

You Are Invited To Attend

# The Three Days of the Battle of Gettysburg

- A Field Tour (with some walking)

October 27-29, 2017

led by **Gary Kross, Charles Fennell  
and Jay Jorgensen**



It was the greatest battle of the war, and a turning point in the fortunes of the armies that fought it. From the first crack of a trooper's carbine in the gray dawn of July 1, 1863, to the weary popping of picket fire in the red glow of sunset two days later, the Battle of Gettysburg was an American epic that has retained a firm grip on the public imagination for more than 150 years. The stakes were high as 100,000 Federals in the **Army of the Potomac** under **George Gordon Meade** fought on Northern soil for the first time after repeated defeats in Virginia. For **Robert E. Lee** and his **Army of Northern Virginia**, at that time the most successful army in the world, Gettysburg offered an opportunity to deliver what might have been the knockout blow to their opponent. But weary and outnumbered, the Southerners were unable to dispose of the resilient Federals who refused to break through three days of combat.

On **Friday** of our tour, we will concentrate on the first day's battle action including the **Reynold's Woods** fight, following the **Iron Brigade's** 700-yard running battle with Archer's Tennesseans and Alabamians, and the Union brigade's demise later in the day at the hands of **James Pettigrew's** North Carolina Brigade. **John Buford's** cavalry action, the **Railroad Cuts, Oak Ridge**, and the 11<sup>th</sup> Corps line, with special attention given to Confederate General **George Doles'** extraordinary successes, will be covered in detail. We'll end the first day's battle action with a discussion of the Seminary fight at **James Stewart's** Battery B 4, US position at the 3rd Railroad Cut. We will then begin to cover the second day's battle action, with a tactical appraisal of the



actions on **Little Round Top**.

On **Saturday**, we'll continue to cover the second day's action including **Devil's Den – the Slaughter Pen** – and **the Wheatfield**, where top Wheatfield author/historian, **Jay Jorgensen** will take the lead. Then we'll address the fighting at the **Peach Orchard** and along the Emmitsburg Road, followed by the action at **Culp's Hill** on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and **East Cemetery Hill**.

On **Sunday** morning, we will visit the **East Cavalry Field**, where Union cavalry under **David McM. Gregg** intercepted and then checked **J. E. B. Stuart's** Confederate cavalry. We will conclude with a solid look at **Pickett's Charge**.

**This tour will NOT involve strenuous walking**, but rather we will bus from point to point, de-board, walk a bit as appropriate, and allocate our time so as to cover the entire battle. **This tour will be enlightening, both for veteran Gettysburg trekkers as well as those who are fairly new to the campaign.** Our historian team is truly outstanding and can well address any questions you pose. Throughout the tour, we'll keep you supplied with hot coffee & donuts (in the mornings), water, soft drinks and snacks, and we'll feed you well - our lunches will be held at the **Dobbin House** and General **Pickett's Buffet** and we'll host you on Saturday evening from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM at an Open Bar Social at the Appalachian Brewing Company. **JOIN US** on this comprehensive tour of **America's greatest Civil War battle** led by a very distinguished historian team.

**ABOUT OUR TOUR LEADERS**

**Gary Kross**, a Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide, has led more tours of Gettysburg for the CWEA than any other historian. He has authored most of the annual Gettysburg issues of *Blue & Gray Magazine*, and serves as the magazine's associate editor. In June, 2015, he was honored by the CWEA as its most popular tour leader in its 25 year history.

**Charlie Fennell**, a Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide since 1986, is a professor of history at Harrisburg Area Community College and the author of many articles in Civil War journals and GNMP publications. He has appeared on the History Channel's "Civil War Journal".

**Jay Jorgensen** is President and co-founder of the Robert E. Lee Fellowship, and an experienced tour guide of American Revolutionary War sites and Civil War battlefields. He is the author of several books including *Gettysburg's Bloody Wheatfield*; *The Wheatfield at Gettysburg: a Walking Tour*, and most recently, *Top Ten at Gettysburg*.

**Friday, October 27**

8:00 AM on Assemble at *Gettysburg NMP Museum & Visitor Center*, inside  
**Parking Lot #3** at its upper left side (northwest corner), from the Lot #3 entrance.  
**8:30 AM** Depart and Begin Tour  
12:15PM Lunch at the Dobbin House Tavern  
4:30 PM Arrive Back at Parking Lot #3

**Saturday, October 28**

**8:15 AM** Depart Parking Lot #3 and Continue Tour  
12:00 N Lunch at General Pickett's Buffet Restaurant  
4:30 PM Arrive Back at Over-Flow Parking Lot

**Sunday, October 29**

**8:30 AM** Depart Parking Lot 43 and Continue Tour  
11:30 AM Arrive Back at Parking Lot #3

**What is Included in your Registration:**

- \* the services of experts historians chosen for their knowledge and experience \* bus transportation around the battlefield
- \* refreshments & snacks during the tour \* map package \* Friday and Saturday lunches \* Open Bar Social Hour on Saturday PM

**DIRECTIONS:** Take Taneytown Road, Rt. 134, to the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center entrance and enter. Follow the drive a short distance to Parking Lot # 3 sign and turn left. Proceed to the upper left corner and park. .

**Registration Fees:**  **Adult: \$325**  **Under Age 23: \$150** If You Must Cancel we will refund 100% of your fees.

\* Enroll at [WWW.CWEA.NET](http://WWW.CWEA.NET), or \* **Call 800-298-1861**, or \* **Mail in** the form below:

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