



The Regimental Bulletin

Phil Kearny Civil War Round Table of Northern New Jersey

*** NEXT MEETING ***

Wed, Sept 20st @ - 7PM - Online Zoom Presentation

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Holley Springs Raid

Speaker: Pat Schuber

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The Holly Springs, Mississippi town square in 1862. This sketch was made by Artist A. Simplot of Harper's Weekly shortly before Van Dorn's raid.

The Holly Springs Raid (December 20, 1862) saw Earl Van Dorn lead Confederate cavalry against a Union supply depot at Holly Springs, Mississippi during the American Civil War. The mounted raiders achieved complete surprise, capturing the Federal garrison and destroying \$1.5 million of supplies intended for Ulysses S. Grant's army. In the following days, Van Dorn's troopers moved north along the Mississippi Central Railroad almost to Bolivar, Tennessee, destroying track and bridges, before escaping into northern Mississippi. The damage inflicted by the Holly Springs Raid together with the harm caused by Nathan Bedford Forrest's West Tennessee Raids forced Grant's Union army to withdraw to Memphis. Additionally, both Van Dorn and Forrest's raids obstructed the full implementation of Grant's controversial General Order No. 11 for weeks, preventing many Jewish people from being expelled from Grant's military district.

William "Pat" Schuber, Esq., BA, JD, our speaker has been a favorite to PKCWRT and has presented to us many times before. He is a great supporter of our Round Table as well as a member for many years. Pat has served as The County Executive of Bergen County for 12 years, 9 years as a member of the New Jersey State Assembly and Mayor of the Borough of Bogota for 4 years.



William "Pat" Schuber

He is an Assistant Professor at the School of Administrative Science, Petrocelli College, Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is a faculty member in the Master of Administrative Science (MAS), Master of Science in Homeland Security (MSHS), Master of Sports Administration (MSA) and Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies (BAIS). His courses include Leadership, Government, Homeland Security, Law, Ethics and Communication. He is a past Adjunct Professor in Business Law at Montclair University and Seton Hall University. He is an Instructor in the Certified Public Manager Course of Studies (CPM) and the Police Executive Leadership Course sponsored by the New Jersey Association Chiefs of Police and the New Jersey State Police (NJSP).

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

[Click here for the link to book at the discounted PKCWRT rate](#)

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 the tour to be decided soon.

We are working on a Saturday night dinner and other add on details and exploring a trip to the old Gettysburg Electric Map now opened in Hanover...stay tuned.

Please reserve your hotel today.



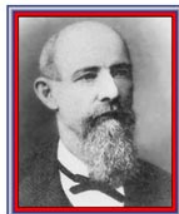
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For more on the Holly Spring Raids, we recommend you visit the Blue And Gray Education Society, where their website details interpretive panels which were set up around Holly Springs about the Raid.

<https://blueandgrayeducation.org/projects/holly-springs-raid-interpretive-project/>

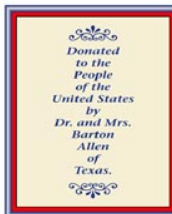
Stop 6 Van Dorn Raid: VAN DORN CAPTURES HOLLY SPRINGS



John S. Griffith



Courthouse Square (Harper's Weekly, January 10, 1863)



General Van Dorn advised Colonel Griffith of the Texas Brigade: "Take care that you do not find a hornet's nest at the square!" Griffith led his brigade westward down Depot Street (Van Dorn Avenue) to the Town Square, unheeded by Rebel yells and the warning, "Clear the street damn your souls, here comes your wild Texas boys!" A Union officer, who was quartered in the Strickland & Fant law office just south of this corner, recalled that he hurriedly dressed, ran outside, and glanced around this corner to see Southerners galloping toward him. Shots were fired; bullets clipped the bricks over the officer's head; and he ran down Market Street to the city cemetery. A member of the 101st Illinois band, who was lodged in the same building, said, "[I] looked down the street toward the railroad depot, and saw what seemed to be a herd of wild buffalo, snorting, mad, all headed toward me at the rate of a mile a minute, yelling, bellowing and shouting, bullets whistling around my head." The Texans charged into the Town Square, and, in just minutes, Griffith sent word to Van Dorn, "The hornet's nest is ours!"

After securing the Town Square, Griffith sent the 6th and 9th Texas south of town to guard the road to Oxford. The 27th Texas remained in the square to guard the Union prisoners. While approximately 1,500 prisoners were signing paroles, Van Dorn addressed the problem of the destruction of a vast amount of munitions and supplies. The Federals had filled the courthouse, the three-story Masonic temple on the east side of the square, an adjacent large brick livery stable, and many other large buildings and houses on or near the square to capacity with weaponry and munitions. The Confederates laboriously piled munitions in the streets for detonation, but the exploding shells soon spread fires to nearby buildings. The explosions broke nearly every window in town, and the whole east block of the square was destroyed. The unfinished Presbyterian Church, just south of the square on Memphis Street, was also used for munitions storage and narrowly escaped destruction.



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PKCWRT 2023 Schedule

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Pat Schuber

Holly Springs Raid

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Wed, Oct 18th - 7pm
Jay Jorgensen

Gettysburg's Wheat Field

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Annual Gettysburg Trip
Nov 3rd - Nov 5th
with Jim Hessler

Wed, Nov 15th -7pm
Lynn Herman

The New Mexico Campaign

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Dinner Holiday Dinner
Sat, Dec 2nd - 1pm

Robert Emil Crickenberger

Point Lookout

Prison Camp, MD

presenting newly discovered research
showing Point Lookout was the largest
prison camp for either side.



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