

Newsletter of The Harrisburg Civil War Round Table

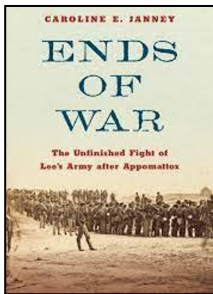
Welcome to our fellowship forum where we discuss our past, emphasizing remembrance, education & preservation.

Meetings held at Central Penn College Conference Center and virtually on Zoom

June 10—Dr. Caroline E. Janney *Lee's Army After Appomattox*

Join us on **Saturday, June 10*** as prize-winning historian Dr. Caroline E. Janney delivers our annual Nye-Sommers Lecture. She will address how Confederate forces laid down their arms in the aftermath of Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Dr. Janney is the John L. Nau III Professor of the American Civil War and Director of the John L. Nau Center for Civil War History at the University of Virginia. A graduate of the University of Virginia, she worked as an historian for the National Park Service and taught at Purdue University before returning to Virginia in 2018. An active public lecturer, she has given presentations at locations across the globe. She is a speaker with the Organization of American Historians' Distinguished Lectureship program and has appeared on the History Channel programs on Grant and Lincoln. She serves as a co-editor of the University of North Carolina Press' Civil War America Series and is the past president of the Society of Civil War Historians. She has published seven books, including *Remembering the Civil War: Reunion and the Limits of Reconciliation* (2013) and *Ends of War: The Fight of Lee's Army after Appomattox*, winner of the coveted 2022 Gilder-Lehrman Lincoln Prize.



The Nye-Sommers lecture honors two pillars of the Harrisburg CWRT. Colonel Wilbur S. Nye was chief historian for the US Army, Europe, and later co-founded *Civil War Times Illustrated* magazine. He helped launch our Round Table in the 1960s. Dr. Richard J. Sommers was the chief archivist and military historian at the US Army Military History Institute in Carlisle. For five decades he helped our Round Table grow and thrive, serving as its president twice and as its program chair for 32 years. He invited eminent historians with sterling reputations, like Dr. Janney, to speak to our Round Table, greatly enhancing its reputation and prestige.

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/83228046925>. No password is required. To dial in by phone, call 1-301-715-8592 or click on the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83228046925>. The meeting ID # is 832 2804 6925.

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

**Note: This engagement was originally scheduled for Thursday, June 8.*

DINNER IS SERVED!

Saturday, June 10

6:00 pm—Refreshments

7:45 pm—Announcements

6:45 pm—Dinner

8:00 pm—Presentation



Buffet Dinner Selections

Espresso and Black Pepper Rubbed Sliced Beef, Potato Crusted Salmon Filet, Olive Oil Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans w/ Mushrooms, 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, June 5

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"Discipline helps you finish a job, and finishing is what separates excellent work from average work."

— Pat Summit



Our Round Table's 64th campaign comes to a dramatic close Saturday, June 10 when Dr. Caroline E. Janney, one of the most sought-after speakers in the nation, delivers our annual Nye-Sommers lecture. ***We need "all hands on deck" for this important event!***

As noted in previous newsletters, this event was originally scheduled for Thursday, June 8 but had to be rescheduled to Saturday, June 10. We encourage all members to attend and bring their spouse and/or friends to honor the memory of Colonel Nye and Dr. Sommers and hear a stimulating talk from a distinguished Civil War historian.

When I was in school, my cross-country coaches always stressed the importance of proper preparation. We have been preparing for this June event since last summer. We have been bringing in exceptionally talented speakers for the past nine months. Dr. Janney provides a grand finale to what has truly been a banner year.

The Harrisburg Civil War Round Table is committed to excellence in all we do. The Central Penn College Conference Center has enabled us to step up our game, with modern, spacious facilities, easy access, and recently upgraded electronic systems to better meet our in-person and online needs. Their superbly talented catering staff provides delicious meals at a reasonable price. If you've been coming for dinner, you know what I mean. If you haven't been to an engagement in a while, June is the time to come out and see what all the excitement is about. As a special incentive to come out, complimentary adult beverages will be provided during the social hour, courtesy of some of our members.

Let's close out Campaign 64 on June 10 by celebrating what makes our Round Table so special— ***I hope to see all of you there!***

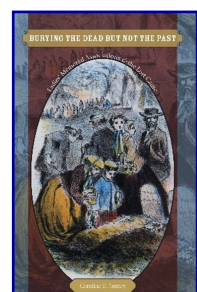
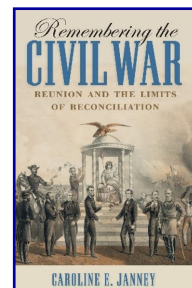
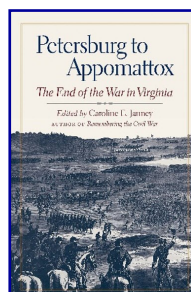
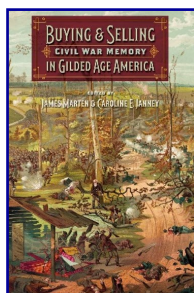
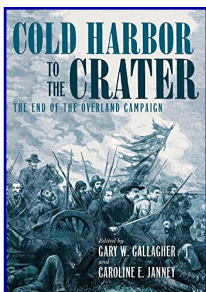
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We had an enthusiastic crowd for our May engagement.

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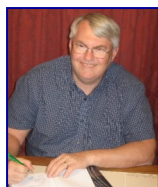


Upcoming Events.

- **Saturday, May 27** – Victorian Dance Ensemble dance demonstrations at 11:00, 1:00, & 3:00 and display of civilian artifacts and Grand Army of the Republic memorabilia from 10:00 to 4:00 at the Gettysburg Visitors Center.
- **Monday, May 29** (Memorial Day) - Civil War weapons display at the Gettysburg Visitors Center from 10:00 to 4:00; a chance to see the weapons up close and ask questions about them.
- **Saturday, June 17** – Juneteenth Community Free Day at the National Civil War Museum. <https://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org/event/juneteenth-community-free-day/>
- **Saturday, July 1–Monday, July 3** – 160th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. Includes Ranger Battle Walks, plus a wide range of Sacred Trust lectures at the Gettysburg Visitors Center. <https://www.gettysburgfoundation.org/news/2023-news/sacred-trust-2023-talks-book-signings#:~:text=From%20Saturday%2C%20July%201%20through,Theater%20inside%20the%20Museum%20%26%20Visitor>
- **Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23** – Military History Used Book Sale at USAHEC in Carlisle.
- **Friday, July 28 thru Sunday, July 30** – The Society for Women and the Civil War 23rd Annual Conference at USAHEC in Carlisle. <https://www.swcw.org/annual-swcw-conference.html>
- **Saturday, August 12** – 2023 George Armstrong Custer Symposium at the National Civil War Museum. <https://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org/event/2023-george-armstrong-custer-symposium/>
- **Friday, August 25 to Sunday, August 27** – CWRT Congress 2023 Sustainability Conference in Gettysburg. <https://www.cwrtcongress.org/2023.html>

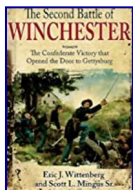


Field Trips to Winchester & Spotsylvania Scheduled



Our fall field trip will take place on Saturday, November 4, 2023. Scott Mingus will be our guide as we visit the sites where the Second Battle of Winchester took place in June of 1863, a costly Union defeat that opened the door for Confederate forces to invade Pennsylvania.

Our spring field trip will take place on Saturday, May 4, 2024. Chris Mackowski will guide us through the Spotsylvania Court House battlefield as we commemorate the 160th anniversary of that battle, which witnessed some of the most intense hand-to-hand combat in the Civil War.



The flyers for these field trips are posted in the *Events & Field Trips* section of our website, and can be accessed by clicking on this link: <https://harrisburgcwrt.org/events/>

The cost of each trip is \$95.00 per person. If you'd like to join us, print out a copy of the flyer for the trip, fill out the registration form at the bottom, and mail it to Steve Williamson, Harrisburg CWRT, 121 Windrush Lane, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-9236, along with a check for \$25.00 to hold your seat. The \$70.00 balance is not due until a month prior to the field trip.



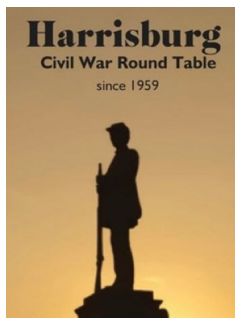
We anticipate a big demand for both trips, based on the success of our recent field trips to Mosby's Confederacy and Chancellorsville, so ***don't delay, register today!***

The Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize



The \$50,000 Gilder Lehrman Lincoln Prize is awarded annually for the finest scholarly work in English on Abraham Lincoln, the American Civil War soldier, or a subject relating to their era. Our June speaker won the award in 2022 for her book, *Ends of War: The Unfinished Fight of Lee's Army after Appomattox*.

Other recent winners have included Jon Meacham, Jonathan White, David Reynolds, Elizabeth Varon, David Blight, and Edward Ayres. Winners also receive a bronze replica of August Saint-Gaudens' life-sized bust, Lincoln the Man.



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