

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

Friday, December 8—James Hayney

Lincoln's Love of Pennsylvania

Join us on Friday, December 8, for a special holiday treat as Harrisburg Civil War Round Table member and veteran Lincoln presenter, James Hayney, portrays the 16th President of the United States while discussing Lincoln's deep and abiding love of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hayney, a Camp Hill resident and professional actor, has spent much of the last two decades keeping history alive in central Pennsylvania and beyond. He has portrayed Lincoln in a two-act play entitled "Mr. Lincoln," in a commercial for the History Channel, and in an interactive "Meet Mr. Lincoln" video that plays daily at the National Civil War Museum, where viewers can ask Lincoln hundreds of questions. He is much in demand as a speaker for schools and corporate groups, and appears frequently at events in Gettysburg. He appeared at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C. on the occasion of President Obama's first inauguration, was grand marshal for the Pennsylvania Farm Show, and threw out the first pitch at a Harrisburg Senators baseball game.



He will address Lincoln's Quaker family roots in Pennsylvania, his travels in the state, the role Pennsylvania played in helping him win the Republican Party's nomination for President in 1860, and his admiration for how the Commonwealth helped to bring the Civil War to a successful conclusion, among other topics. He will draw on his many years of Lincoln scholarship to answer questions from the audience at the end of his presentation, and will pose for individual and group holiday photos with our members.

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/89417385802>. No password is required. To dial in by phone call 1-301-715-8592 or click the following link for your callin number <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89417385802>. The meeting ID # is 894 1738 5802

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

DINNER IS SERVED!

5:30 pm—Refreshments
6:15 pm—Dinner

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

Buffet Dinner Selections

Tuscan Pork Tenderloin, Mediterranean Cod, Jasmine Rice Pilaf, Green Bean, Yellow Bean, and Carrot Medley, Mixed Field Greens, House Made Soup du Jour, Assorted Cookies

Cost: \$26 per person

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

**Dinner reservations must be made no later than
noon on Monday, December 4**

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*"I beg to present you, as a Christmas gift, the city of Savannah,
with 150 heavy guns and plenty of ammunition,
and also about 25,000 bales of cotton."
– William Tecumseh Sherman*

*"Many, many thanks for your Christmas gift – the capture of Savannah."
– Abraham Lincoln*



The holidays are a time for us to reflect on the many blessings in our lives. As we look back over the last twelve months, our Round Table has much to be thankful for. We've had one outstanding speaker after another, spectacularly successful field trips to Chancellorsville and Winchester (and a wet but memorable canoe trip down Antietam Creek), scores of new enlistments, and the camaraderie that has always been our hallmark. Central Penn College has taken tender loving care of our group and made our members who come out for dinner very glad they did.

Our Veterans Day salute to those who have served in our armed forces was a night to remember. Cooper Wingert dazzled us with the results of his latest historical research into how two companies of Black soldiers were organized and came to the defense of the Commonwealth in the summer of 1863. We had one of the best turnouts of the year.

December offers another opportunity to hear from one of our members. We wanted to do something different for the holidays. What could be more special than hearing from our very own James Hayney, who has established a sterling reputation over the last two decades as one of the premier Lincoln presenters in the nation? His remarks will remind us of just how blessed our nation was to have a leader like Lincoln during its darkest hour. Please plan to join us for what is sure to be an enjoyable evening, and show your support for one of our own. Invite your friends, neighbors, and family to join us, and have their photographs taken with the Great Emancipator!

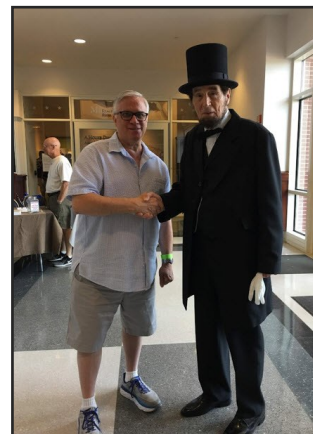
On behalf of the Harrisburg Civil War Round Table's Board of Directors, I would like to extend our heartfelt holiday greetings and hopes for a peaceful new year. May the holiday season bring joy, love, and harmony to you and your loved ones. I look forward to seeing you soon.

John West



More than 60 members and guests came out for our November engagement!

Our Speaker At Large



Fall Field Trip Update

Our field trip to Winchester on November 4 to study the Second Battle of Winchester was a great success. The smiles on the faces of the 43 participants in the photo below speak volumes.



Spring Field Trip to Spotsylvania Court House

Saturday, May 4, 2024, we will head south again to study the battle of Spotsylvania Court House, one of the hardest-fought battles of the Overland Campaign of 1864. 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. For more information on the trip, download the flyer posted on the Events tab of our website: <https://harrisburgcwr.org/events/>.

The bus for this field trip is already more than half full, so the best advice is: ***"don't delay, reserve a seat today!"***

Veterans

Eighteen veterans joined us for our Veterans Day salute at our November meeting.



Meeting Schedule—Campaign 65

01/19/24

Meade & Lee's "Commanding Machines" at Gettysburg
Colonel (Ret.) Doug Douds

02/16/24

*South Central Pennsylvanians In the
54th Massachusetts Infantry*
John D. Hoptak

03/15/24

The Struggle for Spotsylvania's Mule Shoe
Jeffrey D. Wert

04/11/24 (THURSDAY)

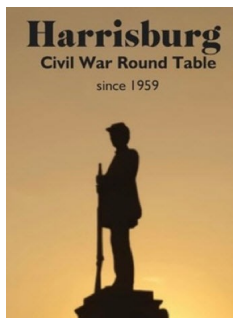
Weather at the Battle of Gettysburg
Dr. Jon M. Nese

05/17/24—65th Anniversary Speaker

The Civil War Career of President James A. Garfield
C. W. Goodyear

06/06/24 (THURSDAY)—Nye-Sommers Lecture

*The Good, The Bad, The Ugly, and the Mediocre:
Leadership at the Battle of South Mountain*
D. Scott Hartwig



130th PA Monument
Antietam National
Battlefield

The Dispatch

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