

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.

NOTE → *Thursday, June 5 — Carolyn Ivanoff*

We Fought at Gettysburg: The 17th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry

Join us on Thursday, June 5 for our annual membership meeting, at which Harrisburg CWRT member Carolyn Ivanoff will discuss the role that the 17th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry played in the battle of Gettysburg, and the effects that combat had on the regiment's survivors.

Often individual encounters with history, experienced by common people caught in the maelstrom of events, hold larger truths. Sometimes these experiences have meaning not only for those who experience them but for us in today's world. This presentation follows twelve members of the 17th Connecticut through the three-day Battle of Gettysburg and its aftermath, focusing on stories of the wounded, the caregivers, and the honored dead. These men fought for their lives, lost friends, and suffered at Gettysburg. Their sacrifices resulted in great social and medical advances, and help us better understand the hidden costs of war. The stories of these citizen soldiers remain poignant and relevant today, 161 years after the epic battle.

Carolyn Ivanoff is a retired high school administrator, author, and independent historian. She writes and speaks frequently on American history in a variety of formats and venues. In 2003 she was named American Battlefield Trust Teacher of the Year, and has received numerous other awards for her writing, teaching, and preservation efforts. In 2018-19 Ms. Ivanoff served as project coordinator for the 17th Connecticut flagpole preservation and rededication on Barlow's Knoll at Gettysburg National Military Park. She has been a guest on "Grating the Nutmeg," the podcast of Connecticut history, the popular "Addressing Gettysburg" podcast, and national "Civil War Talk Radio." Her book, *We Fought at Gettysburg*, published in 2023, follows the 17th Connecticut (the Fairfield County Regiment) through the Gettysburg campaign and beyond. It contains many previously-unpublished personal accounts and photographs of the survivors of the regiment.



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/88287212695>. 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/88287212695>. The meeting ID # is 882 8721 2695.

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

5:30 pm—Doors Open
6:00 pm—Call to Order
6:15 pm—Dinner

7:15 pm—Presentation
8:30 pm—Square Table

Buffet Dinner Selections

Orange Beef Satay, Parmesan Crusted Cod, Smashed Yukon Gold Potatoes, Green Bean, Yellow Bean and Carrot Medley, Fruit and Nut Salad, House Made Soup du Jour, Brownies

Cost: \$32 per person

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

Dinner reservations must be made no later than noon on Monday, June 2

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*"I think this is the strongest position by nature on which to fight a battle that I ever saw."
—Major General Winfield S. Hancock, surveying the battlefield from Cemetery Ridge, Gettysburg, July 1, 1863*



Our Round Table's 66th campaign comes to a dramatic close on Thursday, June 5, when one of our own members provides a grand finale to what has truly been a banner year.

We have been bringing in exceptionally talented speakers for the past nine months and for our final engagement, Carolyn Ivanoff will regale us with the story of the soldiers of the 17th Connecticut Infantry Regiment at who fought at Gettysburg and thereafter.

June is also our annual business meeting, so we need all members to come out and participate in the event. Invite your spouses, friends, and neighbors to join us!

The Harrisburg Civil War Round Table is committed to excellence in all we do. The Central Penn College Conference Center has enabled us 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.

Let's show our support for one of our own and close out a successful campaign year by celebrating what makes our Round Table so special. I hope to see all of you there!

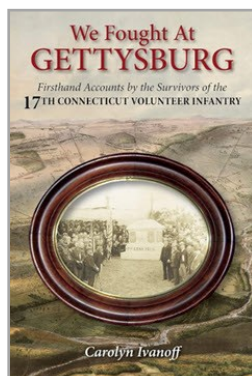
Our spring board meeting will take place on Saturday, June 14 at 10:00 am at the Cumberland Valley School District Administration Building. I look forward to seeing our officers and board members there, as we make plans to keep the flame our founding fathers ignited 66 years ago burning bright.

Mo Becker



We had a large and enthusiastic audience for Lincoln historian Harold Holzer, who delivered the 2025 Nye-Sommers lecture on May 16. He complimented us on the good energy in the room.

The subject
of tonight's
talk



Ms. Ivanoff as
Clara Barton

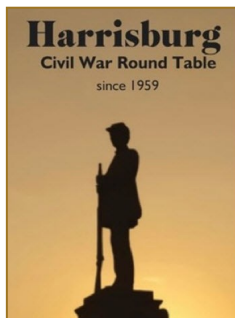
Cooper Wingert Receives Ph.D. from Georgetown

Longtime HCWRT member, Cooper H. Wingert, graduated from Georgetown University on May 16 with a Ph.D. in History. Here are some shots from his robing ceremony. Next stop: New York City, where he will serve as Assistant Professor of Civil War & Reconstruction History at Fordham University. Hats off to Cooper for having achieved his cherished goal of becoming a history professor.



Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, May 22, 7:00 pm:** Gettysburg CWRT hosts Kevin Pawlak speaking on *The Second Manassas Campaign* at the Adams Co. Historical Society, live and livestreamed on Facebook.
- **Monday, May 26, 11:00 am:** Memorial Day Ceremony at USAHEC.
<https://ahec.armywarcollege.edu/events.cfm>
- **Thursday, May 29, 7:00 pm:** The National Civil War Museum hosts a conversation with Brown University historian Michael Vorenberg on his new book *Lincoln's Peace: The Struggle to End the American Civil War*, via Zoom only. Register at nationalcivilwarmuseum.org.
- **Wednesday, June 4, 6:30 pm** (doors open 6:00 pm): USAHEC in Carlisle hosts Rick Atkinson speaking on *The Fate of the Day*, the second volume of his trilogy on the American Revolution.
- **Friday, June 8 thru Sunday, June 10:** Mid-Atlantic Air Show at Reading Regional Airport. A bonanza for WWII aficionados. <https://readingairport.org/maam-wwii-weekend>
- **Friday, June 13 thru Wednesday, June 18:** Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College.
<https://www.gettysburg.edu/civil-war-institute/summer-conference/registration-form>
- **Friday, June 13, 5:30 pm:** The National Civil War Museum hosts a live book talk with Robert P. Watson, author of *Rebels at the Gates: The Confederacy's Final Gamble and the Battle to Save Washington*.
- **Saturday, June 14, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm:** Spring HCWRT Board of Directors Meeting, Cumberland Valley School District Administrative Offices conference room.
- **Saturday, June 14:** The 250th birthday of the United States Army. Events at USAHEC all day.
- **Saturday, June 14, 1:00 pm:** The National Civil War Museum hosts a live book talk with Richard Kreitner, author of *Fear No Pharaoh: American Jews, the Civil War, and the Fight to End Slavery*.
- **Thursday, June 19, 7:30 pm:** Jim Rada will speak on *Kidnapping the Generals: McNeill's Rangers 1865 in Cumberland, MD*, at the Hershey CWRT, Vietnam Vets of America Hall, 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg (live and livestreamed).
- **Thursday, June 26, 6:30 pm:** Tour of the site of Camp Letterman, led by Fran Feyock, for the Gettysburg CWRT (rain date Monday, June 30). <https://cwrtgettysburg.org/future-meetings>
- **Saturday, June 28, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm:** Military used book sale at USAHEC. Vast selection!



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