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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: harrisburgcwrt.org

October 18—Earl J. Hess Sherman and His Generals In the Atlanta Campaign

Earl J. Hess holds the Stewart W. McClelland Chair in History at Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee. He is the author of more than twenty books, including *Braxton Bragg: The Most Hated Man of the Confederacy* (University of North Carolina Press, 2016), *Civil War Logistics: A Study of Military Transportation* (Louisiana State University Press, 2017), and *Fighting for Atlanta: Tactics, Terrain, and Trenches in the Civil War* (University of North Carolina Press, 2018). His study of *Civil War Infantry Tactics: Training, Combat, and Small-Unit Effectiveness* (Louisiana State University Press, 2015), received the Tom Watson Brown Book Award of the Society of Civil War Historians.

William T. Sherman's relations with his chief subordinates during the Atlanta campaign can best be seen within the context of a controversy he created by naming Oliver O. Howard to replace James B. McPherson as commander of the Army of the Tennessee, after McPherson was killed in the Battle of Atlanta on July 22, 1864. The controversy highlights Sherman's handling of George H. Thomas, John A. Logan, Joseph Hooker, Grenville A. Dodge, and Howard himself in a multi-layered set of relationships with key generals during a long, difficult campaign of the Civil War. Sherman proved to be adept at shaping his list of commanders to suit his needs despite conflicting interests of his subordinates.



DINNER IS SERVED!

FRIDAY, October 18
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) Garlic Rosemary Pork Loin

The dinner also includes

Mixed Salad, Tuscan Rolls and Butter,
Cherry Crisp
Coffee, Tea

Cost: \$24 per person.

**Dinner reservations must be made no later than 7 p.m.
Tuesday, October 15**

Make reservations on the website at harrisburgcwrt.org
Please back up your reservation with a phone call to
Sam Waldrop at 717-422-3007 or email at
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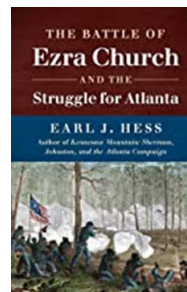
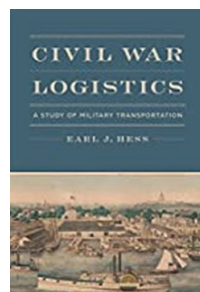
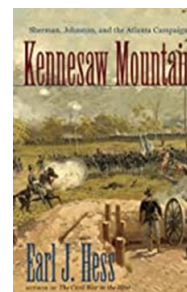
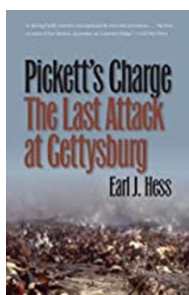
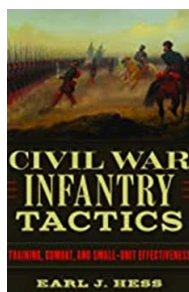
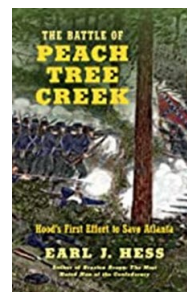
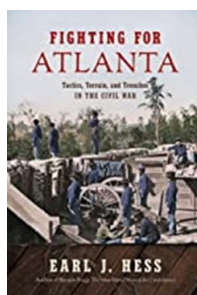
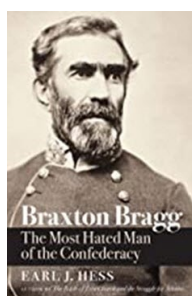
At last month's meeting, Bruce Appgar and John West introduced us to our new website. They showed us the different buttons and how to use them, including the ability to make a reservation and pay for the evening meal. They have worked very hard to get this up and running. A special thanks to them and the committee for all their hard work. Please take time to check out the site.

Speaking of last month, Dr. Lorien Foote of Texas A&M University treated us to a presentation about retaliation and how it was used during the war to prevent acts that were considered outside the rules of ethical warfare—a fascinating topic. Afterward we continued discussion on this topic and more at the square table. This portion of the meeting is unique to our round table and the speakers find it most memorable. I would encourage members to attend this as it is a unique opportunity to get to know the speaker and discuss various topics of interest.

Next month, Earl Hess is the speaker. He has lectured on and written about the Atlanta Campaign. Anyone who has watched Cspan has heard him speak on a variety of topics. You will not want to miss this meeting and you will want to bring a friend.

Linda Meeneghan

Selected Books by Earl Hess



Remember to make your reservation at the new website, harrisburgcwrt.org.

For a couple months you should also let Sam Waldrop know your dinner selection—717-422-3007 or hcwrt.membership@gmail.com

Fall Field Trip—Saturday, November 16, 2019
The Battle of the Wilderness—Spotsylvania County, Virginia

The Harrisburg and Hershey Civil War Round Tables will sponsor a field trip to the Battle of the Wilderness on Saturday, November 16, 2019. Dr. Chris Mackowski, author of *Hell Itself*, one of the leading books on the battle which launched Grant's Overland Campaign of 1864, will be our tour guide.

Coming on the heels of our successful spring field trip to Harpers Ferry, the fall field trip has filled up fast. As we went to press, only a handful of seats on the bus were still available.

Once all the seats have been reserved, we add the names of any additional individuals who wish to participate to a waiting list. Inevitably, a few individuals who reserved seats months in advance wind up having to drop out for one reason or another. If we are able to fill the vacated seat with someone from the waiting list, we are able to refund the payments made by those who had to drop out. On past trips, most people on the waiting list wound up getting a seat after all.

Anyone wishing to participate in the fall field trip should contact our field trip chairman, Steve Smith, at smith337@erau.edu or 717-433-0209, for additional information. For a look at shots from some of our recent field trips, check out the Photo Gallery of our newly-revised website at harrisburgcwrt.org/photo-gallery/

Our Guide, Chris Mackowski, Ph.D., is the series editor of the award-winning "Emerging Civil War" series, published by Savas Beatie, and the "Engaging the Civil War" series, published in partnership with Southern Illinois University Press. Dr. Mackowski is a writing professor and associate dean at the Jandoli School of Communication at St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, NY. He is also historian-in-residence at Stevens Ridge, a historic property on the Spotsylvania battlefield in central Virginia. He has worked as a historian for the National Park Service at Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park, where he gives tours at four major Civil War battlefields (Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, and Spotsylvania), as well as at the building where Stonewall Jackson died. Dr. Mackowski has authored or co-authored a dozen books on the Civil War, and his articles have appeared in all the major Civil War magazines. He serves on the board of directors for the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust and the national advisory board for the Civil War Chaplain's Museum in Lynchburg, Virginia. He is widely celebrated for his highly informative and inspirational presentations.

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 (6:00 am) and the Camp Hill Radisson (6:30 am).

To Register: Complete the form below and mail it with your deposit to Norm Daniels, Harrisburg CWRT, 500 Bonneymead Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17111. **Please make your check payable to: HCWRT.**

Deposit: \$25.00 deposit holds your seat; **balance due by October 16, 2019.**

Cancellations: Received before October 16 will receive a full refund. After October 16 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.

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Fall 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 Bonneymead Avenue

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\$25.00 deposit per seat enclosed



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