

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

September 15 — Dan Welch

"Where All So Well Did Their Duty": George Sears Greene's Brigade at Gettysburg

Join us on Friday, September 15, as Dan Welch recounts the heroic defense of Culp's Hill by Brigadier General George Sears Greene's Brigade. Against overwhelming odds, this lone Union brigade held Culp's Hill in a climactic action on July 2, 1863.

Learn about Greene, his men, and their gallant service on the slope of Culp's Hill in this exciting program, which electrified attendees at this summer's Sacred Trust lectures. What better way to kick off our 65th Anniversary campaign year, or commemorate the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg?



Mr. Welch is an educator with a public school district in north-east Ohio. Previously, he served as the education programs coordinator for the Gettysburg Foundation, and continues to serve as a seasonal park ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park. Mr. Welch is the editor of the long-running *Gettysburg Magazine* and has been a contributing member at *Emerging Civil War* for over seven years. He is the coauthor of two works in the *Emerging Civil War Series*: *The Last Road North: A Guide to the Gettysburg Campaign, 1863* and *Never Such A Campaign: The Battle of Second Manassas, August 28-30, 1862*. Mr. Welch has also co-edited several volumes in the *Emerging Civil War's Tenth Anniversary Series*. He is the co-author of *Ohio at Antietam: The Buckeye State's Sacrifice on America's Bloodiest Day* with the History Press.

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/87895211555>. 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/87895211555>. The meeting ID# is 878 9521 1555.

Zoom participants should join the meeting by 7:00 pm.

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DINNER IS SERVED!

Friday, September 15

5:30 pm—Refreshments
6:15 pm—Dinner

7:15 pm—Announcements
7:30 pm—Presentation

Buffet Dinner Selections

Cider Brined Pork Loin, Lemon Cod Fish Fillet, Jasmin Rice Pilaf, Broccoli, Mixed Field Greens, House Made Soup du Jour, Assorted Cookies, Rolls and Butter, Drinks

Cost: \$26 per person

pay at the door or on our website: harrisburgcwr.org/events

Dinner reservations must be made no later than noon on Monday, September 11

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"The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield, and patriot grave, to every living heart and hearthstone, all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."

-- Abraham Lincoln



We hope you had a wonderful summer filled with history, camaraderie and relaxation. As we transition into the fall, we have some exciting news and updates to share with you.

First and foremost, we're delighted to announce that our executive team has been working hard at enhancing our website to provide both current and future members with a more streamlined and convenient experience. While you can still enlist or reenlist and sign up for dinners and field trips the old-fashioned way, you can now save the expense of postage and envelopes and complete such transactions with just a few clicks on our website. Here's what you can now do online:

- **Dinner payments:** dinners for Campaign 65 will cost \$26.00. You can easily make your payment through the *Events* tab of our website using PayPal or a credit card. Note that the deadline for making dinner reservations remains noon on the Monday before the event, whether you book online or the old-fashioned way by calling in your reservation or sending an email to Brian Foster.
- **Field trip registrations and payments:** explore our upcoming field trips and secure your spot by signing up and making payments for seat deposits, balance due or the full amount.
- **Membership dues:** you can enlist as a new member of the HCWRT or renew your membership, and pay dues at the *Membership* tab of our website, effortlessly using PayPal or your credit card.
- **Donations:** if you'd like to support our organization through donations, you can do so via the yellow donations button at the bottom of our website's *Membership* page.

All you need to do is sign in once and provide minimum personal information. After this, every time you visit the website to register for events, pay for dinner, renew your membership, or make donations, the information you previously entered will automatically be populated, making the process more efficient.

As our new treasurer, Steve Williamson, aptly put it: "we've embraced the 21st century." These online advancements will allow us to manage our information more effectively and provide you with a smoother, more user-friendly experience.

In other news, our leadership team attended the Civil War Round Table Congress's Sustainability Conference in Gettysburg at the end of August. Our HCWRT banner and recruiting display was held up as a model for other CWRTs to emulate nationwide. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of our leadership team and our members, we are well positioned to continue growing well beyond our 65th campaign year. Our Round Table is like a rising tide, which lifts all boats.

Don't forget to check the *Events* tab on the website for upcoming events. Our program chair, Steve Smith, has recruited an impressive lineup of speakers for the coming year. Our vice president, Mark Blanchard, is chairing an *ad hoc* committee to plan for our 65th Anniversary celebration in May. The committee also includes Tracy Sommers, Mo Becker and Don Madar. Feel free to contact any of them with your suggestions on how to make our anniversary banquet a night to remember. Stay tuned for more details in upcoming newsletters.

If you have not yet visited our new meeting place at Central Penn College's Conference Center in Enola, you're truly missing out. It's a place where history comes alive, friendships are forged, and knowledge is shared. Whether it's delicious food, engaging conversations, or enriching historical insights, our centrally-located venue offers a unique experience that you won't want to miss.

Mark your calendars for September 15 as we kick off our 65th campaign year. We look forward to reuniting with you and embarking on another memorable year together. Seasonal park ranger Dan Welch, who attracted large audiences during the 160th Anniversary events at Gettysburg this summer, will kick off our campaign with a thrilling account of the heroic defense of Culp's Hill on day two of the battle. *Don't miss out on this!*

Thank you for your support of the Harrisburg Civil War Round Table. I cannot wait to "see you on September."

John West



We had a large turnout in June to hear Nye-Sommers lecturer Dr. Caroline E. Janney.

Membership Dues & Donations

All HCWRT members are encouraged to reenlist for Campaign 65 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/2023/08/HCWRT-Enlistment-Form-6.28.2023.pdf>, or you can enlist or reenlist and make payments on our website.

If you are in a position to make a donation, in addition to paying your dues, please consider doing so. The generosity of our members got us through recent campaigns, enabling us to defray the costs associated with Zoom technology, honoraria, travel and lodging for speakers, publicity, and battlefield preservation. For more information, contact Brian Foster, our Membership Chair, at hcwrt.membership@gmail.com or (717) 962-6122.

Spreading the Word on HCWRT



Current president, John West, seeking to recruit General Grant at the CWRT Congress in Gettysburg.



Past president, Steve Smith, recruiting new members at the 2023 Custer Symposium at the National Civil War Museum in August.

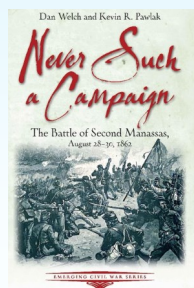
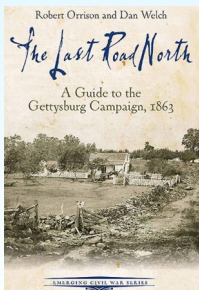
Donations to the Harrisburg CWRT have been made in memory of Jackie Lapitsky, past president, and in memory of Revere Ployer, Mary Jane Webb Ployer Cooper, and Everett Cooper, founding members

Campaign 65 Field Trip Update

The Harrisburg and Hershey CWRTs will team up again on Saturday, November 4 to sponsor a field trip to Winchester, VA, to study the Second Battle of Winchester, a devastating Union defeat that opened the door for Lee's 1863 invasion of Pennsylvania. Our guide will be Scott L. Mingus, Sr., co-author of the leading book on the battle.

On Saturday, May 4, 2024, we will head south again to study one of the hardest-fought battles of the Overland Campaign of 1864, at Spotsylvania Court House. Chris Mackowski, who served as our guide to the Wilderness, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville, is back by popular demand. Our visit will coincide with the 160th Anniversary of the Spotsylvania battle.

Books By Our Speaker



Field Trip Details

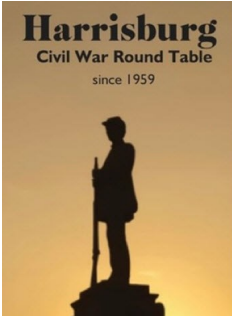
Cost of each trip is \$95.00 per person.

To reserve a seat, download the flyer for each trip from the *Events* page of the Harrisburg CWRT website: <https://harrisburgcwr.org/events>

Fill it out and mail the registration form to our Treasurer, Steve Williamson, at the address on the flyer with a check for \$25.00 to hold your seat. The \$70.00 balance is due a month prior to each trip. Or you can book on the website using PayPal or a credit card.

To date, 34 field trippers have signed up for Winchester, and 28 for Spotsylvania.

The bus only holds 55, and remaining seats are likely to go fast, so ***don't delay, register today!***



The Dispatch

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Current Member Renewal

- Individual \$24
- Family \$36
- Full Time Student \$5

Donations*

- \$25
- \$50
- \$100
- Other _____ (specify)

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