for use for events at the historic Daniel Lady Farm.

Note: The Venturing Summit Award is the highest advancement rank offered in the new BSA Venturing program. Once the last few requirements are completed with a Board of Review, Maria's will be the first Summit Award earned in the New Birth of Freedom Council. Maria has also earned the Ranger Award for outdoor skills.



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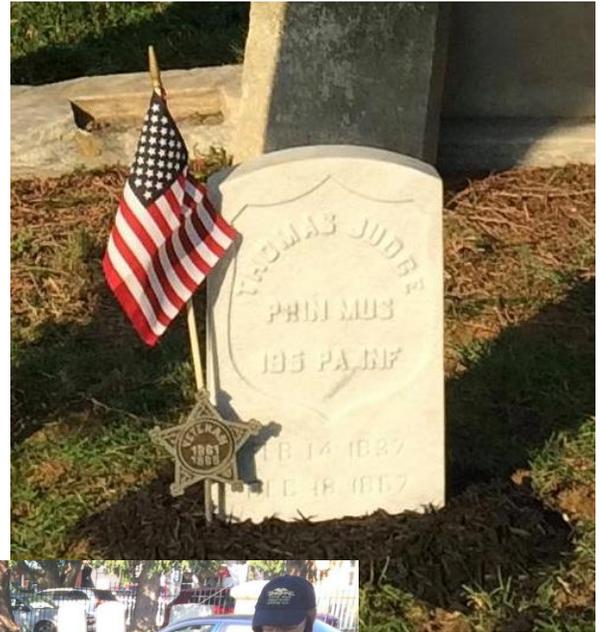
Another Eagle Scout Civil War Project



Venturer Nathaniel Johnston has turned in his completed Eagle Scout application to the New Birth of Freedom Council. Under a rarely-used BSA rule, Nathaniel has completed his Life Scout and Eagle requirements as a Venture Scout. He had been a member of Troop 665 in Manchester, Maryland, earning his 1st Class and Star ranks.

His Eagle Service Project, completed a few weeks ago, was to restore and mark Civil War gravesites at historic St Mary's Cemetery in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The project placed five new military markers on previously unmarked Civil War graves (including Thomas Judge of the 1st PRVC); reset and cleaned other Civil War military markers; and identified, cleaned, and marked over



60 Civil War veterans' gravestones with flag holders and flags. Photos can be found on **Facebook** "Civil War Field Music, 1st PRVC" and <https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Civil-War-Veterans-Service-Project-478198559186154/>.



Equestrian Lesson

Dr. Holly Ray, a long-time equestrienne and enthusiastic student of anything related to the Civil War, brought her friend, Goldie, to the Historic Daniel Lady Farm on Sept 30. The Warren, Ohio, veterinary surgeon rode Goldie to demonstrate proper riding for ladies at the time of the Civil War.

Her free presentation also included a talk about the history of sidesaddle riding and riding habits, and explanation of her museum-quality collection of antique saddles, whips, and stirrups. The event was well-attended and much appreciated. The doctor plans to make a return trip to the Lady farm in 2018.



Letter from the President

As the leaves change color and a cold brisk wind blows them to the ground, we not only think about the coming of the cold weather with the snow and ice, but remember the sunny summer days (Well, MOSTLY Sunny) on the Daniel Lady Farm.

We have had many guests come to tour the house and the barn, as well as hundreds of boy scouts camping on this battleground land during those hot days. Some of the young troops are even ready to brave the cold by scheduling a weekend in November and even deeper into the winter.

Our September Labor Day event, 'Gettysburg, The Aftermath' showcased, not only the farm, but the living historians encamped at the farm and the official arrival of our new partner, Historic Gettysburg Adams County (HGAC) with the grand opening of their new 'Salvage Warehouse' to continue the county's architectural legacy.

To start off Remembrance Day weekend in Gettysburg, please join us at our Annual Dinner on the 17th at the Dobbin House. We would love to meet all of our members.



We'll celebrate the arrival of the holidays by decorating the Lady home and opening our doors to the guests of the Annual Inns of Gettysburg Christmas Tour and Tasting on December 9th.

And, of course, there will be the blossoming of our new permanent headquarters, museum and general purpose room in the existing buildings directly west of the Historic Daniel Lady Farm. As it evolves, our headquarters complex will become a versatile asset to attracting more visitors to Gettysburg and, best of all, enhancing the GBPA goal of preserving the legacy of Gettysburg, 1863. Thanks to Operations Vice-President Kirk Davis for the hard work and time he devoted to this acquisition.

Watch our website at www.gbpa.org for updates on

what's happening and how you can take part.

As we anticipate the coming weeks, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Sincerely,

Barb

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Every weekend until December 9
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.

**Closing for the winter season after Dec. 9 except
for Scout camping activities.**

NOVEMBER

November 17

GBPA Annual Membership Banquet

Dobbin House Tavern, Gettysburg

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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>



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.

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Annual Membership Benefits include

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- Free Admission to Daniel Lady Farm House and Hospital Tours *Does Not Include Special Events
- Subscription to "Battle Lines" newsletter
- 15% Discount at new GBPA Headquarters (Opening in 2018)
- Invitations to members-only events

___ **Reenactor \$15**

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

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___ **Lifetime Individual \$500**

- Individual Membership Benefits for life.

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

(Organization, Scout Troop, or Reenacting Group)

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GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD
PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BANQUET

Held at the Historic Dobbin House Tavern, 89 Steinwehr Ave, Gettysburg on
November 17, 2017. Tickets are \$35 per person, \$60 per couple.

Reservations preferred.

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