



# Banner of the Blue and Gray

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## *Our Annual Holiday Party!* December 17th 2015 at 7:30pm National Museum of Civil War Medicine 48 E. Patrick St, Frederick, Maryland



*Evergreen Shade*

Acoustic Music Americana

Traditional and Modern

Our December meeting will be our Annual Holiday Party in lieu of a speaker, with entertainment provided by *Evergreen Shade*. Mrs. Robert Howard and Dr. John Tole are *Evergreen Shade*. Their repertoire includes American period music from colonial days to the present as well as traditional and modern Celtic, folk, country, and pop tunes. Their common interest in the songs of the Civil War brought them together. While they focus on music of the Civil War, 1812, American Revolution and Colonial eras, they also perform a wide variety of other traditional and modern acoustic and folk songs including an entire program of songs with rural/environmental themes as well as Irish/Celtic, Christmas, and country music.

Mrs. Howard is a former teacher and accountant. A native of Centreville, VA, she has been singing and performing since she was a young girl in church choirs, plays, contests, and various civic events. She has also performed with the Fauquier Community Theatre. She is a member of the Society of the Lees, the

United Daughters of the Confederacy, Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society United States Daughters of 1812, the Colonial Dames, and the American Colonists. Her family is among the First Families of Virginia. She conducts research in genealogy, especially the era of the War between the States and has participated in living history events for many years. She resides in rural Jeffersonton, VA.

Dr. Tole is a native of Washington, D.C. with Civil War roots in both New York and the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia: one great, great grandfather was a Union naval officer; another was a member of the *Stonewall Brigade* in Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. He taught and conducted research in engineering at M.I.T. (where he received his doctorate) and elsewhere & has spent many years in technical endeavors Music has been an important avocation for most of his life. He has been a member of several well-known choral groups including the Chancel Choir of the (Lutheran) Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill in Washington and the M.I.T. Choral Society. His first musical love, however, is acoustic music, which he has performed both individually and with small groups for the past 50 years. Dr. Tole also lectures on Civil War personalities and conducts research on this period of our history. He is President of the Rappahannock (County) Historical Society and project manager for the county's Civil War Trails Markers program that is erecting over 30 roadside historical markers related to the war. He resides on a Christmas tree farm in Woodville, VA.

Evergreen Shade performs at both historic and modern venues accompanying themselves on 6 and 12 string guitars, banjo, dulcimer, and a variety of percussion instruments. At events with historical themes, they wear period dress and are able to comment extensively on the origins of each of the songs in their repertoire. Whenever possible, they also try to involve the audience, especially children, in the performances.



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**Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. Please come early to participate in our book raffle (Christmas is just around the corner) and get to know your other Roundtable members.**

## **FCCWRT SNOW POLICY**



**The winter storm season is upon us. Due to foul weather conditions, we may need to cancel our monthly meeting. If Frederick County Schools and/or the National Museum of Civil War Medicine (meeting location) announce closures for the afternoon/evening of the meeting our meeting will be cancelled. We will make every attempt to send an email and Facebook notification as soon as the cancellation decision is made. Please use your best judgment in making safety your top priority.**

## **HOLIDAY EVENTS IN FREDERICK OR NEARBY**

### **December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-3:30 pm**

Civil War Talk- General Jubal Anderson Early, Lee's Bad Old Man

General Jubal A. Early is remembered locally as the man who ransomed the City of Frederick for \$200,000 and led Confederate troops at the Battle of Monocacy in 1864. Known for his gruff and abrasive personality, Early was one of the most important Southern commanders of the Civil War. Gail Stephens will talk about his military service in the Army of Northern Virginia and his legacy as an "Unreconstructed Rebel," and leader of the "Lost Cause" movement.

The NMCWM will host a free lecture by an expert on a topic of the Civil War at 2:30PM on the first Saturday of every month in 2015. Speakers and topics will vary. Programs will take place in the Delaplaine-Randall Conference Room and are open to all visitors free of charge.

## **George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War**

We are extremely pleased to present a CIVIL WAR CHRISTMAS, from December 3rd to the 5th, in Shepherdstown, WV. In conjunction with Shepherd University and the Shepherdstown Visitors Center, a range of exciting programs, including toy demonstrations, walking tours, living history encampments, and scholarly presentations will be offered -- something fun for every member of the family! Contact Tom White, 304.876.5429 or [twhite@shepherd.edu](mailto:twhite@shepherd.edu), for further information.

On December 5<sup>th</sup> the annual [Antietam Memorial Illumination](#) will honor the 23,110 soldiers killed, wounded or missing in the bloodiest one-day battle in American history (rain date is December 12<sup>th</sup>). This year, a new feature will accompany the dramatic and moving commemoration. Visitors will have the opportunity to participate in an illumination on the grounds of the historic Newcomer House, a short distance from the event entrance on Route 34.

Visitors can dedicate their own luminary memorial—whether to a Civil War soldier, a current service member, or a loved one—at the Newcomer House on the day of as well as during the weeks preceding the event. Girl Scout troop #40726 from Inwood, West Virginia and the Temple Youth of B'nai Abraham from Hagerstown will assist in lighting and maintaining these luminaries on December 5. These young stewards will learn about the Battle of Antietam and its continued significance through their service.

**For an insider's note for the Illumination, people can start lining up as early as 6pm, but it is recommended to come later, around 9pm to avoid a long wait in line.**

## **Museums By Candlelight**

This is a coordinated countywide event, with events planned in different places to accommodate as many as possible. Mark your calendars for December 12! You'll enjoy period demonstrations, living history vignettes, crafts, refreshments, tours, music and more! <http://bit.ly/museumsbycandlelight>.



## Ramblings from the Raffle Table

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question:  
everything?"

We hope you all had a full-filling Thanksgiving and now plunging into the heart of the holiday season with the age old "What do you give the man who has

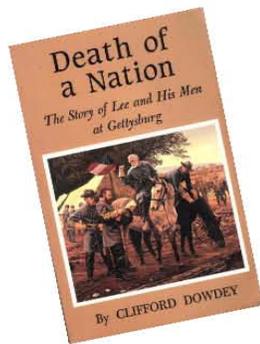
William way from facing holiday gift for his 22, 1864 he beg to present Savannah, with ammunition, and also about 25,000 (Mary Lincoln probably wanted the could exchange them on the 26<sup>th</sup> but Christmas tale to be told.) Burke offers a full length narrative to take you Union troops in this famous / to the Sea.



Tecumseh Sherman had fought his Atlanta to the sea (as exhausting as mall traffic today) to find just the right commander in chief. On December wired Lincoln with the message, "I you, as a Christmas gift, the city of 150 heavy guns and plenty of



bales of cotton." receipts so she that is another Davis' book along with the infamous March



None of us were around for epic 1915 *Birth of a Nation* in flickering black & white with piano accompaniment. But putting a spin on that title is Death of a Nation by Clifford Dowdey. Touted to be one of the best studies of the Gettysburg Campaign, this thorough volume explains in detail the key role of this battle in the fall of the Confederacy.

D.W.Griffith's

So dig out your Christmas tie or wild Christmas Sweater because I'm looking forward to celebrating the season with ya'all at our Roundtable meeting.

What better way to get into the Holiday mood!  
See you there, Kathi



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

### ***NOW'S The TIME***

For clear viewing you can't beat the next four months for visiting our local battlefields. Let's start with South Mountain and its gaps--Crampton, Fox, and Turners. Next go to Sharpsburg starting with the viewscape at the Visitors Center, then on to the Pry House for a view back west toward the Visitors Center, and then onto the Burnside Bridge for a view down to Antietam Creek. Going back to Frederick, don't forget Monocacy and that view west from the Worthington Farm.

**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**

At our January meeting Steven Stotelmyer will give a presentation on Sugarloaf Mountain and its importance during the Civil War.

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## **It's time to renew your FCCWRT Membership or encourage friends to join!**

For those who remembered to renew your FCCWRT membership, thank you! Your dues make it possible for us to continue to fulfill our mission. We can't continue without your support! Please ask your friends to join we can do even more!

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/>.