



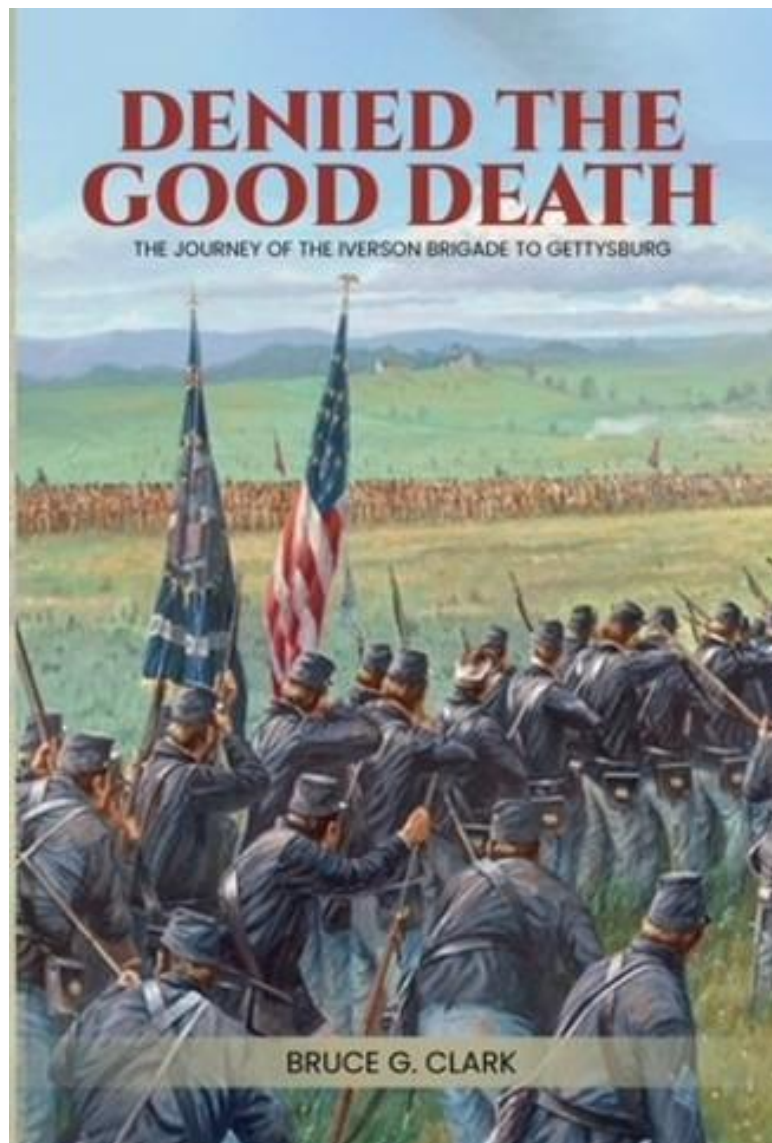
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Monument Hill Club

K-News

August 8, 2026

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



Confederate Brigade Journey to Gettysburg

Bruce Clark



President Jim Wolf called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Zoomers were Rich Rima, Marlene Bizub, Ben Bellis, Donald Johnson, Barrie Town, Kay Price, Cari Karns from RMD, Benny Nasser and Paul Gourley.

Dick Salverson was Sergeant at Arms.

Bruce Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Wolf was this week's Scribe.

Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led member concerns.

Jim Wolf said that Bonnie Nasser passed away last Saturday and that there will be a service on September 12th. We will provide additional details when they are available.

Secondly, Jim spoke to Sharon Williams Friday night. Max is not doing well with his dementia and might have to transfer to a different facility for treatment.

Please keep Sharon, Max, Benny and the Nasser family in your thoughts and prayers.

Rich led a morning prayer: Heavenly Father, We are grateful for the fellowship we share and for the opportunity to serve others. Remind us that even through the efforts of a few, many can be touched and helped. Guide our intentions and our actions so that we make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Amen.



Guests and Visiting Kiwanians

Visiting Kiwanians included Dan and Cheryl (not pictured) Kerbs from Colorado Springs. Our guests also included our speaker, Bruce Clark, his sons, John Anderson and his wife Heidi, and their granddaughter, Carly. Tricia and Abbey Ma, returned after attending our meeting last week. Welcome Dan, Cheryl, Bruce, Cree, Sean, John, Heidi, Carly, Tricia and Abbey!



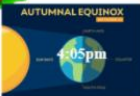
Upcoming Programs

- August 15 - Citizens in Our Schools, Amy Matissek and Amber Whetside
- August 22 - The Retirement Reformation, Bruce Bruinsma
- August 29 - Member Bios
- September 5 - Kiwanis Website, Mark Zeiger/Scott Ross
- September 12 - Leadership, Colonel Lorenz
- September 19 - Community Resource Officer for Monument PD, Kelly Reifel
- September 26 - Changing of the Guard

AUGUST 2026

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Membership Minute

Jim Wolf gave us an update on upcoming events:

- Aug 10 - Ground Breaking for the Heart of Monument Play Park
- Aug 11 - Happy Hour, Goat Patch Brewery, 4 pm
- Aug 13 - Konnectors at Goat Patch Brewery, 5:30 pm
- Aug 17 - D 38 School Board Meeting, Big Red, 6:00 pm
- Aug 19 - Meeting with Gleneagle Sertoma Club



Groundbreaking for the Heart of Monument Play Park

Scott Ross announced that Monday, August 10th at 11:30 a.m. will be the groundbreaking for the new play park right next to Monument Community Presbyterian Church! Fisk Landscapers are already moving ahead

and want to get the park open by the end of September or early October. Scott is working on the list of donors who have contributed to making this project happen and will appear on the Hall of Fame.



Support to the Ronald McDonald House

Dan Kerbs reminded us of our participation in the homemade ice cream project several years ago to support the Ronald McDonald House in Colorado Springs. The project is on again this year and they would like our support. Here are the details:

Make Homemade Ice Cream Service Project

4223 Royal Pine Dr, COS

Ronald McDonald House has invited our **Kiwanis Club of Colorado Springs** to host a homemade ice cream competition as part of its:

2026 Heart of the Summer Community Open House.

Event Details

Date: August 15

Open House Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Ronald McDonald House, 4223 Royal Pine Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Team Arrival: Early enough to be set up by **9:30 AM**

so your ice cream is ready when attendees arrive.

(RMCH Flyer attached ([Ice Cream at RMCH.png](#)))

We held a similar event a few years ago with five Kiwanis teams and would love to do it again. We hope other area Kiwanis Clubs will join us and field a team this year.

Team Requirements:

- Bring your own ice and ingredients. (TBD at Aug 12th Mtg)
- Our club will provide the hand-crank freezers.
- A **basic no-cook recipe** will be provided and must be used.
- All mixing must be done on-site.
- Teams may add any flavorings or toppings they choose.

Demonstration We'll hold a short demonstration at **1:00 PM on August 12**, immediately after our regular meeting (12–1 PM), at: Public House at Alexander 3104 N Nevada Ave Colorado Springs, CO 80907

We hope you'll join us for this fun and rewarding event!

Please let us know by August 8 if you plan to participate.

If you would like to volunteer to help with

this event, please [Register](#)

POC: Dan/Cheryl Kerbs, 719-963-5293

Coordinate with either on which shift you prefer

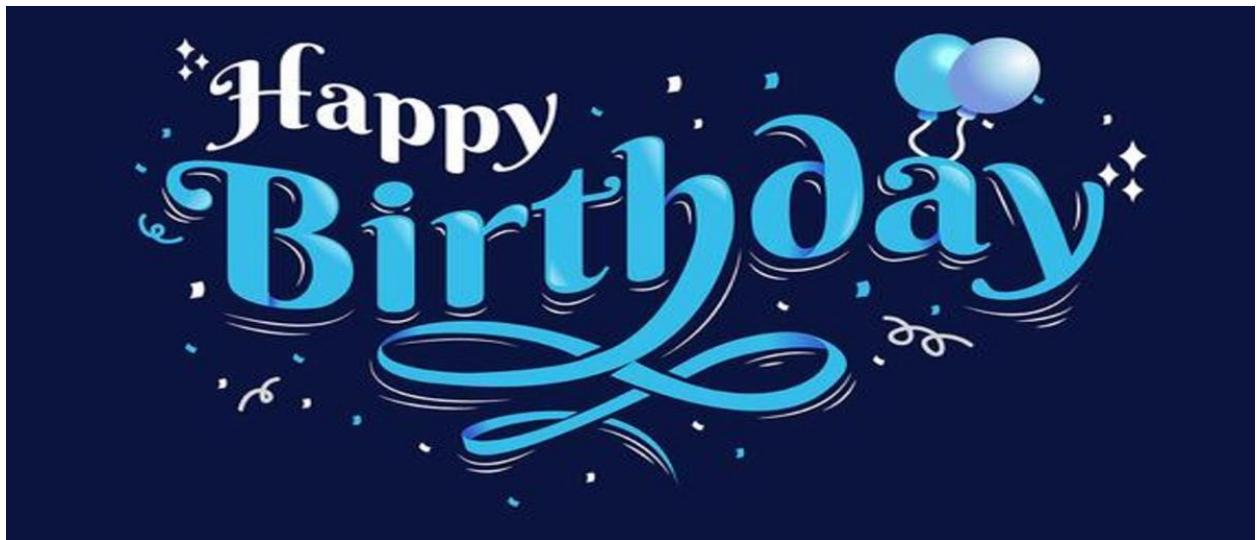




Lost Mug

Oh, by the way, this nice mug was left at Big Red...

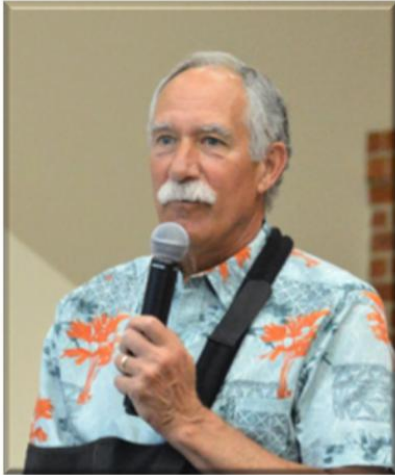
News & Notes



Bill KAelin

AUG 13th

**Joined 2013
Sponsor Jim Taylor**



On AUG 13th in HISTORY

- **1792:** Revolutionaries imprisoned French royals, including Marie Antoinette
- **1942:** The Manhattan Project commences under the direction of US General Leslie Groves to develop an atomic bomb
- **1956:** Elvis Presley releases the music single "Don't Be Cruel"

HUMOR

Life is so
much easier
with a sense
of humour





Humor,

Courtesy of Jim Wolf

The Perfect Man

A man walks out to the street and catches a taxi just going by. He gets into the taxi, and the cabbie says, "Perfect timing. You're just like Brian."

Passenger: "Who?"

Cabbie: "Brian Sullivan. He's a guy who did everything right all the time."

Passenger: "There are always a few clouds over everybody."

Cabbie: "Not Brian Sullivan. He was a terrific athlete. He could have won the Grand-Slam at tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star and you should have heard him play the piano. He was an amazing guy."

Passenger: "Sounds like he was really something special."

Cabbie: "There's more. He had a memory like a computer. He remembered everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order and which fork to eat them with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse, and the whole street blacks out. But Brian Sullivan could do everything right every single time."

Passenger: "Wow, what a guy!"

Cabbie: "He always knew the quickest way to go in traffic and avoid traffic jams. Not like me, I always seem to get stuck in them. But Frank, he never made a mistake, and he really knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good. He would never answer her back even if she was in the wrong; and his clothing was always immaculate, shoes highly polished too. He was the perfect man! He never made a mistake. No one could ever measure up to Brian Sullivan."

Passenger: "How did you meet him?"

Cabbie: "I never actually met Brian. He died and I married his wife."



Happy Bucks



Jim Wolf introduced the new "Happy Buckets" for Happy Bucks!



Last weekend, Scott Ross attended a family reunion in Iowa, and he brought a box of Colorado peaches. He kept them in the refrigerator, and they were in perfect condition for the event on Saturday. People that know and love Colorado peaches. So, for next year, if you're thinking of how many boxes to buy, remember they store in the refrigerator, and they were really well received.



Ed Hettler let us know that the date for the Christmas party is December 8th and it will be at the Golf Club at Bear Dance, the same as last year. He and Dean Snow are getting the final contract prepared. He also had 20 happy bucks because he just got back from a family reunion in South Dakota, and one of the things that his grandkids really enjoyed doing was giving haircuts. Ed figured he would give 20 bucks because he won't need a haircut for a while.



Terry McMullen was happy because he still has peaches in the refrigerator that he thought he could share with a friend. His family has it arranged so that they can just lift the cover and take one. No one is keeping track of how many are left. Terry thought he could conduct a lotto to guess how many are left, but he thinks now he will just have to wait until next year.



Dennis Beasley posed a question: How long have we been a Kiwanis Club? Answer: 50 years. His comment: It took that long for some smart guy to think up the idea of a bucket?



Jim Wolf had high praise for our peach supplier, C&R farms in Palisade. They provide us great peaches every year and went the extra mile by providing a replacement box for the family that did not take good care of their peaches by not keeping them properly refrigerated. C&R farms - great people!



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

This week the drawing was up to \$96, with 8 chips. Visiting Kiwanian, Dan Kerbs, had the winning ticket, and the right touch to win the pot!

Program



Confederate Brigade Journey to Gettysburg

Bruce Clark

Scribe: Jim Wolf and Rich Hicks

Ted Bauman introduced Bruce Clark, and sons Cree and Sean. Ted said Bruce is a good friend and that they have been on a lot of different kind of trips together looking at dinosaur bones and Indian artifacts and Little Big Horn and Chaco Canyon. He is a great author and lives in Palmer Lake. About eight years ago he retired from Lockheed Martin. His passion is Gettysburg and he has written a book about Forney's Field, one of the lesser-known battles at Gettysburg. The title of the book is *Denied the Good Death, The Journey of the Iverson Brigade to Gettysburg*.

As background, Bruce said he had a lot of relatives from Pennsylvania that fought in the Civil War, and that his great great grandfather enlisted when he was 16 and his younger brother was 15 when they signed up together.

His book is historical fiction based mainly on two characters in an action that happened the first day of the three-day battle at Gettysburg. His interest in this subject was sparked during his many visits to the battlefield and he wanted to know more about Confederate General Iverson's North Carolina Brigade, which was about 1400 soldiers and what they were thinking about? Who were these guys that were in that Brigade? Where were they from? How did they get there? How did it end up with them that day? The more he thought about that, the more he wanted to learn. He decided to tell their story and what it was like on their journey to Gettysburg.

Clark used the strategic background of the day to set the scene for his story including the Union and Confederate breakdown of States (see below).



His story is told mainly through the eyes of two fictionalized soldiers, Isaiah and Daniel, both of them from Lincolnton, North Carolina. Lincolnton is in the southwest part of North Carolina. North Carolina seceded from the Union May 20th, 1861. Three days later, Daniel and Isaiah enlisted in the Confederate Army.

Clark's book is based on a lot of facts about the war, but he wanted to really to get a sense of what it was like to be a soldier and to experience what they did, including the horrors of this war. He wanted to humanize these soldiers and used as models *The Red Badge of Courage* by Steven Crane and the *Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara, also historical fiction.

The North Carolina Brigade was heavily involved in many battles during the war, including the battle of Williamsburg, the battles defending Richmond, the battle of South Mountain, Harpers Ferry, Sharpsburg, Fredricksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg.

On the first day of the Gettysburg battle on July 1, 1863, General Iverson's North Carolina Brigade was cut down. There were about 1,400 Confederate soldiers, who comprised the four regiments of the Iverson Brigade that day. Approximately 903 of them were killed, wounded or captured within the first few minutes of the attack, suffering a 65% casualty rate. The 23rd North Carolina Regiment suffered the highest loss among the four regiments, about 89% of their men.

We lost a generation of men in the Civil War. Hundreds of thousands were killed many more wounded, both physically and mentally. Many of those killed on the battlefields were placed in hastily dug graves and trenches. Many more were left right where they fell. Each of these forgotten souls had family and friends, feelings, interests, and stories associated with their lives.

This book is a story about some of those men, an attempt to remember them, and their honor and sacrifices. The title of this book? Back in the 1800s, a good death was defined as someone who died at home, surrounded by family, and friends buried in a local cemetery. A bad death is what many of these soldiers experienced – shot, dying on a field, family doesn't know where they are or what happened to them. This was a bad death. There were many bad deaths in the Civil War. I wrote this book in an attempt to remember these soldiers.

IVERSON BRIGADE MEETS UNION SOLDIERS ON FORNEY'S FIELD



The video link is here. <https://youtu.be/SpqiVDtm8Yc>

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