

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

February 17 — Jared T. Frederick

Reel History: Black Troops in Civil War Cinema

Join us as we commemorate Black History Month with a fascinating look at how Black troops have been portrayed by Hollywood over the course of the last century. We are fortunate to have Jared T. Frederick to guide us through this cinematic retrospective. He currently serves as Instructor of History at Penn State Altoona, where he specializes in various realms of American History—including the Civil War, Pennsylvania History, WWII, Film, and the 1960s.



Mr. Frederick, who is an avid Civil War and WWII reenactor, believes that the past can be taught in spheres beyond the classroom. He has served as a seasonal interpretive park ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park and Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. He has been a commentator on the American Battlefield Trust's online *Civil War in Four* series, and has appeared on C-SPAN, PBS, PCN, in numerous National Park Service productions, and various online documentaries. In 2019, he acted as a guest host on Turner Classic Movies for the channel's 25th anniversary.



Mr. Frederick's presentation traces how the portrayal of Black troops has evolved in feature films, from *Birth of a Nation*, to *Glory* and *Lincoln*, to *Harriet* and *Emancipation*.

Those who are unable to attend this engagement in person are invited to tune in to the lecture and Q&A session via Zoom. Click on the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81429377705>. No password is required. To dial in by phone, call 1-301-715-8592 or click the following link for your call-in number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81429377705>. The meeting ID # is 895 5310 7735.

Zoom participants should join the meeting by 7:30 pm.

DINNER IS SERVED!

Friday, February 17

6:00 pm—Refreshments

7:45 pm—Announcements

6:45 pm—Dinner

8:00 pm—Presentation

Buffet Dinner Selections

Herb Grilled Chicken, Potato Crusted Cod, Smashed Yukon Gold Potatoes, Sugar Peas and Julienne Carrots, Fruit and Nut Salad, 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, February 13

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"Stay the course. When thwarted, try again; harder; smarter. Persevere relentlessly."

—John Wooden



How fast time flies when you're having fun! It is hard to believe February is already here. We are in the middle of Campaign 64 and are already planning for Campaign 65. What have we accomplished during the past six months? We resumed live meetings and changed our venue to the Central Penn College Conference Center in September, and our members and their guests beat a path to our new door. We've had one great speaker after another. We've recruited 20 new members since August. Our sales of books, magazines and Civil War paraphernalia at each engagement have enhanced our ability to contribute to battlefield preservation. Our spring field trip to Chancellorsville is filling up fast. As one of our guests noted at a recent engagement, "you've got a real *vibe* going on here."

We're fortunate to have Jared Frederick, one of the most sought-after speakers in the area, for our February engagement. You won't want to miss his entertaining and illuminating presentation on how the cinematic portrayal of Black troops during the Civil War has changed over the years. Join us at 6:00 pm for our social hour. Dinner is served at 6:45. Announcements begin at 7:45, followed by the speaker's presentation and Q&A, and our "Square Table" — an opportunity for extended Q&A with the speaker that is unique to our Round Table. It all makes for a *wonderful* night out.

I am pleased to announce that Central Penn College has agreed to continue hosting us for Campaign 65. Future engagement dates appear below. Our program chair is beating the bushes for more outstanding speakers. We're planning a big celebration to mark our 65th anniversary in May of 2024. Monitor our continuing progress through this newsletter, our webpage, and our Facebook page.

We are grateful to those who have made our live meetings at Central Penn College such a success. Our venue can accommodate even more attendees. Please invite your friends to come out for a delicious meal, a stimulating lecture, and a chance to experience the rich traditions of one of the oldest and most celebrated Civil War Round Tables in the nation. Help us keep "the good vibe" going!

John West



We had an excellent turnout in January for Dr. Christian Keller's presentation on Robert E. Lee.

Campaign 65 Engagement Dates Finalized

At the HCWRT winter Board of Directors meeting, the following dates for Campaign 65 were approved. Mark your planning calendars now and plan to join us! Our speakers will be announced at a later date.

Friday, September 15, 2023
Friday, October 13, 2023
Friday, November 10, 2023
Friday, December 8, 2023
Friday, January 19, 2024

Friday February 16, 2024
Friday, March 15, 2024
Thursday, April 11, 2024
Friday, May 17, 2024—65th Anniversary Banquet
Thursday, June 6, 2024

Meeting Schedule—Campaign 64

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 will take place on Saturday, May 6, 2023. Chris Mackowski will guide us through the Chancellorsville battlefield as we commemorate the 160th anniversary of “Lee’s Greatest Battle.”

The flyer for this field trip is posted in the Events section of our website, and can be accessed by clicking this link: <https://harrisburgcwr.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Chancellorsville-2023-Field-Trip-Flyer.pdf>. Cost of the trip per person remains what it has always been—\$95.00. If you’d like to join us on this trip, print 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.

The trip is filling up fast — 36 seats are already reserved by our members. After March 1 we will open the trip to the general public, so *don’t delay, register today!*

CHANCELLORSVILLE 1863

Looking for a New Treasurer & Fundraising Chair

Norm Daniels’ tenure as our Treasurer is coming to an end in June. The Treasurer is a crucial role in our organization and we are actively looking for a replacement for Norm. The future of our popular field trip program depends on filling this position. We’d like to identify that replacement before June to allow for a period of cross-training.

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

Anyone interested in serving in either position should contact John West at 412-217-1234.



Upcoming Events

- ◆ The **Winter Lecture Series** at Gettysburg National Military Park continues every Saturday and Sunday through the end of February (with the exception of Super Bowl Sunday, February 12). For a complete list of speakers and topics, please go to <https://www.nps.gov/thingstodo/gettysburg-winter-programs.htm>
- ◆ Wednesday, February 15 – US Army Heritage and Education Center – 6:30 pm. Jared T. Frederick (our February speaker) will present a talk on “Respect and Authority: Dick Winters, Ronald Speirs, and the Mantle of Command.” The lecture is also livestreamed at www.armywarcollege.edu/live.

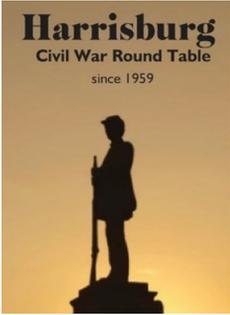
Tax Tip

Members who itemize their deductions can deduct their HCWRT dues and donations on Schedule A of Form 1040. Norm Daniels will furnish 501(c)(3) letters to these members upon request. [Note: For Tax Year 2022, Congress eliminated the deduction for charitable contributions for those who take the standard deduction.]

Preservation Update

At the winter Board meeting in January, the Board of Directors also voted to donate \$500 to preserve a portion of the Gettysburg battlefield where the 8th Ohio fought during Pickett’s Charge and where Camp Colt stood during WWI, and another \$500 to preserve part of the Chancellorsville battlefield where Stonewall Jackson made his famous flank march in May 1863.

We have a wide variety of books, magazines, and prints for sale at every engagement.



The Dispatch

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Antietam National
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