

## Newsletter of The Harrisburg Civil War Round Table

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

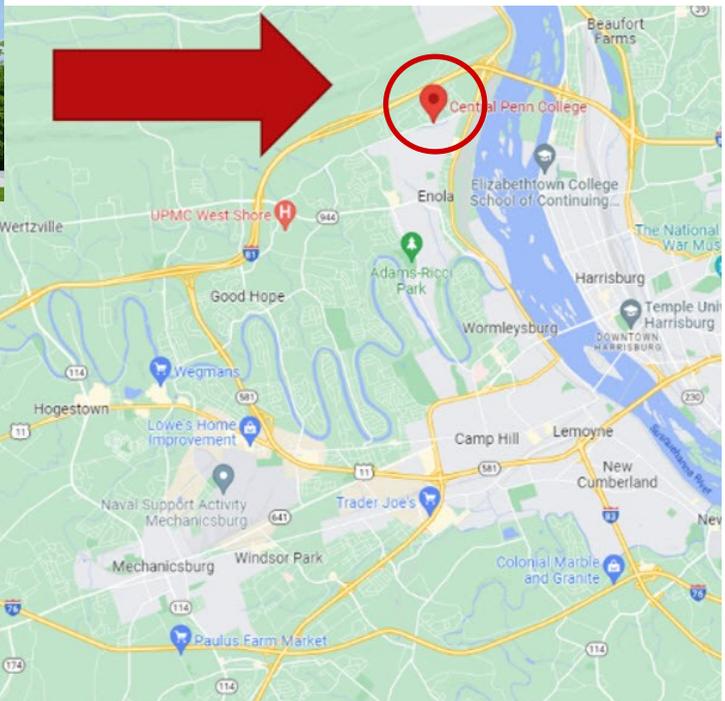
Meetings held at Central Penn College Conference Center and virtually on Zoom  
Online: [harrisburgcwrt.org](http://harrisburgcwrt.org)

### New Meeting Venue

As the Harrisburg CWRT begins its 64<sup>th</sup> Campaign Year this fall, we are returning to live dinner meetings at a new venue in Summerdale, near Enola. The venue is right off Route 81, easily accessible to those who live on both the West and East Shore, as well as Carlisle.



Central Penn College  
600 Valley Road  
Summerdale



#### Preview of Engagements Booked To Date

- 09/16/22—*Why We Remember: The Spangler Farm & the Civilian Experience in Gettysburg*—Dr. Mark Blanchard
- 10/21/22—*Dr. W. W. Keen & the Advancement of Civil War Medicine*—Peter Miele
- 11/11/22—TBA
- 12/8/22—THURSDAY—*Union Army Provost Marshals and Emancipation*—Cooper Wingert
- 1/20/23—TBA
- 2/17/23—TBA
- 03/17/23—*Lee Invades the North: A Comparison of the Antietam and Gettysburg Campaigns*—Dr. Brad Gottfried
- 04/14/23—*July 1, 1863: What Did Reynolds Know And When Did He Know It?*—Jim Hessler
- 5/19/23—TBA
- 06/08/23—THURSDAY—Nye/Sommers lecture by the winner of the prestigious Gilder-Lehrman Lincoln prize  
*Ends of War: Confederate Surrenders in 1865*—Dr. Caroline Janney

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## *President's Pen*

"Never, never, never give up!"

—Winston Churchill

And so, teammates, we shall try again this fall to meet in person and break bread with one another, as we did pre-pandemic.

After an exhaustive search, we have settled on Central Penn College for our Campaign 64 engagements. Their facilities have advanced internet capabilities enabling us to have both live in-person speakers while reaching out to viewers beyond the local area via Zoom. Those attending in-person will be able to enjoy a delicious buffet meal and one another's company before hearing a stimulating talk. Come September, we will need all our members to come out and support our efforts to revive our traditional dinner-meetings in a new and improved venue.

We have had a lot of personnel changes this summer. Steve Smith replaced Al Mackey as Programs Chair, while retaining his Field Trip Chair position. Mark Blanchard moved from Director to Vice-President and Steve Williamson moved from Director to Secretary. Ed Hicks moved from Secretary to Preservation & Historic Sites Chair, replacing Curtis Wolf. Brian Foster replaced Don Madar as Membership Chair, and Don became a Director. Mo Becker and Dana Ledger joined the Board as Directors, and Dana also assumed the role of Webmaster. My thanks to all members of our leadership team, past and present.

We updated our website to include more field trip photos. We also developed a trifold brochure and business cards for recruiting new members; both have a QR code to scan that will take prospective members directly to our website. We will participate in the Army War College's Community Expo on August 10, looking for new members while raising the profile of our Round Table.

We plan to have book, magazine, and memorabilia sales as we resume live meetings. More details will follow in future editions of *The Dispatch*.

Mark your calendars now for our Campaign 64 engagements and plan to attend. Bring a guest, your spouse, or a future member to enjoy a night of camaraderie, historical analysis, and remembrance of those whose past sacrifices made our current way of life possible.

Counting on all of you!

John West

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## *Civil War Monitor Deal*

Don Madar is working on a project with Terry Johnston at *The Civil War Monitor* magazine that involves that organization donating a certain amount back to the Round Table for each subscription made by members. This would provide us a way of raising additional funds. Stay tuned for more updates in future Dispatches.

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## *Magazine Bonanza*



Don Madar traveled to Brandy Station, VA, where he picked up 20 boxes of several Civil War magazines: *Civil War Times Illustrated*, *Blue & Gray*, *The Civil War Monitor*, and *The Civil War Society Magazine*. In many cases, there are full years of each of these magazines. They are from the collection of James T. Calabrese, who recently passed away, and were donated by his wife, Doreen. The magazines came to the HCWRT via James' friend, Gary Huff of Culpeper, VA and his wife.

Don will bring the magazines to the September meeting and offer them for sale as a Round Table fund raiser.

## *Fall Field Trip to Mosby's Confederacy*

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).

Cost of the trip is \$95.00 per person. To reserve a seat, contact our treasurer, Norm Daniels, at 717-712-7494 or [nld500@aol.com](mailto:nld500@aol.com) and ask him to save one for you. He will send you a flyer with a registration form to fill out and send back to him. Include a check made out to "HCWRT" for the \$25.00 deposit and send it to Norm at 500 Bonnymead Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17111. Given the reputation of the guides, the novelty of the topic, the gorgeous scenery, and pent-up demand for getting out of the house after the pandemic, this trip is filling up fast. Only 15 seats remain, so ***don't delay, register today!***

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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## *Spring Field Trip to Chancellorsville*

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, May 6, 2023, for our spring field trip to Chancellorsville, Virginia, with the ever-popular Chris Mackowski as our guide. More details to follow!

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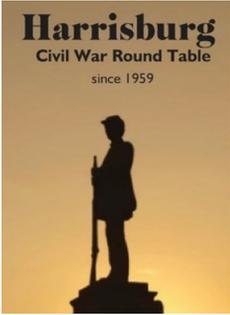
## *CWRT Congress Spotlights Our Field Trips*

The August edition of CWRT Congress' newsletter, *The Light Post*, contains an article on the fruitful collaboration between the Harrisburg and Hershey Civil War Round Tables in sponsoring field trips. See page 5 of the newsletter at: [https://mcusercontent.com/4ed2502d26ff277723afd52f5/files/21585c6c-19ee-db2a-fda2-1acd26158a0c/LightPost\\_Aug\\_2022.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/4ed2502d26ff277723afd52f5/files/21585c6c-19ee-db2a-fda2-1acd26158a0c/LightPost_Aug_2022.pdf)

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## *#CWRT Board Supports Battlefield Preservation*

Battlefield preservation remains an important part of our mission. At our Board of Directors meeting on June 12, Norm Daniels briefed the Board on various opportunities to support battlefield preservation through the American Battlefield Trust. The Board voted to send \$500.00 to purchase fast-disappearing land at Chancellorsville, with a match of \$10.50 for every dollar we sent. The Board also voted to send another \$500.00 to purchase land at Cedar Mountain and Cedar Creek, with a matching grant of \$29.00 for every dollar we sent. Our investment of \$1,000.00 generated \$19,750.00 in purchasing power! We are putting your dues and donations to good use.



## The Dispatch

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