



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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Speaker: Chris Haugh

Topic: "A Walking Tour of Mount Olivet Cemetery" at Mount Olivet Cemetery

For over 25 years, Chris Haugh has researched, produced and published numerous award-winning presentations on Frederick County history. In 1995, local television aired his 10-hour epic history of the City of Frederick entitled "*Frederick Town*," and he followed this up with "*Up from the Meadows: A history of Black Americans in Frederick County*," Maryland in 1997. Chris' 2012 documentary film "*Maryland's Heart of the Civil War*," received an Emmy Award, having been produced by the Tourism Council of Frederick County in partnership with Maryland Public Television (MPT) and shown on public television stations across the United States.

Chris served for over 8 years with the Tourism Council of Frederick County, following 17 years overseeing Cable Channel 10 for GS Communications and Adelphia Communications. Today, he specializes in history consulting, research, writing and family legacy documentation. He is a frequent lecturer and also teaches public history courses for FCC's Institute for Learning in Retirement. Chris was hired by Frederick's Mount Olivet Cemetery in early 2016, where he holds

the title of Community Relations and Historic Preservation Manager. Here, he has embarked on history projects and programming related to the “garden cemetery’s” newly initiated *Mount Olivet Cemetery Preservation and Enhancement Fund*, a certified 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. **Please meet us by 7:00 PM at the Mount Olivet Cemetery Chapel at 515 South Market Street next to the Francis Scott Key monument. We’ll be parking near there inside the cemetery grounds. Afterwards we can meet up at a Frederick pub for some camaraderie!**

In Case You Missed It.....

At our April 18th meeting we heard Sharon Murray’s presentation “Evading Capture: Union Cavalry Escape from Harper’s Ferry, September 14, 1862.” There were 24 members and visitors attending. When Confederate divisions occupied Bolivar Heights, Loudoun Heights, and Maryland Heights during the Maryland Campaign, the garrison of about 12,500 became surrounded. Hoping for relief from McClellan’s Army of the Potomac, Colonel Dixon Miles was reluctant to order an all out break out from the post. The 8th New York, 12th Illinois, and 7th Rhode Island cavalry regiments as well as detachments of the Potomac Home Brigade, Loudoun Rangers, and 1st



Maryland Cavalry were based at Harper’s Ferry to guard the B&O Railroad. Colonel Benjamin Franklin (“Grimes”) Davis of the 8th NY initiated a plan for the cavalry to escape the trap by crossing a pontoon bridge from Harper’s Ferry to the base of Maryland



Heights and head north towards Sharpsburg. It is believed that Davis’ southern accent helped the force to avoid the suspicions of Confederate pickets. The escape proved to be a terrific success and even resulted in the capture of Longstreet’s reserve ammunition train as it approached from Hagerstown. A rising star of Union Cavalry, Davis was killed at Brandy Station on June 9, 1863. For further study

about Davis you can go to the blog "The Epitaph". This is the oldest post. Another is <http://goldenanchorsharon.blogspot.com/2017/01/benjamin-franklin-grimes-davis-some.html>. The Col. Benjamin Franklin Davis Family tree is on Ancestry.com at <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/157816700/family>.



Monterey Pass Battlefield Tour

Please make plans to join us for a guided tour of the Monterey Pass Battlefield of the Gettysburg Campaign on July 14, 2019. Members of the Pipe Creek Civil War Roundtable will be joining us. Please contact Matt Borders at mborders@comcast.net for details and a head count.

Prez Sez

Once again, we have come to the end of another season. Thank you all for your continued support of the Frederick County Civil War Round Table, we've had some great speakers this season and are looking forward to September. The 2019-2020 season will be our 30th and the board and I have put together another solid list for you! We will have the speakers list out very soon.



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 this weekend on May 4th. This year's theme is the 1864 Maryland Constitution outlawing slavery and the difficulties in passing it. The key note speaker will be the Chief Historian of the National Park Service, Dr. Turkiya Lowe.

Also keep in mind this summer's Round Table Trip will be to Monterey Pass Battlefield in Pennsylvania, along the Confederate retreat route from Gettysburg. We are meeting at the Medical Museum at 8:45am on Sunday, July 14th with the intention of leaving at 9am. We have retained the skills John Miller the historian of Monterey Pass to be our guide for this trip. Like last year we are teaming up with our friends at the Pipe Creek Civil War Round Table who are meeting us at the battlefield. We intend to stop and get lunch on the way back to Frederick in Thurmont. The tour is on the round table, but please bring funds to cover your lunch. For those wishing to attend email me at mborders@comcast.net to let me know you are coming.

One final reminder, our meeting this May will be at Frederick's own Mt. Olivet Cemetery for a tour of some of the cemetery's Civil War inhabitants. Please wear clothing appropriate to the weather and for walking around. We will meet at the Mt. Olivet Chapel in the Cemetery at 7pm for this program. Myself and some of the board will be going out to dinner afterward and all are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there!

~ *Matt Borders*

Nearby May Events

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

4 May- Divided Loyalties- Downtown Frederick Walking Tour- First Saturday walking tours in historic downtown Frederick return in 2019 on May 4 at 3:00 PM at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. Join NMCWM historian John Lustrea as he explores the divided loyalties of the citizens and soldiers of Frederick throughout the Civil War. Frederick was a border town during the Civil War, and as such, its loyalties were divided. At different points of the war Union and Confederate sympathizers turned out in the streets to show their support for each cause. Church congregations in particular mirrored the divisions of the Frederick community with pastors being run out of town for not agreeing politically with their congregations. This will be a pay-what-you-please program. Register ahead of time to hold your spot, as space is limited.

4 May, 12:00-5:00 PM - Meet the Authors “Battles of a Border State, Maryland’s Constitutional Crisis” -Monocacy National Battlefield in partnership with the Monocacy National Battlefield Foundation and Eastern National, are excited to bring you a unique opportunity to meet authors and experts who will discuss the passage of 1864 Maryland State Constitution, which abolished slavery in the state. Free. Books will be available for purchase and autograph. For more information call, (301) 662-3515.

Antietam Battlefield Events

May 5th, Sunday – I Corp and Iron Brigade Hike – Join a ranger for this program that will explore the morning fighting in the Cornfield. Meet the ranger at the visitor center, 1 PM for this two-mile hike on the northern end of the field. Participants should dress for the weather and we will hike, rain or shine.

May 18- Discover how the Civil War changed the men who fought for the Confederacy with James Broomall, director of the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War. Newcomer House 18422 Shepherdstown Pike, Keedysville, MD 21756

May 27th, Monday – Memorial Day Commemoration at Antietam National Cemetery –Events will begin at 11 am and will conclude shortly after 12 noon. Limited seating will be available on first come, first serve basis and visitors are encouraged to bring their own lawn chair. Park volunteers representing Batter B, Fourth US Artillery will provide an artillery salute.

May 27 at 11 AM Memorial Day Commemoration- Observe Memorial Day at Antietam National Cemetery.

Last Full Measure of Devotion, Monocacy Battlefield

May 25: Flag Installation – 9:00 am – 11:45 am | Ranger Programs – 12:00 pm, 1:30 pm, 3:00 pm at the Visitor Center

May 26, Ranger Programs – 11:00 am, 1:30 pm, 3:00 pm | Visitor Center

May 27, Ranger Programs – 11:00 am, 3:00 pm | Visitor Center

Over Memorial Day weekend, Monocacy National Battlefield will honor the casualties of the Battle of Monocacy by installing 2,200 historic flags. Individuals, groups, or families interested in assisting with the installation of flags should be present to volunteer on May 25 from 9:00 am – 11:45 am. Ranger programs specific to Memorial Day will be presented.

Historic Rocky Ridge Chapel Civil War Era Services, Historic Rocky Springs Chapel, 7817 Rocky Springs Road, Frederick, MD 21702- Services are held at 1:00 PM on the fourth Sunday of the month, from April through December, but please use the contact info for December. A history of the site is presented by Debby Moone, the contact person for the site at debbymoone@gmail.com.

Seminars and Conferences

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.

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 (mattborders@comcast.net). 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 327 "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 season beginning September 19th at 6:45 PM at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine on East Patrick Street. Our speaker list for the 2019-20 season will be shared soon!

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