

## 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: harrisburgcwr.org

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

*Friday, October 21 — Peter C. Miele*

#### *W. W. Keen and the Advancement of Civil War Medicine*

Join us October 21 as we build on the success of our well-attended September kickoff engagement with a stimulating presentation on the advancement of medicine during the Civil War.

William Williams Keen was a young medical student at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia when the Civil War erupted. He was thrown into treating suffering soldiers at the First Battle of Bull Run. Four years later, he emerged from the crucible of war as a pioneer in treating injuries of the nervous system.



Dr. Keen was a surgeon for the Fifth Massachusetts Militia Regiment and then for the Union Army. He built a reputation working with patients who had neurological wounds; most surgeons refrained from treating such wounds.

After the war, Dr. Keen was a world-renowned surgeon. He led a team of surgeons that removed a cancerous tumor from President Grover Cleveland's jaw, and in the 1920s he diagnosed Franklin Delano Roosevelt with polio. He died in 1932 at the age of 95, having witnessed enormous advancements in medicine over the course of his lifetime.

Our speaker, Peter Miele, is the Executive Director of Seminary Ridge Museum and Education Center, and President of the Seminary Ridge Historic Preservation Foundation. He holds a B.A. in History from Ramapo College of New Jersey and an M.A. in Applied History from Shippensburg University. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in American Studies at Penn State, Harrisburg.

Mr. Miele is Vice-President of the Civil War Round Table of Gettysburg. A frequent lecturer, he has presented at national conferences of the Society of Civil War Historians, the American Association of State and Local History, the National Council for the Social Studies, and the American Battlefield Trust.



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/88662788524>

**Meeting ID:** 886 6278 8524 [Password not required]

Or local call: 1-301-715-8592

For a non-local call in number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdGIEPsF5>



#### *Buffet Dinner Selections*

Herb-marinated Flank Steak, Tilapia Olivia, Olive Oil Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans with Mushrooms and Shallots, Fruit & Nut Salad, Classic Caesar Salad, Brownies, Assorted Rolls and Butter, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water, Coffee and Tea

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

**Dinner reservations must be made no later than  
Sunday, October 16**

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## President's Pen

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts."  
—Winston Churchill

One year ago we held our first live dinner meeting in 18 months. Fast forward to September 16, 2022 and we gathered again after a 10-month COVID-induced hiatus. We had 40 attendees for dinner, another 10 came just for the lecture, and 16 more tuned in via Zoom. We met in a new location, the spacious Central Penn Conference Center. Dinner was served buffet style, and was delicious. We held our first sale of donated civil war books, magazines and prints.. We enjoyed a stimulating talk by our new Vice President, Dr. Mark Blanchard, sharing his knowledge and insights about the George and Elizabeth Spangler Farm during and after the Battle of Gettysburg. And we took a group photo, appearing below, that captures the tremendous camaraderie of the event.

Now that we are back together again, we hope even more of our members will come out for our October engagement and bring plenty of guests with them. Our speaker will examine the remarkable career of Dr W.W. Keen, a young civil war physician who went on to treat presidents and future presidents. It should be fascinating!

Your Round Table is counting on you. Please mark your calendars and come out to either dine with us (dinner is still only \$24.00) or come just for the lecture on October 21 at Central Penn College Conference Center located in the heart of the Central Penn campus at 600 Valley Road in Summerdale, near Enola.

Our doors open at 6:00 pm for the book and magazine sale. A buffet dinner is served by 6:45 pm, and the meeting begins shortly after dinner. Those coming just for the speaker's talk should arrive by 7:45 pm. Those tuning in via Zoom should join us no later than 7:30 pm. Please come, and bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you there!

John West



An excellent turnout for the September 16 kickoff of Campaign 64

## Meeting Schedule—Campaign 64

**11/11/22**

*The Great Reunion of 1913 at Gettysburg*  
John S. Heiser

**12/8/22 (THURSDAY)**

*Union Army Provost Marshals and Emancipation*  
Cooper H. Wingert

**1/20/23**

*Toward a Theory of War for Robert E. Lee: New Archival Evidence*  
Dr. Christian B. Keller

**2/17/23**

*Reel History: Black Troops in Civil War Cinema*  
Jared T. Frederick

**3/17/23**

*Lee Invades the North: A Comparison of the Antietam and Gettysburg Campaigns*  
Dr. Bradley M. Gottfried

**4/14/23**

*July 1, 1863: What Did Reynolds Know and When Did He Know It?*  
James A. Hessler

**5/19/23**

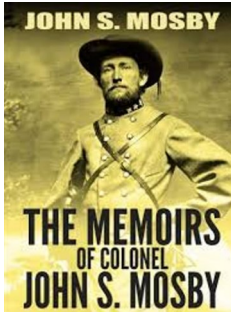
*Copperheads and Draft Resistance in PA During the Civil War*  
Dr. Robert M. Sandow

**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, our fall field trip to Mosby's Confederacy, which takes place on Saturday, October 29, 2022, is sold out. For more information on the trip, download this flyer from our website: <https://harrisburgcwr.org/events/mosbys-confederacy-fall-field-trip/>



If you are interested in joining us on this trip, contact our treasurer, Norm Daniels, at 717-712-7494 or [nld500@aol.com](mailto:nld500@aol.com) and ask him to put you on the waiting list. As registrants drop out for one reason or another, Norm will replace them with names from the waiting list in the order they were added to the list. 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.

As 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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## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, October 15 & Sunday, October 16:** Army Heritage Days at USAHEC in Carlisle. *Armor & Artillery* plus used book sale at the museum store 9:00 am to 4:00 pm both days

**Saturday, October 15:** National Civil War Museum, *U. S. Grant: Strategy and Statesmanship Symposium* 9:00 am to 5:00 pm



<https://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org/event/u-s-grant-strategy-and-statesmanship-symposium/>



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## Reminder—Dues & Donations

All HCWRT members are encouraged to re-enlist for Campaign 64 by the end of October. If you have already done so, many thanks. If you have yet to “re-up,” you can use the form on the back of this newsletter or the one at the bottom of the membership page on our website: <https://harrisburgcwr.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/HCWRT-Enlistment-Form-FINAL-rev.pdf>.

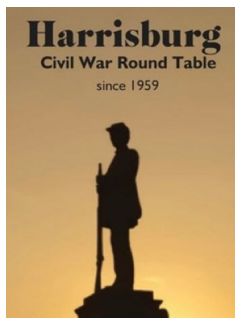
If you are in a position to make a donation in addition to paying your dues, please consider doing so. The generosity of our members got us through Campaign 63, enabling us to defray the costs of Zoom technology, honoraria, publicity, and battlefield preservation. For more information, contact our Membership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

Don't miss seeing Steve's smiling face!



New with Campaign 64 is the sale of a wide variety of books, magazines and prints at each engagement.





130th PA Monument  
Antietam National  
Battlefield

## *The Dispatch*

The Harrisburg Civil War Round Table  
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#### Current Member Renewal

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

#### Donations\*

- ☐ \$25
- ☐ \$50
- ☐ \$100
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ (specify)

Individual or Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

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