

# Civil War Barn Dance set for October

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On Saturday Oct. 3, for the fifth time, music, dancing, good food and fun will all come together.

The Historic Preservation Society of Gettysburg Adams County (HGAC) along with owners and barn preservation enthusiasts, Jayne and Bill Shord, will once again open the doors of the historic 1867 barn at Beech Springs Farm, 784 Mt. Carmel Road, Orrtanna, to accommodate this year's Civil War barn dance.

Sponsored by the Historic Preservation Society of Gettysburg Adams County, all proceeds will go to HGAC's Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program.

Returning this year will be well known Dance Masters Norma Calhoun and Wayne Belt, who have called the steps for many occasions including period dances at the Civil War anniversary reenactments in Gettysburg.

The Susquehanna Travellers will perform authentic music from the Civil War era. New dancers will be assisted by the Dance Masters.

Festivities will begin at 5 p.m., with Stan McGee serving up hearty Civil War style chicken corn soup, slow-cooked in an iron kettle over an open fire on the spacious grounds of the farm. Tom Jolin will provide dinner music.

Dancing from 7 to 10 p.m. will feature reels, quadrilles, polkas, waltzes and much more.

Timber framing demonstrations and tours of the restored Civil War era barn at Beech Springs Farm will also be available, led by timber framing expert, David Maclay.

Civil War attire is encouraged, but not required.

Photographer, Loy Elliot, will offer sepia tone portraits during the dance, and with available light, in the beautiful formal gardens and grounds surrounding the barn.

Only 100 tickets will be sold. Admission includes Stan McGee's hearty Civil War style chicken corn soup and light supper fare, tours, demonstrations, dancing and camaraderie. Adults admission is \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Children 6-15 are \$5 and children under 6 are free. Advance ticket sales end Monday Sept. 28.

To purchase tickets, for more information about period attire, and for information on Civil War era dance, please visit [www.HGACOnline.org](http://www.HGACOnline.org) or call HGAC at (717)334-5185. To learn more about the Susquehanna Travellers, visit [www.susquehannatravellers.com](http://www.susquehannatravellers.com).