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“John Singleton Mosby, the Gray Ghost” will provide fascinating material for the November lecture sponsored by The Friends of Cornwall Iron Furnace. David Hargrove, member of the Lebanon County Historical Society and student of the Civil War, will share his knowledge of this Confederate Army cavalry battalion commander on Tuesday, November 13. The lecture is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the Freeman Hall auditorium on the campus of Cornwall Manor.

Mosby’s command, the 43<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Virginia Cavalry, commonly known as Mosby’s Rangers or Mosby’s Raiders, was a partisan ranger unit noted for its lightning-quick raids and its ability to elude Union Army pursuers and disappear, blending in with local farmers and townsmen. The area of northern central Virginia in which Mosby operated with impunity was known during the Civil War and ever since as Mosby’s Confederacy. After the war, Mosby became a Republican and worked as an attorney, supporting his former enemy’s commander, U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant. He also served as the American consul to Hong Kong and in the U.S. Department of Justice. Mosby, who was born in 1833, died on May 30, 1916.

Hargrove earned a BS in Liberal Studies from Excelsior College, a teaching certification from Delaware Valley College (now university), an MS in Educational Leadership from Delaware Valley College and an MA in History from Millersville University. He is retired from the U.S. Army with a total of 32 years of service.

He serves as narrator for the Union Canal and is also a member of Light’s Fort historical organization.

He has been married to his wife, Ann Cosby, for 37 years and is the father of five sons.

The public is invited to attend the lecture in this handicap-accessible facility. A freewill offering will be taken. Please call the furnace for more information at 717-272-9711.

This will be the last lecture sponsored by the furnace until March 2019. Please consult the website for upcoming events at [www.cornwallironfurnace.org](http://www.cornwallironfurnace.org).

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Christmas at Cornwall House Tour will be the next event on Saturday, December 1.