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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 22 Speaker—Craig Caba

Treasures of Gettysburg from the J. Howard Wert Collection

As a youth of ten, G. Craig Caba was a 1959 charter member and later president of the Harrisburg Civil War Round Table and the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association (GBPA), with which he has been involved continuously.

For over 50 years Mr. Caba has presented lectures to Civil War Round Tables, including Chicago, Milwaukee, Rochester, the New England states, Philadelphia, and Central PA. He has spoken at many historical societies, museum conferences, and colleges, including Temple, Princeton, and Liberty Universities. He is the author of numerous books on Gettysburg, the Civil War and the Underground Railroad. His latest book is J. Howard Wert's *Gettysburg: A Collection of Relics from the Civil War Battle*, complete with illustrations of rare memorabilia gathered by Professor Wert as the evidence of history. Mr. Caba served as a Civil War consultant for Time-Life's Civil War series and Gettysburg, the History Channel, Maryland Adelpia Cable, and Pennsylvania Cable Network. He has exhibited at the Indiana State Museum, Kentucky Horse Park, Pry House Field Hospital Museum at Antietam, Union League of Philadelphia, Pennypacker Mills, Seminary Ridge Museum, Dickinson College, Temple and Liberty Universities.



He is the recipient of the President's Award of Hartwick College and the USCT (United States Colored Troops) Institute for distinguished research in Underground Railroad scholarship. He received the Eisenhower Preservation Award from the GBPA for his life-time efforts with Gettysburg's historic Daniel Lady Farm, and the PA House of Representatives' Citation for Gettysburg Monuments Preservation. Craig is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, an antiquarian, and a retired history educator.

DINNER IS SERVED!

FRIDAY, March 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) Mediterranean Tilapia

(B) Sourdough Pretzel Encrusted Chicken

The dinner also includes

Fruit Cup, Tuscan Rolls and Butter,

Touch of Strawberry Cake

Coffee, Tea

Cost: \$24 per person.

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

Tuesday, March 19

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The President's Pen

I can't believe that it is March already. The time has flown by so fast. At our last meeting I thoroughly enjoyed the presentation of Cooper Wingert. I learned so much about the impact of the fugitive slave law on northern states. Two things I learned was that there was an organized system of apprehending and returning fugitive slaves and this system encouraged the abuses of returning not only runaway slaves but freed African Americans as well. I look forward to hearing Charter member Craig Caba this month on the J. Howard Wert Collection.

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.

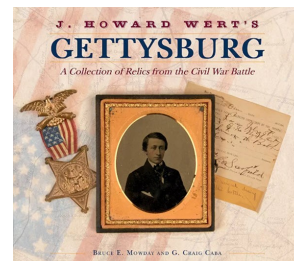
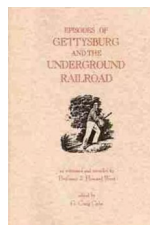
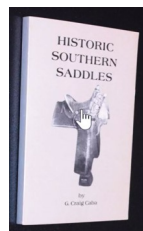
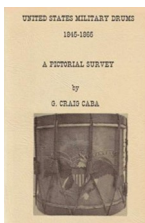
See you at the next meeting,

Linda Meeneghan

Treasures of Gettysburg from the J. Howard Wert Collection

J. Howard Wert, a member of one of Gettysburg's founding families, was a Civil War scout, author and historian. He recognized the importance of "preserving for posterity" and amassed what the New York Herald described as "the rarest and most valuable private collection of war relics from the battlefield."

An eye witness to the Battle of Gettysburg, Wert's collection blended original testimony with historical evidence. The renowned Ed Bearss said of Wert, "he walked in the footsteps of history." Officers and enlisted men donated battlefield artifacts and personal memorabilia to him. Curator G. Craig Caba will share some of these treasures — memorable, poignant and unique — at the March meeting.



Meeting Schedule—Campaign 60

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

**Every 5 years we celebrate a Harrisburg Civil War Round Table anniversary. This year heralds our 60th. Mark your calendar for this great upcoming event
—May 17—
with the eminent Dr. Peter Carmichael our speaker.**

Silent Auction—May Meeting



RALLY ON THE BATTERY!

This limited edition canvas giclee by Keith Rocco was produced for the Cedar Creek Battlefield Park for one of the wayside exhibits. It is also part of the Civil War Trust's "Save Four Battlefields" campaign. The Harrisburg Civil War Round Table received one for its support of that campaign. This picture is #90 of 200.

It depicts Middletown Cemetery at the Battle of Cedar Creek. Mr. Rocco states, *There [was], ... a desperate hand-to-hand struggle over Battery M, 5th United States Artillery, which is vividly described in the following Union account: "[The Confederates were] coming ... there was an officer leading them, and I distinctly hear him shout: "Rally on the Battery! Rally on the Battery!" ...in a second they were amongst us, amid ... confusion which no pen can depict... It was now man to man, hand to hand.... But just at this supreme moment ... 80 or 100 of the Vermonters charged in and drove the enemy out of the Battery at the point of the bayonet"It was this critical moment which my painting depicts. The men of the battery tenaciously cling to their guns while Confederates begin to overrun the battery. At that same moment the famous Vermont Brigade can be seen rushing over from the right (just above the limber in the foreground) to begin their counterattack.*

"Rally on the Battery!" will be sold via silent auction at our May 17 60th Anniversary meeting. It will be displayed during the March, April, and May meetings and during those months people will be able to silently bid by placing their name and bid in a book which will be with 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.

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



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Gen. John W. Geary
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