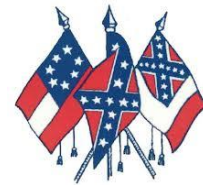# "Just South of Gettysburg"
The 161st Anniversary of Corbit's Charge
Saturday June 29, 2024
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Battle of Westminster, aka "Corbit's Charge"

The quiet afternoon air of June 29, 1863 was suddenly shattered by the rattle of sabers, sounds of gunfire, and the thunder of horses' hooves. This battle featured 108 Union troopers from companies C and D of the 1st Delaware Cavalry clashing against the vanguard of 5,000 Confederate Cavalry troopers under command of J.E.B. Stuart. This brisk fight at the Junction of Washington Road and Main Street has been named Corbit's Charge after Captain Charles Corbit who bravely led the Union troopers into the fight. Although the battle was a Confederate victory, this act of "suicidal bravery" on the part of the inexperienced and outnumbered Union troopers helped to impede J.E.B. Stuart's ability to link up with the Confederate infantry in Pennsylvania. This was a contributing factor in the Union victory at the battle of Gettysburg, PA.

A brief history of Carroll County, MD in the Civil War

Many volunteers from Carroll County joined the armies on both sides during the Civil War. During the Maryland Campaign on September 11, 1862, Col. Thomas Rosser and the 5th Virginia Cavalry entered the area scouting for Union troops and supplies making headquarters in Westminster, MD. This became known as "Rosser's Raid." In 1863, nearly 100,000 Union soldiers moved through the area on the way to Gettysburg. Following the "Corbit's Charge" Battle, Westminster became a major supply depot for the Union Army during Gettysburg. Thousands of Union soldiers were stationed there during the battle, and thousands of wounded soldiers and Confederate prisoners were brought to Westminster following the battle of Gettysburg. In 1864, Confederate Gen. Bradley Johnson and Maj. Harry Gilmor along with around 800 Confederate Cavalry troopers entered Carroll County in search of provisions. This force raided New Windsor and Westminster before proceeding East into Baltimore and Harford Counties. This action has become known as the "Gilmor Raid."

Anniversary Civil War Commemoration

Each June, the Pipe Creek Civil War Round Table and other historical groups commemorate the tragedy of war that took place on Westminster's streets and within surrounding Carroll County, MD. The annual event exhibits a great experience for visitors of all ages.

This year's event features:

Guided Tours of the Corbit's Charge Sites	Living History Displays
Memorial Service	Graveside Memorial Service
Children's Activities	Historical Artifacts
Civil War Author	Band Concert

The paramount activity is a memorial service held at the Corbit's Charge Monument (Located at Court Place, by the Historic Courthouse). This service recognizes the sacrifice of the Civil War era civilians of Westminster as well as the soldiers of both the Union and Confederate Armies. This service concludes at the graveyard of Westminster's Ascension Episcopal Church located at 23 N. Court St. with the laying of wreaths on the graves of 2 Civil War Veterans: 1st Lt. John Murray, Co. E 4th Virginia Cavalry (Confederate, killed during Corbit's Charge) and Samuel Butler Co. C 32nd Inf. U.S.C.T. (Union).

So, please join the Pipe Creek Civil War Roundtable and fellow historical groups in attendance at the 2024 Corbit's Charge event to honor and commemorate the Civil War history in Carroll County, MD.

For registration information or questions about the event, feel free to email pipecreekroundtable@gmail.com