



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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48 E. Patrick St, Frederick, Maryland



Meet the Director!
David Price, National
Museum of Civil War
Medicine

At our February meeting David Price, the new Executive Director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, will be our guest speaker. He will give us guidance on the future of the museum and what that means to the City of Frederick, the region, and of course to the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable. This will be an opportunity to “ask him anything” regarding the museum and its operation. If you have any questions or concerns about the museum, please make plans to attend and have your voice heard.

David Price was named Executive Director as of December 12, 2015 after a nine-month national search. Price was hired by the NMCWM in 2011 as the Director of Strategic Development and was promoted to Chief of Operations in 2013. He takes over the position previously held for 15 years by George Wunderlich. Since employed by the museum he has been a part of the expansion to three museums with the opening of the Pry House Field Hospital Museum on Antietam National Battlefield and the 2015 opening of the Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum in downtown Washington DC. As quoted on the Museum website, Price says “taking over as Executive Director allows us to continue full speed ahead with our plans to put our collection online, to expand our outreach via the web, and to take full advantage of the upcoming PBS Civil War hospital based series ‘Mercy Street’. We were historical consultants on the project and have launched www.mercystreetpbs.com to be a companion site with enhanced content produced in our museum. This project will expose our story to millions beginning the night of January 17th.”

Prior to his arrival at the NMCWM , Price was a writer/producer for four years with a Nashville production company, was the merchandise and marketing manager for country music legend Waylon Jennings and is a former town councilman for his hometown of New Market, Maryland. David has experience as both a business manager and owner, as well as producing a national daily entertainment show, “Crook and Chase.” He is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University.



Winter Camp of 2nd Maine Infantry, Camp Jameson, from the Library of Congress (date unknown)

AND SINCE WINTER DEFINITELY HAS ARRIVED WITH A VENGEANCE!!!

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.

Before this snow melts away, check with the local battlefields visitor's centers for cross country skiing opportunities!

NEARBY FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 8- Third Annual History Lover's Dinner at The Wine Kitchen on Carroll Creek. This event features period fare and a portion of the proceeds benefits The National Museum of Civil War Medicine. Reservations are required. Contact Jake Wynn of the museum at jake.wynn@civilwarmed.org.

February 4, 11, and 18- Viewing parties for the series "Mercy Street" continue through the month. Meet at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine at 6pm for a viewing and comment period afterwards. These conclude at 8pm and space is limited to 50, first come first served. The viewing on the 18th is before our monthly meeting, so expect a little organized confusion as our parties cross and/or merge.

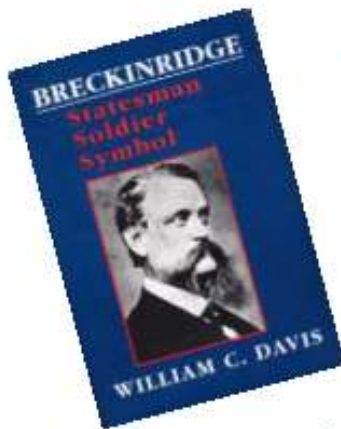
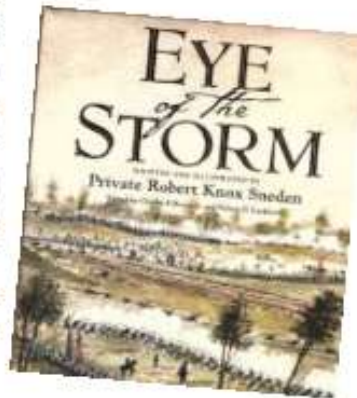
Ramblings from the Raffle Table

Those of us who attended the viewing of Mercy Street sponsored by the National Museum of Civil War Medicine enjoyed not just the opening segment of the series but some very interesting insight into the making of the series and further information on some of the medical details that are presented (correctly or not so much....) This will be a weekly event at the Museum at 6:00 so plan on fitting it into your weekly schedule and come early for our meeting which will follow on the 19th.

Born in Nova Scotia, 29 year old Private Sneden enlisted in the 40th NY Vol. Infantry in the summer of 1861. Sketches that he made parlayed his talent to being assigned as a mapmaker for the Army of the



Potomac. Captured in VA by Mosby in 1863, Sneden was sent to Libby Prison and then on to the infamous Andersonville. He later became a landscape artist after the War. These eye witness accounts are all in Eye of the Storm.



A veteran of the Mexican War, John C. Breckinridge was Vice-President to James Buchanan and then Secretary of War under Jefferson Davis. This comprehensive study of a complex man brings an indepth understanding to a Soldier, Congressman, Senator, Statesman.

And lest we forget: Jan. 29th, 1863 The Great Confederate Snowball fight in the Rappahannock Valley. 9000 troops involved.

See you at the Raffle Table, *Kathi*



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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 March meeting our presenter will be Matt Borders on the topic "From Dred Scott to Secession." We hope to see you there on Thursday, March 17th!

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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

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