THE HARRISBURG CIVIL WAR BOUND TABLE CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF "CONGENIAL" STUDY & DEBATE

OUR FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE...

 "TO PROVIDE <u>A CONGENIAL MEDIUM</u> THROUGH WHICH PERSONS HAVING A COMMON INTEREST IN THE EVENTS OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR MAY BROADEN INDIVIDUAL KNOWLEDGE THROUGH DISCUSSION, LECTURES, FIELD TRIPS, AND THE EXCHANGE OF BOOKS, PAPERS, AND OTHER DATA."

... from Article II of the Harrisburg CWRT Constitution

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WAR BUFFS TO INSTITUTE 'ROUND TABLE'

Harrisburg may soon join the ranks of cities having Civil War Round Tables.

A meeting to form one of the discussion groups is scheduled to be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the home of John J. Cobaugh, 2511 Duke St.

Any resident of the Harrisburg area who likes to study and talk about the Civil War is invited to take part in the formation of a permanent group at his home Sunday, Cobaugh said.

The first Round Table was begun by a handful of men in a Chicago bookshop in 1940. Since that time the movement has grown to 678 groups with a total membership of about 5,200. Each Round Table is autonomous. The nearest group to Harrisburg is in Gettysburg.

OPENING SKIRMISH HARRISBURG CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

PURPOSE: To organize the HARRISBURG CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE PLACE: 2511 DUKE STREET - HARRISBURG, PA. DATE: Sunday MAY 24TH 1959 TIME: 2:30 P.M.

OUR FIRST MEETING TOOK PLACE ON MAY 24, 1959, IN OUR FIRST PRESIDENT'S HOME IN HARRISBURG

REFRESHMENTS YOUR HOST: JOHN J. COBAUGH 2511 DUKE ST. CE 2-6602

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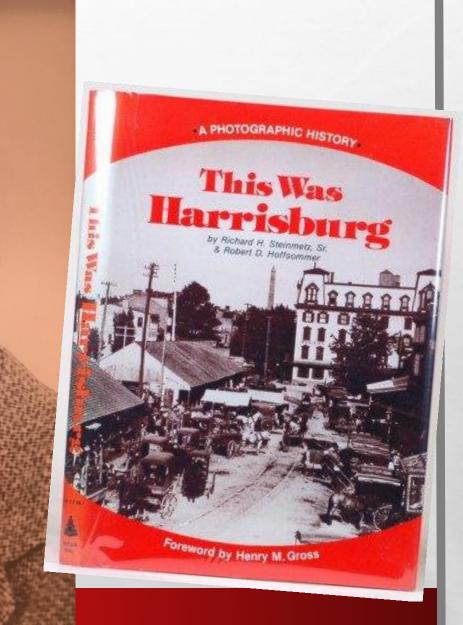
OUR FIRST PRESIDENT, JOHN J. COBAUGH, PRESENTING A GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION ASSOCIA-TION MEDAL TO FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER IN 1963

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HARRISBURG CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE this certifies that

John J. Cobaugh

OUR SECOND PRESIDENT, ROBERT D. HOFFSOMMER, **REVIEWED HISTORY BOOKS FOR THE CIVIL** WAR TIMES, AND CO-**AUTHORED A BOOK ON THE HISTORY OF** HARRISBURG



OUR SECOND MEETING PLACE WAS THE OLD STATE MUSEUM NEXT TO THE CAPITOL...

-Evening News Photo

STUDY OF BATTLEFIELD—Looking over a map of the Gettysburg battlefield at a Civil War Roundtable meeting are, from left, R. D. Hoffsommer, John J. Cobaugh and Henry A. Estricher, all of Harrisburg. The group met at the State Museum.

... WHICH ALSO HOUSED ROTHERMEL'S **GIGANTIC PAINTING OF PICKETT'S CHARGE**

OUR PAST PRESIDENTS USED THIS GAVEL TO CALL OUR MEETINGS TO ORDER

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THE HARRISBURG CIVIL WAR BOUND TABLE A TRADITION OF BATTLEFIELD & ARTIFACT PRESERVATION

OUR FOUNDING FATHERS WERE CLEVER FUNDRAISERS AND ARDENT BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATIONISTS. APPROXIMATELY 20% OF THE CURRENT GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK WAS PURCHASED THROUGH THEIR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS, INCLUDING THE GEORGE ROSE FARM, THE TIMBERS FARM, AND THE LADY FARM.



JACK COBAUGH & BOB HOFFSOMMER (LEFT) WERE CHARTER **MEMBERS OF THE** GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION **ASSOCIATION (GBPA)**

Photo taken in Hollywood actor Cliff Arquette's office in Gettysburg, December 3, 1959



THE GEORGE ROSE FARM AS IT APPEARS TODAY

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Pair Gather 'Lot of Junk' And Make It Worth Money -In a Basement Museum

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of the Republic" on them. HOFFSOMMER

GLASS ENCLOSED cases along the walls contain, among other items, army field officers' dress said to have been rung at Wrights-sional stature. To him is given words, bayonets, copies of Civil ville on Jan. 29, 1863, to warn the credit for the arrangement newspapers, Union populace of the approaching Con- basement museum which is air rate money (including federate troops,

ind Confiderate money (including incerate troops. 1 \$3 bill printed in Gettysburg). --- A note written by Abraham trolled to keep its variable soldiers' hymn books put out by Lincoln, bearing his signature, in good condition. Of Boston YMCA, bullets, a much- various rare steel engraving show- mer, Cobaugh says,



RARE PISTOL EXAMINED - John J. Cobaugh standing, shows a rare Colt .44 postol to R.D. Hoffsommer, curator of the private Civil War museum Cobaugh has in the basement of his home at 2511 Duke St. Other rare items in the museum include a note written by Lincoln and a Union soldier's

5-by-3 foot drawing of the pr mp at Andersonville and oth ued engravings - compleme ome of the smaller items edals, delegates' badges for t 1860 Republican convention wh nominated Lincoln and a la vention which nominated Grant which can be enjoyed most by rious students of the period, Cobaugh is proud of many of s possessions: His guns, includ ng the Burnside and Maynard arbines and the 7-shot magazi ed Spencer; the carpet bag; the Union Army captain's uni the paintings of the Batt of Gettysburg; the mustermuster-in and pay muster rol the Great Seal of the Confede acy done in silver for desk mour ng; the Confederate States America bonds (with some of the oupons clipped); and his point of wood, whittled at Anderso ville's prison. But in speaking o him, one gets the idea that h lavorite is a rare glass dinne ware collection made in 1913 f the 50th anniversary of the w as celebrated at Gettysburg.

THE ITEMS WERE sold ouvenirs and bought separately usually. But today there may be no other full set, as Cobaugh has in the museum The "junk" which became museum is shown at times by Cobaugh and Hoffsommer to small

-Evening News Photo **COLLECTOR'S ITEM**—Craig Caba, 11, cleans his .69 caliber percussion-type Whitneyville rifle used by the Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Civil War.



ade school pupils spend their spare time skipping rope playing games, learning sports and watching TV. Craig Caba, 11, of 628 S. 26th St., has done all that and some-in the Civil War," Craig said.

J. HOWARD WERT'S GETTYSBURG

A Collection of Relics from the Civil War Battle



BRUCE E. MOWDAY AND G. CRAIG CABA

THE HCWRT HAS A RICH TRADITION OF COLLECTING CIVIL WAR ARTIFACTS



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• FALLING WATERS HISTORICAL ASSN.

AND ERECTED STATE HISTORICAL MARKERS IN NEW CUMBERLAND AND SPORTING HILL:



War. Colonel, Zha Pa. Regiment in Mexican War. Governor, Kansas Territory. First postmaster & first mayor of San Francisco. His home was a block east at 308 Market Street.

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION 1995

GETTYSBURG CAMPAIGN

This campaign's northernmost engagement, known as the Battle of Sporting Hill, occurred just north and west of here, June 30, 1863. The 22nd & 37th New York Militia Regiments, along with Landis's Philadelphia Battery, fought in defense of Harrisburg against the 16th & 36th Virginia Cavalry units. Afterward the Confederates withdrew to Carlisle, leaving some 16 dead. Reported wounded were 11 Union soldiers; 20-30 Confederates.

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THE HARRISBURG CIVIL WAR BOUND TABLE THE EVOLUTION OF OUR NEWSLETTERS

BATTLE PLANS

HARRISBURG PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

| Skirmish I - Volley 1 | Harrisburg, Pa. | June 1959 |
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| PLACE: DATE: TIME: SPEAKER: | 2511 Duke Street, Harri Sunday, June 28, 1959 2:00 o'clock P.M. EDS' Professor Hoffsommers | r |

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REMINDERS

Qualification for charter membership - personal presence at either the organizational meeting of May or the first regular meeting, June 28, 1959.

Pleeze bring along and ware your dog tag issued at last meeting (cant hardly git these no more).

BIG DOINGS

Permanent officers to be elected and installed.

Much reconnoiterin' accomplished for July Field Trip - Details at June meeting.

Membership cards printed and in the hands of the Treasurer - Cards will be issued at June meeting.

OUR SPEAKER

Frofessor Hoffsommers, one of our charter members, will speak briefly on one of the lesser known aspects of the Battle of Gettysburg, His title - "The Battery that Saved a Battle".

Your CWRT Scribe

OUR FIRST HCWRT NEWSLETTER WAS ON THE SHORT SIDE, MORE DETAILED VERSIONS FOLLOWED OVER THE YEARS...

Harrisburg Civil War Round Table P. O. BOX 1091, HARRISBURG, PA. **News Letter** Skirmish 9 IARCH 1968

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| Speaker | COL. JANES D. BOWIBY |
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In case you missed its John Brown's "Fort" is being relocated at Harpor's Forry to the original location.

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Dinner Meeting, Friday, June 14 Flace: Dutch Fantry Restaurant, Camp Hill Dinner: 7:00 p.m.; Presentation: 7:45 p.m.

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May 17, 2019

6:00 pm-St. James Punch

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(B) Crab Cake

The dinner also includes Chefs Soup, Tuscan Rolls and Butter,

Coffee, Tea

7:45 pm-Meeting

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Welcome to our fellowship forum where we discuss our past, emphasizing

60th Anniversary Celebration Banquet

May 17-Peter S. Carmichael

Diagnosing Trauma and Curing Cowardice:

Enduring Combat during the Civil War

Dr. Carmichael is the Robert C. Fluhrer Professor of Civil War Studies and the Director of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College. He received his BA

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His latest book, The War for the Common Soldier, will be available at the event at a significant discount.

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MARKING THE SPOT — Examining site of Ft. Washington in what is now Negley Park, Lemoyne, for a Harrisburg Civil War Round Table field trip are Mrs. Jacquelynne Lapitsky, past president; James Haas, left; and Dr. Gerald Brinton.



WORDS — Among members of the found Table working on books about the conflict are, from som C. Davis, of Mechanicsburg, Edwin H. Olmstead, of Mt. Holly Springs, Richard J. Semimers, of Carlisle, and C. Craig Caba, of Camp Hill.

FLAGGING ATTENTION — Examining the orth Confederate flag and a Union drum are, fr-m left, Kenneth L Piper, of Harrisburg, treasurer; Mela Hartzell, of New Cumberland, president of Dauphin County Historical Society; Thomas R. Leeds, of Histourg, and Helen V. Stahle, of Camp Hill Secretary.



FOLLOWING THE BATTLE — Joseph M. Boslet, right; of Harrisburg, Round Table president, uses a sur-sequence map to explain Battle of Spatsylvania, to Dr. Joseph L. Harsh, left; history professor of the Mason University, Farinza, V.a., and Willia R. Kochne. Michael Michael Compared to the Mason University, Farinza, V.a., and Willia R. Kochne.

Keeping he 'War Between the States' Alive

By BILL PENNEVILL, Staff Writer

THE CIVIL WAR ENDED more than a century age but the skirmishes and battles still rage on for some has "steady work" to put together.

area history buffs. They are the members of the Harrisburg Civil we They are the members of the Harrisburg Civil we Dutch Party Restaurant in Comp Hill to take a penetre, ing took at "The War Between the States." The Round Table, which also sponsors four field ing-each season, is "a group of individuals from III warty cording to Mrs. Jacquelynne Lapitsky, imitediate pair president and the first woman to head the Decla groups.

Interest in the Civil War still is strong, Boslet said, because it wis a conflict "people can easily follow" and president and the first woman to head the local group.

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 from shrinking as a result of two small children." literally

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 "The Harrisburg defense forts were hastily thrown

up when the Confederates invaded Pennsylvania," ex-plained Joseph M. Boslet/president. THE ROUND TABLE is in its 18th season, and Mrs. Laptisky said tembers range from a 13-year-old boy to a man in his mid- is and include collectors, authors and Boslet, who said h has been interested in the Civil War since he was a tenager in Altoona, noted the forts world authorities an "champions of lost causes."

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There also are the "champions" of Gens. Daniel Sicrums will feature talks by Round Table members. "We have within our group enough people who a pete with the professionals," she said, notify the said data to the sounded during the Battle of Gettysburg

Boslet's specialty is battles and last year he spoke on and had to have his leg amputated. He had the leg put in formaldehyde and carried it around with him during the remainder of the war, they said. It's now on display in the

Smithsonian Institution in Washington. Butler, they explained, got his nickname because he supposedly stole the silver spoons from the house he occupied while heading the Northern Military administratio of New Orleans. Butler was so hated high-handed acts during his brief

following his removal Southern

tisky said it isn't unusual for members to engage in games of "can you top this?" or "Can I stump you?"

DURING A WEEKEND field trip several years ago, two members verbally sparred for two days over how Stonewall Jackson's body got from the place where he died to the place where he was buried. One word led to

another and the pair ended up with a small wager answer At the next meeting of the Round Table the los

At the next meeting of the kound lable the los up in front of the group, apologized for doubti winner's knowledge and with a grand flourish p bet in Confederate money — which turned out interfeit



UNIFORM OF THE DAY — Todd Bush, of Mechanicsburg, wearing uniform of the Highlanders, shows James Brommer, of Mechanicsburg, vice president, and his t ng to Gen. S. W. Crawford, commander of a P

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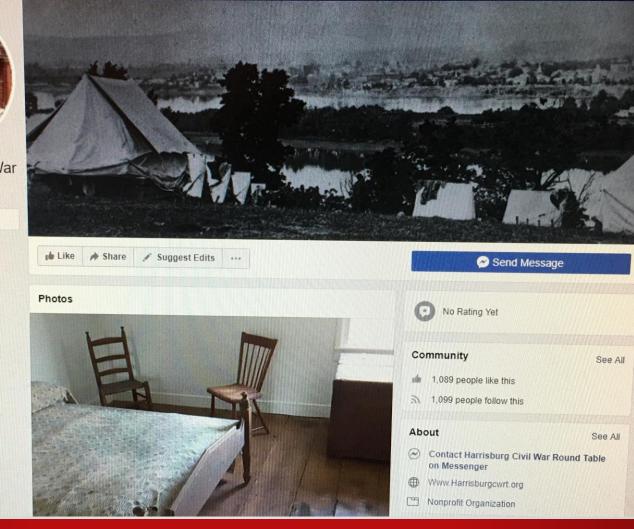


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THE FEATURE

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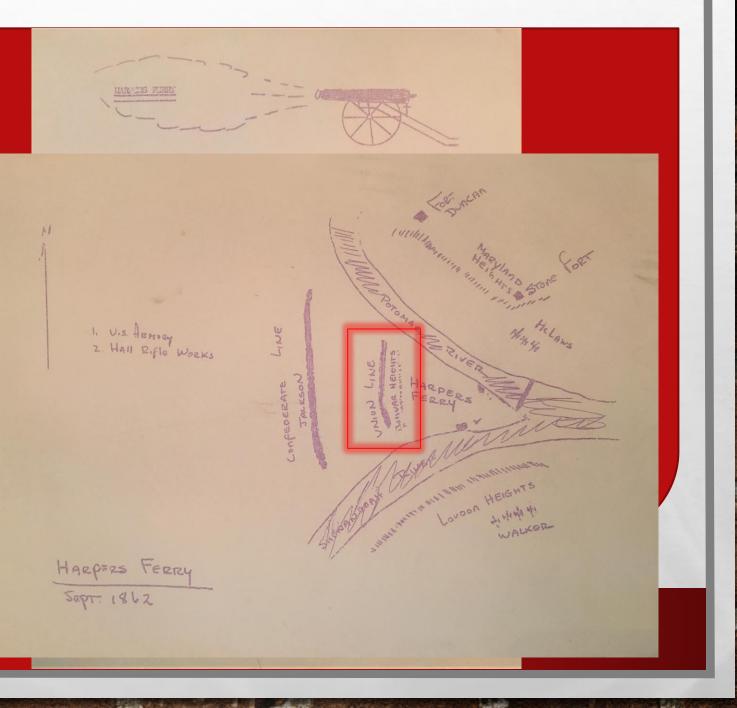
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AT THE ROUNDTABLE—Principles at the discussion of "Women in the Civil War" held at a meeting of the Harrisburg Civil War Roundtable at the State Museum, included, from left, Robert D. Hoffsommer, Dr. Robert L. Bloom, speaker, head of the History Department at Gettysburg College; Mrs. Bloom, and John J. Cobaugh, group president.





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Round Table Relives "Stonewall In The Valley"

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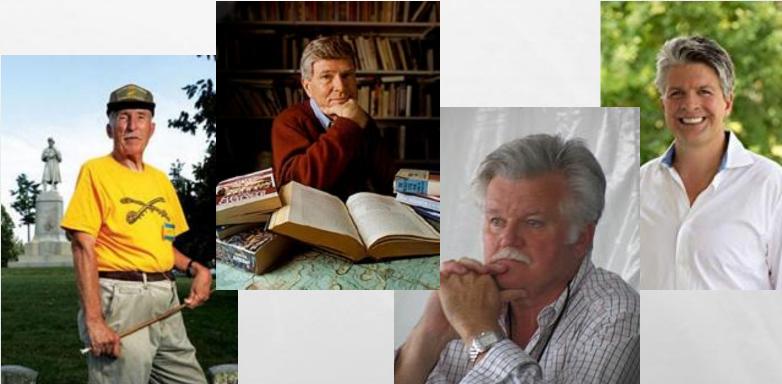
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Author and attorney Robert G. Tanner spoke about Stonewall Jackson during the Harrisburg Civil War Round Table's meeting Friday at Schindler's Restaurant in Camp Hill. From left to right are Robert D. Myers, vice president; Tanner, President Norman L. Daniels, and Adjutant Ronald C. Coleman.

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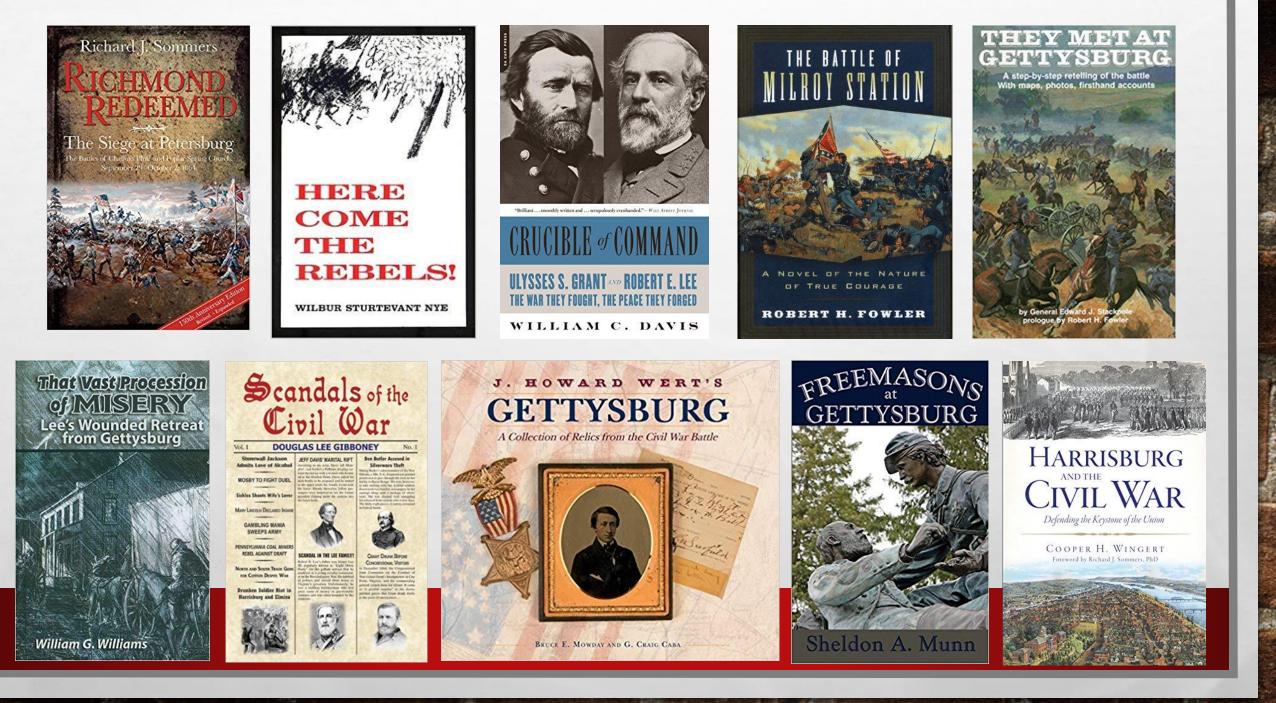




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Civil War Buffs Hear of Another MacArthur

Dr. D. Clayton Jones, second from right, the Harold Keith Johnson visiting professor of military history at the Army War College, Carlisle, Friday discusses the 47-year military career of "The Boy Colonel — Arthur MacArthur," the father of World War II Gen. Douglas MacArthur, at a meeting of the Harrisburg Civil War Round Table at Dutch Pantry Restaurant, Camp Hill. From left are Norman Daniels, round table vice president; Richard J. Sommers, program chairman; and Mrs. D. Clayton

Jones.



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