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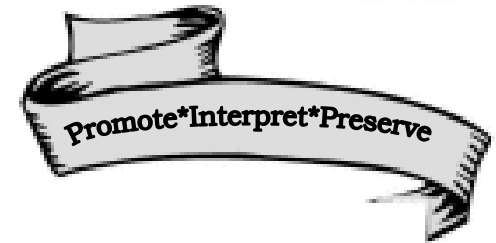
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

To promote, interpret, and preserve the history of CORBIT'S CHARGE. To organize a commemorative program which provides a quality educational experience for visitors of all ages through the participation of authentic Civil War Living Historians, performances of period music, artisans, speakers, displays, and demonstrations. Interface with the Downtown Westminster Main Street Program and HEART OF THE HERITAGE AREA to enhance heritage tourism in Carroll County

*The Corbit's Charge  
Commemoration  
Committee*



*Established 2003*

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## What was Corbit's Charge?

June 29, 1863 during the Gettysburg Campaign an important cavalry battle unfolded in the streets of Westminster between a handful of untested troopers from the 1<sup>st</sup> Delaware Cavalry and Gen. J.E.B. Stuart's battle-hardened veteran Cavalrymen. One eyewitness recalled the Delaware Boys led by Capt. Charles Corbit "fought with an almost suicidal bravery". Stuart being delayed at Westminster by this encounter was crucial. This became a major factor in his failure to reach the Gettysburg battlefield until late in the second day of fighting there to provide his invaluable reconnaissance for Gen. Robert E. Lee. Historians share the opinion that CORBIT'S CHARGE helped to alter the outcome of the decisive battle of the Civil War at Gettysburg.

## Our Beginning

In 2003 The City of Westminster began to sponsor an observance to commemorate CORBIT'S CHARGE, THE BATTLE OF WESTMINSTER. Thus, THE CORBIT'S CHARGE COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE was formed to assist in the organization and hosting of the event.

Members of the committee are representatives from the City of Westminster Economic Development, Parks & Recreation, The Pipe Creek Civil War Round Table, and The Historical Society of Carroll County. Membership is open to individuals and organizations who share the goal of preserving and promoting our rich Civil War heritage.

## You Can Help

There is no admission charged to attend the commemorative event; nor do we charge our participants a registration fee.

Our funding is provided through the generous contributions of individuals, clubs, and organizations in the community. The CORBIT'S CHARGE COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE hopes you will assist us in achieving our mission.

**YES**, I want to support the

### **The Corbit's Charge Commemoration Committee**

Enclosed is my  
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