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"In giving freedom to the slave we assure freedom to the free – honorable alike in what we give and what we preserve."
– Abraham Lincoln, Message to Congress, Dec.1, 1862



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The ALBG was founded in 1916 as the official organization to represent and promote licensed guiding at Gettysburg. Interested individuals who do not hold guide licenses may join the ALBG as Associate members by submitting annual dues of \$25. Membership includes a subscription to the *Battlefield Dispatch* and covers the fiscal year July 1– June 30.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT NEWS FROM • FOR • AND ABOUT YOUR ASSOCIATION

Contributed by LBG Ralph Siegel, ALBG President

DO YOU SUPPORT THE ALBG? LIKE IT? LOVE IT?

Do you like the Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides? Your Association???

I might presume, since you have the *Battlefield Dispatch* on your screen or in your hand and you are reading this sentence, that you have at least some interest in the ALBG.

Does it translate into affection? I cannot so presume – but I can certainly hope –that you like the ALBG, your guide association.

And I might press a little harder to inquire as to

whether you might love our little guide group?

I personally do not hesitate to use the word “love” because were it not for the ALBG 25 years ago, I would not be a licensed guide. Commuting from out-of-state to learn the ropes, I found that the ALBG seminars introduced me to the concept of mastering the battlefield “on the ground.” No reading list will tell you that. It also ingrained me with guides and my fellow guide-exam candidates, some of whom formed a study group with me.

But I also acknowledge the ALBG today is not the same. It doesn’t do the same things.

And there are some who dislike the ALBG for various reasons that I would enjoy discussing and debating. There are perhaps some whose enmity includes a wish that the ALBG and its Executive Council might simply vanish. Some may await the day our Civil War library is liquidated to the county historical society, our battlewalks and banquets and seminars are all cancelled.

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Dr. Scott Hancock
Presenting:
"Black Gettysburg and the Coming of the American Civil War"
Friday April 17, 2026
Following dinner at 6:30pm
at the Dobbin House Tavern
www.gettysburgtourguides.org/visiting-scholars-banquet



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THE PRESIDENT'S

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If you like something, you want to see it sustained. But if you love something, you will work, you will fight, to preserve it, to save it.

That's why I hope you will love the ALBG because I want you to join the effort to save it.

What is the threat? Lack of interest, lack of involvement.

What can you do? It is not that heavy a lift. Read your Dispatch newsletter, pay your dues, communicate with your Council representative, buy tickets to attend the Visiting Scholars Banquet on April 17, come out for trash pickup on April 15, attend the next Membership Meeting on June 27.

On Saturday, March 28, we had our first General Membership meeting of the year 2026. It was the first membership meeting of my tenure as president. The Rev. Nancy Jill Hale, one of our newest licensed guides, made a wonderful presentation on chaplains at Gettysburg,

one of her areas of expertise. Nancy's presentation was cleverly designed to give guides useful material for their tours.

We have 103 dues-paying licensed guide members of 133 total. Only 10 attended. Ten. That's not love. That's not even like.

When I went home that night, I was demoralized, as if 123 other Licensed Battlefield Guides, men and women I hold in the highest esteem, were telling me that the Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides wasn't worth the effort. That it might be just as well that the Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides go away.

I know that's probably not true. It was a Saturday night and people have things to do, they go away for the weekend, they do something with family, or they were just staring at the TV in panic because of how much money they lost on March Madness.

Our upcoming Visiting Scholars Banquet April 17 will bring you Gettysburg

College professor Scott Hancock, a man familiar with controversy, to discuss "Black Gettysburg and the Coming of the American Civil War." Professor Hancock's topic and the headlines in the news all highlight how the issues of the Civil War are hardly behind us.

As some important writer once said; "The past isn't dead, the past isn't even past, the past is stuck to the heel of my shoe and follows me out of the bathroom as I walk back into the restaurant..."

The Hancock program promises to teach all of us something that can improve our minds and our tours. This banquet exists because of the work of LBG banquet chairman Bill Thomas and ALBG Executive Council member Bobby Housch, who chairs the education committee. No Bill, No Bobby, no banquet.

The banquet and all other programs exist because of the ALBG and its Executive Council members who

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EDUCATION

The Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides will hold their 2026 General Meetings (which includes a speaker before the business part of the meeting) on:

SATURDAY JUNE 27, 2026
at 7:00 PM (Paul Bailey is speaking on Nat Turner)

SATURDAY AUGUST 29, 2026
at 7:00 PM (Rob Abbott is speaking on James Longstreet's line from the Gettysburg Movie "The Heat Reminds Me of Mexico")

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2026
at 6:00 PM (Bill Thomas is speaking on Zook's Brigade)

The meetings are held at the Gettysburg Heritage Center on Steinwehr Avenue. The speaker presents for approximately 30-45 minutes. 🎨

LBG GROUP PHOTO

Save-The-Date

Saturday, June 13, 4:30 pm
Pennsylvania Memorial 🎨

WELCOME ABOARD TO OUR NEWEST LBG, JIM SANDBERG

I was born and raised in Grosse Pointe, MI. When I graduated from G. P. North H.S. in 1981 my favorite class had been A.P. US History, but my love for United States History began as a kid on my first trip to Henry Ford's Greenfield Village. You could literally walk through history in this place—Edison's Menlo Park Laboratory where the Electric Light had been invented is there now. So are the Wright Brother's Bicycle Shop, Ford's Workshop and Garage, the Courthouse where Abraham Lincoln practiced Law, and many other historic structures. Walking through these buildings the power of history is inescapable. I thought



I should never find a place that made me feel that way again.

But I did. In 1995 I was sent to Frederick, MD for an Access Control Certification Class. Gettysburg was just a few miles up the road, so I had to head there. As I traveled the now familiar Avenues, the awe-inspiring realization of "It Happened Right Here" once again captivated me, and I would frankly never be the same. I began making regular visits to the Battlefield from that day forward.

In 2002 I bought the CD-ROM "Virtual Gettysburg" with LBG Gary Kross making the panoramic video come to life with his stories and found myself inspired to become a Licensed Battlefield Guide. I couldn't think of a better way to share that experience of awe and wonder I felt when I first came to Gettysburg than as an LBG. So, we moved here in 2009 determined to make that happen. Now I will do my best to carry on the proud Guide Tradition, a Legacy I shall continue with Honor. 🎨

ASSOCIATES DAY

The ALBG will conduct Associates Day on Saturday, October 17, with LBG Charlie Fennell leading a tour of the South Mountain Battlefield covering all three gaps, the Correspondents' Monument, and the Washington Monument. Currently, we have one GTC bus reserved which will hold 40 passengers. If we fill that, additional transportation will be added. Tickets available soon. 🎨

Guide Speaking Engagements

Let us know if you have a speaking engagement so we can get the word out to ALBG members. 🎨

Guide Challenge
Guide Challenge Coins are available for sale at the Guide office for \$4 a coin or a pack of 10 for \$35. See LBG Paul Bailey or LBG Bobby Housch to purchase. 🎨

Little Round Top Vandal Identified

On March 6, 2026, Lucas J. Reisinger of Carlisle was arrested on two felony counts of destruction of veterans' memorials. In September 2025, the initials LJR were found carved into the bronze plaque on the top of the 44th New York monument and the face of COL Patrick O'Rourke on the 140th New York monument. Each count carries a maximum penalty of \$250,000 and up to 10 years on federal prison. The NPS will also seek full restitution, estimated at more than \$11,000, for the damage.

The following agencies were involved in the investigation: the Carlisle Police Department, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, National Park Service Investigative Services Branch, U.S. Marshal's Service and the Adams County Department of Emergency Services. 🎨

Gettysburg Film Festival

Congratulations to Gettysburg History and the American Battlefield Trust for another successful Gettysburg Film Festival focused on the American Revolution. From Thursday April 2nd to Saturday April 4th, Gettysburg was teaming with Historians, a General, an actor who played a General, Stars of the Stage & Screen, Podcasters and Patriots.

I thoroughly enjoyed the panel discussions on The Secret War with the cast from AMC's show Turn: Washington's Spies based on Alexander Rose's book Washington's Spies: The Story of America's First Spy Ring. Actors Samuel Roukin (British Officer John Simcoe), Heather Lind (Anna Strong, Agent 355, a female member of the Culper Spy Ring), and Seth Numrich (American Spymaster Benjamin Tallmadge) spoke about how they researched their characters to prepare for the roles and how filming in historic locations helped them become their characters. Following the panel, we were treated to a sneak peek of Director Bo Brinkman's new film Gettysburg 1863 starring Samuel Roukin due out in November.

Also, LBG Garry Adelman of American Battlefield Trust, facilitated a panel discussion on Waging the War of Independence with Ken Burns, General Stanley McChrystal & Rick Atkinson. The discussion touched on the leadership lessons from Washington's victories & defeats, the challenges the British faced waging war so far from Europe, and the importance of the linkage of 1776 and 1863. 🎨

McAllister Mill Underground Railroad Tour

Historic Gettysburg Adams County will be conducting tours of the McAllister Mill Underground Railroad site beginning May 3rd. LBG Deb Novotny will be 1 of 4 tour leaders. For more information see HGAC website at hgaonline.org. 🎨

Road Clean-up Dates for 2026

The 2026 Emmitsburg Road trash pickup dates will take place on the following Wednesdays at 5:00 PM:

- April 15
- June 24
- August 19
- October 14

Meet at the 105PA monument. 🎨



DUES POLICY REFORM OFFERS BIG BREAK

(okay medium break)

Contributed by LBG Ralph Siegel, ALBG President

The Executive Council of the ALBG in February approved a dramatic change in policy concerning membership and the payment of dues.

If you pay your dues now, in April, online or by check, it will cover the next 15 months through June 30, 2027.

That's a whopping three months free!!!!

A reminder: Dues for Licensed Battlefield Guides are \$75. Dues for Associate Members are \$25 for individuals and \$35 for the family plan, which includes free air fare. (No it doesn't).

Second reminder: The dues period for the ALBG follows the state fiscal year. For 2026, the fiscal year begins July 1, membership dues are due by July 31st, and the fiscal year concludes the next June 30, 2027.

So from now on and in the future, if you pay your dues in February, it counts for the whole next fiscal year. For example, if you forgot to pay your dues for 2025-2026, pay now and it counts for the remaining three months plus the all of next year.

You might ask: Why on earth does the ALBG follow a fiscal year instead of a normal calendar year like everyone else on earth? Fine question. Get in line.

The thinking a long time ago was that guides don't have any money in the winter. Seriously, that was it. The thinking was that

in winter, a cluster of thin, shivering guides huddle together in tiny cabins with a few bits of coal for heat, counting the days until the return of the banana bus fleet. So dues were not collected until July, when guides are fat and greasy and have their pockets stuffed with tons of tip money.

In other words, it is outdated thinking. Unfortunately, changing the dues period to conform to the Calendar Year right now would be difficult for the ALBG to afford.

But the ALBG Executive Council did make the improvement that it could make right now. By unanimous vote, the Council amended the "Membership" clause of the ALBG Standing Rules to stipulate that dues paid in February or later in any given year shall count for the balance of the fiscal year and also for the next fiscal year. That makes 16 months for the price of 12.

The actual goal behind this change was not humanitarian. It was to simplify Treasury operations in dues collection. For Treasury, managing dues payments is the most labor-intensive procedure of the year. What happens when someone in arrears pays their dues in March. They pay \$75 and are asked to pay again three months later? Seems unfair.

Also, the Executive Council has done away with the outdated provision that Associate Members could pay

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do the work. No one else is going to do this stuff. The Gettysburg Foundation, Gettysburg History, etc., etc., aim their programs at their public membership and their patrons. The ALBG aims its programs at us.

Sure, the ALBG can and must be improved.

I have had discussions with other guides about conducting a special "retreat" to be held in an informal setting in order to talk over the purpose of the Association. Please email me at ralf63@comcast.net to share your opinion or advice. (It

had been my intention to brief the Executive Council on this idea at the last meeting but alas, we lacked a quorum.)

At some point this year, licensed guide members will also be presented with and asked to vote on an array of amendments to the ALBG Bylaws in order to clarify and streamline how things are done. I initiated this process because I believe that in recent years there was too much decided in a haphazard manner without sufficient counsel or consensus. Bylaws amendments are a first step in forming a better system of operating. 🍌

2026 Fall Seminar:

From the Peach Orchard to the Bryan Farm: The Fighting on July 2, 1863

The 2026 Fall Seminar will be held from **Friday, November 6 – Sunday, November 8**. The fee has not yet been determined.

On Friday, November 6th the opening speaker at the Dobbin House dinner will be Licensed Battlefield Guide Jim Hessler speaking on "*Sickles' and Longstreet's Preparations and Action on July 2, 1863.*"

There will be four battle walks each lasting approximately 90 minutes on Saturday:

- LBG Ralph Siegel will present "*Artillery Deployment and Performance from the Peach Orchard to the Bryan Farm*"
- LBG Tom Clark will present "*Kershaw's Brigade Attacks the Peach Orchard Area and the Union Defense*"
- LBG Lewis Trott will present "*Barksdale's Brigade Attack and the Union Defense*"
- LBG Chris Bagley will present "*Wofford's Brigade Attack and the Union Defense*"

There will be two battle walks each lasting approximately 90 minutes on Sunday:

- LBG Therese Orr will present "*Berdan's Fight with Wilcox's Brigade plus Wilcox's Brigade and Lang's Brigade Attack and the Union Defense*"
- LBG Paul Bailey will present "*Wright's Brigade and Posey's Brigade Attack and the Union Defense*" 🍌



Contributed by LBG Paul Bailey

Continuing our series on the people & events that shaped the 250 years of pre- and post-battle Gettysburg & surrounding areas. We move forward from Settlers to Fighting for Freedom.

York, Capital of the New Nation

In our last Dispatch, we mentioned John Hanson Steelman's stone house at Elkton, MD. It would be near this spot on August 25, 1777, where over 15,000 British and Hessian troops under the command of British Army General William Howe made a landing. Howe's objective was to capture the Continental Capital, the city of Philadelphia. To stop them, General Washington placed his forces between Howe and the city. However, on September 11, 1777, in one of the largest and longest battles of the war, the British defeated the Continentals at the Battle of Brandywine.

The Second Continental Congress, under threat of the advancing British, initially moved the government seat from Philadelphia to Lancaster, then decided to place the Susquehanna River between them and the British, and thus ended up in York. From September 30, 1777 to June 27, 1778, the Congress met at

the Old York Courthouse.

On October 31, 1777, when official word reached York of the Continental Army victory at the Battle of Saratoga, Samuel Adams and Richard Henry Lee proposed a National Day of Thanksgiving. The Congress declared, "It is therefore recommended to the legislative or executive powers of these United States, to set apart Thursday, the 18th day of December next, for solemn thanksgiving and praise; that with one heart and one voice the good people may express the grateful feelings of their hearts, and consecrate themselves to the service of their divine benefactor." Claiming the first official Thanksgiving in the United States.

On November 15, 1777, they adopted the Articles of Confederation, which attempted to govern the

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Old York County Courthouse

WE WANT YOU ...

Calling all ALBG members – both Licensed and Associate. We want your book reviews and articles of interest for the Dispatch. Have a favorite soldier or regiment? Visit a cemetery or battlefield? Read a good – or not so good – book? Share your interests or experiences with our members. **Send your input to Therese Orr, orr1978@gmail.com, for inclusion in future issues of the Dispatch.**



FROM THE LIBRARY

Contributed by LBG Bobby Housch, Librarian

We have renewed the Newspapers.com subscription. I am currently working to find out which magazines we need to resubscribe.

BOOK BINDING TRIP. Nothing is being planned at the current time. I will review this again in the fall. Maybe early 2027.

BOOK SALE. The book sale will be held Friday, April 24 – Sunday, April 26. Licensed ALBG members are welcome to purchase books on Friday. On Saturday and Sunday, Associate members and the general public will be able to purchase books. Saturday hours are 9:00 – 4:30. Sunday hours are 10:00 – 4:00.

PRICES ARE:

- Hardback Books.....\$5
- Paperback Books.....\$3
- Gettysburg Magazines..\$5
- All Other Magazines/ Booklets.....\$1

Payment is via cash or check. Licensed Members: please leave your payment in the box on the table.

BOOK RETURN: I placed a small table in the library for book returns. Please place the books you return there. This will increase my job, but will help me ensure books are replaced properly. I have found a few missing books, in the wrong place.

MISSING BOOKS. The list below is just the start. Many of the books in the first 20 I searched for and found, were replaced or returned.

Here are a few.

- *Dawn of Victory: Break-through at Petersburg March 25- April 2* by Edward Alexander.
- *Campaigning with the Irish Brigade, Pvt. John Ryan* 28 MA by Sandy Barnard.
- *The Bloody Shirt: Terror After Appomattox* by Stephan Budiansky
- *Civil War in Texas and New Mexico Territory* by Steve Cottrell
- *This Flag Never Goes Down: 40 stories of Confederate Battle Flags* by Michael Dreese
- *The Fiery Trail: A Union Officers Account of Sherman's Last Campaign* by Richard Harwell.
- *Gettysburg Magazine #72.*

If you have these books, please return them.

NEW CHECK OUT POLICY: No more than 3 books may be checked out at one time. Thirty days is the limit, and you can recheck them out every 30 days. Which means you have to come into the library and sign them out again in the logbook.

LBG Bobby Housch is our new Librarian. 📖

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dues for half a year. With nearly 200 associate members, it was a "bridge too far"

for Treasury to keep track of half-payments without falling into "the cuckoo's nest." 📖

“Pap” Greene’s Grave

George Sears Greene, second cousin of American Revolution soldier General Nathanael Greene, was born in Rhode Island in 1801. Graduating second in his West Point class of 1823, he selected Artillery as his branch instead of Engineering, which is what the top students usually selected.

During his twelve years in the Army he married, fathered 3 children, and subsequently lost his wife and children in a seven-month span in 1833, probably from tuberculosis. In the years that followed, he studied law and medicine, but left the Army in 1836 to become a civil engineer.

Greene remarried in 1837 and fathered six more children. Two of his four adult

sons served in the Union Army and one son served in the Union Navy.

To the Civil War nerd, Greene is best known for his Brigade’s defense of Culp’s Hill on July 2, 1863. In a December 1863 letter to Army of the Potomac commander MGEN George Meade, XII Corps commander MGEN Henry Slocum wrote:

“Greene’s Brigade of the second division, remained in the intrenchments, and the failure of the enemy to get entire possession of our works, was due entirely to the skill of General Greene and the heroic valor of his troops. His Brigade suffered severely, but held the enemy in check until the return of Williams Division.”

Contributed by LBG Therese Orr

This battle was so important to him that he requested a boulder from Culp’s Hill be placed on his grave. He died in 1899, having lived almost the entire 19th century. He is buried in Warwick, Rhode Island in what is now known as the Major General George Sears Greene Cemetery. It contains burials dated from 1795 to 1966.

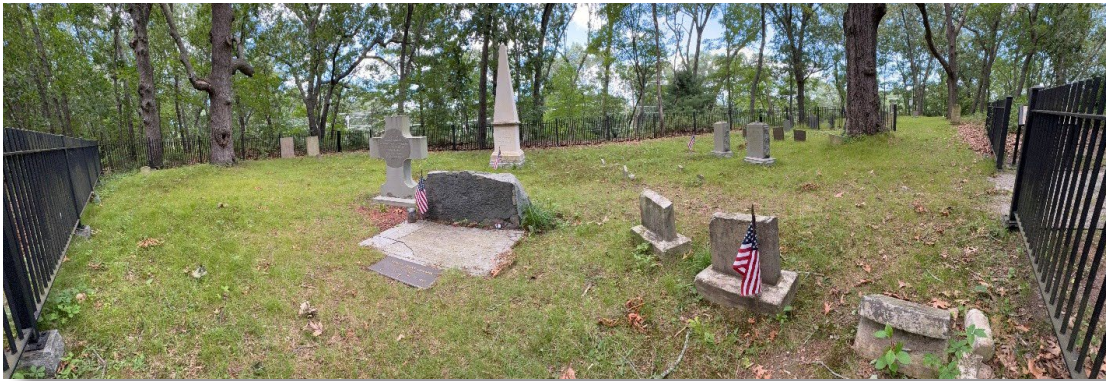
This cemetery was a little difficult for my husband and me to find. Following the GPS directions, we ended up in the parking lot for the Fraternal Order of Police. Thinking we were in the wrong location, we plugged the official name of the cemetery, Rhode Island Historical Cemetery Warwick #23, into GPS again, which took us to a nearby



Major General George Sears Greene

neighborhood with a small, overgrown cemetery between two houses. We tried the other location again and found that at the far end of the FoP parking lot was a small sign and a single lane road that led us to the parking area for the cemetery. A walk up the hill brought us to the Greene cemetery. You can’t see the cemetery in the satellite view on Google Maps because the image was taken when the trees were covered in leaves, obscuring the cemetery from view.

In the photo you can see the General’s grave, with the Culp’s Hill boulder. Sadly, the stone plaque in front of the boulder now has multiple cracks in it. The obelisk in the background is the stone for his first family. 🇺🇸



BG Daniel W. Flagler January 1891–March 1899

The Gun Inspector Who Spent His Life Making Sure the Ordnance Was Right

Originally published in Dispatch Vol. 40 No. 4 August 2022; Contributed by LBG Jerry Hahn

LT Daniel Webster Flagler (AoP Chief Ordnance Officer) was born 24 Jun 1835 in Lockport, Niagara Co., NY. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in Jun 1861 (5/34) in the same class with Patrick O’Rourke, Alonzo Hereford Cushing, George Augustus Woodruff, and George

Armstrong Custer. One week later, he was drilling volunteer soldiers in Washington. On 21 July 1861, he participated in the Battle of Bull Run. During the Civil War period, he served in a variety of posts, including that of Chief of Ordnance for General Ambrose Burnside’s invasion of North Carolina



Flagler-Inspected Parrott Rifle

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“perpetual union” of these “United States of America.” Claiming York as the first capital of the “United States of America.

After news reached Europe of the British defeat at Saratoga, Benjamin Franklin, Congress’s ambassador to France, finalized a treaty of alliance. The treaty was signed on February 2, 1778, and ratified by Congress in York on May 4th. One of America’s first diplomatic victories.

When the British realized the continental capital was not the city of Philadelphia but rather the congress itself, and the British were between arriving France forces and Washington’s army coming out of Valley Forge, the British evacuated the city and returned to New York. The Continental Congress returned to a defaced Independence Hall in time to celebrate the 2nd anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, having spent 9 months laying the foundation of freedom at York.

The original courthouse at the intersection of George St & Market St is long gone,

but a reconstructed courthouse sits next to General Gates House (c.1751) and the 1741 Golden Plough Tavern.

Molly Pitcher

Mary Ludwig was born in 1754 in New Jersey. She married William Hays.



Molly Pitcher

When the Revolutionary War broke out, William enlisted in the Continental Army with the 4th Pennsylvania Artillery. An Army

in name only, it lacked the logistics needed to sustain the soldiers, so women like Mary Ludwig Hays assisted at the camps with cooking, cleaning, and caring for the sick and wounded. Most of these tasks required transporting buckets and pitchers of water. As soldiers do, they would label everything in camp with funny or derogatory nicknames. These women were no exception. Soldiers called them “Molly Pitcher.”

At the Battle of Monmouth on June 28, 1778, Mary Hays rushed back and forth from the battle lines with pitchers of water to cool the cannons of her husband’s unit and quench the thirst of the desperate soldiers. As temperatures neared 100 degrees, her husband became disabled by either heat or injury as he operated a cannon, Mary bravely stepped in to replace him. Soldier Joseph Plumb Martin wrote in his diary after the battle how “a cannon shot from the enemy passed directly between her legs without doing any other damage than carrying away

all the lower part of her petticoat. Looking at it with apparent unconcern, she observed that it was lucky it did not pass a little higher, for in that case it might have carried away something else, and continued her occupation.” It is reported that General George Washington witnessed her valor and was so impressed that he personally thanked Hays and bestowed upon her the honorific “Sergeant Molly.”

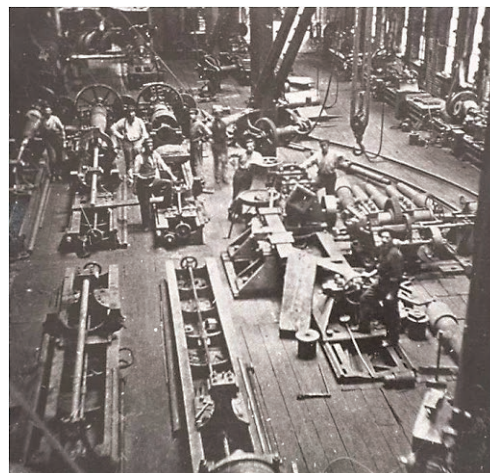
When Hays’ husband died in 1786, she applied for a soldier’s widow pension and remarried to John McCauley. When Mary’s pension was finally approved years later, she received more than the usual pension amount when the State of Pennsylvania approved a sum of \$40 annually “for services rendered,” an apparent recognition of her notable war service. After her death in 1832, Mary McCauley was interred in the Old Public Graveyard in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. In 1918, a large monument was constructed at her grave depicting an imposing statue of “Molly Pitcher” with a ramrod and a replica cannon. 🇺🇸

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1861 to 1862) when only a first lieutenant and as Chief of Ordnance for the Army of the Potomac while still only a captain. In this latter capacity, he had charge of the supply trains during the Battle of Gettysburg. He was a gun inspector at West Point Foundry from Oct ’63 to May ’64 – where gun tubes were marked with his initials – D.W.F. In LBG Fred Hawthorne’s artillery inventory of Dec 2019, six guns on the battlefield at Gettysburg bear Flagler’s initials and are in prominently visited locations –

Wingfield’s Battery C (near walkway to NC State monument), Clark’s 1st NJ, Battery B (Excelsior Field), two in Hazlett’s 5th US, Battery D (LRT), Jabez Daniel’s 9th MI (near PA monument), and Taft’s 5th NY section (Evergreen Cemetery the only 20lb Parrott Rifle with his mark at Gettysburg).

Flagler was then transferred to the Army’s Ordnance office in Washington, where he remained until Jun 1865. However, he still held the rank of CAPT at the end of the war, despite hav-



West Point Foundry

ing received three honorary promotions - one for valor at New Bern, one for meri-

torious service at Fort Macon, and one for distinguished service to the Ordnance Department throughout the war. Though he received three brevets for his Civil War service, he was not promoted to the rank of MAJ until Jun 1874.

In Jun 1871, Flagler began his longest

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assignment, that of commandant of Rock Island Arsenal, IL, a position he held for fifteen years. When he arrived at his new post, he found that the vast plans for a massive arsenal complex, conceived by his predecessor, General Thomas J. Rodman, had gotten no further than the preliminary stages. Flagler not only developed and completed the major portion of Rodman's great enterprise, but he also authored a highly respected history of the arsenal and its operations, published in 1877.

By 1881, he had been advanced to the permanent rank of LTC.

On 13 Sep 1865, Fla-

glar married Mary McCalla Finley, the daughter of BG Clement Alexander Finley. Their children included a daughter, Elizabeth (1866–



Flagler Grave Marker in Arlington

1939) and a son, Clement (1867–1922). Clement Alexander Finley Flagler was a career Army officer who attained the rank of MG

as a division commander in World War I. Post-war, Clement was Chief of Ordnance US Army, Ft. Flagler, Marrowstone Island, WA. In

1895, Elizabeth Moore Flagler was found guilty of manslaughter after she shot and killed a 15-year-old African American boy, one of several on whom she fired a pistol when she observed them stealing pears

from her father's garden. On 12 Jun 1901 she married Dr. George Wilbert MacKean of Nova Scotia, Canada.

Daniel Webster Flagler died 29 Mar 1899 (while still on active duty, just before he would have reached US Army mandatory retirement at age 64) at the Hygeia Hotel, Old Point Comfort, VA, a resort where he had gone in an effort to recover his health after suffering from rheumatism and other ailments. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA - Section 1 West E, Site 147. Daniel W. Flagler and his wife are memorialized on one side of the grave marker, and General Clement Flagler and his wife are memorialized on the other side. 🇺🇸

Tuesday Evening "WALKS THROUGH HISTORY" Schedule

SAVE THE DATE! Registration opens soon!

June 2	Louisiana at Gettysburg - Hays' Brigade July 2, 1863	LBG Mike Rupert
June 9	"How They Met Their Demise." Medical details of Gettysburg fatalities	LBG Chris Bagley
June 16	"Earnest & Bloody Work": The Defense of West Cemetery Hill	LBG Stuart Dempsey
June 23	Caldwell's Division Strikes the Wheatfield	LBG Larry Korczyk
June 30	Battlefield Rocks; The Geology of an Indelible Landscape	LBG Britt Isenberg
July 9	The Suicide Charge of the 1st Minnesota	LBG Ralph Siegel
July 14	"Barlow v Gordon: The Fight for Blocher's Knoll"	LBG Therese Orr
July 21	A Soldier's General, Lafayette McLaws: "He knew when to lead us in, and he always brought us out."	LBG Rob Abbott
July 28	"Glory to God! See the Vermonters go at it!" Stannard's Brigade at Gettysburg	LBG Bill Trelease
Aug 4	"We don't get any respect": The Union VI Corps at Gettysburg	LBG Joe Mieczkowski
Aug 11	John Henry Hobart Ward: Unsung hero or just a fellow doing his job?	LBG Chuck Rebesco
Aug 18	"On come the mad Georgians" Wright's Brigade at Gettysburg	LBG Paul Bailey
Aug 25	In the Eye of the Storm: The Union II Corps Artillery on Cemetery Ridge	LBG Billy Griffiths
Sept 6	"Never did troops advance [. . .] with more cheerfulness and spirit." Nevin and McCandless Brigades at Gettysburg	LBG Nancy Hale
Sept 13	"Plowshares to Swords": The Forney Farm	LBG Jasan Hileman
Sept 20	Lane's Brigade at Gettysburg	LBG Janet McCabe
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Oct 4	The Valiant Last Stand of Krzyzanowski's Brigade	LBG Ralph Siegel
Oct 11	The Harper's Ferry Cowards Redemption at Gettysburg	LBG Jeff Becker
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