



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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Speaker: John Michael Priest

**Topic: "Gettysburg Veterans
and PTSD"**

A retired high school history teacher, John Michael Priest has been interested in Civil War history since an early age. He is a graduate of Loyola College in Baltimore and Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, and has written extensively about the Civil War.

His many books include *Antietam: The Soldiers' Battle* (1989); *Before Antietam: The Battle for South Mountain* (1992); *Nowhere to Run: The Wilderness, May 4th & 5th, 1864* (1995); *Victory Without Triumph: The Wilderness, May 6th & 7th, 1864* (1996); and *Into the Fight: Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg* (1998). Praised by legendary historian Edwin C. Bearss as the "Ernie Pyle" of the Civil War soldier, Priest appeared on the Discovery Channel's *Unsolved History: Pickett's Charge* (2002), and is one of the historical consultants for the forthcoming miniseries *To Appomattox*. His most recent work; *Stand to It and Give Them Hell* (2014), chronicles the Gettysburg fighting from Cemetery Ridge to Little Round Top on July 2, 1863, through the letters, memoirs, diaries, and postwar recollections of the men from both armies who struggled to control that "hallowed ground."

Mr. Priest's presentation is about using photography to compare known photos of PTSD cases with those of the Civil War and suggesting the possible connections which could indicate the existence of Soldiers' Heart, a common name for PTSD at the time.

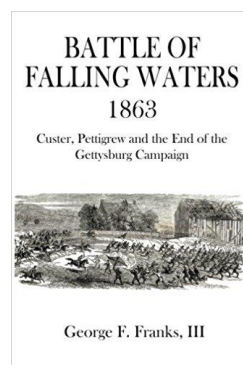
In Case You Missed It.....

At our October meeting we were treated to a presentation on "The Life and Death of James Johnston Pettigrew." George Franks III described Pettigrew as probably the most educated man in the Confederacy, graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as valedictorian in 1847. He witnessed the bombardment of Fort Sumter and served briefly in a South Carolina Regiment before becoming Colonel of the 22nd NC Infantry in August, 1861. He was wounded and captured at the battle of Seven Pines in 1862 and eventually exchanged in the summer of the



same year, but missed the Virginia and Maryland Campaigns of 1862. When the Army of Northern Virginia reorganized after the death of "Stonewall" Jackson, Pettigrew became a brigade commander of North Carolinians in Henry Heth's Division in A.P. Hills Third Corps. His four regiments consisted of over 2500 troops and one of the largest brigades in the ANV. His brigade suffered crippling losses on the first day of Gettysburg and was placed on the left flank of the final assault on Cemetery Ridge on the third day despite being wounded. On the retreat from Pennsylvania his brigade was the last to cross into Virginia, and was mortally wounded by a Union Cavalryman just before he moved to the Potomac River at the battle of Falling Waters. His loss was mourned in the South as he was also thought to be a competent successor to Confederate President Jefferson Davis. If you didn't purchase a book at the meeting you can pick up a copy of "The Battle of Falling Waters" at George Franks' website

(Fallingwatersmd1863.com) or on amazon.com.



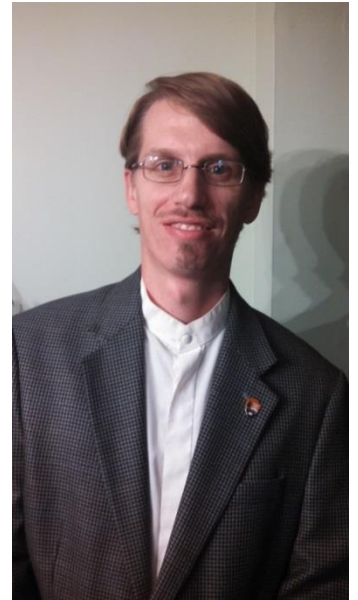
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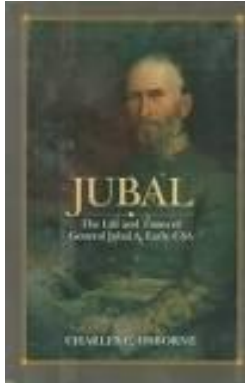
Happy Fall everyone, I hope October treated you all to some spooky fun. Before we dive into the thick of the holiday season though it's important to remember that November 11th is Veterans Day. This month's speaker touches on one of the ongoing issues within the veteran community, Post Traumatic Stress or PTSD. Sadly this condition was little understood during the American Civil War and was known as Soldiers Heart, Nostalgia or even cowardice. This stigma continued well into the 20th century, through two world wars, going by a variety of other nicknames. It was not until much more recent conflicts that we have begun to understand the extent of the toll psychologically that is put on our fighting men and women and the variety of symptoms that PTSD has.

For all of our round table members who have served, and for all those with family in the service, please accept the gratitude of myself and the rest of your friends on the Frederick County Civil War Round Table Board. We hope that our shared love of American history can provide a space of camaraderie for you and all our veterans who wish to join us. Happy Veterans Day everyone.

~ Matt Borders

Veterans on the Board include Gary L. Dyson (USMC), Todd Morris (USA), and Jack Sherriff (USAR).

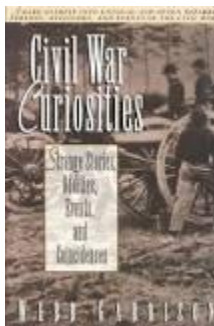




Jubal: The Life and Times of General Jubal A. Earl, CSA

Did you know that the origin of the name *Jubal* is from the Book of Genesis, meaning “Father of Musicians”? Maybe not the first image that pops into your mind when thinking about Jubal Early. He was born in Virginia in 1816, the third of ten children within an old and connected Virginia family. He graduated from West Point, saw action against the Seminole Indians, fought in the Mexican American War, practiced law, and commanded a corps in the Confederate army. Osborne’s book covers Early’s war time adventures and includes the controversies that surround the man – decisions made at Gettysburg, his raid on the Nation’s Capital and his post-war writings that helped shape the “Lost Cause” movement in the South.

Civil War Curiosities: Strange Stories, Oddities, Events and Coincidences
by Webb Garrison



Webb Garrison, a former dean of Emory University, wrote more than 50 books, including books on Civil War facts, myths, and curiosities. Garrison provides a collection of strange and bizarre anecdotes, coincidences, and unusual stories. Read about faithful canines, York and Jack, following their masters into battle. Learn why so many US Navy ships were given Indian names such as the USS Black Hawk, the USS Cherokee, or the USS Chickasaw. Or, discover the average daily death rate in the notorious Andersonville Prison.

NEARBY NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 2 at 7 PM, Sharpsburg and Environs: "A Tossed and Broken Sort of Place" - Sharpsburg Library Retired Chief Historian of Antietam National Battlefield Ted Alexander will discuss Sharpsburg before the Battle of Antietam.

November 4 Newcomer House Porch Program : 19th Century Photography . Explore the role of photography during the Civil War with John Milleker. John Milleker will demonstrate photography techniques of the Civil War era. A relatively new invention in the mid-19th century, photographers' images of the destruction wrought by battle brought civilians closer than ever to the realities of war.

November 4 at 2:30 PM, Civil War Soldiers and Their Quilts. National Museum of Civil War Medicine

November 11 at 1 PM, Civil War Church Service. Attend a Civil War church service in a historic chapel. Historic Rocky Springs Chapel, 7817 Rocky Springs Road, Frederick, MD.

November 11 at 2 PM, Colporteurs and the Confederate Army & The Home Front: North and South. Historic Rocky Springs Chapel, 7817 Rocky Springs Road, Frederick, MD. Preacher Kirk Callison, a member of the organization Re-enactor's Missions for Jesus Christ (RMJC), will set up an interpretative display and discuss the role of colporteurs (itinerant ministers that distributed Christian literature) in the Confederate Army. His wife, Maria Callison, will also set up an interpretative display and discuss the affect the Civil War had on the "home front" in both the North and South.

November 13 at 7 PM- After the War Ends: Preserving Reconstruction Era History in Border State Maryland. Attend the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area's annual meeting, with speaker Dr. Turkiya L. Lowe, Chief Historian of the National Park Service. Frederick Community College Conference Center, 7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD.

December 1- Shepherdstown's Annual Civil War Christmas. The annual Civil War Christmas will be held beginning on Thursday, 30 November 2017 and will continue through Sunday, 3 December 2017. The schedule and full details may be found soon at <http://www.shepherd.edu/civilwar/civil-war-events>.

December 2 at 6:00 PM, Memorial Illumination. Antietam NB luminaries will be placed on the field, representing a casualty from the battle. Antietam National Battlefield.

December 9 Museums By Candlelight. 12pm to 5pm. Details may me found soon at <https://www.visitfrederick.org/events/annual-events/museums-by-candlelight/>.

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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.

Looking Ahead

While our speaker list for this season is set, please let us know of any topics or speakers that you’d like to hear about. There will be no meeting in December but we hope to see you at our next meeting, January 18, 2018!

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Our membership drive for the 2017-18 season has begun. Please consider renewing your membership as well inviting friends to join. Your membership provides the space for our meetings, attracting well known speakers, and website and P.O. Box maintenance.

For those who remembered to renew your FCCWRT membership, thank you! Your dues make it possible for us to continue to fulfill our mission. We can't continue without your support! If we had more members we could do more to promote our Civil War history!

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
- always have a place to be on the third Thursday of the month

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

You can renew your membership at our meeting or by mail. The membership form is attached and may also be downloaded from our website at <http://www.frederickcountycivilwarrt.org/>.

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- I am interested in helping with outreach activities

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and our roster of speakers for the season, check our website:

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