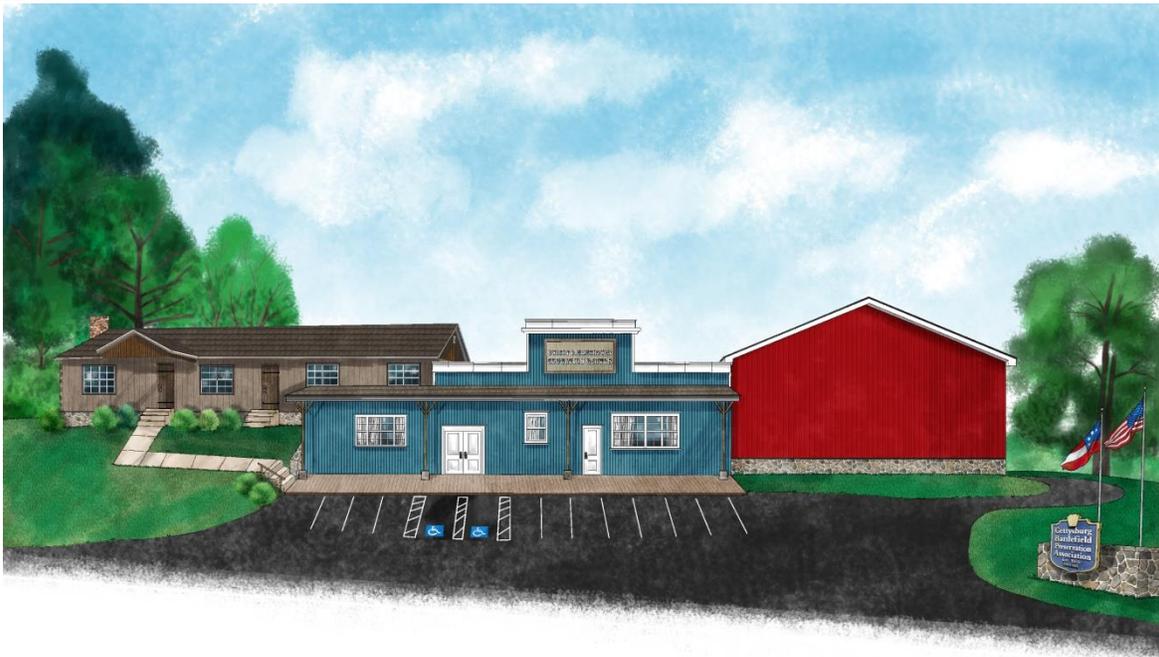


January 2019



Battlelines

**GBPA sends out 2018 with “BANGS!”
– plans bigger one in 2019**



Dwight D. Eisenhower Education Center
at the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association Conference and Office Complex

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Plans for Eisenhower Education Center unveiled

GBPA a major partner in National Park Service Gettysburg monument preservation

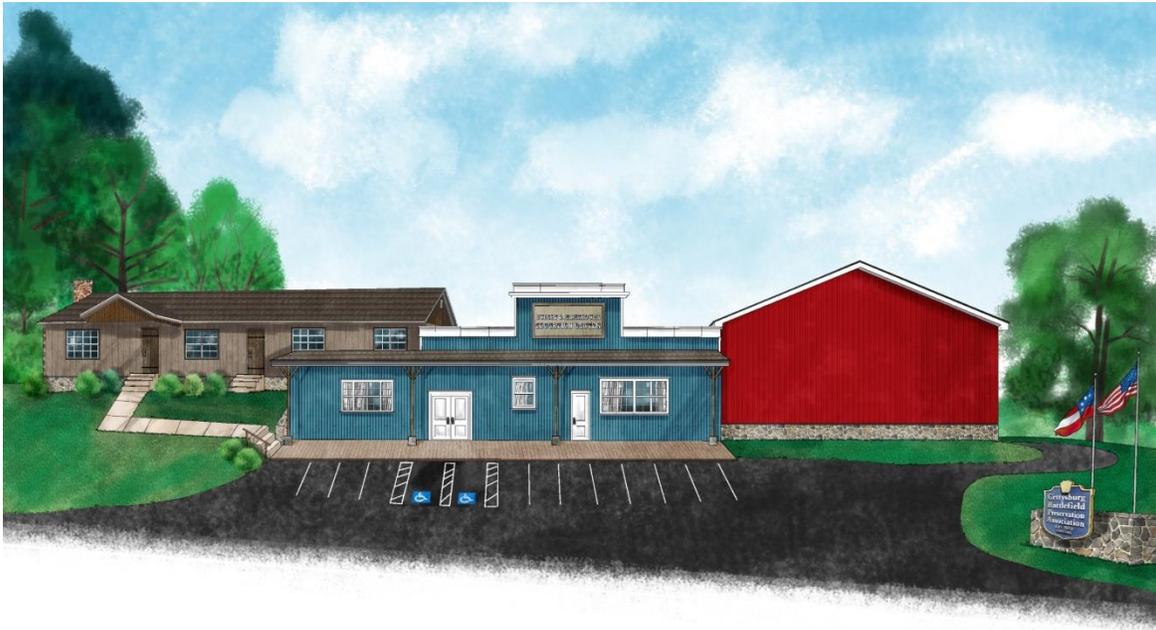
Fall Farm Skirmish success turns it into annual event for Historic Daniel Lady Farm

Membership drive kicks off 60th year for GBPA

Daniel Lady Farmhouse popular stop on Gettysburg holiday house tour

Got your tickets to the 2019 Preservation Ball in the State Capitol?

Exterior design of Eisenhower Education and Conference Center



Dwight D. Eisenhower Education Center
at the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association Conference and Office Complex

Drawing by Sheen Hisiro

The GBPA Board of Directors has adopted an exterior design for the planned Dwight D. Eisenhower Education Center on former retail property adjacent to the Historic Daniel Lady Farm on Hanover Street.

The drawing was produced by Sheena Hisiro, daughter of GBPA Board of Directors member and former Administrative Vice-President, Carl Hisiro.

The Board acquired the property in 2017. The primary meeting room is mostly completed. Contracts are being let out for septic and electrical work.

Since 1959, as development threatened to overwhelm much of the hallowed ground, the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association (GBPA) has worked to keep those images of Gettysburg clear in the minds of Americans.

In 2019, the GBPA celebrates 60 years of working to preserve the most sacred soil in the United States.

To help celebrate its 60th Anniversary, the GBPA is dedicated to completing and opening the new Dwight D. Eisenhower Education Center, named in honor of the 34th President of the United States, **an early member and ardent supporter of the GBPA.**

The Eisenhower Education Center will include a research library that will hold an extensive collection of books and other media on American and Civil War history and the Battle of Gettysburg.

Additionally, the center will house:

Jeanette C. Hershey All-Purpose Conference Room. Named in memory of a major GBPA benefactor, the conference room will hold up to 100 people for educational seminars on topics ranging from battlefield tactics, Civil War medical treatment and procedures, and the Underground Railroad to name just a few of the planned topics.

Camp Letterman Museum. Our new museum will be dedicated to increasing educational opportunities about American history, particularly the American Civil War and the battle of Gettysburg. The museum will house Civil War artifacts, including many items from the nationally-renown J. Howard Wert historical collection, one of the largest privately-owned Civil War collections in the country. It also will feature many rotating presentations on such topics as President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the history

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of agricultural and rural life in Adams County, the Underground Railroad, and Civil War medicine and emergency care as well as the advancements in medical procedures that were ushered into use especially after the battle at Gettysburg, to name a few.

Cliff Arquette retail shop. The shop is named in memory of this charter member of GBPA who was a Gettysburg business owner and is best known as comic Charlie Weaver, a fixture on national television from the late 1950s until his death in 1974. He opened the Charley Weaver Museum of the Civil War in Gettysburg, which later became the Soldiers National Museum, which closed its doors in 2014

The center also will house offices and meeting space for the GBPA.

It is hoped the center can be opened late this year.

The Board of Directors is working on a Capital Fund Drive to complete financing of the building work. Contributions as specific levels will bring the donor a GBPA 60th Anniversary polo shirt or hat.



YOU can help even by simply joining or renewing membership in the GBPA.

This is especially important in this 60th anniversary year as we continue to preserve the Historic Daniel Lady Farm, develop the Eisenhower Education Center and continue the fight to save the remaining “Hallowed Ground” of the Battle of Gettysburg and its aftermath.

Watch for a mailing from the GBPA in the coming weeks; go to our website at www.gbpa.org to sign-up on-line or use the membership form at the end of this newsletter.



“Fall Farm Skirmish” a successful harvest

Capping a 2018 season that saw a reduction in the number and size of reenactments generally, the GBPA successfully bucked the trend by staging the “Fall Farm Skirmish” Oct. 20 & 21 at the Historic Daniel Lady Farm.

Units of the First and Second Regiments of the Federal Volunteer Brigade faced off with the 7th Louisiana Infantry and local Confederate forces in a live - action skirmish over the two days.

The volleys were exchanged on the farm that was held by the Confederates



during most of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863.

The farm saw skirmishing during the first day of the battle and, as the battle progressed, both the house and barn were struck by Union artillery fire. Both served as a field hospital for wounded and dying Confederate combatants.



Confederate troops assembled across the Lady Farm for the assault on Culp’s Hill on the second and third days of the battle.

Close to 300 reenactors representing the North and South exchanged fire during the two-day engagement that also provided visitors with a close look at daily life in the two camps.

Several Boy and Cub Scout troops were encamped at the farm for the weekend as well.

Event organizer and GBPA Board of Directors member Kirk Davis said the reduced scale of the event worked to the advantage of both participants and spectators.

“The audience could hear the commands of the officers

during the battle and, at the same time, the reenactors knew they were under close scrutiny to follow those orders and provide authenticity to every aspect of the clash,” said Davis.

“We had a good mix of families with children to see the skirmishes,” said GBPA President Brendan



Synnamon. “That’s one of our prime goals; to make the Farm an enjoyable and educational experience for the entire family.”

Proceeds will go toward maintaining the scouting and history programs at the Historic Daniel Lady Farm.



Number of scouts who camped at the Historic Daniel Lady Farm in 2018?

1,065

GBPA partners in monument Preservation at Gettysburg National Military Park

At left: GBPA representatives with National Park Service officials to note agreement for GBPA to participate in monument preservation program at GNMP. Front row, left, former GBPA President and Board of Directors member Barb Mowery, center, Acting GNMP Supt. Lewis Rogers Jr., right, GBPA President Brendan Synnamon. Back row, left, Lucas Flickinger of the GNMP Monument Preservation Branch, center, GBPA Administrative Vice President for administration Michael Cassidy, right, Carl Hisiro, former GBPA Administrative Vice President and Board of Directors Member.

Mowery has been active with the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Project

since 1997 when it was founded by Pennsylvania state Rep. Harry Readshaw and, for the last 8 years, had coordinated between Flickinger and what became the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Trust.

News release from the National Park Service:

The Gettysburg Foundation and the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association (GBPA) have provided donations to match federal funds to preserve monuments at Gettysburg National Military Park. Thanks to partner support and federal funding from the Helium Act, a total of \$188,129 is available to do repairs and preservation maintenance for more than 350 civil war monuments on the Gettysburg battlefield.

The Gettysburg Foundation provided \$50,765 and the GBPA provided \$43,300 in a dollar-for-dollar match for \$94,065 in federal funding. National Park Service preservation specialists will use the funds to continue to work on more than 350 of Gettysburg's 1300 monuments, steam cleaning stone features and pedestals, re-pointing and preserving masonry, power-washing and waxing all bronze elements, and repairing and replacing missing or broken bronze features, as necessary.

The federal funding comes from the Helium Stewardship Act of 2013, which provides \$20 million in fiscal 2018 from proceeds from the sale of federal helium, to be used for deferred maintenance projects requiring a minimum 50% match from a non-federal funding source.

"Public private partnerships help stretch federal dollars to take care of national parks," said Ed Wenschhof Jr., acting superintendent at Gettysburg National Military Park. "We're very pleased to have the Gettysburg Foundation and the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association help us fund the care of these important monuments."

Beginning in 1863, veterans and survivors of the battle of Gettysburg preserved the battle grounds and created the commemorative features and monuments that still define the park today. The 1895 law establishing Gettysburg National Military Park authorized the federal government to preserve the "important topographic features of the battlefield" and to preserve and mark the battle positions.

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Gettysburg National Military Park preserves, protects and interprets for this and future generations the resources associated with the 1863 Battle of Gettysburg, during the American Civil War, the Soldiers' National Cemetery, and their commemorations.

About the Gettysburg Foundation: The Gettysburg Foundation is a 501(c)(3), non-profit philanthropic, educational organization operating in partnership with the National Park Service to preserve Gettysburg National Military Park and the Eisenhower National Historic Site, and to educate the public about their significance. The Foundation operates the Museum and Visitor Center at Gettysburg National Military Park.

About the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association: Founded in 1959, the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association, a 501(c)(3) corporation, is the oldest Civil War battlefield preservation organization in the nation. Among its many preservation efforts, in 1999, the organization acquired, restored and now operates the historic Daniel Lady Farm on Hanover Street in Gettysburg.

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Civil War Dance Classes

January 27, February 10, March 24, 2019

Sunday Afternoons, 2:00PM to 4:00PM

National Civil War Museum

One Lincoln Circle, Reservoir Park, Harrisburg, PA 17103

Conducted by the

Victorian Dance Ensemble

the performing troupe of the Civil War Dance Foundation

Get ready for the 16th Annual

***Civil War Preservation Ball at the Pennsylvania
Capitol***

March 30, 2019

Great family fun! Attend one or all of the classes.

Learn the popular formation dances of the 1860s.

Partners are encouraged but not required.

Wear modern comfortable clothing since this is a
physical workout.

PDF Dance Manual available by email.

Reservations are required because of limited space.

Email names of attendees and dates of attendance to

Contact@CivilWarDance.org

Regular museum admission applies for entrance to the museum galleries.



Commemorative Rifle Raffle

In November, the GBPA drew the winning tickets for the raffle of a 150th Gettysburg Anniversary Henry Rifle and a replica of an artillery officer's sword. The rifle, chambered for .22 caliber bullets, has a handsomely-engraved stock commemorating the epic clash at Gettysburg in July 1863.

Tickets were on sale at numerous events in 2018.

The rifle was won by Donald Deltondo of Pittsburgh.



Australia survives GBPA's Cooper Wingert

GBPA Secretary, prolific author and Dickinson College student Cooper Wingert recently completed a 6-month study program down under.

The focus of his travel was to learn in depth about what is known as the Early Convict Era in Australia **(1788-1850)**.

Most of his time was spent in Brisbane, studying history at the University of Queensland.

He managed to squeeze in a brief excursion to Tasmania, Australia's island-state off the southern coast of Melbourne, to do some historical tourism, including Port Arthur, an infamous penal station that operated during the 1830s-1850s.

Cooper also had opportunities to introduce himself to kangaroos and wallabies and check out Steve Irwin's Australia Zoo (the home of the late Crocodile Hunter.)

There was one disappointment. Cooper was unable to bring back a supply of deadly box jellyfish with which to stock the Daniel Lady Farm pond.



16th Annual CIVIL WAR PRESERVATION BALL

7-10pm, Saturday
March 30, 2019

Pennsylvania State Capitol
Harrisburg, Pa.

Join us in dancing for Gettysburg preservation in the most spectacular setting for any Civil War Ball in the nation. This ball has raised more than \$100,000 for the Gettysburg Monuments Endowment Trust Fund.

*Dancing led by the
Victorian Dance Ensemble*

*Music by the
Philadelphia Brigade Band*

\$65.00 Couple \$35.00 Single
Advance reservations required
No ticket sales at the door



For ball information, email:
PreservationBall@CivilWarDance.org
Website: www.CivilWarDance.org



Revival of the Christmas Spirit at Historic Daniel Lady Farm



After canceling 2017 participation because of damage that resulted from being struck by an out-of-control truck, the Daniel Lady Farmhouse was back in the itinerary of the 2018 annual Holiday House Tour and Tasting sponsored by the Inns of the Gettysburg Area. The stops on this annual tour of historic inns, homes and properties are decorated for the holiday celebrations of the 1860's.

Inclusion in the program is a special honor in that the Lady Farm is the only stop that does not operate as an Inn.

GBPA Events Coordinator Melynda Wrightstone and the volunteers of the Rebecca

Lady Society once again came through and made a memorable event for visitors. The emphasis was on decorations and delectable refreshments rather than the usual house tours to encourage visitors to return during the farm's regular season for the docent tours and the story of the Daniel Lady Farm and how the Lady Family contended with the events of July 1863.

A choice of favored meatballs in the kitchen and tasty desert cookies in the front room went over well with participants. Children seemed especially appreciative of the cookie selection put out by the Lady Society.

Musical historian Kent Courtney provided period entertainment in the front room.



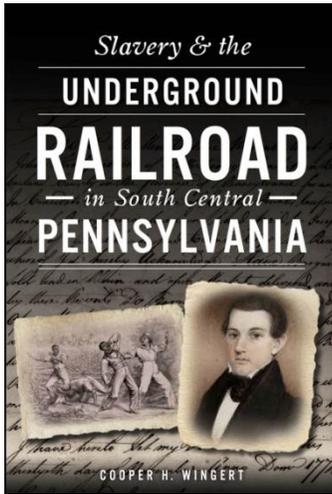
GBPA Store on the Web is now open!

Have the Army of the Potomac and the Army of Northern Virginia teamed up with Ollie's Army?
Not quite, but we're working on it!

You can now buy GBPA and associated merchandise on the Web through the GBPA website at:

www.gbpa.org

Hats? We got 'em. T-shirts? You bet. Books? Yep, they're there too.
Here's some of what we've got on the digital shelves:

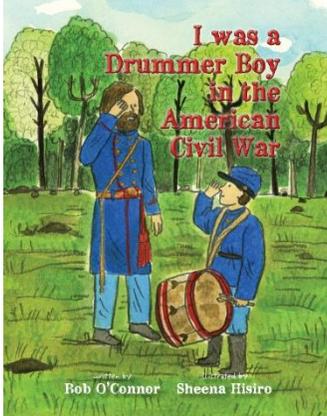


The latest from the prodigious pen of historian Cooper Wingert, our own GBPA Secretary.

Central Pennsylvania, with its Appalachian Mountains and the Susquehanna River Valley, provided an optimal funnel to freedom in the North and Canada for runaway slaves on the Underground Railroad escaping from their masters in the South.

Read how locals like William Wright and James McAllister helped escaping slaves evade capture while taking a public stand to abolish the institution of slavery.

You'll find others of Cooper's books in our store.



This is another book with GBPA roots.

"I was a Drummer Boy in the American Civil War" is written by member

Bob

O'Connor and expertly illustrated by Sheena Hisiro, daughter of former GBPA Administrative Vice President and current Board of Directors member Carl Hisiro.

The children's book is a historical fiction account of James Minnihan, who is O'Connor's great uncle's nephew -- a soldier of the 105th Illinois Infantry.

The book is based on the regimental history and diaries of the regiment as it marched with Sherman's army in the South.



2019 UPCOMING EVENTS:

March

March 30

Civil War Preservation Ball

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Pennsylvania State Capitol Rotunda, Harrisburg

Surrounded by the majesty and history of the Capitol Rotunda, the 16th Annual Civil War Preservation Ball benefits the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Trust. The trust 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, the ball has raised nearly \$100,000 to preserve the Pennsylvania monuments.

Admission \$35 single, \$65 couple.

For more information, visit www.CivilWarDance.org

Email: PreservationBall@CivilWarDance.org.

April

April 13 & 14

Gold Rush Living History

Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 14, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Historic Daniel Lady Farm, 1008 Hanover St. Gettysburg

“There's gold in them thar hills”

This family-friendly living history open to the public of a gold rush tent city of the late 1860's to 1880.

Working miners, cowboys, a saloon, magic lantern show, assay office / claim registrar, along with a territorial law and a military presence. Saloon serving wonderful elixirs (tea and lemonade). Special show by world-renowned Mr. Rory O'Reilly and his incredible "Magic Lantern."

Salted "gold" nuggets around for prospectors to find and turn in at the assay office. Claims can be staked and defended. Sites may be subject to robberies, shootings and claim jumping, but good will triumph over evil.

Daily admission: Adults: \$10. Children 15 and under free if accompanied by an adult.

Includes tours of the historic Daniel Lady farmhouse and barn.

For information, www.gbpa.org

Email: events@gbpa.org

June

June 29 & 30

Annual Artifact and Collectibles Show

Saturday, June 29, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 30, 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 Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association's Artifact and Collector's Show features more than 200 vendors and over 300 tables of artifacts, swords, firearms, correspondence, books, photographs, documents and much more.

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

Vendors contact: bsynnamon@gmail.com or call 717-334-2350.

For more information visit www.uniondb.com or www.gbpa.org

Email: info@gbpa.org

September

September 21 & 22

Second Annual Fall Farm Skirmish & GBPA 60th Anniversary

Saturday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 22, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Historic Daniel Lady Farm, 1008 Hanover St. Gettysburg

In honor of its 60th Anniversary, the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association will host a live action and living history program that will include Confederate and Union encampments and skirmishing on the hallowed ground of the Historic Daniel Lady Farm in Gettysburg. Over 500 reenactors will present the Battle of Antietam's "Bloody Lane" along with a cavalry reenactment and other clashes during the two-day program.

Daily admission: Adults: \$15 for a one-day pass and \$25 for a two-day pass. Children 15 and under free if accompanied by an adult.

Includes tours of the historic Daniel Lady farmhouse and barn.

For information, www.gbpa.org

Email: events@gbpa.org

September 28, 2019,

Ride for Monument Preservation

Soldier's Grove, Pennsylvania Capitol Building East Wing

The 19th Annual Ride for the Monuments from Harrisburg to Gettysburg is sponsored by the Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education (A.B.A.T.E.). It supports the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Monuments Trust for maintenance and upkeep of more than 140 monuments and markers on the battlefield that memorialize the actions of Pennsylvania troops. A portion also benefits upkeep of the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association's Historic Daniel Lady Farm.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. outside the State Capitol Building's East Wing. Welcoming ceremony:

12:15 p.m. Ride departure: 1 p.m.

Open to all interested riders. Rain or shine. Registration \$10.

For information, www.gbpa.org and www.abatepa.org.



Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association 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): _____
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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
 - 10% Discount at O'Rorke's Family Eatery (excluding daily specials and alcohol) located at 44 Steinwehr Ave., Gettysburg
 - 10% Discount at Sunset Ice Cream Parlor located at 33 Steinwehr Ave., Gettysburg
 - Local Resident Discounted Rate of \$8 for Ghosts of Gettysburg Candlelight Walking Tours located at 271 Baltimore St., Gettysburg
 - 15% Discount at the Home Front General Store located at 777 Baltimore St., Gettysburg
 - 10% Discount off of a one-day general pass to Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia
 - 15% Discount at the GBPA store at the Daniel Lady Farm
 - Subscription to "Battlelines" newsletter
 - Invitation to members only events, including annual picnic
- Most benefits require showing your current GBPA membership card at time of service.*

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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