



# Banner of the Blue and Gray

Newsletter of the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable Frederick, Maryland  
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**241th Meeting**

**April 2015**

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**April 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7:30pm**

National Museum of Civil War Medicine

## **Speaker:**

**Dr. Brad Gottfried**

## **Topic:**

**Women of Gettysburg and the Sisters of Charity in Emmitsburg**

Presentations on the Battle of Gettysburg generally address tactics and strategy. This month's presentation will feature a discussion on the important role women played on the battlefield. Brad Gottfried will cover a variety of categories of women including: Residents (e.g. Ginny Wade, Mary McAllister, Elizabeth Thorn), Women who accompanied the armies (e.g., Rose Rooney, Lucinda Horne), Vivandieres (e.g., Mary Tepe, and Bridget Deavers), and Nurses (e.g., Elmira Spencer, Annie Etheridge). The role of the Sisters of Charity will also be discussed.

Dr. Brad Gottfried has worked in higher education for almost forty years, since earned his Ph.D. in Zoology from Miami University in 1976. Beginning as a faculty member, he climbed the ranks to become President of Sussex County Community College in 2000 and since 2006, has been the President of the College of Southern Maryland. In his spare time, which is usually 3 a.m., Dr. Gottfried is a Civil War historian. He has ten books to his credit, including two brigade-level histories, four on Gettysburg, and four campaign atlases. The latter recount the major campaigns using maps. He has completed studies on First Bull Run, Antietam, Gettysburg, and Bristoe Station/Mine Run. His study of the Wilderness Campaign will be out in the fall and his is making good progress on his study of the Fredericksburg Campaign.

Brad is married to his wife, Linda, and between them they have four grown children and five grandchildren.

Please visit our website for our list of speakers for the 2014-2015 meetings!



### ***The Prez Says.....***

Answers to last month's quiz:

1. Lucy Hale was John Wilkes Booth's finance's.
2. "Our American Cousin" was playing when Lincoln was shot.
3. Mary Surratt was hanged with the other conspirators.
4. Sgt. Boston Corbet allegedly shot John Wilkes Booth.

This month's quiz.

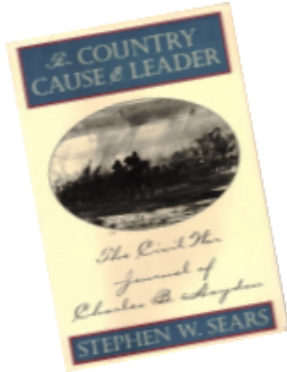
1. Who dedicated the Eternal Light Peace Monument at Gettysburg in 1938?
2. "I never like to go into battle with one boot off". Who said it?
3. What was unusual about the 151st PA Regt. at Gettysburg?
4. Who said "it don t hurt a bit to be shot in a wooden leg"?
5. What Confederate officer was wounded 5 times at Antietam and nearly drowned in his own blood, except for what?

**~Jack**



## Raffle Table Ramblings

April 2015 is bringing an end to the Sesquicentennial commemorations of the bloody Civil War. But our interest in the conflict has not dimmed, if anything it has been whetted by new information gained and questions raised to be investigated in the upcoming days. Hopefully the Roundtable Raffle has helped you round out your own Civil War reference library. Judy England has given us a generous selection of some very nice books to use for our Raffle. Thank you Judy! I'm featuring two this month:



How better to gain an understanding of the War than by reading a journal kept by a soldier on either side. Stephen Sears has edited the wartime journals of a man from Michigan who served from Bull Run to Knoxville. Charles Haydon, a young lawyer, rose from a Sergeant to Lt. Colonel in his 3 years of service, finally succumbing to pneumonia in March 1864.

My second selection ties in with a local landmark.



Other first-hand accounts of the War were written amidst the shots & shells for immediate publication by the many Union and Rebel newspapers. These men sent back the eagerly awaited (but dreaded) accounts that the folks at home on each side craved. Often in peril's way as much as were their subjects, war correspondents put their lives at risk to get "The Story". The accounts of these 19<sup>th</sup> century 'Scud Studs' can be found in Ian Beckett's book.



As the saying goes "April showers bring May flowers". My arms are outstretched to embrace all welcome signs of Spring. This winter has tarried too long for my liking. The bright highlights in the dark days of Winter have been our Roundtable meetings. It is always so good to see familiar faces as well as the new visitors, too. Thank you all for your continuing support. *Kathi*

*PS: Book donations are always welcome!*

## *Civil War events in the area:*

### **Bells Across the Land: A Nation Remembers Appomattox**

April 9, 2015

Bells throughout Frederick will ring as the National Park Service and partners invite schools, churches and communities across the country to ring bells to commemorate the end of the Civil War. 3:15pm.

*Throughout Frederick  
Nationwide*

### **Illuminating Frederick 1865: from Celebration to Grief**

April 10, 2015

7pm. James Swanson, author of the bestseller *Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer*, will discuss the assassination of President Lincoln—including the role of correspondent George Alfred Townsend. The evening will also include recognition of partners involved in the Civil War sesquicentennial. Frederick residents illuminated the city in April 1865 to mark the end of the war, and following Mr. Swanson's talk, participants will be invited to take part in a special 150th anniversary illumination. An optional walking tour of downtown Frederick featuring living history vignettes will follow the illumination.

*City Hall  
101 North Court Street  
Frederick, MD 21701*

Our LAST meeting until September is next month already!!  
Please feel free to bring guests and friends and continue to support the  
FCCWRT.

**Months Speaker: May 21, 2015**

**Speaker:** Joseph V. Collins, author, historian and Master Docent at the  
Historical Society of Frederick County

**Topic:** The Battle of West Frederick, July Next 7, 1864: Prelude to the Battle  
of Monocacy

## NEW! Our very own FACEBOOK Group

If you are on Facebook, give our group a like!



<https://m.facebook.com/fccwrt>

Gary Dyson has done an amazing job with posting interesting Civil War facts and discussions. Help us spread the word about OUR FCCWRT!!



### Our MISSION

**TO** cultivate and preserve Frederick County's Civil War heritage and broaden the understanding of the Civil War Era and its impact on our nation.

**TO** explore the many facets of the Civil War from the battlefield to first-person narratives, including guest lectures by writers and historians.

**TO** support historical projects and activities aimed at increasing public interest and appreciation of our Civil War history, both locally and nationally.

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