

Harrisburg-Hershey Civil War Round Table Field Trips
The Battle of Chancellorsville, Chancellorsville, Virginia

Saturday, May 6, 2023 ~ \$95.00 pp ~ Depart: Lower Dauphin High School 6:00 AM ~ Camp Hill Penn Harris Hotel 6:30 AM

Please join the **Harrisburg and Hershey Civil War Round Tables** on Saturday, May 6, 2023 as we visit Chancellorsville, Virginia, the site of the Battle of Chancellorsville, widely considered General Robert E. Lee's greatest victory. Our visit will coincide with the 160th anniversary of the battle, which was fought May 1-4, 1863.

In May 1863, Union Major General Joseph Hooker tried to squeeze Lee's army between Union forces advancing from both Fredericksburg, to the east, and Chancellorsville, to the west. Lee confronted Hooker at Chancellorsville, where the Union Army formed a powerful defensive line. The night of May 1, the Confederates discovered the Union right flank was vulnerable. On May 2, Jackson marched 12 miles around the Union Army and destroyed Hooker's right wing in a celebrated surprise attack.



In the confusion after dark, Jackson was accidentally shot by his own troops. Lee pressed his advantage on May 3, producing perhaps the bloodiest morning of the war. The Federals eventually retreated across the river to safety. Faced with another battlefield disaster, President Lincoln moaned, "My god! What will the country say?"

Stonewall Jackson died on May 10 of pneumonia as a result of his wounds. Despite his death, the Confederates were sustained by back-to-back victories. In June 1863, Lee went on the offensive northward to Pennsylvania—to a place called Gettysburg.

Recommended reading: [That Furious Struggle: Chancellorsville and the High Tide of the Confederacy, May 1-4, 1863](#), by Chris Mackowski and Kristopher D. White. [Chancellorsville](#), by Stephen W. Sears. [Chancellorsville 1863: The Souls of the Brave](#), by Ernest B. Ferguson. [Chancellorsville's Forgotten Front: The Battles of Second Fredericksburg and Salem Church](#), by Chris Mackowski and Kristopher D. White. [Chancellorsville and the Germans](#), by Christian B. Keller. [Chancellorsville 1863: Jackson's Lightning Strike](#), by Carl Smith. [Chancellorsville: The Battle and Its Aftermath](#), edited by Gary W. Gallagher. [Guide to the Battles of Chancellorsville & Fredericksburg](#), edited by Jay Luvaas & Harold W. Nelson.

OUR GUIDE: Chris Mackowski, Ph.D., is the series editor of the award-winning "Emerging Civil War" series, published by Savas Beatie, and the "Engaging the Civil War" Series, published in partnership with Southern Illinois University Press. Chris is a writing professor and associate dean at the Jandoli School of Communication at St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, NY. He is also historian-in-residence at Stevens Ridge, a historic property on the Spotsylvania battlefield in central Virginia. He has worked as a historian for the National Park Service at Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park, where he gives tours at four major Civil War battlefields (Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, and Spotsylvania), as well as at the building where Stonewall Jackson died. Chris has authored or co-authored a dozen books on the Civil War, and his articles have appeared in all the major Civil War magazines. He serves on the board of directors for the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust and on the advisory board of the CWRT Congress. He is widely celebrated for his highly informative and inspirational presentations. Chris guided our group on our field trip to the Wilderness battlefield in the fall of 2019 and to Fredericksburg in the fall of 2021, and is back by popular demand!

REGISTRATION FORM

The price of this field trip is \$95.00 per person. This includes round-trip motor-coach transportation, lunch, driver tip, guide honoraria and entrance fees. To register, complete the form below and mail to: **Norm Daniels, Harrisburg CWRT, 500 Bonnymead Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17111**. Your \$25.00 deposit will hold your seat with the \$70.00 balance due not later than April 6, 2023. Cancellations received before April 6, 2023 will receive a full refund. Cancellations after April 6th will receive a refund ONLY if the open seats have been filled. **Make checks payable to: HCWRT**. Questions: contact Steve Smith at 717-433-0209 or email: smith337@erau.edu, Ricky Hollis at 717-805-7502 or email: rickyhollissr@gmail.com, or Norm Daniels at 717-712-7494 or email: nld500@aol.com.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City-ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ # of seats: _____

Pick-up point (check one): [] Lower Dauphin HS at 6:00 am [] Camp Hill Penn Harris Hotel at 6:30 am

Note: *In the interests of safety, everyone participating in this field trip should be prepared to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 before boarding the bus.*