

Newsletter of The Harrisburg Civil War Round Table
Welcome to our fellowship forum where we discuss our past, emphasizing
remembrance, education & preservation.
Meetings held virtually on Zoom
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*Friday, March 18 — Barbara Sanders
Myths & Misconceptions of History Education*

Barbara Sanders has been Gettysburg National Military Park's Education Specialist since 1999, where she oversees thousands of students visiting the park each year – whether in-person or on virtual field trips from the park's new distance learning studio. In addition, the park annually offers professional development opportunities for teachers, classroom loan materials and more.

Ms. Sanders was the educator on the project team for the planning and construction of the visitor center and museum, which included the concept and design for exhibits, films and computer interactive elements. She began her career in the museums of Philadelphia, and then moved to Washington, D.C. to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from The George Washington University's Museum Education program.

She was recently awarded the National Park Service Northeast Region's Freeman Tilden award which recognizes creativity, advancement and ingenuity in the field. She lives in Gettysburg with her husband, historian Scott Hartwig, and their 4-year old Brittany, Hazel.



Ms. Sanders' presentation, *Myths and Misconceptions of History Education*, will review the current slate of park education programs, both virtual and in-person, as a jumping off point to discussion about changing trends, challenges and philosophies in history education since she began in the position over 23 years ago. The program will conclude with a mini "virtual field trip" as representative of where history education can and should be headed in the future.

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

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Please join the meeting by 7:15 pm

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Now is the Time for All Good Men and Women to Come to the Aid of Their Round Table!

My two-year tenure as President of the Harrisburg CWRT will come to an end in June, and I will be handing off the reins to our very capable and well-rehearsed Vice-President, John West. John has helped guide us through the most difficult period in our organization's long and storied history, and I have absolute confidence in his ability to lead us through future challenges. But he cannot do it alone. He will need the help of our members who are willing to step up and take their turn in filling the vacancies that will open on our Board of Directors at the end of Campaign 63.

If you are interested in filling any of the positions listed below, now is the time to speak up and let John or me know of that interest, so we can prepare a ballot for the elective positions and hold elections at our June engagement. Here are the openings we need to fill this spring:

- ◆ **Program Chair:** Al Mackey has done a superb job attracting world-class Civil War historians to speak to our Round Table. Whoever volunteers for this elective position will need to carry on his good work by staying current on who is writing the best books and giving the most interesting talks on Civil War topics, and persuade those authors of the value of addressing one of the oldest and most dynamic CWRTs in the country. The Program Chair provides contact info, bios, photos, and synopses of upcoming talks to the Round Table leadership, newsletter editor, and webmaster, and performs other related duties as needed.
- ◆ **Membership Chair:** Don Madar has worked hard over the last two years in this elective position to recruit new members in the midst of a pandemic, no easy task. He and our Treasurer, Norm Daniels, developed new spreadsheets to help keep track of who has paid their dues and made donations, which should make the job of his successor easier. As the pandemic subsides, the Membership Chair will help lead the effort to address civic groups, colleges, and sister organizations and develop recruiting and advertising materials so we can continue to attract new members and raise the profile of our Round Table. PR is a big part of this job.
- ◆ **Preservation Chair:** This appointive position involves, among other duties, keeping track of opportunities to help the American Battlefield Trust save historic battlefields from development. The incumbent needs to stay current on matching offers, and make recommendations to the Board on where our preservation dollars will have the most impact. For example, at our winter Board meeting, we voted to send \$500 to help save an important piece of the Williamsburg 1862 battlefield. This opportunity had a \$163 to \$1 match, which instantly turned our \$500 contribution into \$81,500! Talk about getting bang for your buck. You can really make an impact in this job.
- ◆ **Director:** Bruce Apgar's six-year term to this elective position comes to an end in June, and we are looking for someone to fill his shoes. Directors are expected to attend engagements and all Board meetings, and help advise the leadership team on important decisions that will affect the future of our Round Table. Prior Round Table experience is helpful, but not required. A desire to serve and make a difference is.



Anyone interested in serving in any of these critical positions should contact John West at 412-217-1234 or john@johnfwest.com or me at 717-433-0209 or smith337@erau.edu for more information. *Please do your part to ensure the continued success of our Round Table!*

Steve Smith

Meeting Schedule—Campaign 63

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

Spring Field Trip Update

The Harrisburg and Hershey Civil War Round Tables teamed up again last fall to plan a spring field trip to explore Mosby's Confederacy in northern Virginia. The trip was to take place on Saturday, May 14, 2022. In the months since we began to advertise that trip, 42 individuals registered to take part, including many happy campers from our prior field trips. Unfortunately, the tour guides for that trip had to drop out. Whether we will be able to reschedule the Mosby tour for a later date depends on many factors beyond our control, like the dramatic increase in the cost of gasoline.



Rather than simply cancel the trip and refund payments already made, we looked for an alternative location closer to home that would enable our faithful field trippers to get back on the road again. Our fallback solution is the Pipe Creek Line in northern Maryland, which, ironically, was also Major General George G. Meade's fallback position during the Gettysburg campaign. Licensed Battlefield Guide Chris Army has agreed to take us from one end of that line to the other on Sunday, May 22, 2022.

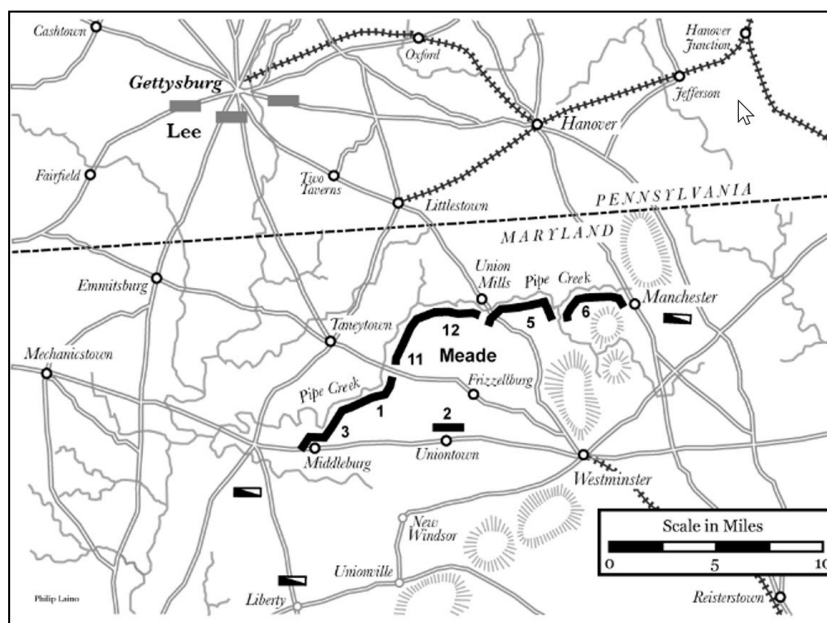
This trip will be excellent preparation for our Nye-Sommers lecture on June 9, at which celebrated author Kent Masterson Brown will speak on his latest book, *Meade at Gettysburg: A Study In Command*. Much of that book is devoted to the Pipe Creek Line, and its impact on how the Union Army approached Gettysburg. You will get a lot more out of his lecture if you join us on this trip on May 22.

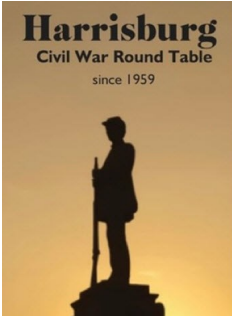
The price is \$95.00, which includes round trip transportation by motor coach, lunch, guide honorarium, driver gratuity, and entrance fees. We will depart Lower Dauphin High School in Hummelstown at 8:30 am and the Camp Hill Penn Harris Hotel at 9:00 am. We'll stop briefly in Gettysburg to pick up our guide, then spend five hours in the rolling hills of northern Maryland exploring the entire Pipe Creek Line. We'll get you back to your original pick-up point before 5:00 pm. Participants will emerge with a new perspective on how the Gettysburg campaign evolved.

As was the case on our field trips last fall, in the interests of safety, participants will be required to provide proof they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before boarding the bus. Masks are optional, but you should bring one along in case any of the places we visit require one.

Those who already signed up for the Mosby field trip will be given first dibs at transferring their registration to the Pipe Creek trip. Those who do not transfer their registration to the Pipe Creek trip will receive a full refund. On April 1, we will open up registration to other members and the general public. Watch for further information on this trip via email, on our website, and in the next edition of *The Dispatch*.

This promises to be an exciting and timely trip that will keep our popular field trip program alive and our campers happy. Don't miss it!





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