

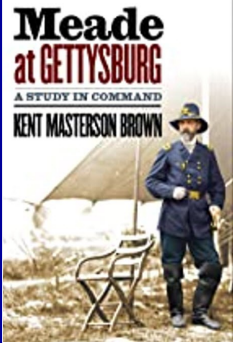
*Newsletter of The Harrisburg Civil War Round Table*  
Welcome to our fellowship forum where we discuss our past, emphasizing  
remembrance, education & preservation.  
Meetings held virtually on Zoom  
Online: harrisburgcwr.org

*Thursday, June 9 — Kent Masterson Brown*  
*Meade at Gettysburg: A Study in Command*

Join us for our annual Nye-Sommers lecture as celebrated author Kent Masterson Brown discusses his most recent book, *Meade at Gettysburg: A Study in Command*, published by the University of North Carolina Press in 2021. This lecture is given annually in memory of two pillars of the Harrisburg CWRT: Colonel Wilbur S. Nye and Dr. Richard J. Sommers.

A native of Lexington, Kentucky, Mr. Brown is a 1971 graduate of Centre College of Kentucky; he received his juris doctor degree from Washington & Lee University School of Law in 1974. He has been a practicing lawyer for the last 48 years.

Mr. Brown was the creator and first editor of the national magazine, *The Civil War*, and the originator of its *Civil War* seminars. He is the author of *Cushing of Gettysburg: The Story of a Union Artillery Commander*, published by the University Press of Kentucky in 1993, *Retreat from Gettysburg: Lee, Logistics and the Pennsylvania Campaign*, published by the University of North Carolina Press in 2005, *One of Morgan's Men: Memoirs of Lieutenant John M. Porter of the Ninth Kentucky Cavalry*, published by the University Press of Kentucky in 2011, and *The Southern Cross: The Story of the Confederacy's First Battle Flag*, published by Pelican Publishing Company in 2014, among other works. As President and Content Developer for Witnessing History, LLC, Mr. Brown has also written, hosted and directed award-winning and very popular documentary films for public and cable television.



Mr. Brown will share insights he gained in the course of his research and writing, and will shed new light on the role the Pipe Creek Line played in the evolution of the climactic battle of the Civil War. His talk comes on the heels of the Harrisburg and Hershey CWRTs' spring field trip to the Pipe Creek Line (see photo on page 3).

Mr. Brown will deliver his talk via Zoom. To join the meeting, click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86103852897>

Meeting ID: 861 0385 2897 [Password not required]

Or call 1-301-715-8592

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**NOTE:**  
meeting is on  
**THURSDAY**

**Please join the meeting by 7:15 pm**

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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*
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## President's Pen

"The road to success is always under construction."  
—Lily Tomlin

Our final engagement of Campaign 63 will take place on Thursday, June 9. We picked that night to deconflict the event from the opening of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College the following day.

I can't think of a better way to bring this campaign to a close than to hear Kent Masterson Brown hold forth on Meade at Gettysburg. I heard this Kentucky gentleman and fellow barrister give a similar talk in Gettysburg last July, and we are in for a real treat. Dr. Richard J. Sommers, who persuaded me to become Vice-President of our Round Table four years ago this spring, would heartily approve of this speaker. For those who went on our spring field trip to the Pipe Creek Line, this will be icing on the cake.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. A speaker of this caliber deserves a big audience.

As I prepare to hand over the reins to John West and look back over the last four years, I am struck by how fast they went by. The last two years have been particularly challenging. We have had to adapt to stay alive during a pandemic that has killed more Americans than the Civil War did. We've mastered Zoom technology and expanded our audience far beyond the Harrisburg area. We've maintained our reputation for bringing our members the finest speakers in the land, rebranded the Round Table with the 130<sup>th</sup> PA monument at Antietam on our new banner, and enhanced our field trip program with exciting visits to Harpers Ferry, the Wilderness, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, and the Pipe Creek Line with the best guides in the business. I am proud of how we pulled together as a team and refused to allow our Round Table to become another casualty of the coronavirus.



President Steve Smith with Dr. Scott Hancock after his November 12, 2021 presentation.

I have been privileged to work with an exceptional board. Linda Meenaghan taught me the ropes four years ago as a new Vice-President. John West's genius with Zoom, marketing, and websites made him an invaluable Vice-President when I became President in 2020. Thanks also to Norm Daniels, our indefatigable Treasurer, to Al Mackey, our Program Chair and all-around talent scout, to Sam and Nancy Waldrop and Don Madar, who served as Membership Chairs, and to Tracy Sommers, editor of this newsletter, who has been such a delight to work with. Our Chaplain, Pastor George Minnick, has been a source of inspiration to us all and a comfort to me during trying times. I am grateful to all our directors and committee chairs for their sage advice and support. Bruce Apgar, whose term ends this spring, chaired a technology subcommittee that significantly upgraded our website. Last, but certainly not least, I am grateful to our newest director, Mark Blanchard, for

volunteering to serve as our next Vice-President, and do for John West what John did for me. The future of our Round Table looks very bright indeed!

Most of all, I want to express my gratitude to our members who demonstrated their faith in this organization by sticking with us through the darkest days of the pandemic and making generous donations that have left us in the best financial shape of our history.

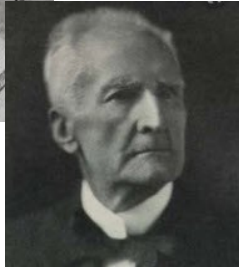
While I will be stepping down as President, I look forward to continuing to play an active role in our Round Table, as we strive to keep a good thing going. I am confident that with new leadership, we will continue on the road to success.

In Germany, where I served the US Army for 33 years, they prefer not to say "good-bye," but "until I see you again," so I will sign off with a fond *Auf Wiedersehen!* and a heartfelt *Danke Schoen!*

Steve Smith

## *Mosby's Confederacy Field Trip Rescheduled*

The Harrisburg and Hershey CWRTs will team up again on Saturday, October 29, 2022 to sponsor a field trip to the hunt country in and around Loudoun County, Virginia, to chase the gray ghost of Colonel John S. Mosby, whose unconventional guerrilla tactics tormented and terrorized Union troops during the Civil War. Guides for this trip will be Dennis Frye (who unlocked the secrets of Harpers Ferry for us in 2019 and the shadows of Antietam in 2021) and Richard Gillespie (who led us through Leesburg on a field trip a few years ago). Both are back by popular demand,



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He will email you a flyer him. Include a check made to Norm at 500 Bonny- larity of the guides, the nov- demand for getting out of the house after the pandemic, this trip should fill up fast, so **don't delay, register today!**

This trip was originally scheduled for the spring of 2022, but it had to be postponed due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict. Forty-two participants had already signed up when we had to pull the plug on the spring tour, a testament to the popularity of our field trip

trip is still \$95.00 per person. To reserve a seat, treasurer, Norm Daniels, at 717-712-7494 or [nld500@aol.com](mailto:nld500@aol.com) and ask him to save one for you. with a registration form to fill out and send back to out to "HCWRT" for the \$25.00 deposit and send it mead Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17111. Given the popu- elty of the topic, the gorgeous scenery, and pent-up

As was the case with our fall field trips in 2021, and our spring field trip in 2022, all participants will be required to provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 before boarding the bus.

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## *Pipe Creek Line Spring Field Trip*

Hot weather, but a fun and very interesting trip that helped prepare us for the June engagement.

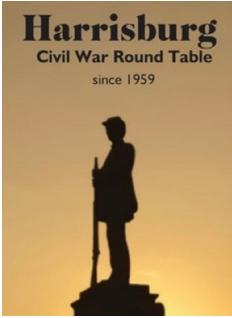


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## *Military History Used Book Sale*

*AHEC June 4*

The US Army Heritage and Education Center will sponsor its next military history used book sale on Saturday, June 4, from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Unlike past AHEC book sales, this one is on Saturday only; there will be no Sunday afternoon hours.



# The Dispatch

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