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Our May speaker will be Michael E. Sipes, historian.



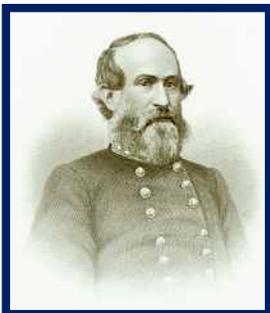
Our May speaker Michael E. Sipes was born in Baltimore, MD and lived there until his early twenties when he moved to Sharpsburg, MD just minutes from the famous battlefield. His interest in the Civil War began at an early age when his father would take the family on day trips to such places as Gettysburg, Sharpsburg and Harper's Ferry. Mike later joined the MD division Sons of Confederate Veterans and joined a reenactment group that portrayed the second MD cavalry where he portrays General Early.

May Meeting

Thursday, May 22, at
7:30 PM,
National Museum of
Civil War Medicine,
48 E. Patrick St.,
Frederick, MD

Mike will visit our May meeting as Lt. Gen. Jubal A. Early. He will discuss the South's third and final invasion of the North when his small army of about 15,000 crossed into Maryland, making his way through Hagerstown, Middletown, Frederick and finally being stopped for one crucial day at Monocacy Junction.

This one day battle would have profound consequences on Early's ability to get to Washington City in time to be effective and he was forced to withdraw. After serving in the Confederate Army the balance of 1864 he left the army in March 1865.



Gen. Jubal A. Early



The Prez Sez



Get your questions ready. Lt.Gen.Jubal Early's reputation will certainly conjure up your thoughts on subjects like the following:

By what sobriquet did Gen. Lee refer to Gen. Early as?

How many Yankee dollars did Early ransom from Marylanders in his 1864 raids ?

Why did Early go to Texas, Cuba, and Canada in 1865?

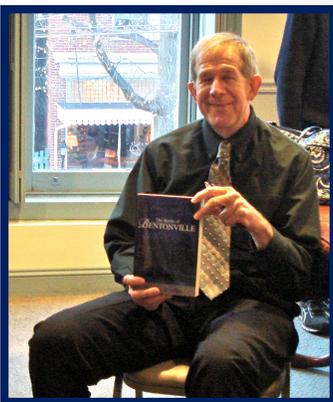
Was Early ever "reconstructed"?

Jack



At Last Month's Meeting...

Last month Dr. Mark Bradley made the trip from the U.S. Army Center of Military History to speak to 25 of our members on "The Last Grand Charge of the Confederacy". Dr. Bradley's dynamic talk brought to life the players of the Battle of Bentonville as he discussed the decisions and tactics behind that helped end the war. After the meeting, Dr. Bradley signed copies of his book *THIS ASTOUNDING CLOSE: THE ROAD TO BENNETT PLACE*, a finalist for the 2001 Lincoln Prize, for our members.



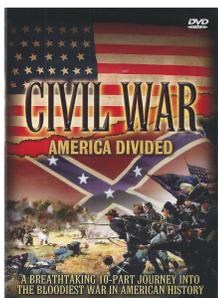
April's Speaker Autographs
His Book

Visit the U.S. Army Center of Military History's website at <http://www.history.army.mil/> where you will find an incredible wealth of information, including some civil war pamphlets by Dr. Bradley located under the research and resources tab. Happy reading!

Kathy Fullerton, Membership Chair

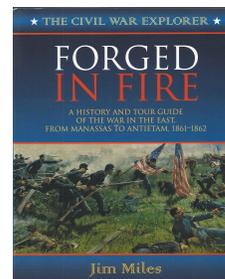
Ramblings from the Raffle Table

This May meeting is your last chance to stock up on Civil War material for those lazy summer evenings we have ahead of us. In April several people generously donated some pristine books for our raffle table offerings. But we can always use more for future meetings! So keep us in mind when looking through your personal library. If you cannot bring them to a meeting, I'll be glad to pick them up or arrange to get together with you during the summer. We depend on donations to keep the raffle going.



Too lazy to read in the summer heat? Turn down the air conditioner, get out the popcorn popper, and make a large batch of icy lemonade. Civil War: America Divided is a 3 disc/10 part/7-1/2 hour DVD presentation of the conflict that almost destroyed our country but, instead, welded our national identity.

Planning a home based vacation this year? Maybe family or friends visiting from out of town? Jim Miles' Forged in Fire is just the tour guide to plan day trips to area battlefields. Complete, even including driving directions, you will sound like a professional tour guide with this book in your library.



As we gear up for our last meeting of the season, I look forward to seeing you all at our Raffle Table. Thank you for your continued & generous support at each and every meeting,

Kathi

Seeking New Board Members

The Roundtable is in need of new Board members to help our organization continue. We will be voting for Board members at our May meeting. If you are interested in running for office, please let us know!! Be sure to attend and make your voice heard.

HAVE A

SUMMER



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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