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Speaker: Dennis Frye

Topic: "Antietam Shadows: Mystery, Myth & Machination"

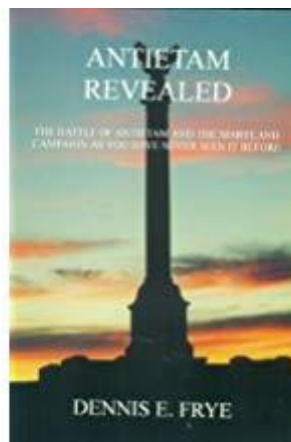
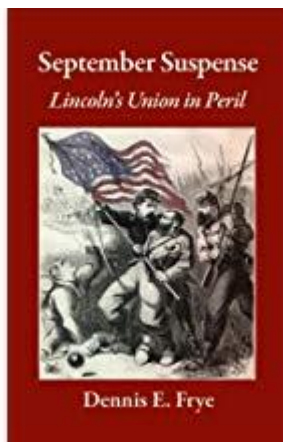
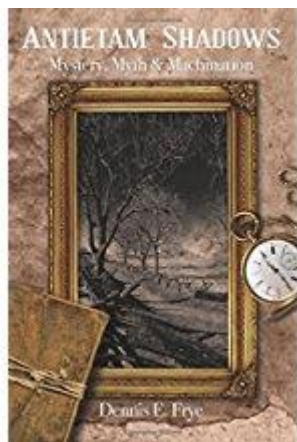
Dennis Frye is known for challenging convention and sparking provocation. His newest book, "Antietam Shadows: Mystery, Myth & Machination" turns inside out and upside down what you know about Antietam and the first invasion of the North. Dennis establishes his theme with the first line of his book: "What is history but a fable agreed upon." Dennis' provocation is

certain to generate debate and conversation. Join us as we discover "Antietam Shadows" from one of the nation's most enlightening and entertaining Civil War historians.

Dennis E. Frye recently retired from the National Park Service at Harpers Ferry, where he served for more than three decades - 20 years as Chief Historian. While with the NPS, Dennis earned the Department of Interior's "Distinguished Service Award," the highest honor of the department. Dennis also received the American Battlefield Trust's highest honor, the "Shelby Foote Award," and was awarded the "Nevins-Freeman Award" by the Chicago Civil War Round Table for his years of scholarship and his national leadership role in battlefield preservation. Dennis is a founder of today's American Battlefields Trust (formerly Civil War Trust) and a co-founder of the Save Historic Antietam Foundation. Dennis has authored 10 books and 101 articles, writing for every

major Civil War publication; and he is a tour guide in national demand, leading programs for the Smithsonian, National Geographic, and the New York Times, as well as universities and Civil War organizations around the country. Dennis has made frequent national television appearances, including on PBS, the History Channel, Discovery Channel, Travel Channel, A&E, Fox News, CSPAN and Voice of America. Dennis is a native of the Antietam/Harpers Ferry area, and he and his wife Sylvia have restored and reside in the post-Antietam headquarters of General Burnside, where President Lincoln conferenced with Burnside.

Mr. Frye will have books available for purchase before and after his presentation. As a special offer if you buy *Antietam Shadows* and *September Suspense: Lincoln's Union in Peril* you'll receive *Antietam Revealed* FREE. That's all 3 books for \$30 (50% off retail).



Civil War Roundtable Congress

From August 17-19, 63 members of Roundtables from New Hampshire to North Carolina to Arizona and Washington met at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to talk about ways to retain and increase membership as well as share ideas for speakers and other presentations. FCCWRT Board members Lucy Tannozzini and Gary Dyson attended and heard how some groups were able to grow membership ranks. We will be sharing these ideas amongst the board and hopefully present some new ideas. In an area so rich in Civil War history, we think we should be able to increase our ranks.



In Case You Missed It.....

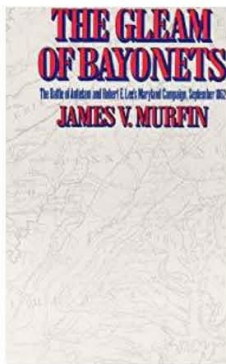
This past July 15th, the Frederick Civil War Round Table had the distinct privilege of joining with the Pipe Creek Civil War Round Table on a tour of Falling Water Battlefield, 155 years and one day after the battle occurred. Our guide was none other than the President of the Battle of Falling Waters 1863 Foundation, and our presenter from October 2017, George Franks! George spoke about the extensive restoration work done to the fine brick home in the center of the Falling Waters Battlefield, as well as the continuing efforts to preserve the landscape and views across the battlefield.



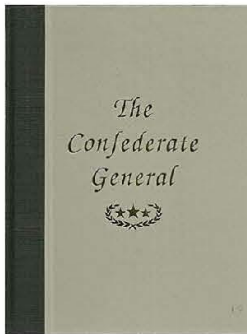
Our tour focused on the center of the field near the house and along a ridge used by Confederate defenders. From here we could distinctly see the Federal Cavalry's approach route, as well as the retreat route used by 2/3's of Lee's army the night of July 13th, 1863. The fighting that followed the next day was a bloody rearguard action fought at several points hand to hand. This fighting saw the mortal wounding of one of the Confederacy's best commanders, James Johnston Pettigrew and the repulse of the hastily assembled Federal cavalry attack, preserving Lee's line of retreat over the Potomac River for a few hours more.

Following our tour several members of both the Frederick and Pipe Creek Round Tables got together for an early dinner to collaborate on potential joint ventures in the future. We are looking forward to those ventures and will keep you posted!

September Book Raffle



The Gleam of Bayonets by James V. Murfin. Murfin was born in nearby Hagerstown, MD in 1929 and grew up near battlefields and historic parks. This is his first book and it covers the battle of Antietam, one of the bloodiest days in American military history. It was the first major defeat of Robert E. Lee's army. Murfin presents the reader a compelling account of personalities and behavior of Lincoln, McClellan, and Lee. The troop movements, the battle, and the human drama are all told with exacting detail that took Murfin seven years to research and write. .



The Confederate General, Volume 3, William C. Davis, Editor and Julie Hoffman, Assistant Editor
This volume is the alpha listing of Confederate generals from George Washington Gordon to Thomas Jordan and so it includes the biographies of such notables as Thomas Jonathon Jackson, A.P. Hill, D.H. Hill, John Bell Hood, and Albert Sidney Johnston. William Davis, the editor, has written more than 40 books on the Civil War and is the 3 times winner of the Jefferson Davis Prize for Confederate history.

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WE NEED MORE BOOK DONATIONS! PLEASE BRING YOUR BOOKS TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING SO WE CAN REPLENISH THE BOOK RAFFLE SUPPLY. THANKS!

Prez Sez

Welcome everyone to our 29th season! I hope everyone had a great summer filled with family, friends and history. As we dive into this season of lectures and discussions, the board and I have put together a very dynamic list of speakers for this season. As always the schedule of speakers is available on our website: <http://frederickcountycivilwarrt.org/index.html> or our Facebook page, please share it with anyone you feel may be interested!

As with each season we will also be endeavoring to attract new members, which we have been slowly doing over the past year. We have the speaker schedule out to our local institutions of higher learning, both Hood and FCC, and we are participating in Frederick's "In the Streets" event on September 8th, where we will pass out information about the round table and our speaker list. So, keep an eye out for new faces this season and introduce yourself! Let folks know that we are glad they are here and that we hope they enjoy the round table. Who knows, you might make a new friend to talk Civil War with.



I am also very pleased to tell you that this summer we had our first joint event with our colleagues at the Pipe Creek Round Table from Carroll County. On July 15th we met at the 1863 Falling Waters Battlefield near the Potomac River for a great tour with George Franks. George spoke to our round table this past season about the desperate Confederate rear guard action at Falling Waters during Lee's retreat from Gettysburg and invited us out to see the field, so we took him up on the offer! A good time was had by all and we are discussing options for a similar day trip in the summer of 2019. If you have ideas, please let me or anyone on the board know. I was also able to touch base with our friends at the Hagerstown Round Table and though they were not able to make the Falling Waters trip, they are interested in doing a joint summer event as well, more on that as it develops.

Finally, we were updated this July about the letter of support we sent out last winter for the preservation of Camp Letterman up in Gettysburg. The president of the housing development company, after the out pouring of support for this 17-acre plot, has agreed to sit down with the preservation group trying to save the hospital site and negotiate some type of agreement. This is great news for the potential preservation of this historic landscape and we wish the negotiations the very best. I look forward to updating you all on this as well.

~Matt Borders

Nearby September Events

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

September 8- Remembering the Violence of Antietam

The George Tyler Moore Center, Antietam National Battlefield, and the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College will present a free day-long program on the commemoration, violence, and memorialization that occurred after the Battle of Antietam. The program will begin on the Shepherd University campus at the Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education located at 213 N. King Street in Shepherdstown, WV. The morning programming will include lectures from Amelia Grabowski, Dr. Peter Carmichael (Gettysburg College), and Dr. Caroline Janney (University of Virginia) beginning at 9:00am and ending at 12:00pm. Participants will then be free to eat lunch before heading over to Antietam National Battlefield for the three afternoon lectures delivered by Dr. James Broomall (Shepherd University), Brian Baracz (Antietam National Battlefield), and Keith Snyder (Antietam National Battlefield). The afternoon lectures will begin at 1:00pm and participants will meet at the Visitor's Center at Antietam National Battlefield located at 5831 Dunker Church Road, Sharpsburg, MD. Both the morning and afternoon lectures are free and open to the public, but registration is required for the morning programming in the Byrd Center auditorium. To register for the morning programming, please email Jennifer Alarcon at jalarcon@shepherd.edu and indicate how many seats you are reserving for the morning lectures. For full schedule details, see the schedule posted below or call the George Tyler Moore Center at 304-876-5429.

9:00am: "The Making of the Angel of the Battlefield" - Amelia Grabowski

10:00am: "Where is the Blood? Imagination, Violence, and the Sunken Lane" - Dr. Peter Carmichael

11:00am: "On this Field Died Slavery: Remembering and Reconciling at Antietam" - Dr. Caroline Janney

12:00pm: Lunch break - Participants free to eat on their own and then travel to Antietam National Battlefield *Please note - lunch and transportation are not provided*

Afternoon Lectures begin at Antietam National Battlefield Visitor's Center 5831 Dunker Church Road, Sharpsburg, MD

1:30pm: "To 'learn how terrible a thing war is': James Hope's Bloody Vision of the Battle of Antietam" - Dr. James Broomall

2:30pm: "Memory in Bronze and Stone" - Brian Baracz

4:00pm: "The Global Sacrifice for Freedom at Antietam National Cemetery" - Keith Snyder

September 9 -Ranger program, "Mystery & Myths of Lee's Lost Orders," at the Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick. 10 am, noon and 3 pm. Free.

September 15-16 Anniversary activities at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Living history and ranger-led hikes and talks. Free with park admission.

September 16 at 11:30 AM Historic Antietam Creek Kayak and Brunch Tour- Commemorate the Battle of Antietam with Preservation Maryland and local partners as they kayak down Antietam Creek. Our day will begin with a locally-sourced brunch at the historic Newcomer House and a talk by Nicholas Redding, Executive Director of Preservation Maryland and Civil War expert, which will provide historic and preservation context before we begin our guided kayaking tour of this beginner whitewater stretch of the Creek. The kayaking tour lasts roughly 4 to 4.5 hours. \$115 for Preservation Maryland Members; \$125 for Non-Members. Ticket price includes kayak rentals, lecture, guide, all equipment, brunch, and parking.

September 22 at 11 AM Lives in Limbo: Contraband Camp in the Shadow of John Brown's Fort- Meet living historians and discover the story of "contraband"-- enslaved people who sought freedom behind Union lines during the Civil War.

September 22 at 10:30 am. Walking tour, Civil War tour of Stephens City (Newtown). Begins at the Newtown History Center, 5408 Main St, Stephens City, Virginia. \$5. newtownhistorycenter.org/events

September 22 - Historic house tours at the Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick. Rare view of the Best (10 am), Worthington (12:30 pm) and Thomas (3 pm) houses on the battlefield. Free. Space limited. Reservations begin July 21. Call 301-662-3515.

September 22-23, Living history, "Aftermath of Battle," at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Includes wet plate photography demos and Sanitary Commission camp. Free with park admission.

Seminars and Conferences

April 10-13, 2019- "Give the Enemy No Rest" – Sheridan's 1864 Shenandoah Campaign Front Royal, Virginia. The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation's 4th Annual National Civil War Conference will focus on Sheridan's 1864 Shenandoah Campaign, the largest and costliest campaign ever fought in the Valley. The conference will include talks, programs, special events, and tours of Third Winchester, Fisher's Hill, and Cedar Creek – all featuring the finest historians in the nation. Guides and speakers will include Gary Ecelbarger, Caroline E. Janney, Robert K. Krick, William Miller, Jonathan A. Noyalas, Scott C. Patchan, Ralph Peters, Nick Picerno, and Jeffry Wert.

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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

Please join us for our next meeting on October 18 to hear Karen Whitehair talk about the artifacts at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine!

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Our membership drive for the 2018-19 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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ANNUAL DUES: Individual - \$30; Family - \$50 (Please make check payable to FCCWRT)

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- I am interested in helping with outreach activities

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