



# Banner of the Blue and Gray

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## April 18, 2019, 7:00 PM National Museum of Civil War Medicine 48 E. Patrick St, Frederick, Maryland



**Speaker: Sharon Murray**

**Topic: "Escape from Harper's Ferry"**

Sharon Murray a native Idahoan who moved to West Virginia in 2010 to travel & study history. She has degrees in mining engineering and history from the University of Idaho and has worked in both underground and surface precious metal mines and in state government managing the State of Idaho's mineral leasing and mined land reclamation programs. Sharon has published a number of articles on Idaho mining history and won awards for photographs from the International California Mining Journal and the Civil War Trust. She has been a volunteer at Antietam National Battlefield since 2010 and a certified guide there since 2014.

Ms. Murray's presentation is titled "Evading Capture: Union Cavalry Escape from Harpers Ferry, September 14, 1862." The presentation covers the key players involved in organizing and carrying out the escape, the escape route, the capture of a confederate ammunition train, and those who were credited with planning the escape.



# In Case You Missed It.....

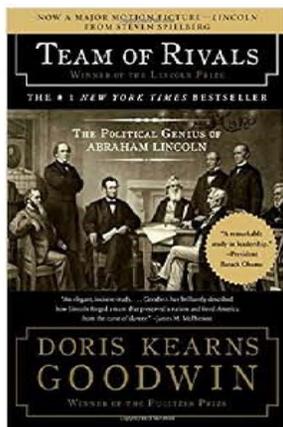
(by Todd Morris)

Mr. Alann D. Schmidt presented his research on the Dunker Church at the Antietam Battlefield to 30 members and guests of the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable on the 21st of March. Throughout the famous battle and beyond, the church stood as the easily recognizable reference point for soldiers and officers of both sides. Originally built on land donated by the Mumma's for use by local Dunker congregation. The Dunker's are originally a German Baptist denomination migrating to locations throughout Maryland, given the name for their literal baptismal tradition. Although the church was damaged during the battle, it remained

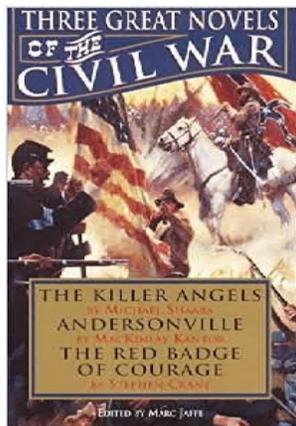


standing but eventually its congregation moved to a new Church on Main Street of Sharpsburg. The building was destroyed by weather in the 1920's but rebuild for commercial use as the area around it grew with housing. As THE historic point on the Battlefield, with the support of the Government of Maryland and Historical Societies, the Church was restored and the adjacent lands acquired to become what we see today as the Battlefield Park. The presentation Mr. Schmidt gave on his jointly authored book entitled "September Mourn" by Alann D. Schmidt and Terry W. Barkley tells this forgotten story of the Church and how it came to the restored state we see today.

## April Book Raffle



Always a popular book at our raffles, *Team of Rivals* is a riveting account of Lincoln's election to the Presidency and his challenges working with a cabinet of disgruntled Republican opponents which included Seward, Chase, Cameron, and Bates. Lincoln emerges as a masterful manager who is able to marshal their talents to navigate the enormous challenges of abolishing slavery and ending the Civil War. Author Doris Kearns Goodwin taught at Harvard and worked at the White House for Lyndon B. Johnson where she assisted him on his memoirs in her bestselling *Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream*. She followed up with the Pulitzer Prize-winning account of Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt and earned the Lincoln Prize for her bestseller *Team of Rivals*.



Our next featured book is a departure from our normal selection of non-fiction and is a trilogy of acclaimed fictional stories of the war. The three best sellers included in this book are: *The Killer Angels* (Michael Shaara), *Andersonville* (Mackinlay Kantor) and *The Red Badge of Courage* (Stephen Crane). The collection is edited by Marc Jaffe who was the former editorial director for Bantam Books who later formed his own brand as Marc Jaffe Books.

## Prez Sez

It is now officially Spring! With the weather starting to warm the armies of blue and gray would have begun to stir in from their winter quarters. With this in mind so shall we venture out into the world. Our last monthly program on May 16<sup>th</sup> will once again be a touring event. The Frederick County Civil War Round Table will meet at Mount Olivet Cemetery here in Frederick at 7pm for a tour of "Frederick's Other City" and its many Civil War inhabitants. The tour will be led by Mount Olivet's own Chris Haugh. Please remember to dress for the weather!

Also, our summer 2019 Round Table Trip has been scheduled for Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have a large van with which to tour the Monterey Pass Battlefield and will meet at the Medical Museum at 9am to take the van to Pennsylvania. Our tour should last about 2 hours and we plan to have a

group lunch in Thurmont on the way back to Frederick. Please email me at [mborders@comcast.net](mailto:mborders@comcast.net) if you plan to attend this event so that I can get a rough headcount.

Before we break into these programs however, we have a great talk this month from Sharon Murray, an Antietam Battlefield Guide and a historian of Grimes Davis, the Alabama born Federal officer who led the escape of Union cavalry from Harper's Ferry, when Jackson had it besieged in 1862. This will be an exciting talk and one you will not want to miss. Hope to see you there!



~ *Matt Borders*

## Nearby April Events

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

**April 6- Park Day, cleanup and rehab at battlefield sites across the country,** sponsored by the American Battlefield Trust. More info: [battlefields.org/events/park-day/faqs](http://battlefields.org/events/park-day/faqs)

**April 7, Antietam National Battlefield- Walking tour, "Witness Trees of Antietam, Part II,"** 2.5-mile walk at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. 1 pm. Free with park admission. [nps.gov/anti](http://nps.gov/anti)

**April 14, Antietam National Battlefield, "Medal of Honor Hike,"** 2-mile walk at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. 1 pm. Free with park admission. [nps.gov/anti](http://nps.gov/anti)

**April 21, Antietam National Battlefield, "Monuments at Antietam,"** 2-mile walk at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. 1 pm. Free with park admission. [nps.gov/anti](http://nps.gov/anti)

**April 28, Antietam National Battlefield, "West Woods Hike,"** 2-mile walk at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. 1 pm. Free with park admission. [nps.gov/anti](http://nps.gov/anti)

**April 8-14, Anniversary activities at the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park.** Ranger programs and tours each day. Living history Saturday-Sunday, luminary event TBA. 9 am-5 pm. Free with park admission. [nps.gov/apco](http://nps.gov/apco)

## 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 Jeffrey 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](http://www.gettysburg.edu/cwi/conference)

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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, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Mount Olivet Cemetery for our walking tour. Look for details in your May newsletter!

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