



# Banner of the Blue and Gray

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National Museum of Civil War Medicine



### 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*

Joseph Collins has a BA in Social Studies from  
Juniata College (1960), earned his Provisional  
Teacher Certificate from California (PA) State  
University in 1963 and has an MBA from Hood  
College (2010). He retired from All first Bank (now  
M&T Bank) as a Vice-President in the commercial  
real estate finance division. A native of western  
Pennsylvania he has lived in Maryland since 1984  
having moved to Frederick in 2004.

A widower (wife Nancy passed in 2000), Joe has three (3) children and seven (7) grand- children.

He is a volunteer at Frederick Memorial Hospital and President-Elect and board member of the Frederick Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. He is a master docent and walking tour guide at the Historical Society of Frederick County and a member of the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable. Joe is Executive Director of the Nancy Collins Memorial Cancer Foundation, a non-profit charity that holds an annual charity golf outing with net proceeds benefiting the infant care and cancer support areas of Frederick Memorial Hospital.

With his interest in history Joseph has written two (2) books around the Civil War. The first book Farmers That Helped Shape America follows the Van Sickle branch of his family, who were early settlers in Garrett County, Maryland and their service during the Civil War as members in Maryland's Third Potomac Home Brigade. His second book The Battle of West Frederick, July 7, 1864 brings to light the overlooked fighting that took place in the farm fields west of Frederick City only two (2) days before the historic Battle of Monocacy. The book details the events leading up to this engagement, it's many Participants and the part that the Van Suckles and Third Potomac Home Brigade played in the fighting and the impact the battle had on the Frederick area. He is currently working on a third book about the fighting at Jug Bridge on July 9, 1864.

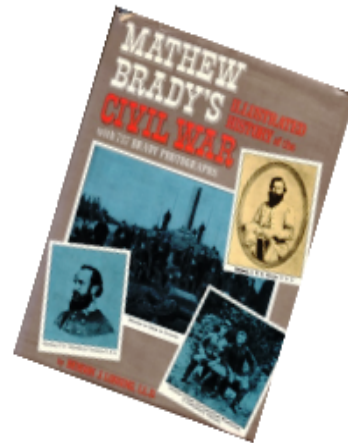
## RAMBLINGS FROM THE RAFFLE TABLE

It's May and the last meeting of the season already! It also is the end of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. Were you at Appomattox Court House on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April? I was very impressed with the solemnity of the commemoration – very tastefully done. I felt like I was actually there in that moment in history. The War has come to an end but our interest keeps the stories of the events and those who participated alive.



After the War seems a natural selection for this month as it is filled with the stories of how life went on for some of the key participants, military and civilian. David Hardin has gathered the stories of Mary Chestnut, George Thomas, John Bell Hood and others whose lives were forever changed by the War.

And yes, I know - Matthew Brady didn't take all those pictures but that does not diminish this great collection of text and illustrations about the Civil War. This volume has graced a personal library or two and will make a valued addition to yours.



As this year for the Frederick County Civil War Round Table comes to a close, I would like to thank you all for helping make the Raffle Table a success at every meeting. Your contributions in books and magazines enable me to have fresh offerings, which in turn means more ticket sales. I couldn't do it without you.

Thank you so much and have a fantastic summer! Kathi

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

answers to last months quiz:

1. In 1938 Pres. Franklin Roosevelt dedicated the Eternal Light Peace Monument, 75 years after the battle of Gettysburg
2. Conf. Gen. James Longstreet said he never liked going into battle with one boot off.
3. At Gettysburg, the 151st Pa Regt. was made up of mostly school teachers.
4. Conf. Gen. Richard Ewell said " it don't hurt a bit to get shot in my wooden leg ", which was made of cork.
5. At Antietam, Col. John Gordon was shot 5 times and almost bled to death, except his cap had bullet hole through it and allowed the blood to run out. Fortunately for Gordon, his wife was able to join him during the retreat and was able to nurse him back to health. Gordon lived to participate in the surrender at Appomattox and went on later to become a Governor and U.S. Senator from the state of Georgia.

Enjoy your summer and we'll meet again in September.

**~Jack**



**NEW! Our very own FACEBOOK Group**

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



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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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