

# The Danville **Historical Society Presents:** Vermont at Gettysburg **April 22-25, 2024**



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Vermont provided over 32,000 men to the Union Army in the Civil War. It was represented at the Battle of Gettysburg by over 4,400 men in nine infantry, and one cavalry regiment of whom 415 became casualties. Vermont was unusual in having two all-Vermont brigades at Gettysburg, as well as a cavalry regiment and three companies of sharpshooters.

Please join us as we retrace Vermont's role at this historic event with a 3day guided tour of Gettysburg. We will also celebrate Colonel Preston and his life as an influential person in the Danville community, the State of Vermont, and the Union Army itself during the Civil War. When he was killed in the Battle of Cold Harbor, in Hawes' Shop, Virginia, Gen. George Armstrong Custer, who was famous for Custer's Last Stand, voiced the opinion of many of Preston's fellow officers, "There lies the best fighting Colonel of the entire Cavalry Corps."

Through the efforts of the Danville Historical Society, the Vermont Civil War Hemlocks, and many generous donors, Colonel Addison W. Preston's dress uniform and accoutrements were returned to his hometown of Danville, Vermont. This bus tour will commemorate the return of this important collection, provide relevant historical information, and help teach younger generations about America's most defining conflict, the Civil War, and Vermont's service in the Civil War.

#### **ITINERARY**

**Day 1** – Travel via motor coach to Gettysburg; commentary & stories by onboard historians; A tribute to Colonel Preston by Colby Tuller.

Day 2 & 3 – Gettysburg Cemetery Ridge, McPherson Farm, Oak Hill, Culp's Hill, Little and Big Round Tops, Wheat Field, Peach Orchard, Cemetery Hill, Devil's Den, East Calvary Battlefield, Gettysburg Museum, Gettysburg National Cemetery, Gettysburg Address

Day 4 – Return home with additional Q&A with historian.



#### What's included

- 3 nights' lodging at the Best Western, Gettysburg
- 6 meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- Gettysburg battle fields, museums, and Visitor's Center
- Commentary by historians, local Rangers and other experts
- Full-time tour manager
- Luxurious Premier Motor Coach transportation

#### What's not

- Lunch (Sunday & Wednesday)
- Gratuities (Historian/Guide, driver)
- Optional traveler's insurance

### Price per person

\$1259 Quad / \$1359 Triple **\$1459 Double** / \$1759 Single

\*20% deposit due at reservation Balance due by March 15, 2024

# **Itinerary**

### Day 1 - Monday

Today we will travel south from Vermont, with convenient pick-ups in Burlington, Berlin and Danville, Vermont. Our travel through the Champlain and Hudson Valleys brings us through areas important during the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812. We will enjoy videos, narration, and discussions about the battles prior to our arrival at our hotel. Dinner is served at the Dobbin House Inn, the oldest building in Gettysburg (1776.) The Dobbin House Inn has been restored and filled with period antiques.

Lodging: Best Western, Gettysburg, PA

### Day 2 & 3 – Tuesday & Wednesday

This morning we'll begin by touring the Gettysburg battlefield, where we'll learn about the Vermonters' flank attack on Pickett's Charge. We'll visit all of the key battle sites including the McPherson Farm, Oak Hill, Culp's Hill, Little and Big Round Tops, Wheat Field, Peach Orchard, Cemetery Hill, Devil's Den, and the Gettysburg Museum. We will conclude with Pickett's Charge and the Vermont attack on its right flank, as well as the Vermont Cavalry charge.

Lodging: Gettysburg, PA

## Day 4 – Thursday

We will start our last day with an early morning visit to the Gettysburg National Cemetery and the Gettysburg Address, where it was given. During our journey home, we'll have time for discussion and videos.

