

Newsletter of The Harrisburg Civil War Round Table

Welcome to our fellowship forum where we discuss our past, emphasizing remembrance, education & preservation.

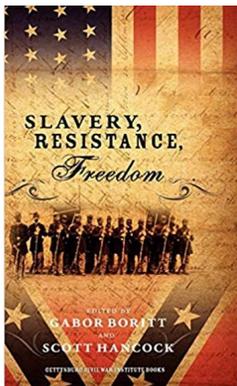
Meetings held at Penn-Harris Hotel—1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania and on Zoom
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November 12 — Dr. Scott Hancock

The Stories Monuments Don't Tell at Gettysburg National Military Park

Please join us on Friday, November 12, as we take a closer look at the controversy over Confederate monuments with one of the nation's leading experts and foremost spokesmen on the subject.

For the last two decades, Dr. Scott Hancock has taught history at Gettysburg College where he serves as Associate Professor of Africana Studies and Chair of the History Department. He holds a M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of New Hampshire. He is the co-editor, along with his colleague Gabor Boritt, of *Slavery, Resistance, Freedom*, published by Oxford University Press, among other works.



After graduating from Bryan College in Dayton, TN, in 1984 and before becoming a professor, Dr. Hancock and his wife, Patty, spent 14 years working with teenagers in crisis. Those years continue to fuel his desire to understand how law and identity interact with the experiences of African Americans, and to tell the stories of people whom society and history have tended to discount as either troublesome or unimportant.

Presently, he lives a short walk away from the battlefields surrounding Gettysburg, where he has been exploring new ways of telling the stories of how the most powerless people in the country, Black women and men seeking to escape slavery, were central in driving the nation to war that would lead to their emancipation.

Monuments often point us to stories of sacrifice, tragedy and courage. They also hide a great deal. The Confederate state monuments at GNMP distort, hide, and flip the script on the stories of Black women, men and children. This presentation goes beyond questions of removal by thinking about how we might use those monuments as tools to tell an important chapter in the centuries-long story of Black Freedom Movements.

DINNER IS SERVED!

FRIDAY, November 12
Governor B—Hotel

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

Menu Options:

- (A) Broiled Crab Cake
- (B) Roasted Turkey with Gravy

The dinner also includes

Chef's Soup, Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter

Dessert: Chef's Choice

Coffee, Tea

Cost: \$24 per person.

Dinner reservations must be made no later than 12:00 noon
MONDAY, November 8

Email menu choices to Don Madar at krivan12@yahoo.com, or
phone Don at (814) 397-0072

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"Everything in American history went into the Civil War, and everything since has come out of it."

—J.O. Tate in his forward to *The Memoirs of Colonel John S. Mosby*

As Veterans Day and the centennial of the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery approach, we have a golden opportunity on Friday, November 12 to commemorate the sacrifices our service members and their families have made when we gather to break bread with one another at our November engagement. Veterans are invited and encouraged to wear their medals to this meeting as we salute those who have borne the battle, and their widows and their orphans.

The fate of our experiment in returning to live meetings depends on the willingness of our members to come out for dinner. Attendance was lower in October than it was in September. We need to reverse this trend. Please support our efforts to revive our Round Table by making dinner reservations well in advance of our November meeting. Consider inviting friends to dinner. ***We need to make this work!***

We are fortunate to have as our November speaker Dr. Scott Hancock, who has been at the epicenter of the national debate over Confederate monuments. He has demonstrated exemplary moral courage by engaging protesters on both sides of the issue and challenging those who would have all such monuments removed by calling instead for more a more nuanced approach. Regardless of how you feel about these monuments, you owe it to yourself and your Round Table not to miss this thought-provoking presentation.

If you are fully vaccinated, we hope you will join us in person. If you are not fully vaccinated, please do not put yourself or others at risk; you can continue to participate in our meetings virtually via Zoom from the safety of your own home.

November's meeting will take place in the Governor B meeting room in the Penn Harris Hotel (formerly known as the Radisson). Those coming for dinner should arrive between 6:00 and 6:45 pm. Those coming just for the lecture should arrive no later than 7:45 pm.

Those planning to join us for dinner should email their menu choice to our Membership Chair, Don Madar, at krivan12@yahoo.com by **noon on Monday, November 8**. Those without email accounts may call in their orders to Don at (814) 397-0072. You can also make dinner reservations on our website, using PayPal. Those who order dinner are responsible for paying for their meal, whether or not they attend.

If you are tuning in by Zoom, we will begin admitting folks to the "Zoom room" at 7:30, and ask that everyone tune in not later than 7:45. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88650291788> No password is required. If you are dialing in to watch on your smart phone, the number to call is (301) 715-8592. The meeting ID number is 886 5029 1788.

Looking forward to a bigger turn-out for our November engagement, as we salute our veterans, past and present, and reexamine what they fought for and against.

Steve Smith

Meeting Schedule—Campaign 63

12/9/21 (Thursday)

Confederate Catastrophes: Strategic Reasons for Southern Defeat
Dr. Christian Keller

1/21/22

The Battle of Antietam
D. Scott Hartwig

2/18/22

Gettysburg's Rebel Commissioner: Life & Legacy of William Robbins
Christopher Gwinn

3/18/22

Educational Programs at Gettysburg
Barbara Sanders

4/15/22

Gen. Robert E. Lee, The Army of Northern Virginia and the 1865 Guerrilla War Option Revisited
Dr. Barton Myers

5/20/22

At the Cannon's Mouth: Battlefield Relics & the Making of Civil War Memory
Dr. James Broomall

6/9/22 (Thursday) — Nye-Sommers Lecture

Meade at Gettysburg: A Study in Command
Kent Masterson Brown

Membership Dues & Donations

To date, 60 of our members have paid their dues for Campaign 63. In addition, many of our members have also made donations in support of our Round Table. Thanks to all for your continuing support. If you have yet to reenlist, you can use the form on the back of this newsletter or the one on our website: <https://harrisburgcwrt.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/HCWRT-Enlistment-Form-FINAL.pdf>

Congress has doubled the amount joint filers can take as an adjustment to income on their federal income tax returns from \$300 in 2020 to \$600 in 2021, so there has never been a better time to invest in the future of our Round Table! For more information, contact our Membership Chair, Don Madar, at krivan12@gmail.com or (814) 397-0072

Donations the Harrisburg CWRT have been made in memory of Jackie Lipitsky and Cheryl Erickson, and in recognition of Steve Smith.

Field Trip Update

On Saturday, October 23, a busload of intrepid history lovers headed south for our second field trip of the fall. Having visited Antietam with Dennis Frye in September, we followed in the Army of the Potomac's footsteps to Fredericksburg, where Chris Mackowski gave us a superb tour of the site of one of the most lopsided Confederate victories of the war. The weather was perfect, the scenery was stunning, the commentary was spell-binding, and an outdoor lunch at the Battlefield Country Store was a culinary delight.

We ended our tour at the Sunken Road and took a group photo in front of the statue of Confederate Sergeant Richard Rowland Kirkland, the "Angel of Marye's Heights," who risked his life to provide water to the wounded and dying on the battlefield. [A copy of that statue sits in front of the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg.]



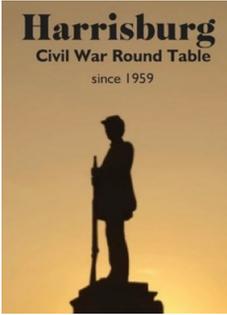
You won't want to miss our next field trip which will take place on Saturday, May 14, 2022. We will be chasing Colonel John S. Mosby's gray ghost through northern Virginia's hunt country with Dennis Frye and Richard Gillespie as our guides. We'll have flyers available soon. For now, simply *save the date!*

Silent Auction

At our October engagement, we began accepting bids on this signed print by Don Troiani. It depicts a gunner in the Richmond Howitzers. If you would like to bid on the print, contact our Treasurer, Norm Daniels, at nld500@aol.com or call him at 717-712-7494 with your bid.

He will also accept bids during our November engagement. We will announce the winner at the end of that meeting.





The Dispatch

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