

## 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)

### Thursday, December 8—Cooper H. Wingert Union Army Provost Marshals & Emancipation

Join us on Thursday, December 8 as Cooper H. Wingert, who has been a member of the Harrisburg CWRT since he was 12 and is currently pursuing a PhD in history at Georgetown, gives us a sneak preview of the research he has been conducting for his doctoral dissertation.

Provost marshals, the Union army's military police, played a crucial but largely overlooked role in the destruction of slavery. Northern shop clerks and farmers thrust into service as Union provost marshals took important actions to undermine slavery well before President Abraham Lincoln issued his famous Emancipation Proclamation, all while steering a delicate balance in civil-military relations.



Mr. Wingert is the author of 12 books and numerous articles. His book *The Confederate Approach on Harrisburg* (The History Press, 2012) received the 2012 Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr. Literary Prize for the best work in the field of Confederate history—military, political and social. His other books include *Abolitionists of South-Central Pennsylvania* (The History Press, 2018), *Slavery & the Underground Railroad in South Central Pennsylvania* (The History Press, 2016), *Harrisburg and the Civil War: Defending the Keystone of the Union* (The History Press, 2013), and *Targeted Tracks: The Cumberland Valley Railroad in the Civil War, 1861-1865* (Savas Beatie, 2019), which he co-authored with Scott Mingus, Sr.

Mr. Wingert graduated *summa cum laude* from Dickinson College in 2020. This marks the fourth time he has addressed our Round Table.

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.

#### Attending On Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81978736652>

Meeting ID: 819 7873 6652 [Password not required]

Or local call: 1-301-715-8592

For a non-local call in number:

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



#### Buffet Dinner Selections

Tuscan Pork Tenderloin, Mediterranean Cod, Jasmine Rice Pilaf, Green Bean, Yellow Bean and Carrot Medley, Mixed Field Greens, House-made Soup du Jour, Brownies, Rolls and Butter, Drinks

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

**Dinner reservations must be made no later than  
noon on Monday, December 5**

Phone: Brian Foster at 717-962-6122 or

Email: [hcwrt.membership@gmail.com](mailto:hcwrt.membership@gmail.com)



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## President's Pen

"It is always too soon to quit!"  
—Norman Vincent Peale

One year ago, a resurgent pandemic forced us to stop meeting in person and we moved all our engagements to Zoom for the remainder of Campaign 63. Today, we are in a new venue at Central Penn College, and last month's meeting was our largest to date. We owe that success to both our veterans (God bless them!) and our impassioned speaker, John Heiser. His gripping narrative of the Great Reunion of 1913 at Gettysburg was the next best thing to being at the reunion itself. Our group photo from November says it all. We're back!



Note that our December engagement will take place on a **Thursday night**, instead of our customary Friday. We did this so as not to compete with weekend holiday parties. Please come out and show your support for one of our Round Table's most promising and prolific authors, Cooper Wingert.

Everyone is raving about the quality of the food and the professional ambience at Central Penn College. Come check it out in December, and invite a friend or neighbor to be your guest for dinner! RSVP to our membership chair, Brian Foster, to make dinner reservations by noon on Monday, December 5. Note that if you make a reservation, you are responsible for paying for the meal, whether or not you attend.

We're committed to reaching out to our members who are unable to come to meetings due to health, night vision limitations, etc. We are still working out a few kinks in our Zoom transmissions. Please be patient with us.

Finally, we are thankful for all our members and their families and hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. Mark your calendars for our first engagement of 2023 on Friday, January 20. HCWRT member Dr. Christian B. Keller will share fresh insights on General Robert E. Lee's Theory of War. Don't miss it!

John West

## Meeting Schedule—Campaign 64

**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

## *Spring Field Trip to Chancellorsville*



Our spring field trip to Chancellorsville, VA will take place on Saturday, May 6, 2023. What better way to commemorate the 160th anniversary of “Lee’s Greatest Battle” than to have Chris Mackowski guide us through the Chancellorsville battlefield?

The flyer for this field trip is posted in the Events section of our website, and can be accessed by clicking on this link: <https://harrisburgcwr.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Chancellorsville-2023-Field-Trip-Flyer.pdf>

Cost of the trip per person remains only \$95.00. If you’d like to join us, print out a copy of the flyer, fill out the registration form at the bottom, and mail it to our treasurer, Norm Daniels, at 500 Bonnymead Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17111, along with a check for \$25.00 to hold your seat. [The \$70.00 balance is not due until April 6.]

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## *Looking for a Few Good Volunteers*

Norm Daniels’ tenure as our Treasurer will be coming to an end in June. We’re actively looking for a replacement for Norm, who plays a critical role in our organization. We’d like to identify that replacement before June, to allow for a period of cross-training.

We’re also looking for someone to assist with the sale of books, magazine, prints, and other in-kind donations at our monthly engagements. The funds we raise helps support battlefield preservation.

Anyone interested in serving in either position should contact John West at 412-217-1234. Get to know your fellow warriors by getting involved.



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## *A Salute to Our Veterans*

Veterans Day 2022 was one we won’t forget. Historian John Heiser reminded us of the real meaning of the holiday by taking us back to The Great Reunion of 1913, when 50,000 Civil War veterans camped out in a tent city on the Gettysburg battlefield and paved the way for national reconciliation on the eve of WWI. We were privileged to have 19 of today’s veterans join us.



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## *Upcoming Event*

Saturday, December 3, 6:00 pm—

Memorial illumination at Antietam National Battlefield.

Click on link for more information.

<https://www.nps.gov/anti/planyourvisit/luminary.htm>

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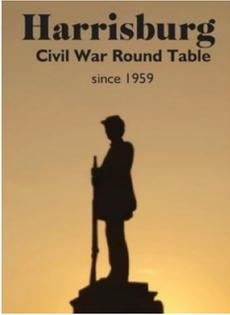
## *Reminder—Dues & Donations*

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. For more information, please contact our Membership Chair, Brian Foster, [hcwrt.membership@gmail.com](mailto:hcwrt.membership@gmail.com) or 717-962-6122.

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



## The Dispatch

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December 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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