

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

Don't Forget—New Venue is Central Penn College Conference Center

Friday, September 16 — Dr. Mark Blanchard *The Spangler Farm & the Civilian Experience in Gettysburg*

Join us as we resume live dinner meetings at a new venue, Central Penn College in Summerdale. HCWRT Vice-President Dr. Mark Blanchard will kick off our 64th campaign year with a deeply personal look at why we remember the suffering and sacrifices of the wounded soldiers and the civilians who had to confront the aftermath of the Battle of Gettysburg.

For the soldiers wounded in the struggle, the days following the three-day battle were a nightmare that appeared to end only in death. For the civilians in Adams County, the after-effects of the battle would continue for weeks, and months, and even years.

Dr. Blanchard will examine the experiences of the civilians and the wounded soldiers through the lens and framework of the George and Elizabeth Spangler farm which served as the Army of the Potomac's IX Corps hospital and a critical logistical point for General Meade and his army. Using this frame, we can see inside the experience of the civilian farmer as well as the soldiers and the surgeons attending. We will examine the question of why it matters that we study these experiences as we seek to better understand the Civil War and its importance in our history.



Dr. Blanchard is the Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education for the Cumberland Valley School District. His deep interest in the Civil War was cultivated during his time serving as the principal of Gettysburg Area High School from 2008 to 2017. He is a regular volunteer with the Gettysburg Foundation and currently works as a docent at the George and Elizabeth Spangler Farm. He has been a member of the Harrisburg CWRT since 2020, joined the HCWRT Board of Directors in 2021, and became our Vice-President last June.

Doors open at 6:00 pm, dinner begins at 6:45 pm. Those who are unable to attend this engagement in person are invited to tune in to the lecture and Q&A session via Zoom. The link is in the box below.

Please join the Zoom meeting by 7:30 pm.



Attending On Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81864007466>

Meeting ID: 818 6400 7466 [Password not required]

Or local call: 1-301-715-8592

For a non-local call in number:

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



Buffet Dinner Selections

Cider Brined Pork Loin, Lemon Cod Fish Filet, Broccoli, House Soup, Mixed Field Greens Salad, Classic Caesar Salad, Assorted Rolls and Butter, Iced Tea, Lemonade, House Choice Dessert

Cost: \$24 per person (pay at the door)

Dinner reservations must be made no later than 7 pm

Friday, September 9



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"You do not have to see the staircase, you just need to take the first step."
—Martin Luther King, Jr.

We are taking our first step back into live meetings on Friday, September 16 at our new location, Central Penn College. This new venue allows us to have both in person and virtual meetings utilizing the college's state-of-the art audiovisual equipment and technical support. The location is strategic as well: it has ample parking, including six handicapped spaces, and no stairs. Carlisle, Hershey, and Mechanicsburg are only a short drive away.

Our meeting format will remain the same. We will have a buffet dinner (\$24.00, same as last year) followed by brief announcements and our featured guest speaker. Our newly-elected Vice-President, Dr. Mark Blanchard, has kindly agreed to kick off our 64th campaign with a riveting first-person account of his experiences as a docent at the Spangler farm in Gettysburg this summer. *Let's show our support for one of our own!*

Prior to dinner, we will have an array of items for sale, including Civil War magazines (collector's items), books, prints, and the ever-popular HCWRT paperweight that we give our speakers. These items have been generously donated to our Round Table for fundraising purposes.

All the work of so many of our members will only be successful if you make the effort to support us with your presence. I urge you to come out at 6:00 pm on Friday the 16th for an evening of good food, great company and an inspiring talk and discussion. If you can't make it for dinner, but want to come for the talk, chairs will be available in the back of the room as in the past (announcements begin at 7:45, please arrive by then). If you cannot be with us in person, or are feeling under the weather, please join us via Zoom not later than 7:30 pm.

Looking forward to a great turnout on the 16th!

John West

Donations to the Harrisburg CWRT have been made in memory of
Jackie Lapitsky and Dr. Dick Sommers

Community Expo at the Army War College on August 10



Robert Baxter, a new HCWRT member signed up by Membership Chair Brian Foster

Brian, Don, Steve S., John, Steve W. — The HCWRT Recruitment Team



Meeting Schedule—Campaign 64

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

Reel History: Black Troops in Civil War Cinema
Jared Frederick

3/17/23

Lee Invades the North: A Comparison of the Antietam and Gettysburg Campaigns
Dr. Brad Gottfried

4/14/23

July 1, 1863: What Did Reynolds Know and When Did He Know It?
Jim Hessler

5/19/23

TBA

6/8/23 (THURSDAY) — Nye-Sommers Lecture

Lee's Army After Appomattox
Dr. Caroline Janney, winner of the prestigious Gilder-Lehrman Lincoln Prize

Fall Field Trip Update

As this newsletter goes to press, there are only a few seats left for our fall field trip to Mosby's Confederacy, which will take place on Saturday, October 29, 2022. We will travel to the hunt country in and around Loudoun County, Virginia, where Colonel John S. Mosby used unconventional guerrilla tactics to torment and terrorize Union troops during the Civil War. For more information on the trip, download this flyer from our website: <https://harrisburgcwrt.org/events/mosbys-confederacy-fall-field-trip/>

To reserve a seat, contact our treasurer, Norm Daniels, at 717-712-7494 or nld500@aol.com and ask him to save one for you. If there are still seats available and you cannot download the flyer, 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. If all seats have been filled when you call, Norm will put your name on a waiting list, and, as registrants drop out for one reason or another, he will replace them with names from the waiting list in the order they signed up. On past trips, we have been able to accommodate those on our waiting lists.

If you have already signed up for the trip and only paid a \$25.00 deposit to hold your seat, send a check for the remaining \$70.00 balance to Norm before the end of September.

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.

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!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Saturday, September 10 & Sunday, September 11 – Army Heritage Days return to USAHEC in Carlisle. "From Dragoons to Air Cavalry" – live horse cavalry charge demonstrations by Horses in Action and Huey flyover by Liberty Warbirds, plus used book sale at the Museum Store from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm both days.
- ◆ Wednesday, September 14 – Dr. Megan Kate Nelson will deliver a lecture on "Fighting in the Desert: The American Civil War in the Southwest" at USAHEC, at 6:30 pm.
- ◆ Friday, September 23 – Blue & Gray Gala – National Civil War Museum, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- ◆ Saturday, September 24 – "Civil War Saturday" at the National Civil War Museum – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Reenactors and live artillery. Our HCWRT recruiting team will be there!

Reminder—Dues & Donations

It's time to reenlist for Campaign 64. Please send your dues to Norm Daniels using the form on the back of this newsletter, or on our website's Membership page <https://harrisburgcwrt.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/HCWRT-Enlistment-Form-FINAL-rev.pdf>.

If you are able to make a donation in addition to paying your dues, please consider doing so. The generosity of our members got us through Campaign 63, enabling us to defray the costs of Zoom technology, honoraria, publicity, and battlefield preservation. For more information, contact our Membership Chair, Brian Foster, 717-962-6122 or hcwrt.membership@gmail.com.

Civil War Monitor On-Line Deal

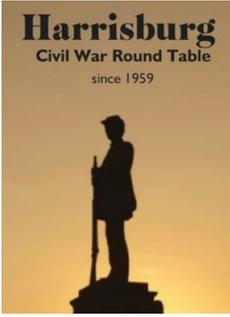
As mentioned in the August newsletter, the *Civil War Monitor* magazine will support the HCWRT by donating 20% of the cost of a member's subscription back to the Round Table. **This applies to on-line orders only.**

Here is how you do it:

civilwarmonitor.com/subscribe

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The Dispatch

The Harrisburg Civil War Round Table
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September 2022

130th PA Monument
Antietam National
Battlefield

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Current Member Renewal

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

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

Individual or Family Name _____
 Address _____
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