



Third Annual Licensed Town Guide Symposium
Gettysburg 1861 - The Coming Storm

Join the Licensed Town Guides of Gettysburg for our annual symposium. This year's topic will be the response of Gettysburg to the events of 1861 as war fever builds. We will look into the political feelings in the town as well as how the town prepared for the impending conflict. We hope you'll join us for this intriguing chapter in Gettysburg's long and compelling history.

When: Saturday, October 8, 2011

Where: G.A.R. Building-East Middle Street, Gettysburg

Time: 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Cost: \$75 includes all lectures, a walking tour, continental breakfast, and lunch.

Our Speakers:

Bell's Cavalry and the Gettysburg Blues-Bob Alcorn

"Make no contracts..." Election of 1860-John McTague

We are Patriotic Too-The Women Respond-Joanne Lewis

The Turmoil in the Black Community-Jerry LaRussa

The Fighting Begins-Dave Hamacher

Choose from one of two walking tours-

A-Gettysburg's Women-Joanne Lewis

B-Black History Walk-Jerry LaRussa

*See website for full descriptions of lectures and walks and the full day's agenda as well as any program changes or additions: www.gettysburgpa.org/guidedtour.htm

Space is limited! Send registration form and payment of \$75 to Licensed Town Guides, 571 W. Middle St, Gettysburg PA 17325. Make checks payable to Association of Licensed Town Guides. Deadline for registration is September 30, 2011.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Walking Tour--Indicate 1st and 2nd choice please:

A-Gettysburg's Women _____

B-Black History Walk _____

Agenda and Speaker's Bios

8:30 am – registration/continental Breakfast
9:00 am-“Make no contracts...” Election of 1860-John McTague
10:00- The Fighting Begins-Dave Hamacher
11:00-Bell's Cavalry and the Gettysburg Blues-Bob Alcorn
12:00-Lunch
1:00-We are Patriotic Too-The Women Respond-Joanne Lewis
2:00-Turmoil in the Black Community-Jerry LaRussa
3:30-Town Walks
5:00-symposium ends

Bob Alcorn: Mr. Alcorn, a retired Air Force officer, has been a Licensed Town Guide since the beginning of the program. An avid amateur historian, he has produced programs ranging from the domestic technology of the 1860's to biographical sketches of civilian and military individuals caught up in the American Civil War. He is currently the President of the Association of Licensed Town Guides.

Bell's Cavalry and the Gettysburg Blues-The time for militia parades and balls is gone. What happens now with Bell's Cavalry, with the Gettysburg Blues???

Dave Hamacher: Dave has been a lifelong history student and is a Licensed Town Guide, Licensed Battlefield Guide, and has taught at HACC for 14 years. He and his wife, Kim, who is also a Licensed Battlefield Guide, love to travel to Civil War historic sites. Dave has been a speaker at numerous seminars and conferences.

The Fighting Begins-Dave will trace the military events of 1861 from Fort Sumter to Balls Bluff in the east and Wilson's Creek to Belmont in the west. He will also explain the initial call for volunteers and the first organized armies.

John McTague: John is a veteran Licensed Town Guide and has spoken at numerous seminars, Civil War Roundtables, and conferences. An avid student of the American Civil War, John is an authority on Abraham Lincoln and his visit to Gettysburg.

"Make no contracts..." Election of 1860- What were the national events surrounding the election of 1860? How did the people of Gettysburg feel about the controversial election of 1860?

Jerry LaRussa: Jerry has been with the Licensed Town Guide program since its beginnings in 2005. He is an authority on the Black experience. Mr. LaRussa has held several offices in the Association of Licensed Town Guides and is currently the Vice President of that organization.

Turmoil in the Black Community-If things were confusing in the white community, they were even more confusing and frightening in the black community. This talk will explore some of the issues that the blacks faced.

Joanne Lewis: Joanne is a Licensed Town Guide, Licensed Battlefield Guide, and has been with the town program since its beginnings. She was the past President of the Association of Licensed Town Guides and is currently the Program Coordinator. Joanne has been studying the American Civil War period for more than 20 years and has a special interest in women's history.

We are Patriotic Too-The Women Respond-As the men mobilized for war, women were left with few options to display their patriotism. This talk will discuss some of the ways that women participated in the war effort.