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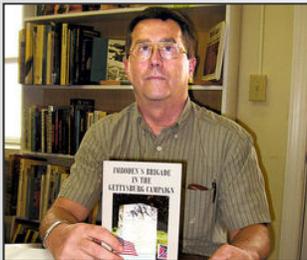


220th Meeting

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Our March Speaker, Steve French, Author and history teacher from Martinsburg, West Virginia

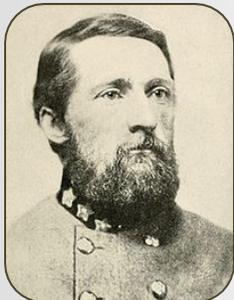


March Meeting

**Thursday, Mar. 21,
at 7:30 PM,
National Museum of
Civil War Medicine,
48 E. Patrick St.,
Frederick, MD**

Topic: Train Holdups on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad

Although most of us associate train robberies with the Wild West, there were three spectacular raids on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad by Confederate irregulars during the Civil War. Steve French will tell us about the holdup of a B&O express train in West Virginia on February 12, 1864 by Marylander Major Harry Gilmor and his men. He will also discuss the famed "Greenback Raid" by John Mosby and his rangers, which hit the same train on October 14, 1864, and the March 30, 1864 robbery of a B&O mail train six miles east of Cumberland by McNeill's Rangers.



John Mosby

Our speaker, Steve French, is a history teacher at South Middle School in Martinsburg, West Virginia, and the author of the critically acclaimed Imboden's Brigade in the Gettysburg Campaign, which received both the 2008 Bachelder-Coddington Award and the 2009 Round Table of Gettysburg Book Award. He is also the author of the recently published Rebel Chronicles: Raiders, Scouts, and Train Robbers of the Upper-Potomac, and the Blue and Gray Education Society monograph, The Jones-Imboden Raid on the B&O Railroad at Rowlesburg, Virginia. Steve also edited Four Years Along the Tihance, the Civil War Dairy of Elisha Manor. He has written more than seventy Civil War articles and numerous book reviews for several publications, including *The Washington Times*, *Gettysburg Magazine*, and *North & South Magazine*. Steve also gives Civil War tours of the lower-Shenandoah Valley, the Potomac Highlands, and the route of the Confederate retreat from Gettysburg.



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Next Month's Speaker

At our next meeting, 7:30 p.m. on April 18, 2013, our speaker will be Marc Thompson, historian and Chancellorsville National Battlefield guide. Marc will discuss the battle of Chancellorsville, called Lee's greatest victory by some, which was fought between April 30 and May 6, 1863.



The Prez Sez

Through our studies we probably think of the great land battles that eventually settled the American Civil War, but what about the navies?

James M. McPherson's new book "On the Waters" which deals with both Union and Confederate Navies between 1861-1865 will contribute greatly to understanding to how, when, and where, maritime power proved so decisive.

Jack

Scenes from the February Meeting

By Vice President Phil Dean



Garry Adelman displaying one of the Civil War photos

Our February speaker, Garry Adelman, wears a number of different caps in the Civil War arena. The one he had on for this very interesting program was that of the Vice President of the Center for Civil War Photography.

Using an excellent power-point display of over a 100 different original Civil War photographs, Mr. Adelman covered many different aspects of '*Civil War Photography*' - the chemistry and physics of the early photographic process; insight into the logistics and techniques used by photographers such as Brady and Gardner; how many different photos were 'arranged' at the same site; and how these photographs were displayed and published for the general public. We were also directed to a number of internet sources (many in 3-D as they were originally photographed). A number of the links are listed below.



Garry speaks to Round Table members after the talk

Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks

<http://cdm16635.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16635coll13>

<http://cdm16635.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16635coll12>

Library of Congress

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/cwp/>

Center for Civil War Photography

<http://www.civilwarphotography.org/>



Kathi Donatucci mans the Raffle Table while members examine the prizes.

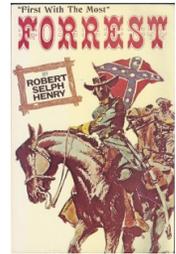


The audience enjoying some 3-D effects

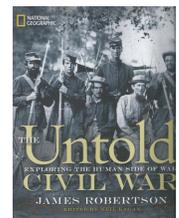
Ramblings from the Raffle Table

Is it Spring yet? March is always ready to throw us a curve. The Spring Campaign of 1863 was ready to be launched after cold, snowy winter and you'll be ready for this Sesquicentennial Season with our reading selections for the March meeting.

As much as we have a fondness for our local events, The War in the West deserves our consideration, also, and you'll enjoy this book about the "Wizard of the West" General Forrest by Robert Selph Henry.



We also have a special raffle on a brand new book that was donated by the Civil War Trust in appreciation for our donations from our monthly raffle. We got off to a great start with selling chances for this special drawing. So if you really, really want it (& you know you do) be sure to buy some more this month. The drawing will be at the April meeting.



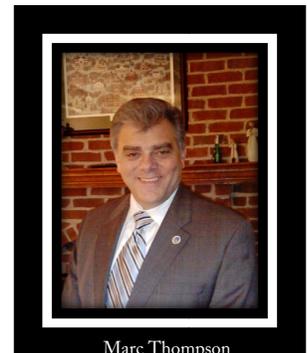
See you at the raffle table, Kathi

The Battle of Chancellorsville: New Perspectives

May 1-6, 2013 marks the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Chancellorsville. Long considered by military historians as *General Robert E. Lee's Greatest Victory*, Chancellorsville also carries the distinction of being the place where Lee lost the services of his most valuable subordinate, Lieutenant General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. Given the importance of this battle, as well as the notoriety attached to many of its participants, the Chancellorsville Saga is familiar turf to most of us, offering no new insights to students of the American Civil War. Or is it? At our April meeting, Colonel Marc Thompson, USAF ret, will share some new perspectives on this iconic battle, that may change the

way you look at Lee, his opponent, "Fighting Joe" Hooker and Chancellorsville itself.

Marc Thompson is a retired Air Force Colonel, with 28 years service as an intelligence officer who currently works for Booz Allen Hamilton, as a policy consultant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Directorate of Operations (J-3). He is a member of the Executive Board of the Rappahannock Valley Civil War Roundtable and has served for over 15 years as a volunteer historian/tour guide with the National Park Service at Chancellorsville Battlefield. He has addressed Civil War Roundtable organizations across the United States and led several battlefield bus tours throughout



Marc Thompson

Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Our May Speaker

Our May speaker is author and historian Jay Jorgensen, who will speak on the battle in the wheat field, one of the pivotal engagements at Gettysburg. It's an apt subject for Jay, who wrote the award-winning book, *Gettysburg's Bloody Wheatfield*.



Deanna Rubino and Mike Otstot working hard to capture future members of FCCWRT.

Kathi Donatucci (our raffle table volunteer) takes a break from manning the Rose Hill Manor Park and Museum table to chat with Board members Kathy Fullerton and Bob Kozak in front of the Round Table display.



FCCWRT Vice President Phil Dean mans a table for Monocacy Battlefield

Member Outreach Activities

Several of our members represented the FCCWRT and other Civil War related organizations at the 2013 Master Docent Workshop at FCC. Friday evening's event included an exhibit area showcasing the numerous museums and other historic sites in the Frederick area and was visited by the attendees prior to and after the evening's program. Visitors were able to view our Round Table display board, talk with representatives about our objectives and programs, and receive information and a personal invitation to attend our display of Gardner photos and our upcoming meetings.

A special thanks to new members Deanna Rubino and Mike Otstot for volunteering for this event!

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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.