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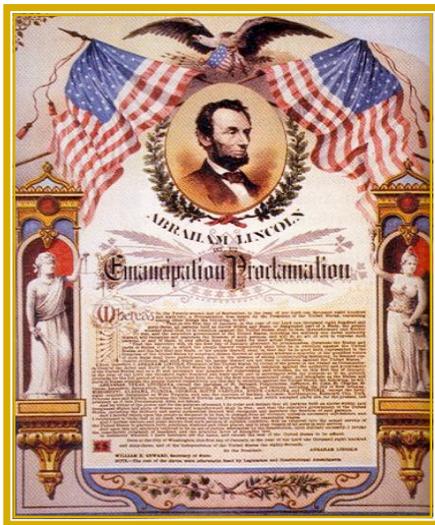


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THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION JANUARY 1, 1863



As the country entered its third year of conflict and more blood flowed, President Lincoln sought to bolster his war-weary Union. On the strength of the victory at Antietam in Fall 1862, on January 1, 1863, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation stipulating "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states "are, and henceforward shall be free." Despite this broad declaration, the Emancipation Proclamation applied only to the "rebellious states" that had seceded from the Union, leaving slavery untouched in the loyal border states. It also exempted parts of the Confederacy already under Northern control. But, most importantly, the freedom it promised could only be realized if the Union won the war.

While the Proclamation had its share of critics, it captured the hearts and minds of the people and changed the nature of the war from a political struggle to a moral conflict defining the very fabric of the nation. Lincoln was no longer trying to put down a rebellion; the government was now publicly dedicated to ending slavery. The bold declaration also swayed European public opinion in favor of the Union at a crucial time.

As a milestone in the War as well as in the fight for human freedom, the Emancipation Proclamation holds a prominent place among the great documents of our nation.

Happy New Year!

January Meeting

Date: Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: National Museum
of Civil War Medicine
48 East Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Speakers: Ted Brennan &
David Bloom

Subject: *Civil War Training Camps*

Our Speakers

Ted Brennan and David Bloom of the Third Regiment of Infantry, Maryland Volunteers will present a program focusing on how Union troops were prepared for combat.

Ted and David will discuss what a new recruit faced when he first entered military life during the Civil War and what he was taught in training camp prior to being sent to the front.

The Third Maryland is a Union Living History/Reenactment group dedicated to the men who fought in the conflict, and to preserving the history of the Civil War through educational activities including battle reenactments and living history program.



Ted Brennan



David Bloom

David Bloom, who has been a reenactor for more than a decade, is a descendant of a Third Maryland soldier and is well-known for his extensive research on all things Third Maryland. David currently serves as a Corporal in the reactivated Third Regiment Infantry, Maryland Volunteers. In addition to his field duties, he serves as the Unit President and official historian.

After earning BA and Master's degrees in history, David devoted 32 years to government service, including his current position as manager of the Westminster Social Security office.

In keeping with his deeply rooted interest in the Civil War, David is a Founding member of Pipe Creek Civil War Roundtable (Westminster, MD). He has published an article in *Civil War Historian* magazine.

Ted Brennan, also a lifelong Civil War enthusiast, spent his childhood tramping all over Civil War Battlefields with his father and brothers. Ted has been reneacting for 18 years where he has spent time as a company commander, battalion commander, brigade commander and division commander. He has also served as a staff officer on many occasions. Ted has been responsible for planning and conducting training camps for officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and new recruits using period manuals and training techniques. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation.

In his professional life, Ted serves as the Assistant Director of Government Relations for ONE, which is a Non-Governmental Organization founded by U2 Lead Singer, Bono. ONE is dedicated to fighting extreme poverty and disease in the Third World. Ted Earned a BA degree in Government and International Relations from the University of Notre Dame.

Next Month's Speaker

Hilda Koontz will present a program featuring wartime family letters and photos that paint a vivid picture of life on the front lines and at home in Maryland at our next meeting, Thursday, February 18, 2010.

The Prez Sez

Under Business: Our newly written Constitution and By-Laws were passed unanimously by members present at our December meeting.

Under Fun: For those of you who missed it, our Christmas Party was just that! We had a great turnout and our lecture/entertainment was superb. The ladies of Taskers Chance also played Civil War songs for us throughout the party, even with a sing-along. Our members again fed us in fine form, and a good time was had by all.

Please note our new *Banner* article on Page 4, Ramblings from the Raffle Table. Our aim is to give you a heads-up on what will be available at our raffle table each month. As always, my thanks to all of our members for your continued support of our raffle and, in turn, of the Civil War Preservation Trust.

Wishing you all happiness and prosperity in the coming year.

Donnie



Our Christmas Party





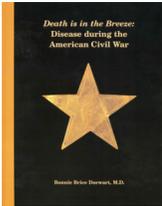
Be A Recruiter!

During the Civil War every large town and city had recruiters from the Army working to get the men to enlist in military service. The smaller towns and villages had recruiters coming through on a regular basis to solicit enrollment.

You can be a recruiter for the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable! Invite a friend or neighbor to join us at the next FCCWRT activity as the first step in becoming a member of our organization.

The Bookshelf

Death is in the Breeze: Disease during the American Civil War by Bonnie Brice Dorwat, M.D. Illustrated, 12 Appendices, 170 pp., 2009 National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, MD. Available at the NMCWM Museum Store or www.civilwarmed.org.



With a focus on some of the prevalent illnesses afflicting the soldiers of the time, Dr. Dorwat's book fills a large gap in our understanding of Civil War medicine which tends to explore only battlefield injuries. In fact, military medical officers actually spent little time treating battle wounds and the majority of time treating diseases such as arthritis and rheumatism. The author also examines the medical education and training of the time, illustrated by the experiences of her great-grandfather, Walter Brice, M.D. *Death is in the Breeze* is one of the most significant books on medical care of the soldiers of the Civil War.

Like a Meteor Blazing Brightly: The Short but Controversial Life of Colonel Ulric Dahlgren by Eric J. Wittenberg. Illustrated, Maps, Bibliography, 318 pp., 2009. Edinborough Press, Roseville, MN.

This biography Adm. John Dahlgren's son, a young colonel who gained lasting fame when he died at age 21 in the disastrous Kilpatrick-Dahlgren raid on Richmond in March 1864, is masterfully written by Eric Wittenberg, the dean of Eastern Theater cavalry operations. The insightful, lively narrative offers a new perspective on the raid and on the Dahlgren papers found on the colonel's body — one of the most fascinating mysteries of the Civil War.

Calendar of Events

Jan. 9, 10, Pennsylvania Political Cartoons

"Zouaves, Devils & Sass," single-panel political cartoons printed on envelopes. Open studio presentation at Todd Kimmell's Mermaid Lane Studios, Chestnut Hill, PA. For information, tkimmell@kimmelldurant.com

Jan-Feb, 2010 National Park Service Free Winter Lecture Series, "Perspectives on the Battle and Campaign," Gettysburg, PA, Weekends, 1:30 pm

Each lecture will cover one particular aspect of the Battle of Gettysburg:

Sun., Jan 10, "Colonel Sharpe and the Bureau of Military Intelligence," Angie Atkinson

Sat. Jan 16, "Thinking Bigger: Gettysburg in Space and Time," Troy Harman

Sat. Jan. 23, "Civil War Maladies: The Cases of Robert E. Lee, A. P. Hill and Richard Ewell," Matt Atkinson

Sun., Jan 24, "E. P. Alexander and Resolving Conflicting Accounts of the Battle of Gettysburg," Karlton Smith

Sat., Jan. 30, "The Weapons of Gettysburg," Tom Holbrook

Through February at Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center in the Ford Motor Company Fund Education Center. For information, www.nps.gov/gett or 717- 334-1124, x 8023.

Jan. 15-17, Living History, Berkeley Springs, WV

4th Annual Bath-Romney Campaign Commemoration at Berkeley Springs State Park. Daily firing demonstrations, candlelight tours, Fort McHenry Guard Field Musicians fifes & drums at 5 & 7:30 pm, multimedia presentation on campaign and Battle of Bath at The Country Inn. Jim Bailey 304-258-2224.

Jan. 16, Lee-Jackson Day, Baltimore, MD, 11am

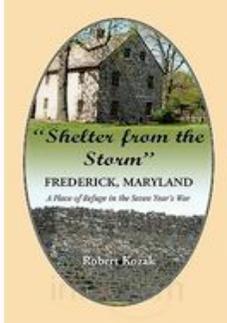
Annual Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson birthday ceremony at the Lee/Jackson double equestrian monument, Art Museum & Wyman Park Drive. For information, and map, contact Elliott Cummings 410-296-9235, basilduke@comcast.net.

Jan. 17, Lecture, Exhibits, Hagerstown, MD, 2:30 pm

"The Civil War & Historical Memory - or Memories" illustrated lecture by former Middlebury College President John M. McCardell Jr. Bowman Memorial Gallery, Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. In conjunction with the exhibitions "The Unwritten War" and "Circuit of the Summer Hills: Mourning the Losses of the Civil War." For information: 301-739-5725, www.wcmfa.org.

Ramblings from the Raffle Table

Friends, at our December meeting we held the drawing for our special raffle of Cathy's tote bag and the lucky winner was Stan Mount.



Our special raffle for January will be FCCWRT Treasurer Bob Kozak's book, *Shelter from the Storm Frederick, Maryland A place of Refuge in the Seven Year's War 1756-1763*, which he has generously donated. Tickets for the raffle will be \$2.00 each. The drawing will be held at our February meeting and Bob will autograph his book for the winner.

Our usual raffle items are always available at the same 3/\$1.00 price. Great deals! Come and check them out.

In the News

Gettysburg Casino again on the horizon

After losing his bid for a casino in close proximity to the Gettysburg National Military Park in 2006, local investor/business owner David LeVan has renewed his efforts to bring slots to the edge of the Battlefield. Although he did not intend to reveal his plans for several months, the story broke in local newspapers in late November.

LeVan and his partner, Joseph Lashinger, a former state representative who works in the gaming industry, have a one-year option on the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center, less than a mile from the Battlefield. The 100-acre site includes the hotel, residential units and sports complex.

Opponents are reviewing the tactics they used in the heated anti-casino campaign of 2006, but LeVan's success or failure this time around depends largely on the state Legislature which is considering a myriad of issues related to gambling, licensing, and related revenues, including the legalization of table games and whether the tax revenues should benefit schools or be used for property relief. Legislators are also under pressure from Gov. Ed Rendell's warning that hundreds of state jobs will be lost unless a casino-expansion measure passes. Although there has been a downturn in gaming, Pennsylvania slots gambling was in excess of \$20 billion in 2008.

The NoCasino Gettysburg grassroots organization, led by Susan Star Paddock, has reactivated as well as the Pro Casino Adams County group.

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.

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Let us hear from you

Members of the FCCWRT, as we plan our 2010-2011 season, the first year of the Sesquicentennial, we want to hear your suggestions for our monthly meeting programs.

- Is there a topic you would like to suggest?
- Have you heard a presentation about the Civil War that you think others would enjoy?
- What areas of Civil War history would you like to find out more about?

We're interested in your suggestions for the coming year. Let us hear from you!