

Cannon Valley Civil War Roundtable

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February's Presentation by Kay Brown

"IN SEARCH OF MY DEAD RELATIVE"

Grandfather was a Sergeant in the 4th Maine, Little Round Top, Gettysburg



Sgt. Henry Berry Leach
4th Volunteer Maine Regiment,
Company F

Kay Brown of Northfield gave us a wonderful presentation of Sgt. Henry Leach who fought in 13 battles during the Civil War, and received the Kearney Cross of Honor.

The story that Kay told of her great great grandfather was so interesting to hear his journey from enlisting, the many battles he fought in and his time in Libby Prison as a POW and then on to a Parole Camp in Annapolis, Maryland. She had information about the battles from Henry's prospective, which made you feel like you could understand a little better.



Kay Brown receiving
the presenter's cup
from Cannon Valley
Civil War Roundtable's
president Dan
Peterson.



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John F. Chase Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient



Birth; April 23, 1843
Chelsea, Kennebec County, Maine
Death; November 28, 1914 (age 71)
St. Petersburg, Pinellas County,
Florida

On the evening of July 2, 1863, during the Battle of Gettysburg, he was manning a gun of his battery on what is now known as Steven's Knoll during the Confederate attack on East Cemetery Hill when an enemy shell exploded near him.

When he was dragged out of the area after the fighting had ended, he was presumed dead and stacked with other bodies.

Later, when the bodies were being gathered up for burial, he was found still alive and taken to a field hospital. He was laid out alongside a barn and presumed he would die. Three days passed before finally attended to. In spite of this, he survived his wounds. His Medal was awarded to him on February 7, 1888.
Submitted by Dan Peterson

Served in the Civil War

first as a Private, then as a Sergeant in the 5th Battery,
Maine Volunteer Light Artillery.

He was awarded the CMOH for his bravery
at the Battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia on May 3, 1863.

His citation reads

"Nearly all the officers and men of the battery having been killed or wounded, this soldier with a comrade continued to fire his gun after the guns had ceased. The piece was then dragged off by the two, the horses having been shot, and its capture by the enemy was prevented".

Tidbit of Information

Far and away the most popular song of Union troops came from the pen of a woman. Julia Ward Howe was inspired to write the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" during a visit to wartime Washington City. February. 1862. When editors of the *Atlantic Monthly* graciously agreed to print her song, they paid the author five dollars.

Also known as "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" outside of the United States.

submitted by Dan Peterson

Meeting updates

The March meeting was cancelled because Fifty North was closed due to the COVID 19 closure.

It is unfortunate, but Fifty North is going to stay closed until May 4th,
So we have to cancel our April Meeting, too.
Our April presenter has been rescheduled for our 16th year kickoff September meeting.

May Picnic is undecided at this time.

Monthly Civil War Trivia

submitted by Dan Peterson

1. When the Civil War began, what future general tried to answer the call for volunteers but was rejected?
2. What Ohio native entered the army in the Civil War as a lieutenant colonel and died as Commander in Chief?
3. What future major general entered West Point at age fifteen and in 1846 graduated second in his class?

Answers to February Trivia Questions

1. Whose activities as Partisan Ranger were so successful that General Grant ordered that he be hanged without trial if captured?

Answer: John Singleton Mosby

2. Who was the only man, Confederate or Union, that started in war as private and ended as a Lieutenant General?

Answer: Nathan Bedford Forrest

3. How many regiments wore Federal blue uniforms at First Bull Run (First Manassas)?

Answer: None, no uniforms had been issued.

Cannon Valley Civil War Roundtable Schedule September 2019-August 2020

September 19, 2019 7pm - Welcome back Meal

Dan Roberts

"The Telegraph in the Civil War Era"

October 17, 2019 7-8:30 pm

Deb Gnemi

"Ford's Theater Employees & Actors After the Assassination"

November 21, 2019 7-8:30 pm

Rick Gnemi

"Civil War Weapons"

December 19, 2019 - No Meeting

Members Christmas PotLuck -5pm

January 16, 2020 7-8:30pm

Carol Vanorum

"Sherman, the Chattahoochee River, and the King Family"

February 20, 2020 7-8:30pm

Kay Brown of NFLD to speak: "IN SEARCH OF MY DEAD RELATIVE" Grandfather was a Sargent in the 4th Maine, Little Round Top, Gettysburg

March 19, 2020 7-8:30pm

Members Forum-CANCELLED COVID 19

April 16, 7-8:30pm-RESCHEDULED - SEPT 2020

John Cain

"Twenty + Confederate Flags

May 21, 2020 - No Meeting

Members Picnic - Little Prairie Old West Town

June - August 2020 - No Meetings

Summer Break

(September 2020 will start 16th year)

The Cannon Valley Civil War Round Table

We have a monthly meeting on the Third Thursday of each month,
May-August No meetings
December - No Meeting

We have a speaker at monthly meetings.

Membership Dues

Individual - \$25 Family - \$30 Students - \$10

Membership year is September - August

We meet 7 pm at FIFTY NORTH Senior Center - Northfield, MN

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