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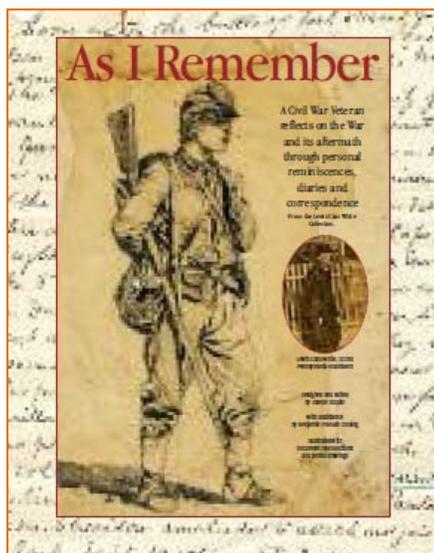
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November 19th 2015 at 7:30pm National Museum of Civil War Medicine 48 E. Patrick St, Frederick, Maryland



Speaker: Joe Scopin

**Topic: Lewis Cass White, A
First Person Account of
the Battles of Fort
Stevens and Cedar Creek**

As I Remember

With Lincoln at Ft. Stevens and Fighting in the 1864 Valley Campaign

Personnel reminiscences of Lewis Cass White, a soldier in the 102nd Pennsylvania Volunteers

While cleaning out an elderly relative's long-ignored basement in Bethesda, Md. in 2011, Joe Scopin salvaged a bag of old paper material from moldy, water-logged debris.

It contained hand-written histories and reminiscences of Lewis Cass White, a veteran of the 102nd Pennsylvania, 6th Corps Army of the Potomac. Daily notes from diaries from 1861, 1862, 1863 and 1865 and an original diary covering part of 1861 were found. They covered his participation in 24 battles including Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Malvern Hill, Salem Church, The Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Fort Stevens, Winchester and Cedar Creek. Correspondences to and from other veterans associations, speeches, newspaper clippings and other related ephemera were found as well.

At our November meeting Joseph Scopin, the author of *As I Remember* will bring to light **several first-hand accounts of the Battle of Fort Stevens**, where President Lincoln was under fire. Lewis Cass White had asked for assistance from colleagues in memorializing this “small event” that he thought had large consequences. Materials include a diagram from Surgeon C.C.V. Crawford, who was wounded while standing close to Lincoln and a seven-page account from Lieutenant George Jewett, who also stood close to Lincoln. This event became a part of White's life after the war, joining and participating in the Grand Army of the Republic, and memorializing the battlefield of Fort Stevens, where he took up residence. Mr. Scopin will also relate some of Mr. White's experiences in the Battles of Winchester, Fisher Hill, and Cedar Creek from the 1864 Valley Campaign.

In 2014, with the assistance of Benjamin Franklin Cooling III, a noted Battle of Monocacy historian, Mr. Scopin published the writings of Lewis Cass White found in that Bethesda basement in *As I Remember* which Joe will have available at the Roundtable meeting for signing.

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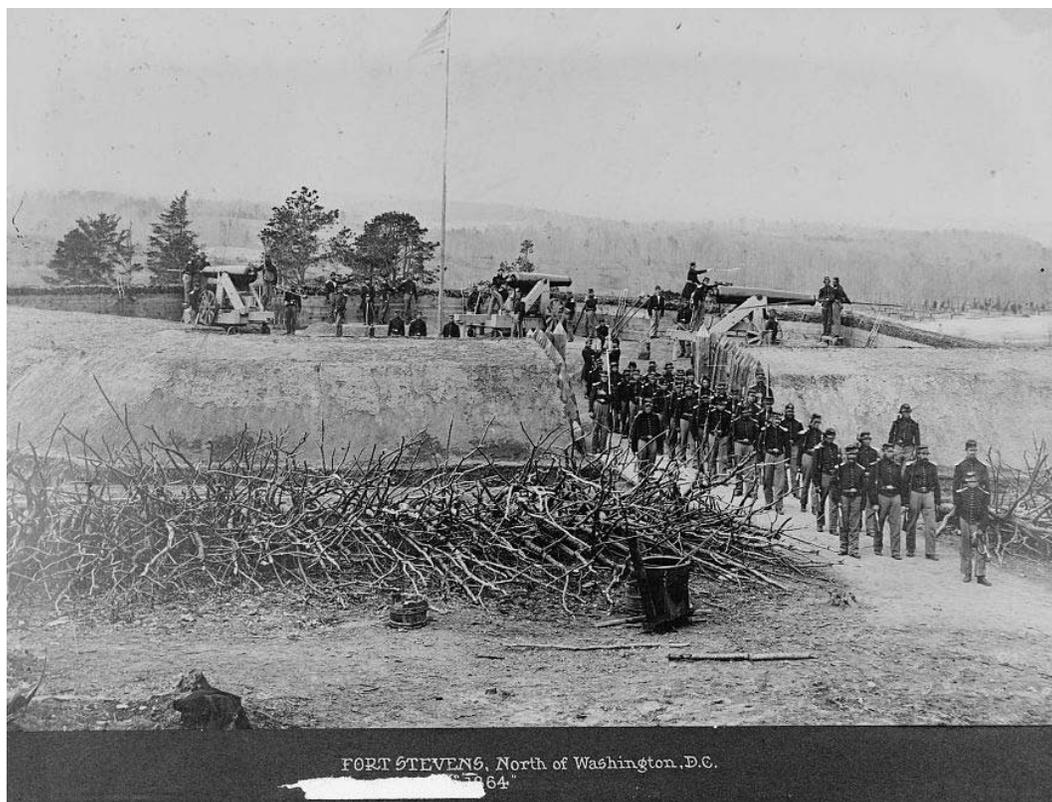
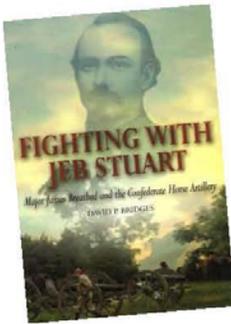


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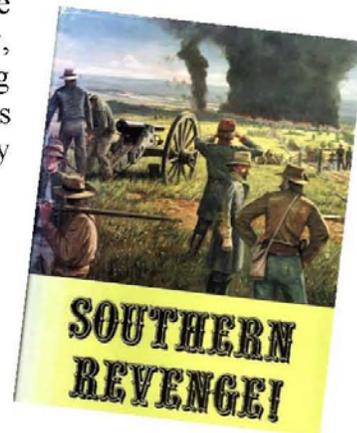
Ramblings from the Raffle Table

The mornings are refreshingly cool and the trees are flaunting their colors as winter approaches. A sure sign of Fall is that Christmas products are already on the store shelves. But Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. It is a time for reflection and appreciation of all that we have. And this year I am especially grateful to the Monocacy National Battlefield Park. They were cleaning up the office and decided (very generously) to donate their discarded books from their library to our raffles. Some of these books are in prime condition and will make good holiday gifts for some lucky members.



in the shadow of Stuart & Pelham. First-hand accounts add to this biography of a long overlooked cavalry officer.

Fighting with JEB Stuart by David P. Bridges tells of the life of Confederate Major Breathed who laid down his scalpel and took up the cavalry saber to fight for the Cause. An important figure in the Stuart Horse Artillery, Breathed has been too long



Southern Revenge is a very thorough study of General Early's burning of Chambersburg in 1864. Too often we get so embroiled with particular battles of the Civil War that the actions in between those get overlooked or even ignored. Right in our backyard and just after our own Battle of Monocacy was the fateful attack on the civilians in Chambersburg. This is must reading to understand the scope of the events occurring here in 1864.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Raffle Table!

Kathi

The Prez Says.....

South Mountain Foliage Trip with the Union 1st Corps 1862

From Frederick take Old National (40A) thru Middletown to the crossroads village of Bolivar, turn right on Mt. Tabor Rd. Go about 1mile and look for church cemetery on right, church is gone. This was the church where Gen Jos. Hooker had his HQ. Continue on Mt Tabor Rd. a short distance and turn left on Frostown Rd. go about 1 mile until road forks bear to the right and you will be traveling the same road that B.Gen Geo.G. Meade and his Pa. "Bucktails" were on 153 years ago when they fought their way to the top. Notice the beautiful view back to the Middletown Valley as you continue to Michael Rd. Turn left and it becomes Monument Rd. From there it's a short hop to the Wash. Monument, Dahlgren Chapel or the South Mountain Inn. Enjoy the view.

Jack



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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

At our December meeting “Evergreen Shade” will perform Civil War Christmas Songs at our Annual Christmas Party.

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Please remember to renew your FCCWRT membership as early as possible so we can continue to fulfill our mission. Many renewed in September. More did the same in October. We can't continue without your support!

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

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