



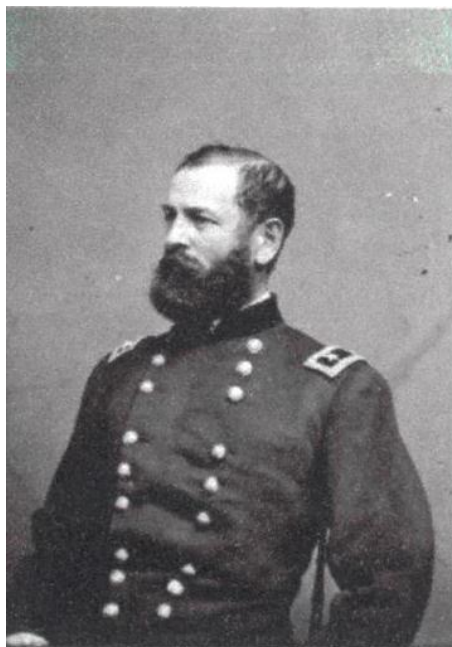
Banner of the Blue and Gray

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November 20th Meeting 7:30PM (at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine)

Matthew Borowick :

The Court-Martial of Fitz John Porter, a Civil War Round Table Handbook

The Civil War had its share of heroes and its share of men to whom blame for defeat or disaster. A union defeat at Manassas in the summer of 1862 lead to criticism and a court-martial for one of the rising stars of the Army of the Potomac's high command. Fingers were quickly pointed toward Major General Fitz John Porter, who did not perform as had expected. Porter spent nearly 24 years of his life trying to clear his name.

We will hear a wonderful presentation, rarely discussed but incredibly fascinating on the events of the Union loss at the Second Manassas, and the downfall of one of the most skillful generals



Our speaker is a lifelong Civil War history buff. He has served as the General E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central Jersey newsletter editor, advisory board member, and webmaster! Moreover, he helped establish the Civil War Library and Research Center and was its first Executive Director. In 2010 he authored and published *The Civil War Round Table Handbook- The Indispensable Guide to Running Yours Right*. We are so happy to have him to have him speak at our own Civil War Round Table; you won't want to miss an excellent speaker.

Join the FCCWRT!

As a member of our group, you'll enjoy these benefits:

- receive the current newsletter
- receive email updates of local events related to Civil War history

Our yearly dues are:

- \$30.00 for an individual
- \$50.00 for a family up to four
- \$5.00 for out of state members and members under 16 years of age

Please visit our website for our list of speakers for the 2014-2015 meetings!



Last Month's Speaker :

Craig L. Symonds, award-winning Civil War author and renowned naval historian!

A great turn out for our collaboration with the Historical Society of Frederick. Craig was a great speaker who appealed to the crowd. The question and answer session was very interactive. Happy we could join our groups at such a beautiful site, the Delaplaine Center.

The Prez Says.....

How about our last meeting at the Delaplaine Center, what a success!! Thanks to all who helped out on this and to all that attended.

Great turn-out, I counted about one hundred fifty or so. The November meeting, will of course be back at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine.

Please plan to attend and bring along a friend or two. ~ Jack

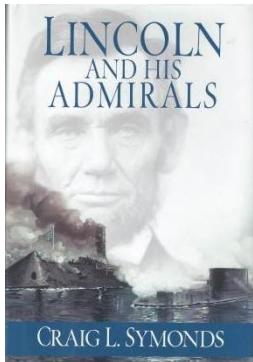


Raffle Table Ramblings

What a great talk we heard last month at the Delaplaine. Craig L. Symonds is so knowledgeable and makes the imparting of that knowledge so entertaining. History is not dry, dead, & gone to him and it shows in his presentations. We were very fortunate to have him donate a signed copy of one of his books to use in our raffle. So I am featuring it this month on our Raffle Table. If you bought a copy at the last meeting, do not despair. The holidays are right around the corner and this would be a great gift for any Civil War enthusiast. The more tickets you buy, the better your chances will be to be the one to select this extraordinary book!

And, of course I will have other choices available as well as the monthly mystery magazines. Thank you for your continued support of our Civil War Round Table activities.

Kathi



Next Month's Speaker:

December 18th 7:30 pm at the NMCWM

Speaker: Dr. Tole, Civil War musical historian will perform Civil War Christmas Songs

Please bring a snack or dessert to share!!

NEW! Our very own FACEBOOK Group

If you are on facebook, give our group a like!



Gary Dyson has done an amazing job with posting interesting Civil War facts and discussions.

Help us spread the word about OUR FCCWRT!!



Our 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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Just to Note! (not to jinx the cold weather)

FCCWRT Winter Weather Policy

Sadly, winter storm season is upon us. 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.

