



# Spirit Society of PA.

## A P P A R I T I O N S

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### “ROO’s” BOOS - Notes from SSP Founder Kelly Weaver

A big thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Spirit Day in May. I think it was very successful! The speakers were, as always, interesting and the energy in the room was very positive. We even managed to make it through the day with no issues due to our kitchen being out of commission. Thanks to all of you for your support and (in regards to the kitchen) patience!

#### Ed Dubil Jr. and Brutus are Together Again

Some of the older members of SSP surely will remember our good friend Ed Dubil Jr. who passed away a few years ago at an early age of 37.

He left behind his ever faithful dog, Brutus. Brutus was an amazing dog who had the knack for finding spirits on the battlefield. John and I enjoyed many fun filled, spooky hours on the battlefield with Ed and Brutus. *(One of our fav pics of Ed & Brutus centers this page)*

After Ed’s passing, Ed Dubil Sr. adopted Brutus. Although he missed his faithful human companion, Brutus moved on with his life. Well, 2 weeks ago, Ed Sr. called to tell me that he had to put Brutus down due to complications from cancer. I’m sure he made it to the Rainbow Bridge and Ed was waiting for him with open arms.

They shared an incredibly close relationship as far as man and dog go. Brutus was adopted by Ed after he was found to be in bad shape during an investigation. (Ed worked as an animal control officer). Everyone who ever met Ed knew that his sidekick, Brutus was always right behind him.

Ed Sr. took some time to relate some of the signs that he has received from Ed and Brutus to let him know that they are together again.

#### A message from the Other Side – third party connection

The “Ed’s” (as we used to refer to them), were very close and loved to investigate history on & off of the battlefield in Gettysburg. The family went through a rough time when he passed away so unexpectedly. Ed’s cousin, “Mic” took it very hard.

Mic had a dream about Ed and Brutus on a bridge on the battlefield. He told his Uncle Ed that they were transparent. When his mother arrived home that day he quickly asked if anything

was wrong with Brutus? His mother, Ed’s sister was not sure. Right then and there the phone rang and it was a cousin of his on the other end of the line... she had not called him, the phone fell and auto-dialed his number. Taking the opportunity to ask about Brutus he asked if something was wrong with Brutus and told her his dream. “Uncle Eddy put Brutus to sleep this week.” Was her reply.

This is what is known in mediumship as a third party visitation. The loved ones will come to a third party to let them know that they are OK. Why? Why not come to the loved ones closest to them and not the neighbor or cousin down the street? Many times it is simply that the family and friends are sad and block the connection. It is easier for the spirit to communicate with someone who is more of a distant relationship or friend because they are not as emotionally involved. (Not to say that Mic did not love Ed; Ed Sr. said he took it very hard

when Ed passed.) They were around the same age and grew up together. However, he was used as a vessel to let Ed. Sr. know that his beloved son and Brutus are together again on the other side of the Rainbow bridge.

*(Ed Sr also related another contact from Ed Jr – a very profound one. I prefer to share it with the group in person tonight!)*



## REMEMBERING BRUTUS (and Ed Dubil) - By JDW

For years, they were as much a fixture at Gettysburg as the timeless monuments themselves. Brutus, with Ed Dubil Jr. (and frequently, father Ed Sr.) regularly made the long drive from their Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area home to tramp the battlefield, exploring both history (Ed's G-G-G Grandfather fought in the Peach Orchard with PA Independent Battery C, Thompsons Light Artillery) and the paranormal.

Michael Zucchero's excellent new book, *Loyal Hearts: Histories of American Civil War Canines* is one I know Ed would have loved; It also makes me wonder if somehow, Ed and Brutus may have indeed been comrades in battle in previous incarnations. Just as many re-enactors report certain battlefields as being strangely familiar to them the first time they visited as a child, Brutus seemed so familiar with his surroundings at Gettysburg, Antietam and other places.

We first met both Eds (Sr & Jr) and Brutus during an IGHS conference in Gettysburg, and formed a strong connection with them, as would several members of SSP. Ed Jr. would eventually be a speaker (below Rt) at Kelly's second Independent Ghost Hunters Conference. During both events (which each drew over 100 people) Brutus gained new fans both locally and in different parts of the country. While sharing my own tales of hauntings and history of Gettysburg with Troy Taylor's tour groups over the years, I've even had some folks on these tours mention hearing about the "Ghosthunting White Dog".

Being huge supporters of animal causes, we were so happy to know Ed Jr. rescued Brutus as a pup while an Animal Control Officer. The dignity, gentleness and devotion of this wonderful

dog said a lot about Ed's character. There is only one time I (and Ed, evidently) saw Brutus act aggressively: One night we were on the far side of Sach's Bridge along Marsh Creek. A few other people had passed by us, but then - as if he sensed someone (perhaps more accurately, something) following them - Brutus growled. Ed turned to me with a shocked look on his face "I've *never* seen him do anything like that!" Perhaps a memory from a time long past, told him to give a warning to his comrades of impending attack from the rear. (Lt. Brutus posing with "Sallie" the beloved gallant companion of the 11th PA, who is immortalized on their monument.)



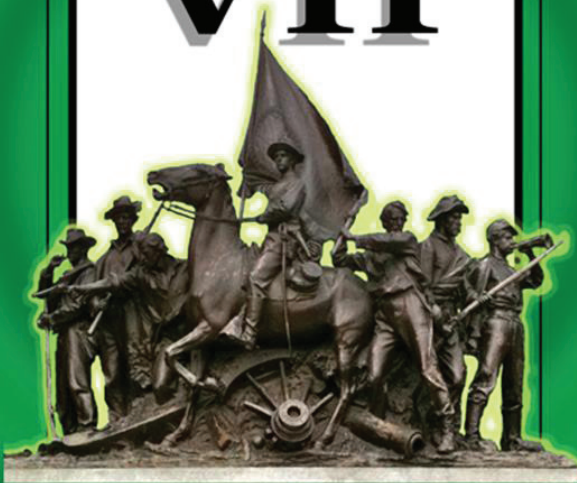
*Some comments from Ed regarding this pic of Brutus at the beautiful and moving Irish Brigade Monument: "It is not a posed shot. I was across the road, but was letting Brutus walk around, and he actually just layed down. He seemed very comfortable where he was. After I took that picture, we walked down into the tree line and came out on the what would have been the left flank of the 3rd Corps -- the famous blunder*



*of Dimwit Sickles! Brutus laid down again as he entered the area of the far end of the Wheat Field and Rose Woods. It was as if he didn't know I was there and was watching someone or many others. I became convinced at that one moment that there were soldiers there connecting with him and he saw them. As I look back, it was truly a defining moment in realizing Brutus has that gift" Below: The always faithful Brutus shares the stage with Ed during his presentation at the 2003 Independent Ghost Hunters Conference*



# GHOSTS of Gettysburg VII



*Spirits, Apparitions and Haunted  
Places of the Battlefield*

by  
**Mark Nesbitt**

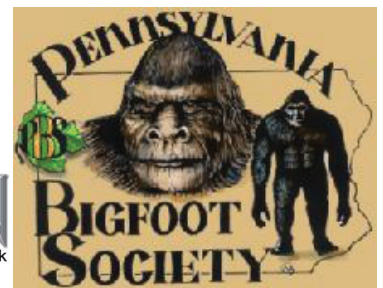
Just released in time for the battle anniversary coming in July, Mark Nesbitt's *Ghosts of Gettysburg 7* is available at Civil War & More at 10 South Market Street Mechanicsburg. Mark will be present for a book signing from 2pm - 6pm on Thur, June 16 (Jubilee Day). If you cannot make it to Jubilee Day, signed copies are in stock. *Mention you are an SSP member and get a 10% discount.*

**FREE Event Coming Sat July 16 9-5pm:**  
**MUFON AWARENESS DAY**  
*(Presented by Mainline MUFON)*

Speakers include Peter Robbins, Co-author of *Left at East Gate* (Definitive work on Bentwaters-Rendelsham Case) & French UFOlogist Denis Decola  
Other speakers: Dan Medlycott, Bob Gardner, Joe Wisniewski

Location is Tredyffrin Public Library, 582 Upper Gulph Road, Stratford Pa 19087 Ph: 610-688-7092 (directions only) Event ?: Jen Stein 610-613-0088

**BIG News**  
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*Announcing the*  
**2011 PA UFO & BIGFOOT CONFERENCE**  
*Presented by PA MUFON & the PA Bigfoot Society*

**October 22 and 23, 2011**  
W.C.C.C. Westmoreland County Community College  
Youngwood, Pennsylvania



*Featured Speakers  
Include:*

**Stanton Friedman**  
(Saturday 10/22)

**Dr. Jeff Meldrum**  
(Sunday 10/23)

*Full Lineup:*



**Saturday October 22, 2011**

**UFO SPEAKERS**

William Birnes, Stanton Friedman, Roger Marsh,  
William Konokolsy, David Twichell

**Sunday October 23, 2011**

**BIGFOOT SPEAKERS**

Dr. Jeff Meldrum, Stan Gordon, Billy Willard,  
Steve Kulls, David Dragosin/Eric Altman to co-present

Tickets as low as \$20 for Sat, \$21 for Sun

For more info go to [www.paufobigfootcon.com](http://www.paufobigfootcon.com)

*Also Coming Oct 15 & 16, 2011:*

**PA MUFON Philadelphia Conference**

Sat Speakers: Joe Marra, John Ventre,  
Linda Moulton Howe, Bill Birnes, Bill Weber

Sun Speakers: Col Robert Dean, Maj George Filer,  
Jerry Jonas, Chris Augustin

*Full details on the Phila. event coming soon...*



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