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The Dispatch

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Newsletter of The Harrisburg Civil War Round Table

Welcome to our fellowship forum where we discuss our past, emphasizing remembrance, education & preservation.

Meetings held at The Radisson Penn-Harris Hotel—1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania
Online: www.HarrisburgCWRT.org

March 23, 2018 Speaker—David Moore William S. Rosecrans and the Union Victory

David G. Moore unexpectedly came upon the story of General William S. Rosecrans while on an unsuccessful search for the grave of Mary Surratt in Washington's Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

In his talk, Mr. Moore will try to answer the question of why General Rosecrans, who fought successfully in four distinct theaters of the war, was removed from command four times, each time after a victory. General Rosecrans, who has been called by one historian "perhaps the only Union general of genius," was a military innovator who was interested in theology as well as science.

Mr. Moore will also try to explain why General Rosecrans, who was deemed one of the very top generals of the war during his lifetime, is almost forgotten today.

Mr. Moore has been a history guide for more than 40 years, specializing in the Mid-Atlantic region and his home town of Washington, DC.

His book, *William S. Rosecrans and the Union Victory* was published in 2014.



DINNER IS SERVED!

Radisson Hotel
FRIDAY, March 23, 2018
Governor B—Hotel

6:00 pm—St. James Punch 6:45 pm—Dinner
7:45 pm—Meeting 8:00 pm—Talk

Menu Options:

(A) Penne Pasta (B) Cod Florentine

The dinner also includes
Fruit Cup, Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter,
Touch of Strawberry Cake, Coffee or Tea

Cost: \$22 per person.

Dinner reservations must be made no later than 9 p.m.
Tuesday, March 20

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The President's Pen

The Civil War is a dynamic part of our history. It really happened. Our country was torn apart and then put back together again. Our Civil War Round Table exists to help each of us to learn from our past so our lives can be enriched. I love history. It was my best subject through public school, college, and seminary. Though my hair is gray, I still strive to learn as much as I can. I am grateful for the Round Table and the opportunity to learn.

Please mark the dates for the remainder of this campaign and plan to attend. You will be blessed by the sharing of information and fellowship at the table around a good meal. Please register on time. Blessings to you as hopefully it won't be long until spring.

Jim Moss

Spotlight on One of Our Own

We have many published authors of Civil War books among current and former members of the Harrisburg CWRT. This month we will begin showcasing them, starting with our President, Jim Moss.

Book: *A History of the Civil War As Presented By The Church Advocate*, edited by James. W. Moss, Sr.

During the Civil War, from May 1859 to January 1870, the Churches of God published the *Church Advocate*, a weekly newspaper which included a secular news section. The newspaper had about 3000 readers from Pennsylvania to Arkansas. Considering the times, the news was heavy on the Civil War, primarily the western theater. Jim sifted through over 10 years of the *Church Advocate* on microfilm to extract Civil War soldier letters, battle reports, articles, editorials and obituaries. He input his findings into a computer with minor editing to correct spelling but remaining faithful to the text as written in the newspaper. Over a five-year period, he compiled his findings into a four-volume history of the Church of God's Civil War experience. His goal was to collect what was written in the newspaper about the Civil War and related topics.

The *Church Advocate's* perspective was very pro-North and anti-slavery with editorials from the newspaper's editor decrying the evils of this war and slavery. Of interest is the immediacy of the reporting of events, such as John Brown's raid at Harper's Ferry, within a week of the raid. Comparing the perception at the time with what we now know are the actual facts is fascinating. Additionally, Volume One contains reprint articles from other newspapers, 1860 election results by state, President Buchanan's last message, secession, the death of Col. Ellsworth to name just a few of the items. The reader is quickly immersed in the events occurring at the time. The volumes can be read in any sequence, picked up and thumbed through, stopping to read what catches the eye.

Jim has a lifelong interest in history, perhaps because of his native Frederick, MD. He attended University of Findlay in Ohio and was ordained a Churches of God pastor in 1965. He later was in charge of continuing education for pastors and helped start new churches for the denomination. His four-volume work is impressive and an important historical record. The books are available from Jim Moss.

Meeting Schedule—Campaign 59

3/23/18

David Moore, *William S. Rosecrans and the Union Victory*

4/27/18

Scott Patchan, *Sheridan and the Final Battle of Winchester*

5/18/18—Nye-Sommers Lecture

Gordon Rhea, *Grant and Lee in the Overland Campaign*

6/22/18

Jim Moss, *Soldier Letters written to the Church Advocate*.

Mark Your Calendars for Campaign 60

September 28, 2018

February 22, 2019

October 26, 2018

March 22, 2019

November 16, 2018

April 26, 2019

December 14, 2018

May 17, 2019

January 25, 2019

June 7, 2019

*Field Trip Saturday, April 21
Lee's Retreat From Gettysburg*

It's not too late to sign up for the Harrisburg & Hershey Civil War Round Tables' Spring Field Trip, on Saturday, April 21st. We will follow in the footsteps of General Robert E. Lee's forces as they fought their way back to Virginia after the battle of Gettysburg.

Our guide is J. David Petruzzi, co-author of *One Continuous Fight, The Retreat from Gettysburg and the Pursuit of Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, July 4-14, 1863*, one of the leading books on Lee's Retreat.

**Don't miss this chance to retrace the Confederate retreat
with the victorious Union forces in hot pursuit!**

Price: \$95.00 per person. Includes round-trip motor coach transportation, driver and guide gratuities, lunch, and admission fees. Pick-up points are the parking lots of Lower Dauphin High School (7:00 am) and the Camp Hill Radisson (7:30 am). Seats are filling up fast; but as we went to press, about a dozen remained open.

If you would like to join us, fill out the registration form below and mail it along with a check for \$95.00 to our Treasurer, Norm Daniels, Harrisburg CWRT, 500 Bonneymeade Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17111. **Please make your check payable to: Harrisburg CWRT.**

Cancellations: After March 21 will receive a refund ONLY if the seat is filled by another person.

Questions: Ricky Hollis 717-805-7502 or rickyhollissr@gmail.com OR Steve Smith, 717-433-0209 or smith337@erau.edu.



*Fun was had by all
on the Fall field trip
to the Shenandoah
Valley*

Spring Field Trip Registration Form

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Number of Seats _____ Pick Up Point Lower Dauphin High School

Mail to Norm Daniels Camp Hill Radisson

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500 Bonneymeade Avenue

Harrisburg, PA 17111

\$95.00 check enclosed



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Current Member Renewal

- Individual \$20
- Family \$30
- Full Time Student \$5

****New Members Only****

- Individual \$27 (includes badge)
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