

## 2019 EDUCATIONAL SPEAKER PROGRAM

### **MARCH 19: WOMAN'S HISTORY MONTH: THE WOMEN WHO SHAPED LINCOLN: THE MAKING OF AN ICON.**

In The Gettysburg Experience, Diana Loski, writes that "Abraham Lincoln had many friends, both male and female, in his life. There were myriad women in Lincoln's life and each brought something substantial to the shaping of a President." Loski has written about eight females who influenced Abe from his youth to his presidency. Besides his mother and step-mother, who were the other six?

### **APRIL 16: THE HORNER FARMSTEAD: THE 200 YEAR HISTORY OF THE HISTORIC HORNER FARM**

PRESENTED BY FIFTH GENERATION OWNER JOHN HORNER. In 1802, Alexander Horner purchased 440 acres near the Mason-Dixon Road, Cumberland Township. Eventually Alexander built a 2-story brick Federal style home, along with a uniquely sized barn and out buildings. John, born in the mid 1920's shares his memories of growing up on the farm, no running water, minimal electricity, fireplaces for heat, outhouse and chores. As the automobile was introduced and improved transportation, John's Dad purchased a family car then eventually a tractor to work the land. This is a unique opportunity to listen to a verbal history of a timeline some remember but not from an historical Gettysburg family history that John Horner will share. PS: What was so unique about the Horner bank barn?

### **MAY 21: EDDIE PLANK: GETTYSBURG'S LEGENDARY LEFTY**

Local writer, James Rada Jr., returns to the GAR Hall to tell us about Edward Stewart Plank, Gettysburg's native and local baseball hero who eventually was inducted into the 1946 Baseball Hall of Fame. Born August 31, 1875 on a farm north of Gettysburg, Plank with his brothers and friends played baseball in its early stages as spring-summer pastimes. Even though he was not attending Gettysburg College he did play with the college baseball team in 1900 to 1901. What transpired in 1901 and what was so unique about Eddie Plank?

### **JUNE 18: The HGAC Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program: Restoration Case Studies in Adams County**

For the past seven years, the Preservation Society of Historic Gettysburg-Adams County has offered matching grants towards the direct, physical preservation of the barns on its Registry. With eleven recipients over the years, this unique program has compiled a portfolio of restoration projects -- and best practices towards their completion -- that address common structural and maintenance issues facing these historic treasures.

HGAC Barn Preservation Specialist David Maclay, a timber framer and restoration carpenter, will describe these efforts, delving into the design and execution of the projects as they unfolded. In addition, Maclay will detail the accomplishments of several recipients of the HGAC Annual Barn Preservation Award, highlighting their extraordinary commitment to the continuation of our county's historic architectural legacy.

**AUGUST 20: "THE OLD KEYSTONE STATE SPEAKS TODAY: GETTYSBURG'S PENNSYLVANIA VETERANS REUNION OF 1889."**

Of the 90,000 soldiers who served under the United States flag at the Battle of Gettysburg, nearly one-third were Pennsylvanians. On September 11 and 12, 1889 many of those Pennsylvania veterans returned to Adams County for Pennsylvania Day, a 48 hour festival which commemorated the wartime services of these men. Tens of thousands of visitors gathered to witness this spectacle, to dedicate most of the Pennsylvania monuments upon the Gettysburg battlefield, and to deliver and listen to speeches about combat, death, union, treason, slavery and emancipation. Codie Eash, of the Seminary Ridge Museum, presents his research of what those who were present said and did during their return to Gettysburg, when their words and actions illustrated their collective memory of participating in the Civil War's bloodiest battle upon the soil of the state they called home.

**September 17: THE PARALLELS OF THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG AND THE EVENTS OF 9/11, AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

The Battle of Gettysburg produced the highest casualties and was a turning point in the American Civil War. 9/11 claimed the largest loss of life from a foreign attack on American soil and has defined and shaped our response to terrorism to this day. Additional accounts from both civilians and participants, a "first person narrative," have helped us to both learn and understand the factual details of both events. Presenter, Ken Zaveckas, has a unique perspective on both events in that in Ken's earlier life as a former history teacher was "Gettysburg" as his first practicum. On 9/11 he was a Chief Officer serving with the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) and participated in the rescue and recovery operations."

**OCTOBER 15: CAMPAIGNING WITH GRANT: A CHARACTER STUDY OF THE GENERAL IN THE LAST YEAR OF THE CIVIL WAR.**

Brigadier General Horace Porter returns to the GAR Hall to share his military experiences with General Grant as his aide- de-camp during the Civil War, the 4 years after the war and through Grant's first year as President of the United States. Porter remained friends with Grant until Grant's death in 1885. When Horace Porter spoke in the GAR Hall in 2016 Porter shared that he discovered the remains of Revolutionary hero John Paul Jones in Paris when he was Ambassador to France. What notable historical event did Porter do for his longtime friend Ulysses S. Grant? HGAC welcomes back, living historian and Vietnam veteran, Michael Reetz, to once again present another part of Brigadier General Horace Porter's remarkable Civil War military career, and ambassadorship to France.