

# Banner

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### May Meeting

Thursday, May 16,  
at 7:30 PM,  
National Museum of  
Civil War Medicine,  
48 E. Patrick St.,  
Frederick, MD

## Our May Speaker, Jay Jorgensen, Author and Historian

### Topic: The Battle of the Wheatfield at Gettysburg

At 4 pm on July 2, 1863 Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia began its assault on George Gordon Meade's Army of the Potomac south of the small town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. In what General James Longstreet would characterize as "the best three hours' fighting ever done by any troops on any battlefield," Confederate brigades assaulted the Union line repeatedly. General George Anderson's Georgians began the fight for George Rose's Wheatfield by attacking Northern soldiers posted along the southern end of the Wheatfield and the Stoney Hill. The action soon escalated into a bloody slugfest that has accurately been called a "maelstrom of fierce fighting." By nightfall, six Confederate brigades had engaged thirteen Federal brigades. Of the more than 20,000 soldiers involved in the fighting, one out of every three became a casualty. This fighting has long been overlooked, in large part because it was so confusing and there was little, if any, overall leadership of troops in the fighting. This month's presentation will focus on that battle, as our speaker will lead us through the action from beginning to end.



### Jay Jorgensen

Jay Jorgensen graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a BA in history, from Villanova University School of Law with a JD, and from American Military University with a MA in military history - Civil War Studies. He is a Superior Court Judge in New Jersey. Jay is the author of *Gettysburg's Bloody Wheatfield*, which won the prestigious Bachelder-Coddington Award for best new book on Gettysburg in 2002. He is also the author of *The Wheatfield at Gettysburg: A Walking Tour*, *Edward Porter Alexander: Confederate Cannoneer*, and *Gettysburg's Leadership Lessons for Lawyers (and Non-Lawyers too!)*. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the meeting.



## See you in September

We hope you enjoyed our 2012-13 Speaker Series. Our speaker program and the Banner are taking a break for the summer but will be back in September! Meanwhile, look for us at local outreach events. We'll contact you via email to let you know when and where to find us. Have a great summer-we look forward to seeing you in the fall.



## The Prez Sez

Following up my remarks in the Feb. issue of the "Banner" I am happy to report that the "Gettysburg Seminary Ridge Museum" will have its grand opening on July 1st, 2013. I recently, along side members Phil Dean, Jim Enright, Jack Brennan, and Bob Kozak had the privilege of getting a tour from the 1st floor to the famous cupola on top. I encourage all to visit this historic building and get the feeling of "Gettysburg 1863". For more info contact [www.seminaryridgemuseum.org/tickets](http://www.seminaryridgemuseum.org/tickets).

## April Meeting Review

by Phil Dean

Using today's military leadership concepts as the basis for analyzing the action at the Battle of Chancellorsville, our April speaker Mark Thompson led the membership through a review of the battle giving us a 'New Perspective' of that event.



Mark Thompson of the Rappahannock Valley Civil War Roundtable discusses Lee and his opponent, "Fighting Joe Hooker".

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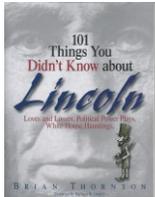
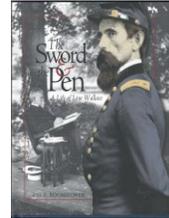
Starting with the 2013-2014 Roundtable schedule, the Banner will be emailed to all members and we will cease mailing the newsletter through the US Postal Service. This was a difficult decision for the FCCWRT Board, but a number of issues led us to enact this change. Currently, over 95% of our members receive the newsletter electronically and will be unaffected. This fact, coupled with recent newsletter editor changes and increased mailing costs, led to our decision. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our members and hope that you will understand. The Banner will be back in September!

Respectfully,

Kathy Fullerton  
FCCWRT Membership Chair

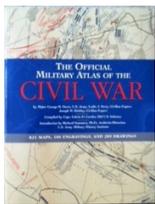
## Ramblings from the Raffle Table

What better way to finish off our 2012/2013 season than a selection of great Civil War books for your summer reading list. We don't expect you'll get much time to read between now and Gettysburg's big celebration but by mid-July you'll want to start boning up on the hero of our own Battle of Monocacy with The Sword & Pen, A Life of Lew Wallace by Ray E. Boomhower.



For those lazy, don't want to leave the hammock and "I'll have another cold lemonade while you're up" days, we have Brian Thornton's 101 Things You Didn't Know About Lincoln so you can return in September ready to astound us.

And....



This pristine Military Atlas is a keystone for any Civil War library. This beautiful book was donated by Frank Parsons and is being offered by special raffle. The drawing will be at this month's meeting so be sure to enter.

Whether your raffle ticket number is drawn or not YOU are a winner for helping the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable support local projects and the Civil War Trust. Thank you for your participation and support.

See you at the raffle table, Kathi

**Bill Butler**  
won the special drawing for the  
book donated by the Civil War  
Trust, The Untold Civil War

