



# The Regimental Bulletin

Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table of Northern New Jersey

**\*\*\* NEXT MEETING \*\*\***  
**Wed, April 19th @ - 7PM - Online Zoom Presentation**

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## **Insights on Artillery at the Battle of Antietam**

**Speaker: Jim Rosebrock**

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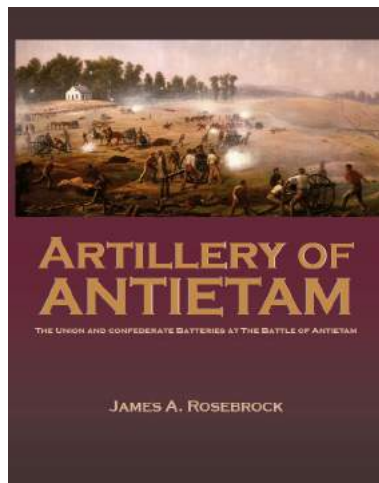
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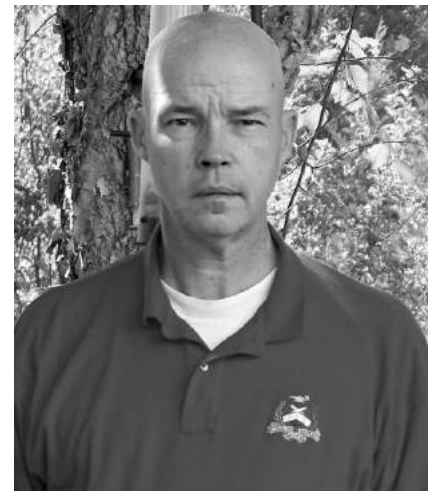
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On September 17, 1862, over 10,000 artillerists, in 116 batteries, battled in the fields and woodlots around Sharpsburg Maryland. Employing 521 guns, these cannoneers significantly impacted the outcome of the Battle of Antietam. In the course of writing his newly released book **The Artillery of Antietam**, author Jim Rosebrock has uncovered some fascinating insights on the employment of the artillery on America's bloodiest day. Jim looks forward to sharing some of these insights with you.

Jim Rosebrock is a native of Buffalo New York. He served in the U.S. Army for 28 years retiring as a lieutenant colonel. His duty assignments included service in Germany during the Cold War, with the 82nd Airborne Division during operations in Grenada, and as an instructor at the Combined Arms and Services Staff School.

Jim subsequently worked for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives coordinating federal law enforcement support with FEMA during disasters, and retired from there in 2021. Jim is a volunteer and certified battlefield guide at Antietam National Battlefield and served as the Chief Guide from 2012 - 2018. He is currently the Vice President of the **Antietam Institute**. Jim lives with his family in Jefferson Maryland. **The Artillery of Antietam** is his first book.



**Jim Rosebrock**

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## A Message from Norm Dykstra, PKCWRT Treasurer



Dear Members and Friends,

I would like to remind everyone that April has been our traditional month to renew membership and pay dues. I do appreciate everyone who has already paid, but if you have not yet sent in your check for 2023 - now is the perfect time.

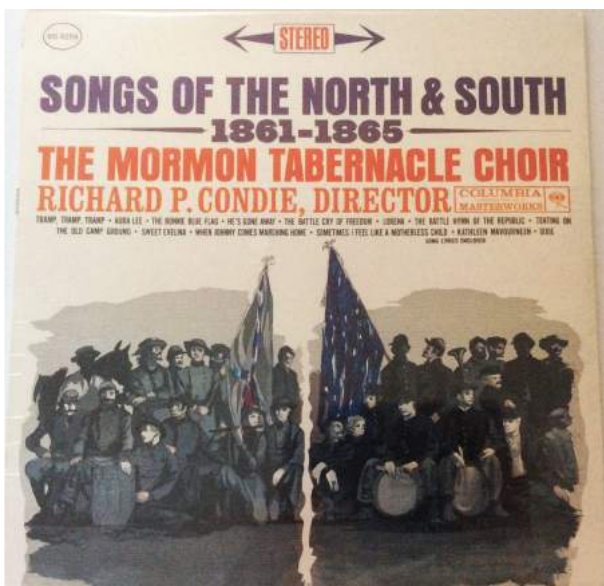
With your membership and continued support it assists in the Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table program costs to delivery you quality speakers with fresh topics as well as helps with our overhead expenses.

Please visit: <http://philkearnycwrt.org/Membership.htm> or see the membership form at the back of this newsletter to renew your dues or join the PKCWRT.

### A Confederate's View

A dear friend of ours, a former colleague of Pat's at Clifton's Woodrow Wilson Middle School, Rich Prunk, presented me with two vinyl albums of Civil War era music during a Christmastime visit.

One of them is "**Songs of the North and South 1861-1865**" by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, produced in 1961 – most likely for the War's Centennial. The LP is accompanied by a lyrics sheet, which I read as I listened to each song. For "**The Battle Cry of Freedom**"



- very familiar to most if not all of us – I found this story which I now share with you.

[George F. Root](#) penned the song in the summer of 1862 – his most popular of all. A Confederate Major recalls hearing it sung by Yankees across a picket line. One of his men remarked "**Good heavens, Cap, what are those fellows made of, anyway? Here we've licked 'em six days running and now on the eve of the seventh, they're singing 'rally 'round the flag.'**" In his war reminiscences, the Major wrote "**I am not naturally superstitious, but I tell you that song sounded to me like the 'knell of doom.'**"

A very interesting observation, for sure!

- Norm Dykstra

[Click on the photo above to hear this Album in Youtube.](#)

PKCWRT will remain online  
Zoom Meetings until further notice

## PKCWRT 2023 Schedule

**Wed. April 19 - 7pm**

**Jim Rosebrock**  
**Insights on Artillery**  
**at the Battle of Antietam**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84451222222>

**Wed. May 17 - 7pm**

**Bob Lineburg**  
**TBD**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84451222222>

**Wed. June 21 - 7pm**

**Joe Truglio**  
**"Chivington - Part 2"**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84451222222>

## Summer Break July & Aug

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The following letter comes from the collection of PKCWRT board member **Dennis Buttacavoli** and written a little over two weeks after the Battle of Antietam, by Confederate artilleryist, Private Archibald T. Cameron, who served with Cutt's Battalion, Company A, Georgia Sumpter Flying Light Artillery.

Camp Near Front Royal, VA  
Oct the 6, 1862

Dearest,

After so long a silence it gave me peculiar pleasure to recognize your well known hand: I had begun to be apprehensive that all was not well with you: Since I last wrote you I have seen the hardest of times & have been in the thickest of danger: I was in all those fights in Maryland: I came very near being taken prisoner one day. We had to double quick from Boonsburg to Sharpsburg, distance 15 miles. I was then into the fight until we crossed the river again: We lost 8 or 10 men wounded, none killed: There was 8 of them wounded at my gun right at my side: I was struck by a piece of shell but did not hurt me any. We are now 11 miles from Winchester & 7 miles from Front Royal:

We were under General D. H. Hill all through Maryland until the last day of the fight was under Stone Wall Jackson: We are now back in the rear under our old General Pendleton:

If I had time & some good paper I would relate to you in full my trip through Maryland. But will let you hear from me in full at some future day. I am in a hurry to get this off as it will go by hand a portion of the way:

Write to me often: excuse this paper as it is this or none.

Direct to Richmond in care of Cutts' Battalion Co: A 11th Artillery: H. M Ross, Captain (1)

Yours A.T. Cameron

May God be with you always is the prayer of your humble servant: Now if I could realize a kiss from your sweet lips I would bid you adieu for a short time only.

A.T.C.  
To Miss E. P. L

1. Hugh M Ross (later Major)

Cameron was born August 16, 1839 and was 21 yrs old when he enlisted at Americus, Georgia July 6, 1861 as a Private in Captain Allen S. Cutts' Sumner Flying Artillery of Georgia, which became Company A of the 11th Artillery Battalion, 3rd Corps, Army of Northern Virginia. In October 1864, Cameron was on detached duty as a Musketeer at Fort Gregg on the Petersburg line. Last muster roll, Jan - Feb 1865, indicated him as absent from Fort Greg on medical furlough as of Nov 1864. He survived the War and died at his daughter's home on August 19, 1903 and is buried in [Oswichee Cemetery, Oswichee, Russell County, Alabama](#). He was 64 years of age.



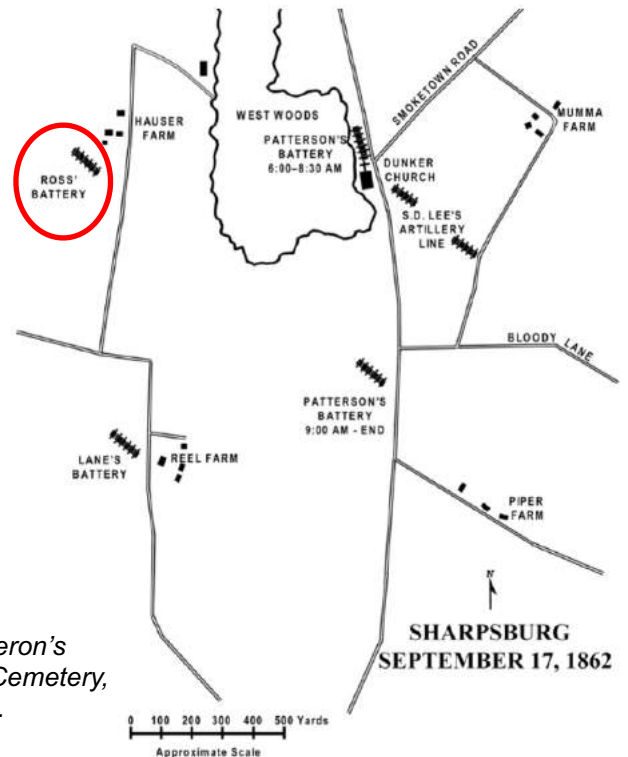
The flag of Battery A, The Sumter Flying Artillery was hand made by the wife of Captain Allen S Currs and was carried the entire war. The flag was captured on April 8, 1865, at the Battle of Appomattox Station. This flag rests in the Collection of the State of Georgia.



Private Archibald T. Cameron's tombstone at the Oswichee Cemetery, Oswichee, Alabama.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/13231429/archibald-t-cameron>

THE SUMTER FLYING ARTILLERY: A CIVIL WAR HISTORY OF THE ELEVENTH BATTALION GEORGIA LIGHT ART



# Reserve Your Room Now for the Annual PKCWRT Gettysburg Trip

Friday, Nov 3rd - Sunday, Nov 5th 2023 at the Best Western in Gettysburg

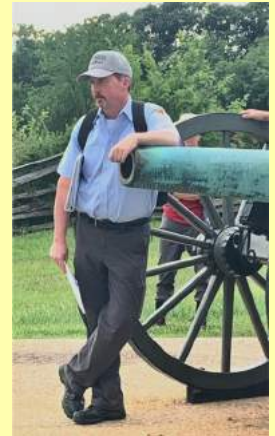
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This special rate is only available **until Oct 3rd**. A block of ten rooms have been reserved under PKCWRT. The rate is \$120-\$130 depending on the room bed size.

Our Saturday tour is with Jim Hessler, Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide and author with tour to be decided.

We are still working on a Saturday night dinner and other add on details. We will let you know in the coming months.

Please reserve your hotel now.



**Jim Hessler**  
Gettysburg Licensed Battlefield Guide

## Anecdote of General Grant and Bishop General Polk

While the General was in command of the post of Cairo, Bishop General Polk, General Pillow, and General Frank Cheatem, of the Rebel army were at Columbus, Kentucky. Flags of truce were occasionally sent back and forth between the two places and the opposing generals were generally present. After the conclusion of business, it was frequently the case that wine would be brought forth and toasts drunk at parting. On one occasion General Polk proposed a toast which, he said, all could drink. Those present filled their glasses and he gave, **“To General George Washington.”** As he paused purposely, at the end of the name, the company commenced to drink, when he added, **“the first rebel.”** General Grant had his glass nearly finished by that time, and it was no use to stop; but he exclaimed, **“That was scarcely fair, General; but I will be even with you some day.”** The laugh was of course, somewhat against him, but the party parted in good humor. Some two weeks afterwards a flag of truce was send down to Columbus, General Grant accompanying it.



Bishop General Leonidas Polk

After business was over, the rebel general produced the win, as usual and General Grant adroitly turned the conversation into States Rights, on which subject Southerners always loved to dilate – their rights being the alleged object for which they claimed to be fighting. He allowed them to proceed to considerable length, without attempting to refute anything, and they were perhaps, flattering themselves with the idea that they were converting him from the errors of his ways. At length he arose to go and proposed a toast at parting glasses were filled and the general arose and gave, **“Equal rights to all.”** He then made a pause, as General Polk had done and when all were busily drinking, he added, **“White and Black”**. The horror of the chivalry at being inveigled into drinking such a heretical toast may easily be imagined and they were rather disposed to feel angry, until General Grant remarked, **“Now General Polk, I think I am even with you for that rebel toast you made me drink at our last conference.”** Quick to see and appreciate a good joke, the anger of the Southerners was turned into a laugh at the expense of their reverend general, who gracefully acknowledged himself flanked. - Daily Reformer, Watertown, NY, Oct 28, 1865





# Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table

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