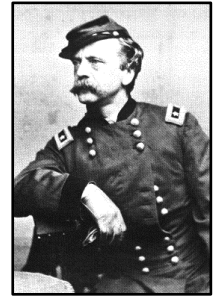


# Dan Sickles Civil War Roundtable



Presents:

## John Brown's Raid: Harpers Ferry and the Coming of the Civil War *October 16-18, 1859*

with Historians and Authors

***Jon-Erik M. Gilot and Kevin R. Pawlak***



*A Virtual Program via Zoom*

**Sunday, December 10, 2023** ◆ **7:00 pm** (eastern)



The first shot of the Civil War was not fired in April of 1861, but instead came on October 16, 1859, in Harpers Ferry, Virginia—or so claimed *former slave turned abolitionist* Frederick Douglass. And that shot came like *a meteor in the dark*.

John Brown, the infamous fighter on the Kansas plains and detester of slavery, led a band of nineteen men on a desperate nighttime raid targeting the Federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry. There, they planned to begin a war to end slavery. The raid failed, and Brown himself became a prisoner. The nation's dividing line had been drawn.

Join authors Jon-Erik Gilot and Kevin Pawlak as they join us to discuss what took place leading up to, during, and following that 36-hour raid which ignited the nation!

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