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Brett Spaulding

Our March speakers will be Brett Spaulding and Carrie Blough

Our March 20 talk, *Monocacy, The Battle that Saved Washington; Life at Home, on the Battlefield, and Beyond* will kick off the sesquicentennial of the battle of Monocacy, the battle which took place in Frederick's backyard on July 9, 1864.

The presentation will explore life in 1864 on the home front in war-weary Frederick County, Gen. Jubal Early's aggressive campaign to seize Washington, how Union forces under Gen. Lew Wallace lost the battle but saved the Nation's Capital, and the aftermath of the battle.

This is a joint presentation of our Round Table and the Frederick County Historical Society, so while the date is the same, the time and place will be different.

The talk will start at 7 PM and will be held in Trunk Hall in the Evangelical Lutheran Church on Church Street in downtown Frederick.

Brett Spaulding, author of *Last Chance for Victory; Jubal Early's 1864 Maryland Invasion*, is a historian with 13 years' experience as a ranger at Monocacy National Battlefield. Carrie Blough, is an accomplished museum expert and Frederick County Historical Society curator.

Next Month's Speaker

- ✓ April 17 -- Dr. Mark Bradley of the U.S. Army Center for History will speak on the "Battle of Bentonville, Johnston vs. Sherman"...we'll be back at the Medical Museum, usual time.



Carrie Blough

March Meeting
Thursday, Mar 20,
at 7:00 PM,
Trunk Hall,
Evangelical
Lutheran Church,
Church St.,
Frederick, MD

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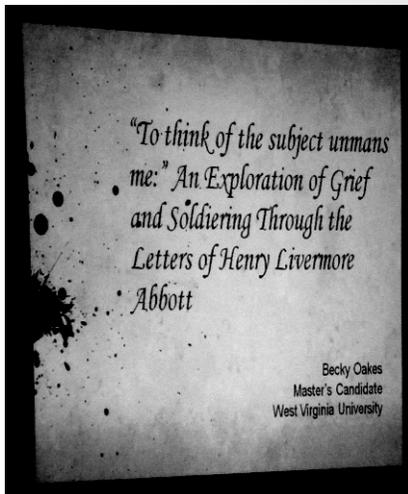


Members,

We need your help to keep our wonderful organization growing. For all the remaining meetings this year try to bring a neighbor, relative or friend along starting with the next meeting on Thursday, March 20th @ 7:00PM, at the Evangelical Church (see the front page for specifics). This will be a good venue to show all new prospects the type of interesting and varied topics your round-table is presenting. Hope to see you there with a guest or two.

The Roundtable is also in need of some new Board members. We will be voting on new Board members at our May meeting. If you are interested in running for office, please let us know!!

Jack



At Last Month's Meeting...

Our speaker, Becky Oakes, took time from her hectic schedule earning Master's Degree in Public History and 19th Century American History at West Virginia University. Becky spoke to the group on "To Think of the Subject Unmans Me: An Exploration of Grief and Soldiering Through the Letters of Henry Livermore Abbott". Those of you who were unable to be present missed a great talk! Becky gave some good background on expectations for masculinity in the Victorian era, and I finally learned what soldiers were talking about when they describe "dying a good death". Our thanks to Becky for making the trip out-we wish her best of luck in her studies and hope to have her back after graduation.

Our Speaker Becky and Her Parents



Kathy Fullerton, Membership Chair

Ramblings from the Raffle Table

Our March Round Table Meeting (as I'm sure you have already read elsewhere in this newsletter) is being held off site for the kick off of the 150th commemoration of the Battle of Monocacy.

So.....there will be no Raffle Table set up but be sure to look for my smiling face in April where I will expect everyone to buy TWICE as many raffle tickets and I have already chosen some very timely selections for your reading pleasure. Bet you can't wait to find out what they are!



And in the meantime search your shelves for some gently read books that I know you would love to donate for our raffle. Thank you for your continuing support. See you in April at the Raffle Table!

Kathi



**A Winning
Ticket at the
Raffle Table!**

Seeking New Newsletter Coordinator!

I am sad to say that after four years of enjoying the Roundtable, the time has come for me to relocate. Our Roundtable is thus in need of someone to take over coordination and dissemination of our monthly newsletter. If you are interested, please email me for details or catch one of the Board members at the monthly meeting. Thanks in advance for your help.

Kathy

Bringing the Story of War to Our Doorsteps: “Rediscovering Alexander Gardner’s Antietam Photographs”

FCCWRT is sponsoring a relaunch of this incredible exhibit!!

On March 1, 2014 the acclaimed exhibition, “Bringing the Story of War to Our Doorsteps: Rediscovering Alexander Gardner’s Antietam Photographs,” will make its Washington, DC debut at the Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office. The exhibit recreates and explores the original photographs of dead soldiers captured by Alexander Gardner after the Battle of Antietam in 1862. These were the first photos ever taken of the dead on a battlefield. The work of Gardner and other wet-plate photographers during the Civil War revolutionized how the public would see the human cost of war.

“Bringing the Story of War to Our Doorsteps,” was created as a collaboration between the NMCWM and the Frederick County Civil War Round Table, with support from Hood College of Frederick, MD. It was first exhibited in the fall of 2012 at the Pry House Field Hospital Museum on Antietam National Battlefield and subsequently at the NMCWM in Frederick, MD.

The Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum was the space where Clara Barton lived and worked during and immediately after the Civil War. The National Museum of Civil War Medicine is proud to operate the museum in partnership with the Government Services Administration. Ms. Barton used this Washington, DC boarding house as a residence, to store supplies for her relief efforts, and later as an office to handle correspondence concerning missing soldiers. In 1865 Barton hired a staff and opened the “Office of Correspondence with the Friends of the Missing Men of the United States Army” in this building. At the end of the war, Barton took up the cause of grieving parents, family and friends whose sons, brothers, and neighbors never returned. The office responded to over 63,000 letters, and by the time it closed in 1867, had identified the fate of over 22,000 missing men. The Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum will formally open as a public museum, operated by the NMCWM, in late spring of this year.

The exhibit restages the original photographic images, allowing visitors to experience what viewers did over 150 years ago. Display prints have been made to the same dimensions and style of the originals from high-definition Library of Congress digital files. To enhance the visitor’s experience, there will be a 3-D theatre to view the photos, which were shot with stereoscopic cameras, in the way they were originally intended.

Interpretive displays will explore how American society portrayed death at the start of the Civil War, how these photos were received in 1862, and how the coverage of war has evolved since the publication of Gardner’s images into the present day. The exhibit includes reflections on evolving current events.

The exhibit’s website, www.WarOnOurDoorsteps.net is being supported by Hood College. It continues to grow and serve as an interactive resource on the effects of war imagery, even after the exhibit is closed.

The Exhibit will run: March 8th – May 18th

Open Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

A special admission fee of \$5.00 is charged for ages 8 and above.

The Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office is located at 437 7th Street NW, Washington, DC.

FCCWRT Winter Weather Policy



Winter storm season is hopefully coming to an end soon-but March can still dole out something nasty. 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 notification as soon as the cancellation decision is made. Please use your best judgment in making safety your top priority.

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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