



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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May 17, 2018, 7:00 PM National Museum of Civil War Medicine 48 E. Patrick St, Frederick, Maryland

We are excited to announce that in lieu of our May meeting we will be led on a walking tour of Frederick sites with Civil War history. Our guide will be Joe Collins, a member of our FCCWRT. We'll meet in front of the National Museum of Civil War Museum at 48 East Patrick Street at 6:30 PM to begin. Our tour will end at Brewer's Alley on Market Street for dinner (on your own) and conversation. There is no cost for the walking tour. Be prepared for stories of explosions, death, and extortion! Spouses and friends are encouraged to attend. In the event of heavy rain we'll have a slide show of Frederick historic sites at the Museum. Below are just a few of the sites we will be visiting (photos by Lucy Tannozzini). Some sites were once hospitals after Antietam so if you have a copy of "One Vast Hospital" by Terry Reimer you might want to take time for a review. Please RSVP by May 10th to Matt Borders at mborders@comcast.net if you plan to attend or have any questions.



Winchester Hall



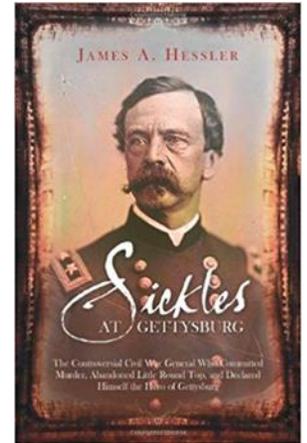
Lutheran Church



Kemp Hall

In Case You Missed It.....

At our April meeting, author and licensed Gettysburg NMP guide James Hessler spoke of that general we all love to hate, Dan Sickles. No matter what you think of him today, he was a master politician and a master of “spin.” The only child of wealthy parents (“Pop” Sickles and “Ice” Sickles), he served as a Congressman from New York and gained a reputation as a playboy and womanizer. He was acquitted for the murder of his one-time friend Phillip Barton Key and still managed to rise from the ashes of disgrace. When war broke out he raised the “Excelsior Brigade” and gained the good graces of the Lincolns. Despite little combat experience he rose up the ranks, eventually becoming the commander of the Union Army Third Corps at Gettysburg. While he was criticized for his movements on the battlefield he nevertheless came up with excuses to vindicate his actions, even claiming that he advanced his corps into the open to prevent General Meade from retreating from the field. Continuing his chosen lifestyle after the war, he outlived Meade and gained support



from Confederate General Longstreet to support his claims to be a hero of Gettysburg. Despite his controversial activities, Sickles helped preserve the Gettysburg battlefield through post-war legislation and ensured the creation of the Gettysburg National Military Park before his death in 1914. If you didn't pick up a copy of Mr. Hessler's book at the meeting you may purchase one online or probably at the Gettysburg Visitor's Center.

Book Raffle

Since we'll be on the move for our May meeting there will be no book raffle. If you would like to make a book donation to the book raffle pool please see board member Lucy Tannozzini.



Prez Sez

With May here we have reached the end of our 2017-2018 season. It has been my pleasure to head up the Frederick County Civil War Round Table for this past season and I look forward to this coming September when our meetings will start up again. During our off months the board and I will be developing next seasons' speaker schedule and we will have that out to you as soon as possible. We have received a number of great suggestions from you, our members, about topics and speakers you would like to hear about and we will endeavor to provide for you.

Be sure to keep an eye on the facebook page this summer as we continue to update you on local and regional Civil War events and activities. The next big event headed our way this May is the Monocacy National Battlefield Authors Event, please see the advertisement later in the newsletter. This event, scheduled for May 12th, is bringing in a variety of authors on the Monocacy Campaign, including the one and only Ed Bearss!



Finally I wanted to thank you all for your continued support of the Frederick County Civil War Round Table. It is due to your continued interest in our topics and speakers that we have been getting our membership back up at the monthly meetings. I am also very thankful for the support of the board who have been immensely helpful to me during my first season as President. The success of the round table would not be possible without each of you.

I hope everyone has a safe summer and I look forward to seeing you all for our walking tour of Frederick on May 17th at 6:30pm.

~Matt Borders

Nearby May Events

(For any event listed please remember to confirm its happening before hitting the road.)

May 5 at 3 PM One Vast Hospital – Civil War Walking Tour in Downtown Frederick- Join the National Museum of Civil War Medicine to walk in the footsteps of doctors, nurses, soldiers and civilians who cared for 8,000 wounded soldiers in Downtown Frederick. National Museum of Civil War Medicine, 48 East Patrick Street, Frederick, MD. <http://www.civilwarmed.org/event/one-vast-hospital-may5/>

May 5-6, 11 AM -Terrible Swift Sword: Raising A New Army of US Colored Troops
Learn about Harpers Ferry's role in the recruitment of US Colored Troops during 1864. Harper's Ferry National Historic Park. <https://www.nps.gov/hafe/planyourvisit/event-details.htm?event=EAE39960-1DD8-B71B-0B6C565B037D6292>

May 10 at 7 PM - Jewish Americans and the Civil War

Learn about the many roles Jewish Americans played during the Civil War with National Museum of Civil War Medicine volunteer Brad Stone. <http://www.civilwarmed.org/event/jewish-americans/>
National Museum of Civil War Medicine, 48 East Patrick Street, Frederick, MD.

May 12 at 11 AM - 12:30 PM - Fort Reno in War & Peace - Hosted by Civil War Defenses of Washington and Rock Creek Park. The tour will begin at Fort Reno Park at the intersection of Nebraska Ave NW and Chesapeake St NW. Meet Ranger Steve at the CWDW Fort Reno sign. Free Admission

May 17- Civil War Walking Tour of Frederick by guide and board member Joe Collins. Please see the front page of this newsletter for details.

May 19 at 11 AM - 1 PM- Earth(works) Day 2018- Hosted by Civil War Defenses of Washington and Rock Creek Park Rock Creek Park, 5200 Glover Rd NW, Washington, District of Columbia
The program will begin at the Rock Creek Park Nature and Planetarium at 11:00 am. The program will be conducted at a moderate pace and elevation grades, and over cleared ground (both dirt and paved). Parts of the tour will go off trail into the woods. Dress accordingly to the weather with appropriate footwear. And bring water!

May 19- Monocacy National Battlefield Historic House Tours. Explore the interiors of three historic houses on Monocacy National Battlefield. <https://www.nps.gov/mono/planyourvisit/event-details.htm?event=D3620CB3-1DD8-B71B-0B708B96B98947BD>

May 26-27- Monocacy National Battlefield, Living History Weekend. Experience musket firing demonstrations and living history at Antietam National Battlefield.
<http://www.heartofthecivilwar.org/events/view/655>

Seminars and Conferences

May 12 at 12 PM - Meet the Authors - Hear from authors and experts on the Battle of Monocacy during this panel discussion, including the renowned Ed Bearss. Call ahead if you plan to attend. Please see the flyer on the next page.

June 8, 2018 - Sunday, June 10, 2018, 17th Biennial Stonewall Jackson Symposium at the Virginia Military Institute- You may know "Stonewall." Do you know "Thomas?" This two-day symposium will explore the pre-war life of the man who became the first hero of the Confederacy and internationally known as Stonewall. The lectures and meals are at VMI but there will be some activities in Lexington.

More information and Registration - Please note that there will not be any walk-in registration the day of the program. For more information, please call us at (540) 464-7704.

Join Monocacy National Battlefield, the Monocacy National Battlefield Foundation, and Eastern National for:

MEET THE AUTHORS OF MONOCACY CIVIL WAR PROGRAM

SATURDAY MAY 12, 2018 | 12PM - 4:30PM

Monocacy National Battlefield
Thomas Barn
4460 Baker Valley Road
Frederick, Maryland

Featuring Keynote Speaker:

Renowned historian and battlefield guide Edwin Bearss recounting his significant role in the preservation of Monocacy National Battlefield.



“Fields of Honor: Pivotal Battles of the Civil War”
“The Battle of Monocacy”

Discussion Panelists:



Dr. B. Franklin Cooling

“Monocacy: The Battle That Saved Washington”



Gail Stephens

“Shadow of Shiloh: Major General Lew Wallace in the Civil War”



Ryan Quint

“Determined to Stand and Fight: The Battle of Monocacy, July 9, 1864”



Joseph Collins

“Battle of West Frederick, July 7, 1864: Prelude to Battle of Monocacy”

Authors will discuss their inspiration and research regarding the Monocacy Campaign. Authors' books will be available for purchase at a discount during the autograph portion of the event.



For more information, please visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/mono, see us on Facebook, or call the visitor center at 301-662-3515.

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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

Our season ends after our May 17, Walking Tour in Frederick, but we'll start the 2018-19 season September 20th. Over the summer we'll plan the speaker schedule and post it as soon as it is finalized.

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