



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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November 27, 2018, 7:00 PM C. Burr Artz Library 110 E. Patrick St, Frederick, Maryland



Speaker: Erik Davis and Paul Bolcik, Center for Civil War Photography

Topic: Confederates in Frederick: New Insights on a Famous Photo

Please join us at the C. Burr Artz Library in the CBA Community Room on Tuesday November 27th for a discussion about the famous photograph of Confederates in Frederick, Maryland during the Civil War. Long thought to have been taken on East Patrick Street, recent discoveries or reevaluation of evidence shows that this may not be the case. Erik Davis and Paul Bolcik spent 3 years researching

Frederick's most famous Civil War photograph. They will discuss their methodology and their findings regarding the photo location and the time it was taken. This event is cosponsored by the library.

The CCWP is a non-profit organization devoted to one of the most exciting and compelling areas of Civil War scholarship and discovery. New photographic finds from our nation's greatest conflict are still being made on a regular basis. Nearly every Civil War soldier had his photograph taken by one of the more than 5,000 American photographers active at the time, and a select group of documentary photographers took thousands of images on the battlefields and in the army camps, often in 3D.

In Case You Missed It.....



At our October 18th meeting about 20 attendees were on hand for Karen Whitehair's presentation about artifacts at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. She explained the differences between managers, curators, conservators, and restorers as artifacts are received, stored, or displayed at the museum. The locations and conditions of all items at the museum need to be known at all times to ensure their preservation and security. We also heard how artifacts are accepted by the museum through gifts, bequests, purchases, and loans, and that not all items are accepted. The museum has to be somewhat selective due to space and cost restrictions involved in displaying, inventorying, and conserving artifacts. There is a paperwork trail for everything and much is to be considered controlling humidity, light, temperature, and vermin to best suit each item. The museum is always in need of volunteers to support its preservation efforts!

Treasurer's Report for October

Treasurer Robert Kozak reports that our balance as of October 20 is \$1020.94. Our annual membership drive continues and we need renewals and new members to continue providing our current level of activities.



Book Raffle

There will be no book raffle in November at our C. Burr Artz Library joint presentation.

Prez Sez



I hope everyone had a wonderful Halloween and is preparing for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The meeting this month will be a later than usual due in part to the holiday, but also because the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable will be holding the November meeting in partnership with the C. Burr Artz Public Library, located right next door to the National Museum Civil War Medicine. While the meeting time has not changed, 7pm, the day has. The November meeting will be held in the library on Tuesday, November 27th. Our presenters will be discussing their research on the famous “Confederates in Frederick” photo, and how it may not be from 1862 as has been traditionally interpreted. This should be a fascinating talk looking into specific details in the image and how the presenters used those details to make some bold claims as to not only the date of the photo, but the location of the Confederate troops in it, and how the image was taken in the first place.

Beyond this the Board recently met to discuss our next season, the Roundtables’ 30th, and what we could do to further get the word out about this great organization. Be on the lookout for more information on this front as we come up with not only new ways to advertise the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable, but also learn from you, our membership, to better develop talks and events that will be of interest to you. As always, we would love to hear from you as well, so please don’t hesitate to email any of the board members or catch us at the meetings.

I look forward to seeing you all at the C. Burr Artz Library on the 27th!

~Matt Borders

Nearby November Events

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

November 3 at 2:30 PM 11th Corps Field Hospitals of Gettysburg, National Museum of Civil War Medicine, 48 East Patrick Street, Frederick. This program follows one regiment, the 17th Connecticut, from Barlow's Knoll to the Spangler Farm and beyond during the Battle of Gettysburg in July 1863.

November 3- South Mountain Artillery Cannon Demonstration & Hike- Learn about Captain John Tidball's "Flying" Artillery, complete with live cannon demonstrations by the South Mountain Artillery Battery at 11:30am and 2:00pm. Take a guided hike on the 0.3 mi. Tidball Trail at 12:30pm.

November 8 at 7 PM Artificial Limbs During the Civil War Newcomer House 18422 Shepherdstown Pike- Scholars estimate that more than 60,000 amputations were performed during the Civil War. On November 8, learn more about the artificial limbs supplied to soldiers who lost limbs during the conflict.

December 1 at 6 PM- Memorial Illumination Antietam National Battlefield

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 conference will include talks, programs, special events, and tours of Third Winchester, Fisher's Hill, and Cedar Creek. 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.

BOOK REVIEW by MATT BORDERS

Peter Cozzens, Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign: Shenandoah 1862. 640 pp. photos, maps, notes, bibliography, index. \$49.95 (hardcover), ISBN: 978-0807832004

Reviewed by Matthew A. D. Borders

Peter Cozzens is a well-known author in Civil War circles, with over 15 books on the war and the American West. Knowing this and having read some of his other works I expected a lot from Shenandoah 1862, and it did not disappoint. Clocking in at a whopping 513 pages before the appendices, this book can look a bit intimidating, but it is the place to go for a single volume work on Jackson's most famous campaign.

The Shenandoah Valley Campaign, fought in the spring of 1862 was supposed to distract Federal forces from the larger goal of Richmond, Virginia. The campaign, and its enigmatic commander, Major General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson, succeeded in this objective brilliantly, though not as simply as is often portrayed in popular telling of this history. Jackson is generally portrayed as a revered genius, by both his fellow officers and men, and his Federal opponents as buffoons, incapable of bringing their forces to bear against the fast-marching Jackson. These generalizations can make for a good story but are disingenuous to both Union and Confederate forces struggling in the Valley.

In the spring of 1862 the long anticipated Federal movement against Richmond was finally happening. Though a plodding campaign, it did appear to be working as Confederate forces continued to lose ground, falling back towards the defenses of their capital at Richmond. In hopes of weakening the Federal advance, or at least prevent it from gaining more support, General Robert E. Lee requested that Jackson, in command of the Valley District, launch a campaign to clear the Valley of Federal forces or tie down those forces in the Valley, thereby keeping them from being able to move to the aid of the Federal troops closing on Richmond. Jackson was eager to comply, not only due to his aggressive spirit and desire to take the fight to the enemy, but to also reinvigorate his forces following the bitter marches of the Romney Expedition the previous January. That campaign had cost Jackson soldiers in the freezing weather, had done little damage to Federal forces in Northern Virginia and had hurt his reputation with his troops. Amusingly, though the famed Stonewall Brigade cursed Jackson as much, if not more for the expedition, than other Confederate troops, they would broach no such treatment from other Confederates towards their former commander. More distressing was the souring of relationships in the Confederate command over the expedition. Jackson's inherent secrecy and hard marching had not endeared him to many of the officers he was supposed to be coordinating with. This actually led to Jackson attempting to resign his commission in the winter of 1862. The Confederacy nearly lost one of their greatest commanders before his most famous campaign!

Jackson went on to command his division, in coordination with additional Confederate forces under such commanders as Ewell and Ashby, in its most brilliant campaign. Often marching his men so as to gain numeric superiority against the several disparate Federal commands sent against him. Unlike other histories of the Valley Campaign, Jackson's opponents are given a fair shake by Cozzens, who feels that most were acting to the best of their ability considering the distances and terrain being covered by the troops on the ground. As well as the difficulties of

coordination between the various Federal commands and the often-contradictory orders coming out of the War Department at this time. There is little doubt that the back and forth, marches and counter marches, did much to wear down and demoralize the Federal troops making them all the easier to out maneuver by a dynamic, hard marching foe.

The four- month Valley Campaign is laid out in precise detail often jumping back and forth between the Union and Confederate commands. This gives the reader a sense of urgency, that all of this is happening quickly and not in a bubble. What is happening in the Valley is affecting the rest of the war in the east. Troops meant for McClellan around Richmond are redirected to the Valley. Lincoln, far from panicking, as has often been described, sees an opportunity to trap the Valley forces and remove them not only as a threat to Washington, but from the war entirely. This effort, or lack thereof, to destroy a portion of the Confederate army while it was detached, like Jackson was in the Valley, would be attempted time and again by Lincoln, usually with frustrating results.

The Valley Campaign will go down as one of the most famous fought during the American Civil War and will cement Jackson's fame for much of the South. Even some of his early detractors will come to respect and follow the odd professor from VMI. The Valley Campaign continues to be studied as a model of maneuver by military academies across the globe. Jackson's ability to push his soldiers to thereby gain a decisive position or to out maneuver and defeat an overall more numerical foe continues to impress the military commanders to this day.

While a very well researched, written and evenhanded account of the Shenandoah Valley Campaign, I did find fault with several of Cozzens maps. The actual data on the maps and how they were drawn was very good, but for a book this size the number of maps, 13, did not seem quite adequate. The maps focused specifically on the battles of the campaign, where I think some basic movement maps would have also been helpful. In addition, several of the maps were only half a page. I am not sure why it was decided to save space on maps when the book is already over 500 pages in length.

These quibbles aside, this is one of the finest campaign studies I have read in some time and I encourage anyone with an interest in Jackson, the Valley Campaign or the Civil War in general to read it. You will not be disappointed.

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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 Thursday December 20th at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine on East Patrick Street. Brandon Bies will be discussing the recent archeological discoveries at the Manassas National Battlefield.

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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

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