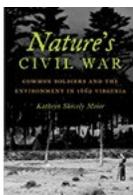


*Newsletter of The Harrisburg Civil War Round Table*  
Welcome to our fellowship forum where we discuss our past, emphasizing  
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*September 18—Dr. Kathryn J. Shively*  
*Nature's Civil War: Common Soldiers and the Environment in 1862 Virginia*

Dr. Shively is an associate professor of history at Virginia Commonwealth University, where she specializes in military, medical, and environmental history of the Civil War. She is the book review editor of the *Journal of the Civil War Era*, and her book, *Nature's Civil War*, won the 2014 Wiley-Silver Prize for best first book on the Civil War.

In her talk entitled, "Nature's Civil War: Common Soldiers and the Environment in 1862 Virginia," Dr. Shively will explain that Civil War soldiers perceived their environments as responsible for their deteriorating physical and mental health during the Shenandoah Valley and Peninsula campaigns. In response, soldiers developed self-care techniques, from eradicating insects to straggling for shelter, in order to combat their natural enemies. The stakes were high, as two-thirds of soldier mortalities resulted from disease rather than combat.



Dr. Shively will deliver her talk via Zoom. To join the meeting, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85917670077?pwd=RFh0VVC9KeHZ6S2Rhc3dHMXIldWdyZz09>

Meeting ID: 859 1767 0077

Passcode: 113045

Or call 1-301-715-8592

Please join the meeting by 6:45 pm

A donation to the Harrisburg CWRT has been made in memory of

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### *Attending Zoom Meetings*

To download the Zoom app (one time only):

1. Click on the Zoom link in the newsletter or Web site and then click *OK* to skip the prompt
2. At the bottom of the browser window click the link *download & run Zoom*
3. Type your name and select *Join Meeting*
4. Select *Join with Video* and *Join with Computer Audio*

To join a Zoom meeting—2 ways:

- ◆ Click on the invitation link—to see attendees and speaker
  - ◆ Dial in on the phone number—to only hear meeting
1. Either way you join, then key the *Meeting ID*
  2. Key in the *Passcode*
  3. At the end of the meeting, click *Leave Meeting* button at the bottom right of the screen

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### *President's Pen*

*"Success is not final, failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."* – Winston Churchill

Looking for inspiration during this pandemic, I've been studying how the people of Great Britain reacted to the outbreak of WWII, when their country stood alone against the monstrous tyranny of the murderous Nazi regime. If the British could survive that, we can get through this. It is the courage to continue that counts. And continue we will...

August was a busy month for the Harrisburg CWRT's Board of Directors:

- ◆ We reached out by phone or email to all our members. If you did not receive a call or an email, it may be because the information we have for you on our membership roster is incorrect or incomplete; our new membership chair, Don Madar, would like to hear from you. Please contact him at 814-397-0072 or at [krivan12@yahoo.com](mailto:krivan12@yahoo.com) to update your contact information.
- ◆ We kicked off our membership campaign for the coming year. We encourage our members to pay their dues and make donations (using the form on page 4 of this newsletter) by the end of October. So far, 32 of our 140 members have paid their dues, and 14 have made donations.
- ◆ I called a special meeting of the HCWRT Board of Directors for August 29, at which we hammered out our mission statement, vision, values, and goals for the coming campaign. See page 3 of this newsletter for more details.

I encourage all our members to join us on Friday, September 18 for our first Zoom virtual engagement of Campaign 62. We discovered in our calls to our members that many were already using Zoom for church services, meetings of civic organizations, and to keep in touch with their families, so we are hoping for a good turnout. I recommend you join the meeting not later than 6:45 pm to allow time to work out any technical difficulties before our speaker begins at 7:00 pm. See you then!

Steve Smith

### *In Memoriam*



William "Bill" Williams passed away September 2. He was a long-time and valued member of the Harrisburg Civil War Round Table, serving as President in 1983-84. He was also a member of the Camp Curtin Historical Society, the Friends of Gettysburg, and the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Society.

Bill was a journalist, starting in high school as a copyboy at the Scranton Tribune and progressing to bureau chief for The Associated Press in Harrisburg from 1974 to 1978. He moved then to state politics, retiring in 1996 as the director of the Republican Caucus Communications Department for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. In retirement he continued writing, including two Civil War novels, *Days of Darkness: The*

*Gettysburg Civilians*, and *The Vast Procession of Misery: Lee's Wounded Retreat from Gettysburg*.

The memorial service for Bill will be at a future date at the Camp Hill United Methodist Church.

### *Meeting Schedule—Campaign 62*

**10/16/20**

*The Antebellum U.S. Congress*  
Rachael Shelden

**11/20/20**

*George B. McClellan and the Seven Days Campaign*  
Ethan Rafuse

**12/10/20 (Thursday)**

*The Great Partnership: Robert E. Lee & Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson*  
Christian Keller

**1/22/21**

*Abraham Lincoln*  
Matthew Pinsker

**2/26/21**

*William B. Cushing*  
Jim Brommer, HCWRT Member

**3/26/21**

*Hinsonville's Heroes*  
Cheryl Renee Gooch

**4/23/21**

*George G Meade and the Pursuit After Gettysburg*  
Eric Wittenberg

**5/21/21—Nye-Sommers Lecture**

*R. E. Lee*  
Allen C. Guelzo

**6/11/21**

*Cold Harbor*  
Bert Dunkerly

## *August Board of Directors' Meeting*

### *Mission Statement*

1. To provide a congenial medium through which persons having an interest in the American Civil War may satisfy that interest and broaden their knowledge of the subject.
2. To provide discussion, lectures, field trips, and a manner of exchanging books, papers, and other information and material pertaining to the subject among our members.
3. To support the preservation and protection of the battlefields, historic sites, landmarks, relics, memorabilia, and other collections of materials pertaining to the Civil War Era.
4. To honor those who served in the American Civil War and to preserve the valor of their lives in memory.

### *Vision*

1. Be the premier CWRT in the nation by striving for excellence in all we do.
2. Honor the traditions that have made our organization unique, while adapting to changing times and emerging challenges.
3. Strive to learn together and shape the future of our Round Table and our nation by sharing our resources and preserving our Civil War heritage.
4. Reach out to existing members while using community outreach to expand our membership and improve the quality of life in our community.
5. Contribute manpower, expertise, and funds to local and national Civil War preservation efforts.

### *Values*

1. We all own a piece of and are contributors to "our Round Table."
2. We are all dedicated to building our organization; every member is a recruiter by our passion and commitment.
3. We are a patriotic organization that welcomes, without bias or prejudice, anyone interested in the Civil War.
4. We do what is right for the organization and leave our politics at the door.
5. We are honest with each other and value each other's knowledge and experience.
6. We go the extra mile to help each other learn, grow, and appreciate Civil War history.
7. We develop organizational solutions with the future in mind.
8. Above all, we pride ourselves on interaction, networking, and having fun!

### *Short Term Goals*

1. Ensure the HCWRT does not become a casualty of the pandemic.
2. Use Zoom to keep our programs going until it is safe to hold live meetings again.
3. Contact all current members and update our rolls.
4. Solicit donations to offset lost revenue due to the pandemic.
5. Take steps to reverse declining membership. Encourage every current member to recruit at least one new member.
6. Keep the community well-informed of our programs.
7. Reach out to colleges, civic groups, and sister organizations to recruit new members and share ideas on how to survive the pandemic.

### *Long Term Goals*

1. Increase membership by 10% by the end of Campaign 62.
2. Live-stream meetings for those who do not want to risk attending in person, or who live outside commuting distance.
3. Reinvigorate our preservation efforts.
4. Raise the profile of the HCWRT within Civil War circles.
5. Improve the fiscal health of the HCWRT.
6. Leave the organization better than it was when you joined it.

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## *Odds & Ends*

- ◆ The *American Battlefield Trust* is sponsoring a Facebook/YouTube virtual event on September 16-17, 9:30–5:00 each day, to commemorate the 158th anniversary of the Battle of Antietam. Check under Events at <https://www.battlefields.org/>
- ◆ Savas Beatie has interesting new books. Check [www.SavasBeatie.com](http://www.SavasBeatie.com)
- ◆ Gettysburg's Remembrance Day parade in November has been cancelled
- ◆ AHEC Soldier Experience and Reserves Galleries are now open Monday through Saturday, 10:00-5:00
- ◆ Thanks to all who have already paid their dues and made donations!



Gen. John W. Geary  
Gettysburg NMP

## The Dispatch

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#### Current Member Renewal

- Individual \$24
- Family \$36
- Full Time Student \$5

#### Donations

- \$25
- \$50
- \$100
- Other\_\_\_\_\_

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