

## 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)

## February 22 Speaker—Cooper Wingert Harrisburg Fugitive Slave Commissioner

Cooper Wingert is the author of 12 books, including *The Confederate Approach on Harrisburg, Slavery and the Underground Railroad in South Central Pennsylvania* and *Harrisburg and the Civil War*. He is the youngest recipient of the 2012 Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr. Literary Award for Confederate History, and has appeared on C-SPAN Book TV, Pennsylvania Cable Network and WITF (PBS) radio. His latest books include *Abolitionists of South Central Pennsylvania* and *Targeted Tracks: The Cumberland Valley Railroad in the Civil War, 1861-1865*, co-authored with Scott Mingus, Sr. and slated for release later this year. A Pennsylvania native, Mr. Wingert is currently a student at Dickinson College in Carlisle.



Part of the famed Compromise of 1850, the Fugitive Slave Law provoked an intense struggle between anti-slavery and pro-slavery forces, a contest that was waged throughout Northern cities in court houses, hearing rooms and even the streets. Harrisburg native Richard McAllister rose to prominence as the fugitive slave commissioner for central Pennsylvania. Examining McAllister's controversial tenure in Harrisburg, this talk will explore the deep sectional divide over slavery, and the coming of the Civil War.

### DINNER IS SERVED!

FRIDAY, February 22  
Governor B—Hotel

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

#### Menu Options:

- (A) Garlic Rosemary Pork Loin
- (B) Spinach Lasagna Rollup

The dinner also includes

Mixed Green Salad, Tuscan Rolls and Butter,  
Key Lime Pie  
Coffee, Tea

Cost: \$24 per person.

Dinner reservations must be made no later than 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 19

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## *The President's Pen*

I can't believe that we have reached the half way point of this campaign. The time has flown by so fast. At our last meeting I thoroughly enjoyed the presentation of Dr. Richard Sommers. His presentation on the generalship of General Grant was well presented. I look forward to Cooper Winger this month.

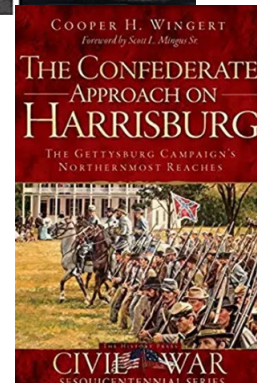
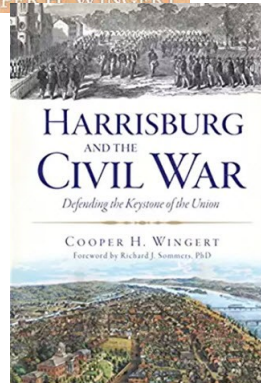
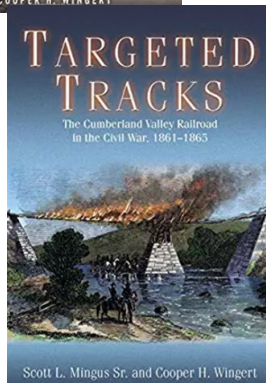
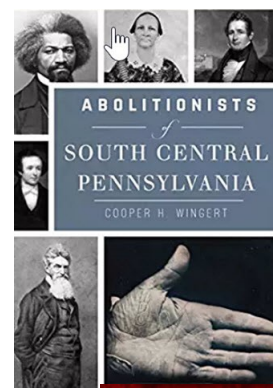
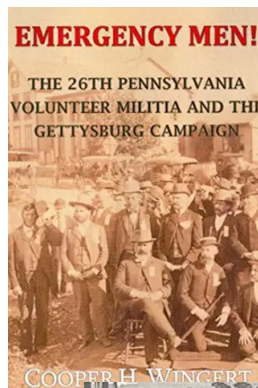
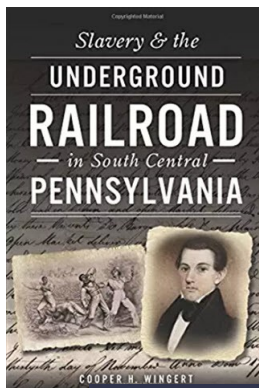
Last week Gettysburg National Park started its winter lecture series that was delayed due to the shut down. These are free lectures on Saturday and Sunday afternoons during the months of January, February, and March. I look forward to these lectures every year and highly recommend you attend one.

This spring the field trip will be at Harper's Ferry with Dennis Frye as the guide. I hope you will consider signing up for this trip. Dennis is extremely knowledgeable about the topic and an excellent guide. Don't miss this opportunity.

See you at the next meeting,

Linda Meeneghan

## *Selected Books by Cooper Wingert*



## *Meeting Schedule—Campaign 60*

**3/22/19**

*Treasures of Gettysburg from J. Howard Wert Collection*

G. Craig Caba, HCWRT Member & Past President

**4/26/19**—Nye-Sommers Lecture

*Sex and the Civil War Soldier*

Dr. Judith Giesberg, Villanova University

**5/17/19**—60th Anniversary Banquet

*Common Soldiers of the Civil War*

Dr. Peter Carmichael, Gettysburg College

**6/7/19**

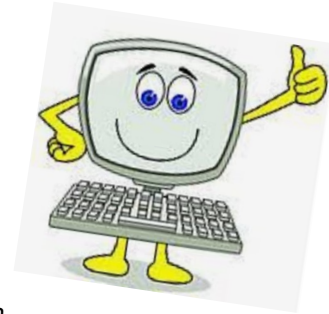
*The Legacy of George G. Meade*

Dr. Jennifer Murray, Oklahoma State University

## *Watch For It!!! — New Web Site*

Newly designed web site launching this Spring. Your HCWRT Technology Team has been hard at work modernizing our web presence. You will be able to:

- ◆ See the schedule of upcoming events, including meeting speakers
- ◆ Register for and pay for all events
- ◆ Make dinner selections
- ◆ Renew membership or become a member of the Round Table
- ◆ Read current and archived issues of The Dispatch newsletter
- ◆ View a Photo Gallery showcasing some of the best moments from recent HCWRT activities.



Don't worry if you do not use computer, you can still register and read newsletters as you do now.

## *Membership*

We are also simplifying membership renewal—the start of a new campaign is the due date for everyone.

“But I just joined in May,” you say. Well, here is how it works. If you join in May, you will pay a pro-rated amount for two months and then at the start of a new campaign you will pay the full year.

Renewal dues are increasing slightly, but still, what a deal! Top-notch speakers, great field trips and warm camaraderie. Dues are now going to \$24 for an individual and \$36 for a family. The student rate remains the same.

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## *Sign Up for the Spring Field Trip Saturday, May 11, 2019* *John Brown's Raid and the Battle of Harpers Ferry*

John Brown's Raid on Harpers Ferry took place in October 1859 and was an effort by the ardent abolitionist to incite an armed slave revolt by taking over the town's arsenal and armory. Brown's raiding party of 22 was subdued by a company of U.S. Marines, led by First Lieutenant Israel Greene. Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. Lee was in overall command of the operation.

Our guide will lead us on a comfortable walking tour (3/4 mile) of the Lower Town. This will include sites associated with the John Brown raid including John Brown's Fort, the US Armory and Arsenal, and the B&O RR Potomac River Bridge at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers, which Brown's raiders crossed on their way into Harpers Ferry.

We will have lunch at the rustic Potomac Grille, overlooking the Potomac River. After lunch, our guide will take us on a short walking tour to examine Stonewall Jackson's positions and maneuvers during the September 1862 Battle of Harpers Ferry—the prelude to Antietam—that resulted in the largest surrender of US troops during the Civil War. This tour will include Camp Hill, Bolivar Heights Battlefield, and Schoolhouse Ridge Battlefield. A stop at the Harpers Ferry Visitors Center will conclude our visit.

**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 Hummelstown's Lower Dauphin High School (7:00 am) and the Camp Hill Radisson (7:30 am).

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*Pick up a Flyer at the Meeting Sign-In Desk*



## The Dispatch

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#### Current Member Renewal

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

#### \*\*New Members Only\*\*

- Individual \$27 (includes badge)
- Family \$44 (includes two badges)
- Full Time Student \$7 (includes badge)

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