

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

May 19—Dr. Robert M. Sandow

Copperheads and Draft Resistance In Pennsylvania During the Civil War

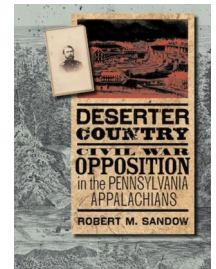
Join us on Friday, May 19 as Dr. Robert M. Sandow shares his research on political dissent and draft opposition in the Keystone State during the Civil War.



Political opponents of Lincoln, dubbed “Copperheads” by detractors, have often been viewed as villains in the narrative of the Northern war effort. Lincoln referred to them as “the fire in the rear” and the Republican Party deployed a language of treason and disloyalty in election campaigns against them. What was the reality behind the accusations? How did partisanship fuel divisive attitudes toward the war and its policies about censoring speech and complying with the military draft, for instance? What is the place of political opposition in war-time? Our speaker will address these questions with examples from Pennsylvania.

Dr. Sandow is a scholar of the Civil War and professor of history at the recently consolidated Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania. His research and writing is on the Northern Home Front, with a special interest in issues of political dissent, civil-military relations, and the social impacts of the war on communities. He is the author of *Deserter Country: Civil War Opposition in the Pennsylvania Appalachians* (2009) and editor of *Contested Loyalty: Debates over Patriotism in the Civil War North* (2018). He has also contributed essays for *Reconstructing Appalachia: The Civil War's Aftermath*, edited by Andrew L. Slap (2014), and *This Distracted and Anarchical People: New Answers for Old Questions about the Civil War—Era North*, edited by Andrew L. Slap and Michael Thomas Smith (2013). His chapter on “The Northern Home Front” was published in the two-volume Wiley-Blackwell series *A Companion to the U.S. Civil War* edited by Aaron Sheehan-Dean (2014). He was also a major contributor to the Smithsonian Institution’s *The Civil War: A Visual History* (2015).

Dr. Sandow graduated from Gettysburg College before entering the Richards Civil War Era Center at Pennsylvania State University, where he studied with William A. Blair, Mark Neely, and Gary Gallagher. Since earning a Ph.D. he has taught at Lock Haven University, now part of Commonwealth University.



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/86908882880>. 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/86908882880>. The meeting ID # is 869 0888 2880.

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

DINNER IS SERVED!

Friday, May 19

6:00 pm—Refreshments

7:45 pm—Announcements

6:45 pm—Dinner

8:00 pm—Presentation



Buffet Dinner Selections

Lemon Chicken, Mediterranean Cod, Smashed Yukon Gold Potatoes, Sugar Peas w/Julienne Carrots, Fruit & 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, May 15

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"The American Civil War produced carnage that has often been thought reserved for the combination of technological proficiency and inhumanity characteristic of a later time."

— Drew Gilpin Faust



Campaign 64 has been a roaring success for the Harrisburg Civil War Round Table. Each of our speakers has aimed for the fences and hit a home run. April's engagement was our most successful to date. Forty of our members came out for dinner, 15 joined us just for the lecture, and another 53 joined us via Zoom (from as far away as Australia!). Licensed Battlefield Guide Jim Hessler delivered a riveting talk on the critical role Major General Reynolds of Lancaster played in setting the stage for the battle of Gettysburg; he kept us all on the edge of our seats. It made for a memorable evening of good food, camaraderie, and stimulating historical analysis—which is what sets our Round Table apart.

I hope to see even more of our members and their guests come out for the last two engagements of Campaign 64. Dr. Robert Sandow from Lock Haven will open our eyes in May to widespread draft resistance, and deep political divisions within the Keystone State during the war. If you grew up like me, thinking the Union was unified, this will come as a bit of a shock, but it is a topic well worth exploring. And if you grew up thinking the Civil War ended at Appomattox, Dr. Caroline Janney from the University of Virginia, our June speaker, has news for you. It wasn't that simple. It took a long time for the various Confederate forces to lay down their arms. General Lee didn't command all of them, and even some of those he did command tried to sneak away and fight another day.

Organizing great events like these requires the efforts of a lot of people. We are blessed to have a Board of Directors composed of talented history lovers who are passionate about what they do. We have two positions on our Board that will be opening in June that we need to fill. If you would like to join our Board and contribute to the success of our Round Table, please contact me for more information.

Fine food, fellowship, & brilliant speakers await you in May and June. Let's end Campaign 64 with a bang.

John West



We had record turnout for our April engagement.

Date Change—June Engagement

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, due to a change in our speaker's schedule, we've had 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 Appomattox*.

This will be our last meeting before we adjourn for the summer, so we're 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!

Meeting Schedule—Campaign 64

6/10/23 (SATURDAY)

Nye-Sommers Lecture

Lee's Army After Appomattox

Dr. Caroline Janney, winner of the prestigious Gilder-Lehrman Lincoln Prize

Upcoming Events

- **Sunday, May 21**, from 12:30 to 4:00 pm – Harrisburg Cemetery Tours, sponsored by the Camp Curtin Historical Society. Meet at the Caretaker's Cottage. \$8.00 pp (\$5.00 for CCHS members). Tour topics include:
 - 1:00 pm – Pennsylvania Personalities of the Civil War, led by Jim Schmick
 - 1:30 pm – Personalities of Harrisburg's Anti-Slavery Crusade, led by George Nagle
 - 2:00 pm – Notables of South-Central Pennsylvania, led by Bruce Horner

Visit Lucy Cadwallader in the Caretaker's House 12:30 and 2:30 to view hair art/jewelry/mourning displays and see demonstrations. Living historians Jeff and Dianne Witmer will portray CW Harrisburg Mayor Augustus Rounfort and wife Mary.

For more information call 717-732-5115 or email: genjenkins@aol.com

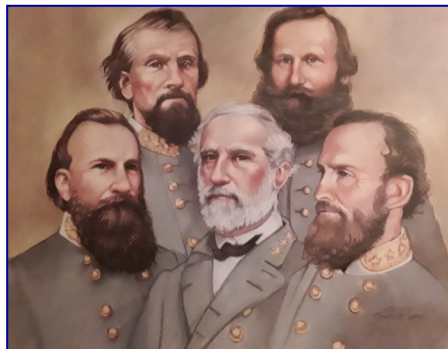
- **Wednesday, May 24**, 7:00 pm—*Rethinking the Guerrilla War in Georgia*, Gerald Flinchum, USAHEC Webinar.
- **Saturday, May 27** – Victorian Dance Ensemble dance demonstrations at 11:00, 1:00, & 3:00 and display of civilian artifacts and Grand Army of the Republic memorabilia from 10:00 to 4:00 at 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.

Silent Auction

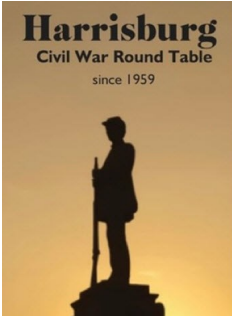
The Silent Auction item is an art print titled, *Lee and His Valiant Men*. It is a numbered print (84/600) and signed by the artist, Janet McGrath. Bids may be placed with Norm Daniels at the meeting, via email (nld500@aol.com), or by text or phone (717-712-7494).



Welcome New Members in 2023

Rowland Denny
Marsha (Bunny) Gantt
Mike Reed
Sherman Reeves

Amy Rowcliffe
COL (Ret) Pete and Rose Marie Sniffin
Malcolm Wakefield



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