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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](http://www.HarrisburgCWRT.org)

## November 17, 2017 Speaker—Susannah Ural Hood's Texans: An Intimate Study of a Fighting Brigade

Susannah J. Ural, Ph.D., is Professor of History and Co-director of the Dale Center for the Study of War & Society at the University of Southern Mississippi. A war and society scholar by training, Ms. Ural's work focuses on soldiers and families of the U.S. Civil War era. Her latest book, *Hood's Texas Brigade: The Soldiers and Families of the Confederacy's Most Celebrated Unit*, is the topic of her talk this month. She serves as President of the Mississippi Historical Society and as chair of the editorial board of *The Journal of Military History*.



Ms. Ural's talk offers a close examination of one of the most famous fighting units of the American Civil War — Hood's Texas Brigade. She argues that several factors contributed to the unit's extraordinary success: their strong self-identity as Confederates, the mutual respect among the junior officers and their men, a constant desire to maintain their reputation not just as Texans but as the top soldiers in Robert E. Lee's army, and the fact that their families matched the men's determination to fight and win. Ms. Ural will also discuss how the men waged the peace of Reconstruction as Hood's Texas Brigade, just as they had waged the war.

Ms. Ural's latest book, *Hood's Texas Brigade* will be released in November by LSU press. Amazon writes: "*Hood's Texas Brigade* challenges key historical arguments about soldier motivation, volunteerism and desertion, home-front morale, and veterans' postwar adjustment. It provides an intimate picture of one of the war's most effective brigades and sheds new light on the rationales that kept Confederate soldiers fighting throughout the most deadly conflict in U.S. history."

### REMINDER—REMINDER—REMINDER

The November meeting will be held at the:

National Civil War Museum  
1 Lincoln Circle  
@ Reservoir Park  
Harrisburg

This meeting is in conjunction with the Museum's *Lessons in History* Program.

A reception with light refreshments begins at 6:00 pm and the Program begins at 6:45. There will be **NO CWRT dinner**.

Ms. Ural will sign books before and after the meeting.

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## *The President's Pen*

Change is always a challenge. I love the Civil War Round Table. I have a few times gone to our regular site only to discover that our meeting is in the Convention Center. I say "shoot!" and then drive around to the front of the Convention Center. Sometimes I say, "Why can't it always be in the same place?"

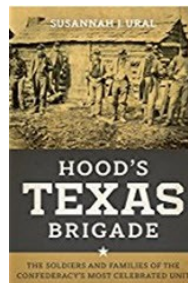
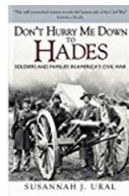
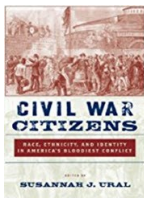
Please don't go to the Radisson for our meeting in November. Please go to the Harrisburg Civil War Museum. There will not be a meal. Our start time will be 6:45 p.m.

We are in need of two important volunteers: one is a webmaster. Our current website is antiquated and needs a total rebuild. The second is a transportation coordinator. We have a number of older members who don't drive at night who could use transportation to the meetings.

Thanks for any consideration on either position.

Jim Moss

## *Books by Susannah Ural*



## *Fall Clean Up*

Sunday, October 22 was the perfect day for the clean up. Four members tackled the tangled growth on Powers Hill. A special word of thanks to Norm Daniels, Tom Kerstetter, Stephen Smith, and Linda Meeneganhan for their hard work and dedication to this preservation effort.

## *Anniversary—Square Table*

October of 2017 marked the 40th anniversary of the Harrisburg Civil War Square Table—our post-meeting meeting each month where members gather to talk about the Civil War with our featured speaker. In October of 1977, President Jim Brommer created the Square Table for the second meeting of his Presidency, featuring Mr. Ralph Donnelly of the U. S. Marine Corps History Division talking on the Confederate Marine Corps. The event was so successful that we have conducted Square Tables at almost every meeting over the ensuring 40 years, right up to last month's gathering with Paul Bretzger. Square Tables provide great opportunities to get to know speakers better and to talk with them about their specialties in particular and the Civil War in general.

## *Meeting Schedule—Campaign 59*

11/17/17—to be held at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg  
Susannah Ural, *Hood's Texas Brigade*

12/15/17  
Edward Bonekemper, *The Myth of the Lost Cause*

1/26/18  
Michael Jesburger, *The Hunley*

2/23/18  
Robert J. Trout, *After Gettysburg: Cavalry Operations in the Eastern Theater, July 13 to December 31, 1863*

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  
TBD, Annual Business Meeting

*Field Trip Saturday, November 4, 2017*  
*Shenandoah Valley—The 1864 Campaign*

**LAST CHANCE:**

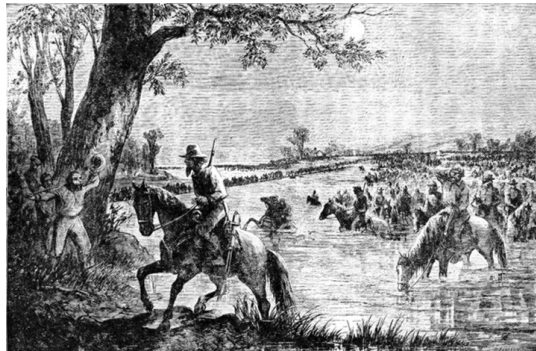
The Harrisburg and Hershey Civil War Round Tables Fall Field Trip to visit the battlefields of the Shenandoah Valley 1864 Campaign will take place on Saturday, November 4. Anyone wishing to participate who has not already registered should call Steve Smith at 717-433-0209 immediately to see if any seats on the bus are still available.

The cost is \$95.00 per person, which includes round-trip motor coach transportation from either Hummelstown Lower Dauphin High School (6:00 a.m. departure) or Camp Hill Radisson Hotel (6:30 a.m. departure), driver gratuity, lunch, admission fees and guide. Attendees are reminded to wear good hiking footwear, to bring along wet weather gear in case of inclement weather, and to be on time at the bus departure point.

**PLAN AHEAD:**

Mark your calendars for our Spring Field Trip on Saturday, April 21, 2018. We will trace Lee's retreat from Gettysburg. Our guide will be 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*.

J. D. Petruzzi guided us over the East and South Cavalry Battlefields of Gettysburg during our Fall Field Trip in 2016. We now have an opportunity to learn the "rest of the story" from a genuine subject matter expert.



***In Memoriam***

We mourn the loss of three members of the Harrisburg CWRT

**Phyllis Hawkins**, Program Chair the 46th and 47th seasons—June 2004 to June 2006. While serving she created and composed slick, full-color Program brochures in use until the 53rd season (June 2012). Phyllis joined the CWRT in 1998. She passed away July 20, 2017.

**G. Ronald Knouse** was President during the 10th Anniversary season—June 1968 to June 1969. He was a member of the CWRT 1964 to 1974. Ron passed away June 22, 2017.

Long time member, **Dr. Howard Beane**, passed away on August 2. Since joining our Round Table in October of 1989, he regularly attended our meetings as long as his health allowed.

We are grateful for their contributions to our Round Table.



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