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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 Hotel—1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

Online: [harrisburgcwrt.org](http://harrisburgcwrt.org)

## *Returning to the Radisson—HCWRT Launches Campaign 63*

Having survived the many curve balls the pandemic threw at us over the last year, the Harrisburg Civil War Round Table will return to normal operations this fall. We will resume live dinner meetings at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill. Mark your calendars now for Friday, September 24 and plan to join us for a long overdue opportunity to break bread together. More details on this event will appear in our September newsletter.

We will attempt to continue using Zoom during these engagements to reach out to those who are unable to attend in person. Please be patient with us as we try to integrate this technology into our live meetings. There will inevitably be some growing pains.



We will also resume our field trip program with two trips this fall, one to Antietam on September 11, and one to Fredericksburg on October 23. See the article on page 2 for more information.

Our programs chair, Al Mackey, has been hard at work lining up outstanding speakers for Campaign 63, culminating with the annual Nye-Sommers Lecture in June. A preview of speakers and their topics appears below.

### *Preview of Campaign 63 Programs*

09/24/21—TBA

10/15/21—*Gettysburg 1963*—Dr. Jill Ogline Titus, Gettysburg College

11/12/21—*Confederate Monuments and More History (tentative)*—Dr. Scott Hancock, Gettysburg College

12/09/21—(Thursday)—TBA

01/21/22—*The Battle of Antietam (tentative)*—D. Scott Hartwig, former GNMP Supervisory Historian

02/18/22—*Gettysburg's Rebel Commissioner: William Robbins*—Christopher Gwinn, Chief of Interpretation & Education, GNMP

03/18/22—*Slavery & Freedom in the Shenandoah Valley*—Jonathan Loyalas, Shenandoah University

04/15/22—*General Robert E. Lee, the Army of Northern Virginia and the 1865 Guerrilla War Option: A Reconsideration*—Dr. Barton Myers, Washington and Lee University

05/20/22—*Battlefield Relics and the Making of Civil War Memory*—Dr. James Broomall, Shepherd University

06/09/22—(Thursday) Nye-Sommers Lecture—*Meade at Gettysburg, A Study in Command*—Kent Masterton Brown

## *Membership Dues and Donations*

The HCWRT membership year runs from July 1 to June 30, so it is time to reenlist. Thanks to all who paid their dues during Campaign 62; they helped keep us afloat at a time when we lost the revenue that comes from field trips and book raffles. If you did not pay your dues last year, we hope you will decide to do so for Campaign 63, when we should be able to offer you "more for your money." Please use the form on page 4 of this newsletter to reenlist, and try to pay your dues before the end of October, so we can continue to defray the many expenses we incur as a Round Table.

In addition to dues, we are soliciting donations, both monetary and in kind, to help us keep our head above water. It was primarily thanks to our members' generous donations that we managed to get through the most difficult campaign year since our Round Table was founded. We hope your generosity will continue as we try to resume normal operations this fall. Think of it as an investment in our future, and a vote of confidence in our board's attempts to keep the organization going.

Dues and donations to the Round Table are tax deductible, and this year joint filers can adjust their taxable income by up to \$600.00 in charitable contributions even if they do not itemize their deductions (twice what they could deduct on their 2020 tax returns). Our Treasurer will furnish 501(c)(3) letters to donors. Checks should simply be made out to "HCWRT" and mailed to Norm Daniels at the address on page 4 of this newsletter, along with the form that appears at the bottom of page 4. If you would like your donation to be made in memory or in recognition of someone, we will put that individual's name in "The Dispatch."

*Thank you in advance for your continued support!*

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## *An Update on Our Fall Field Trips to Antietam and Fredericksburg*

Our long-awaited field trip to Antietam with guide Dennis Frye, which we had to cancel when the pandemic struck last year, will take place on Saturday, September 11, 2021. This trip is currently sold out, but we are compiling a waiting list for others who would like to go. Anyone who has signed up for the trip but has yet to pay the balance due should send a check to Norm Daniels for the remaining \$70.00 ASAP. E-mail Norm at nld500@aol.com to be put on the waiting list.

Our second field trip of the fall will be to Fredericksburg with guide Chris Mackowski on Saturday, October 23. Twenty seats are still open for this trip. Click on <https://harrisburgcwrt.org/events/field-trip-fredericksburg-va/> for more information on the trip and the registration form. If you'd like to join us, fill out that form and mail it, with a check for the \$25.00 deposit, to Norm Daniels. The \$70.00 balance will be due not later than September 23, 2021.



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As a reminder, everyone participating in these field trips will be required to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 before boarding the bus.

## *Board of Directors Report*

The HCWRT Board of Directors met by Zoom on June 19. Here is a summary of what was accomplished:

- ◆ Mark Blanchard was welcomed as a member of the Board of Directors. Mark serves as Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education for the Cumberland Valley School District.
  - ◆ Based on membership response to our survey, we will return to live meetings for Campaign 63. The Radisson has guaranteed our meeting dates for Campaign 63. We voted to continue meeting there through the end of the campaign while also looking for a back-up venue.
  - ◆ Dues paying membership currently stands at 130. In spite of the pandemic we welcomed 7 new members. We are targeting September and October for dues collection. Annual dues are \$24/individual, \$36/family, \$5/full-time student. New members who paid their annual dues in May or June are considered paid up for Campaign 63.
  - ◆ We are looking into holding our meetings in a hybrid format—live and Zoom. We are exploring what equipment is needed and how other organizations are using VTC technology— we will keep you informed.
  - ◆ The October 23 Fredericksburg field trip is filling up quickly—register right away.
  - ◆ The Board voted to send \$250 each to the American Battlefield Trust to preserve key portions of the battlefields at Bristoe Station and Champion Hill.
  - ◆ We are replacing our old HCWRT banner with a new “pop-up” banner. Look for it this fall.
  - ◆ The Board voted to send our President, Vice President, Treasurer and Membership Chair to the CWRT Congress 2021 Sustainability Conference in New Jersey on September 18. Workshops will cover subjects germane to keeping our Round Table vital.
  - ◆ The Board voted to change the date of our June 2022 meeting from Friday, June 10 to Thursday, June 9 so it would not conflict with the opening night of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College.
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## *Upcoming Events*

- ◆ *Saturday, August 14*—Custer Symposium at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, 8:45 am to 5:00 pm (sold out, registration closed).
- ◆ *Saturday, August 21*—Military used book sale at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The sale continues Sunday from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- ◆ *Saturday, September 11*—Harrisburg and Hershey CWRTs’ field trip to Antietam.
- ◆ *Friday, September 17 - Sunday, September 19*—CWRT Congress’ 2021 Convention in Blackwood, NJ (registration is now open).
- ◆ *Friday, September 24*—Harrisburg CWRT’s first live dinner meeting of Campaign 63 at the Radisson. Speaker to be announced.
- ◆ *Friday, October 15*—Harrisburg CWRT live dinner meeting at the Radisson. Dr. Jill Oglie Titus of Gettysburg College will speak on her new book, *Gettysburg 1963*.
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#### Current Member Renewal

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

#### Donations\*

- \$25
- \$50
- \$100
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ (specify)

Individual or Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

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