



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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**Speaker: Dr. Audrey Scanlan-Teller
and Tracey McIntire**

Topic: "Women Soldiers in the Civil War."

Explore an unusual and courageous group of soldiers seldom discussed in the annals of Civil War history. Although women were forbidden by social custom and army regulations to enter military service in the Union and Confederate armies, a surprising number of women disguised themselves as young men and "went for a soldier." Come learn about the best documented of these woman combatants.

Audrey Scanlan-Teller earned her MA and PhD in art history at the University of Delaware. Since 2005, she has portrayed a Civil War enlisted soldier for historical interpretive demonstrations, a portrayal that compelled her to study the women soldiers of the Civil War. She is currently a historical interpreter at South Mountain State Battlefield and a volunteer at Antietam National Battlefield Park.

Tracey McIntire earned her BA in English at Rivier College. Following her lifelong interest in American history, she currently works for the American Battlefield Trust and is a historical interpreter at South Mountain State Battlefield and a volunteer at Antietam National Battlefield Park.

Audrey and Tracey present their talk dressed as Civil War soldiers. Satisfied customers include the Smithsonian Institution, Gettysburg Civil War Roundtable, Antietam, Monocacy and Harpers Ferry Battlefields, the Manassas Museum, Casemate Museum, National Museum of Civil War Medicine and Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office.



In Case You Missed It.....

At our December 13th meeting held at the Frederick Visitor Center there were 50 in attendance to hear Manassas National Battlefield Superintendent Brandon Bies present the findings of an archeological dig that began as an excavation for a utility trench. Near the famous “Deep Cut” on the battlefield (that’s all the detail that will be given for the location) an ordinary cut revealed the remains of what turned out to be two nearly complete skeletal remains and

about a dozen amputated limbs from the Second Battle of Manassas. Continued excavation proved that this was a burial/limb pit from that battle, the only such site so far discovered on any Civil War battlefield. From detailed analysis performed by experts at the Smithsonian, the causes of death and injuries sustained by the soldiers remains were explained in detail, and strong evidence was explained that could even identify the names associated with those remains due to forensic detail and the reports of Dr. Benjamin Harwood, the likely physician who worked there after the battle. If you weren’t there you missed an excellent presentation by a battlefield professional, but you can log in at nps.gov/mana for an informational video.

Treasurer’s Report for October

Treasurer Robert Kozak reports that our balance as of December 21 is \$1233.94. Our annual membership drive continues, and we need renewals and new members to continue providing our current level of activities. With more members we could consider inviting more well-known historians and authors versus just getting by.





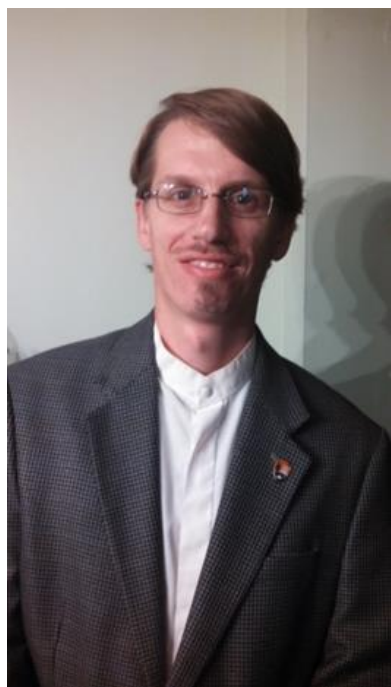
	<p>Gods and Generals</p> <p>Text by James I. Robertson, Jr.</p> <p>This is an extraordinary history captured in a beautiful coffee table book format. Stunning pictures of Lee in Cashtown, the Secession Ball, and my personal favorite, Winfield Scott Hancock are found in this book as well as many pictures of the common soldier in battle. Beautiful artwork by Mort Kunsler, one of the foremost Civil War artists paired with narrative from Robertson, the “dean” of civil war historians. A lovely book to own or give to a civil war buff.</p>
	<p>Mary Chesnut's Civil War</p> <p>Edited by C. Vann Woodward</p> <p>The Civil War diary of Mary Chesnut has long been prized as a source for historians and for the general reader. A passionate observer and participant of her life in 1861 and 1865 in South Carolina. She loved to write and she wrote about the war and how it affected her life and those around her. Rarely can one read of accounts of the war from someone who was so close to the events. A fascinating read!</p>

As always, thank you for your generous contributions of books for our raffle. More books are always welcome!

Prez Sez

Happy New Year! With the start of 2019 we are now entering the 30th year of the Frederick Civil War Round Table's existence. With this in mind, I have been going back through our old newsletters, which we began posting on-line in 2009. The Frederick County Civil War Round Table has had a truly impressive range of speakers over the years from local historians specializing on the minutia of the war, to nationally known authors and lecturers taking on the big questions. It is this variety of speakers that we intend to continue to bring to you in the coming years.

Now that winter is here the contending armies during the Civil War would have either been in or looking at going into winter quarters. These semi-permanent dwellings gave the troops better protection during the cold weather and were essentially mini-log cabins meant for four men. While



fighting during the winter months was rare, it did occur, two of the better-known engagements being Fredericksburg, December 11-15, 1862 and Murfreesboro (Stones River), December 31, 1862 – January 2, 1863. In fact, the Fredericksburg disaster was followed up by the grueling “Mud March” in late January of 1863. The men who fought and marched in these conditions often had to leave their winter quarters behind, in some cases never to return, or as some Federal privates complained following the Mud March their cabins had been taken over by an entirely different regiment!

Our speakers this month will be discussing these sorts of hardships for a very specific and secretive group of soldiers. Fighters who were not even supposed to be in the ranks, women who had taken up arms and disguised themselves as men! While our military today welcomes women into almost every aspect of the armed services, during the Civil War this was not the case. Through their original research, Dr. Audrey Scanlan-Teller and Tracey McIntire have discovered numerous accounts of women being found in the ranks or having to desert so as not to be discovered. Their reasons for joining up were as diverse and varied as those of their male comrades, so come on out and learn about these fascinating soldiers.

I look forward to seeing you at the Medical Museum on January 17!

~ *Matt Borders*

Nearby January Events

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

2019 Winter Lecture Series at Gettysburg NMP

January 5 - March 31, Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 pm. Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center

National Park Service rangers and leading historians from across the country offer free hour-long talks exploring important aspects of the American Civil War and the Battle of Gettysburg. All programs are free of charge and open to the public. Schedule is subject to change. Limited seating is available on a first come - first serve basis.

Saturday, January 5- The Unfinished Work: The World Wars at Gettysburg, Jared Frederick

Sunday, January 6- Roger B. Taney and his Changing Place in American History, Karlton Smith

Saturday, January 12, The Battle of Bristoe Station- Lee Renews the Offensive, Matt Atkinson

Sunday, January 13, "I have never seen so much damage"- The George Rose Farm at Gettysburg, John Heiser

Saturday, January 19, If These Things Could Talk: Artifacts in the Collection of Gettysburg NMP, Tom Holbrook

Sunday, January 20, Five Men on a Slow Boat Going Nowhere: The Hampton Roads Conference of February 3, 1865, Bert Barnett

Saturday, January 26, The Wills Family and Lincoln's Visit: Life in a Northern Town, Troy Harman

Sunday, January 27, Specimens of Morbid Anatomy: Gettysburg Anatomy in the Army Medical Museum, Savannah Rose

Seminars and Conferences

March 22-24, Civil War Weekend, "Civil War Leadership," The Inn at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. www.cpe.vt/cww

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.

June 14-19, 2019, Civil War Institute Summer Conference, Gettysburg College- The 2019 CWI Conference will feature a wide range of topics, including the 1864 Atlanta campaign, the political crisis of the 1850s, Civil War artifacts, Nat Turner's Rebellion, the combat experience of Civil War soldiers, and more. Join us for a blockbuster year of CWI speakers! We are thrilled to feature eminent Civil War scholars, **Gary W. Gallagher, Ed Ayers, Carol Reardon** and **Peter S. Carmichael** within a line-up of over 35 distinguished speakers and tour guides. www.gettysburg.edu/cwi/conference



FCCWRT SNOW POLICY

The 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 and Facebook notification as soon as the cancellation decision is made. Please use your best judgment in making safety your top priority.

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in volunteering to keep the FCCWRT running and growing? Let us know at a meeting or send an email to our President Matt Borders. Areas of need are listed below. We will have board elections at the end of the season for members interested in leadership positions.

Areas in which to assist the Round Table:

Programs (help with acquiring possible speakers, field trips, etc.)

Website (maintain and update group's website)

Outreach

Marketing

Newsletter

Other

We are on Facebook! Please check out our page for timely updates, local events, or comments. Please read and share our posts!



<https://m.facebook.com/fccwrt>

Gary Dyson is our “face” for Facebook.

Help us spread the word about OUR FCCWRT!! We now have 303 “likes” to date with even more “followers!”

Join Facebook. Share posts with friends! You'll get more timely notice of events when you check us out on Facebook. Post things you'd like to share!

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 Thursday, February 21st at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine on East Patrick Street. Jake Wynn from the Museum will be presenting “Medicine in the Overland Campaign.”

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