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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

Nye-Sommers Lecture

April 26—Dr. Judith Giesburg

Sex and the Civil War Soldier

Dr. Giesburg is Professor of History at Villanova University. She received her BA from Trinity University and her MA and PhD from Boston College. Dr. Giesburg is an expert on the history of women and gender during the U.S. Civil War. She is the author of five books—*Civil War Sisterhood: The United States Sanitary Commission and Women's Politics in Transition* (Boston, MA: Northeastern University Press, 2000); *“Army at Home:” Women and the Civil War on the Northern Home Front* (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2009); *Keystone State in Crisis: Pennsylvania in the Civil War* (Pennsylvania Historical Association, 2013); and *Emilie Davis's Civil War: The Diaries of a Free Black Woman in Philadelphia, 1863-1865* (State College, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2014.) Dr. Giesburg's latest book, *Sex and the Civil War: Soldiers, Pornography, and the Making of Modern Morality*, (University of North Carolina Press) was published in 2017. She is Editor of the *Journal of the Civil War Era*.



Dr. Giesburg is currently directing a digital project, *Last Seen: Finding Family After Slavery*, that is collecting, digitizing, and transcribing information wanted ads taken out by former slaves looking for family members lost to the domestic slave trade. Her new project is a study of the administration of the 1870 census.

DINNER IS SERVED!

FRIDAY, April 26
Governor B—Hotel

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

Menu Options:

(A) Chicken Palermo

(B) Spinach Ravioli with Light White Wine Sauce

The dinner also includes

Caesar Salad, Tuscan Rolls and Butter,

Peanut Butter Ripple Cake

Coffee, Tea

Cost: \$24 per person.

Dinner reservations must be made no later than 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23

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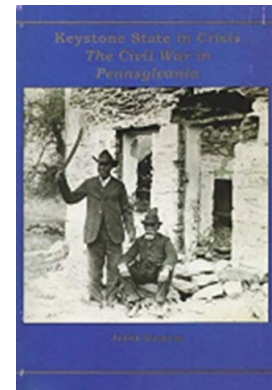
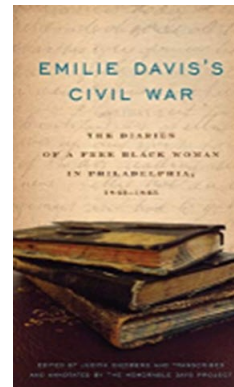
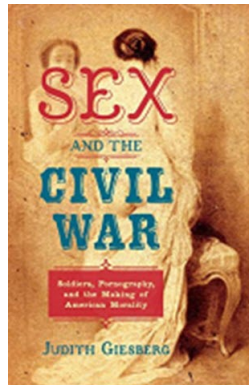
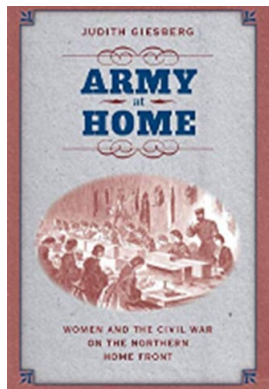
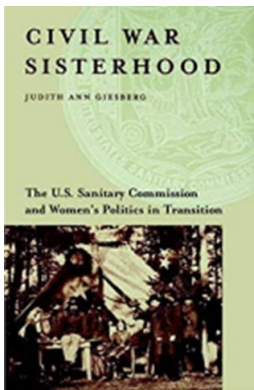
The weekend after our meeting last month I spent with Civil War related artifacts. Craig Caba not only had a slide presentation on many artifacts in the collection, but he brought some. I was allowed to hold Thaddeus Stevens' cane which shows wear from hard use. It was a real privilege to handle this piece of history. On Sunday at Gettysburg National Military Park, ranger Tom Holbrook presented artifacts from the archives. My favorite artifact was the kepi from the 14th Brooklyn, a Zouave unit that participated in the charge of the railroad cut July 1. I have never seen one in person—only pictures—so this was a special treat.

This month is the Nye-Sommers lecture. It is on a very unique topic, and I hope to see you there. I'm sure it will be fun as well as informative.

See you at the next meeting for "Sex and the Civil War."

Linda Meeneghan

Books by Dr. Judith Giesberg



Meeting Schedule—Campaign 60

- 5/17/19—60th Anniversary Banquet — *Common Soldiers of the Civil War*
Dr. Peter Carmichael, Gettysburg College
- 6/7/19— *The Legacy of George G. Meade*
Dr. Jennifer Murray, Oklahoma State University

Don't Forget! Sign up for the Spring Field Trip, Saturday, May 11
John Brown's Raid and the Battle of Harpers Ferry.
Price is \$95 per person.

Pick Up a Flyer at the Check-In Desk

Silent Auction—May Meeting



RALLY ON THE BATTERY!

“Rally on the Battery!” will be sold via silent auction at our May 17 60th Anniversary meeting. It will be displayed during the April and May meetings, and you will be able to bid by placing your name and bid in a book held by Treasurer Norm Daniels.

You will be able to bid and rebid as much as you wish until the closing time in May. Money raised by this giclee will be used for battlefield preservation.

60th Anniversary Celebration

At our May meeting we will celebrate our 60th anniversary as a Round Table. This is quite a milestone, as we are one of the oldest Civil War Round Tables in the country. The Civil War Round Table of Chicago, founded in 1940, is the oldest, but what highlights our Round Table is the large number of authors who have been members and the unique “Square Table” Q&A sessions at the end of each meeting. Our Round Table was founded in the years leading up to the centennial celebration of the Civil War, and has continued through the sesquicentennial and beyond. We have much to celebrate.

During our 60th anniversary banquet, we will have special pre-dinner hors d’oeuvres. We will recognize those who have served the Round Table over the years as past presidents and members of the board. We would also like to have a special presentation with pictures and artifacts from the past. For this endeavor we need the help of our membership. As was announced at the March meeting, Vice President Steve Smith requests that members bring any pictures or mementoes of prior HCWRT celebrations or events with them to the Nye-Sommers Lecture on April 26, along with suggested captions. He will scan them and work them into a slide presentation that will run during the 60th anniversary banquet on May 17 and later be posted on our newly-revised website. He will return the originals to their owners at the conclusion of the anniversary banquet. Please look through your drawers, closets, shelves, and anywhere else you might store your HCWRT memorabilia and contribute to this special project.



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