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# The Dispatch

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# 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

# March 17 — Dr. Bradley M. Gottfried

## Lee Invades the North: A Comparison of the Antietam & Gettysburg Campaigns

Join us on Friday, March 17, 2023 as Dr. Bradley M. Gottfried discusses the subject of his latest book on General Robert E. Lee's invasions of the North in 1862 and 1863, which culminated in the battles of Antietam and Gettysburg.

While each campaign has been extensively studied, there have been few to no comprehensive comparisons of the two. Dr. Gottfried will compare and contrast the two campaigns that began with such promise for the Army of Northern Vir-

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ginia. His presentation covers the political climate, war effort, the armies, leadership, military intelligence, routes to the battlefield, preliminary encounters, battlefield terrain, the battles, and post-campaign events.



Dr. Gottfried has written 17 books and numerous magazine articles pertaining to the Civil War. Although perhaps best known for his campaign "map books," he has also written on Gettysburg, the Point Lookout Prisoner of War Camp, and the Hope Antietam paintings. He is an Antietam Certified Battlefield Guide and a Gettysburg Licensed Town Guide. He will have copies of his books available for sale.

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: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87541490240">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87541490240</a>. No password is required. To dial in by phone, call 1-301-715-8592 or click the following link for your call-in number <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/u/key1KzrEBO">https://us02web.zoom.us/u/key1KzrEBO</a>. The meeting ID # is 875 4149 0240.

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

#### DINNER IS SERVED! Friday, March 17

6:00 pm—Refreshments 6:45 pm—Dinner

7:45 pm—Announcements 8:00 pm—Presentation



#### Buffet Dinner Selections

Cider Brined Pork Loin, Almond Crusted Salmon, Jasmin Rice Pilaf, Honey Glazed Carrots, Mixed Field Greens, House Made Soup du Jour, Assorted Cookies, Rolls and Butter, Drinks

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

Dinner reservations must be made no later than noon on Monday, March 13

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## President's Pen

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart"
—Elizabeth Andrew



We had a wonderful speaker for Black History Month, who captivated us with his "Reel History" multimedia presentation. While some of those on Zoom had difficulty viewing the film clips, the overall presentation was spot on for our group. Why not come out and be a part of the in-person audience?

To build on the momentum we've created since our return to live meetings last fall, we ask all our members and friends to become goodwill ambassadors and recruiters for us. We have developed a brief "elevator speech" you can use to invite others to join our ranks:

Hello! Have you always been interested in the American Civil War Era? Do you want to learn more about it and connect with others who share your passion? Then, the Harrisburg Civil War Round Table is the perfect place for you! Our group is made up of friendly and knowledgeable individuals who come together to discuss, learn and explore all aspects of the Civil War. We host guest speakers, enjoy good food, and have two annual field trips that help us delve deeper into this fascinating time in our history. Join us and be a part of a vibrant community that values collaboration and learning. We can't wait to welcome you!

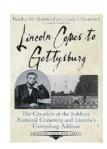
Finally, spring is just around the corner, and every year we need to ask who is next, what is next? For example, our treasurer has been in his position for a decade and will be stepping down in June. We urgently need someone to step up and fill his position. Could it be you? Volunteering can be good for your soul and our group; you get to be around people who share your interests in the Civil War and learn the inner workings of our Round Table. You'd have the satisfaction of helping us recover from the pandemic while building on the good work of your predecessor. Please ask yourself if this is something you would be willing to do for yourself and for our organization.

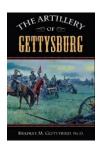
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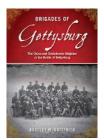


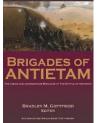
We had an enthusiastic audience in February for Jared T. Frederick's spellbinding presentation.

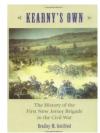
# Selected Books by our March Speaker











The Maps of:
 Antietam
 Bristoe Station & Mine Run
 Cavalry at Gettysburg
 First Bull Run
 Fredericksburg
 Gettysburg
 Spotslvania
 Wilderness

# Meeting Schedule—Campaign 64

#### 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

#### 6/10/23 (SATURDAY) — 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 takes 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: <a href="https://harrisburgcwrt.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Chancellorsville-2023-Field-Trip-Flyer.pdf">https://harrisburgcwrt.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Chancellorsville-2023-Field-Trip-Flyer.pdf</a>.

Cost of the trip per person is \$95.00. As this newsletter went to press, there were only a few seats left on the bus. If you are interested in filling one of those seats, call Norm Daniels, at 717-712-7494 and ask him to hold a seat for you. If you have already signed up and paid your \$25.00 deposit, the \$70.00 balance is due to Norm by April 6. If the trip sells out, Norm will start a waiting list, and as participants fall out for one reason or another, as they always do, he will move you into an open seat. We've never had to leave anyone on a waiting list behind in the past, so *don't delay, sign up today!* 

## CHANCELLORSVILLE 1863

# Still Looking for a New Treasurer & Fundraising Chair

Norm Daniels' tenure as our Treasurer is coming to an end in June. We're actively looking for a replacement for Norm who plays a central role in our organization. The future of our popular field trip program and of our Round Table itself depends on filling this critically important position. We'd like to identify Norm's replacement before June to allow for a period of cross-training.

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

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

# Change of Date for our June Engagement!



Due to a change is our speaker's schedule, we have to change the date of our June engagement from Thursday, June 8 to Saturday, June 10.

Please mark your calendars, and plan to join us on Saturday night for our annual Nye-Sommers lecture, with Gilder-Lehrman Lincoln Prize-winning author, Dr. Caroline E. Janney, who will speak on *Lee's Army After Appomattos*. Central Penn College has graciously agreed to host us that night. This will be our last meeting before we adjourn for the summer, so we are hoping for a large turnout to hear this celebrated professor from the University of Virginia. Consider inviting spouses, family members, neighbors, and friends for a special weekend night out!

# Campaign 65 Engagement Dates Finalized

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

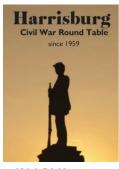
Friday, November 10, 2023

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



130th PA Monument Antietam National Battlefield

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