



# Banner of the Blue and Gray

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## September 17th 2015 at 7:30pm National Museum of Civil War Medicine 48 E. Patrick St, Frederick, Maryland



### Speaker:

Calvin Goddard Zon  
Author, historian, journalist and  
educator

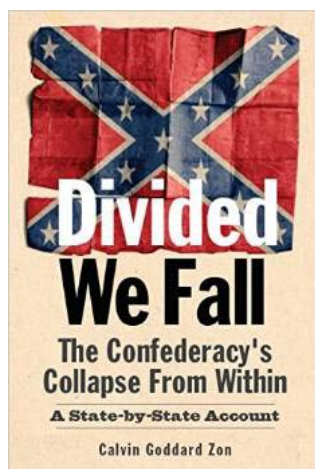
### Topic:

*Divided We Fall: The Confederacy's  
Collapse From Within, A State-by-State  
Account*

Calvin Goddard Zon earned a B.A. from Davidson College, where he majored in American history, and an M.A. from the American University. He has taught high school American history. He is past commander of Lincoln-Cushing Camp No. 2 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and a companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. He served for six years in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is a member of the

Lincoln Forum and a board member of the Lincoln at the Crossroads Alliance. He has presented his books at Civil War Roundtables and other venues from Connecticut to South Carolina.

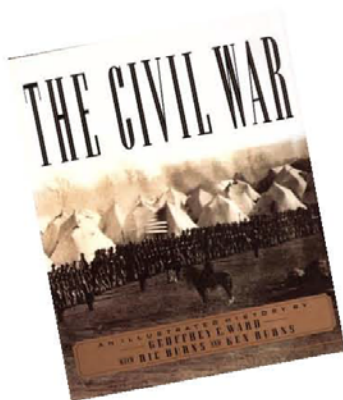
*Divided We Fall: The Confederacy's Collapse From Within, A State-by-State Account*, writes the *Civil War News*, "will deflate the idea of a solid front in the South. It is highly recommended to readers interested in knowing more about the South's internal politics during the Civil War." Zon's first book—*The Good Fight That Didn't End: Henry P. Goddard's Accounts of Civil War and Peace*—was published by the University of South Carolina Press in 2008. The critically acclaimed book is based on the writings of his great-grandfather, a captain in the 14<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Infantry. Zon is a Washington, D.C.-based historian and journalist, having been a staff writer for the *Washington Star* daily, Press Associates, Inc., and the *Mine Workers Journal*. He has written for the *Civil War News*, the *Civil War Times*, *People*, *The Progressive*, *National Catholic Reporter*, and *In These Times*.



Mr. Goddard's book may be purchased on Amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, and other retailers.

## Ramblings from the Raffle Table

What a summer this has been! While the sesquicentennial of the Civil War is over and Lincoln's casket has returned to Springfield once again, many of the same issues that caused the strife have risen again. For all of us who love the history and the heritage of the greatest challenge this country has ever witnessed none of us want to see this conflict repeated outside the reenactment field. Recently, I saw a film clip of the gnarled old veterans shaking hands across a stone wall at Gettysburg in 1913. Let's hope that spirit of reconciliation can breathe new life into today's issues. Okay, someone help me down off the soapbox.....

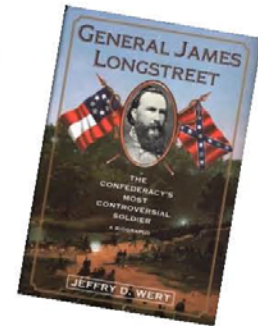


Need a reminder of the passage of time?

This is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ken Burns award winning series on the Civil War (and made Shelby Foote a household name). To start off our Raffle Table Season we have a pristine copy of the companion book to whet your appetite. Ken Burns brought the War and the personalities involved to life and right into our homes.

And speaking of personalities:

our other featured book is General James Longstreet. No matter how you personally feel about "Old Pete", you will find Jeffry D. Wert's biography of "The Confederacy's most controversial soldier" riveting.



And I have a fresh offering of my Monthly Mystery Magazines.

So welcome back to a new year of everything Civil War. We have great speakers lined up and I am looking forward to seeing you all at our September meeting across the Raffle Table.

*Kathi*

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

Welcome back to the start of 2015-2016 FCCWRT season. I hope you had a pleasant and entertaining summer. This season, your BOD is considering using one of our regular meetings to have a debate style format with two sides presenting and a moderator to keep order. What do you think? What subjects would be of interest? At the September meeting give us some ideas.

**Jack**



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### **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.

### **Looking Ahead**

**In October we will have our FCCWRT meeting as usual, but stay tuned for the October 1<sup>st</sup> time and place for Harold Holzer's Lincoln presentation early in the month!**

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Please remember to renew your FCCWRT membership as early as possible so we can continue to fulfill our mission.

As a member of our group, you'll enjoy these benefits:

- receive the current newsletter
- receive email updates of local events related to Civil War history

Our yearly dues are:

- \$30.00 for an individual
- \$50.00 for a family up to four
- \$5.00 for out of state members and members under 16 years of age

You can renew your membership at our meeting or by mail. The membership form may be downloaded from our website at <http://www.frederickcountycivilwarrt.org/>.