



# Banner of the Blue and Gray

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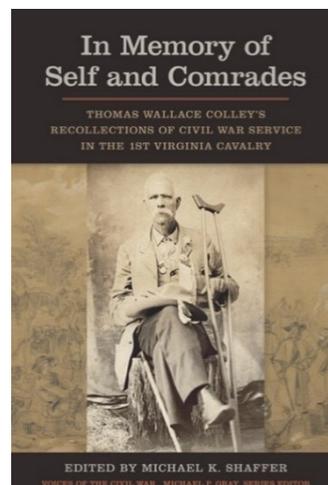


Speaker: Michael K. Shaffer

Topic: "In Memory of Self and Comrades"

Thomas W. Colley served in one of the most active and famous units in the Civil War, the 1st Virginia Cavalry, which fought in battles from First Manassas / Bull Run to the defense of Petersburg. In May 1861, along with the other members of the Washington Mounted Rifles, Colley left his home in Washington County, Virginia and reported to camp in Richmond. During the war, he received wounds on three different occasions: first at Waterloo Bridge in 1862, again at Kelly's Ford in 1863, and finally at Haw's Shop in 1864. The wound received at Haw's Shop resulted in the amputation of his left foot, thereby ending his wartime service.

Michael K. Shaffer is a Civil War historian, instructor, lecturer, newspaper columnist, and author. He is a member of the Society of Civil War Historians, Historians of the Civil War Western Theater, Georgia Association of Historians, and Georgia Writers Association. Shaffer teaches Civil War Courses at Kennesaw State University's College of Professional Education, and at Emory University. He frequently lectures to various groups across the country. After the talk, Shaffer will have copies of his books available for purchase! **Please note this special meeting date!**



# In Case You Missed It.....

## Trip to Monterey Pass Battlefield

On Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> the Frederick County Civil War Round Table, as well as the Pipe Creek Civil War Round Table, were fortunate enough to get a tour of the little known, but vitally important Monterey Pass Battlefield in Pennsylvania. Our guide was none other than site administrator and historian, John Miller. The majority of our combined group piled into a van that we had rented for the occasion and John began to narrate as he took us to a number of different stops.

This tour was a mix of driving and hiking as the county and local community has done a lot to improve the interpretation at Monterey Pass. This action began in the early AM hours on July 5<sup>th</sup>, during a vicious thunder storm. Confederate forces had begun pulling back from Gettysburg the day before, headed back south, eventually to Falling Waters in Maryland, the site of last summer's trip! The retreat however was a miserable affair with miles of wagons filled with not only captured supplies, but also



thousands of wounded men.

The Federal pursuit of Lee's retreat attempted to cut off and later cut through the Confederate supply train at Monterey Pass. Famous cavaliers from both sides clashed here in a fight for Lieutenant General Richard Ewell's wagon train. Confederate Brigadier Generals William "Grumble" Jones and Beverly Robertson's horsemen clashed with Brigadier Generals Judson Kilpatrick and George Custer. It was in these mad dashes against the Confederate defenders and supporting artillery that Kilpatrick began to develop his nickname "Kill Cavalry".



Though the Union Cavaliers were successful in destroying a large portion of the wagon train, the deadly, chaotic combat throughout the night, in a storm, had cost the Federals. In addition, the damage done looked more impressive than it actually was as the majority of the Confederate supply wagons had succeeded in moving through the pass prior the Union arrival.

# Board Member Elections

Since our May meeting was a field trip, our annual board elections will be held at our September meeting. If you would like to be a candidate for any of our positions please contact President Matt Borders as soon as possible.

## Prez Sez

Welcome to our 30<sup>th</sup> Season! I am excited to welcome you to this year's season of lectures and discussions; it is going to be a big one! First things first, we are bringing in some bigger speakers for you this season, the first one being long time lecturer and columnist for *The Civil War News*, Michael Shaffer. See the details about Michael's lecture and book above.

Now just to make things extra crazy, we also have a scheduling issue with our host for September.



The National Museum of Civil War Medicine needs their lecture room for ONE VAST ADVENTURE, a live action event they are helping to host in downtown Frederick. We will have more on this event as it develops so keep an eye on your email and our Facebook. Due to their needs however, we are going to have to move the date of our opening lecture. Thus, the September 2019 lecture will be on the last Wednesday in September, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. I know this is a pain, but that's why we are getting the word out early so you can adjust as necessary.

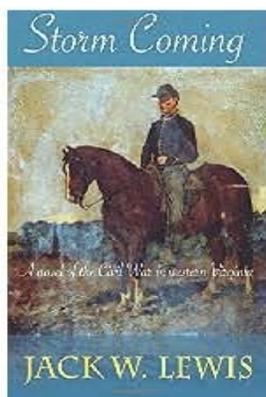
This summer has been racing by and the Civil War Community in our region has been racing with it. Both Monocacy National Battlefield and the Civil War Defenses of Washington DC had their 155<sup>th</sup> commemorations this summer, as well as numerous ranger programs and living history events at Harpers Ferry, Gettysburg, Antietam and South Mountain State Park. On top of all this the Frederick County Civil War Round Table, as well as our friends in the Pipe Creek Civil War Round Table had a great visit on July 14<sup>th</sup> to Monterey Pass Battlefield just across the border in Pennsylvania. What a fascinating, chaotic battle that was! A night fight with cavalry, artillery and burning wagons, in a thunder storm! We've included some of the trip pictures in this newsletter and we hope you can make it out to the next one.

Finally, with the new season it's time to renew your membership! We've been very fortunate to have been able to build our numbers back up a bit and I hope to continue the trend this season. So, come on our, bring a friend, and remember our first meeting this season will be on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. Hope to see you there!

~ *Matt Borders*



## Book Raffle

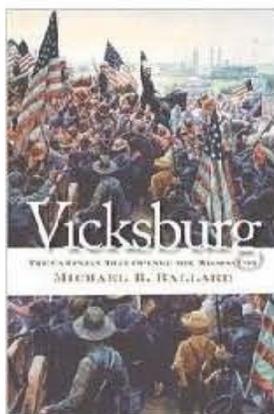


This is a novel about Alexander Swaney, a young Pennsylvania farmer, caught up in the dramatic events after the firing on Fort Sumter. He wants to volunteer to join the Union army and to fight to preserve the land he loves but he is torn by not wanting to leave his girl behind.

As events sweep Alexander along in their path, he struggles to maintain some control over his destiny. Should he volunteer to join the Union army and fight to preserve the land he loves, but leave his girlfriend, Sophia behind.

He decides to enlist with his pastor friend, Harry Hagans, and to join the 1st West Virginia Volunteer Cavalry.

What is the secret that Harry reveals that rocks Alexander's trust and threatens their friendship?  
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A thorough and well-researched account of the Vicksburg campaign. The battle cut off a crucial river port and rail depot for the south and split the Confederate nation in half.

In May and June of 1863, Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's armies converged on Vicksburg and trapped a Confederate army under Lt. Gen. John Pemberton. On July 4, Vicksburg surrendered after a prolonged siege. Grant's successes in the West boosted his reputation, leading ultimately to his appointment as General-in-Chief of the Union armies.

Michael B. Ballard is a university archivist and coordinator of the Congressional and Political Research Center at Mississippi State University and the author of ten history books.

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

# Nearby September Events

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

## **7 September at 3 PM. Frederick Occupied: A Downtown Frederick Walking Tour**

For one week in September 1862, the Army of Northern Virginia occupied Frederick, Maryland. Learn more about that week during the National Museum of Civil War Medicine's September First Saturday walking tour with NMCWM historian John Lustrea.

## **21 September at 11:30 AM - National Museum of Civil War Medicine. One Vast Adventure**

**Frederick for Ransom.** Learn history by living it in Frederick on Saturday September 21 for a one-of-a-kind entertainment experience spanning the entirety of downtown. On Saturday September 21, history comes to life around you in **One Vast Adventure – Frederick at War** – a one-of-a-kind, entertainment experience! Play games, scour the city for clues, and solve puzzles, all while investigating costumed characters throughout the immersive world of Civil War Frederick. Race to raise the ransom money in this 5-hour, city-wide adventure – will you be able to save Frederick from the flames? Tickets are \$32/person (\$16/children 12 and under) and include food and drink samples, exclusive specials from participating stores, and access to the entertainment experience and after-party. Come and live your vast adventure in this immersive show, where all of downtown Frederick is the stage!

## **Antietam Battlefield Events**

**14-15** - Anniversary programs at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Ranger tours, living history camps and demonstrations. Free with park admission.

**17** - All-day anniversary ranger-guided hike at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Begins 6:45 am. Free with park admission.

**20** - Ranger program, "Colonel John S. Mosby and his Partisan Rangers in the Shenandoah Valley," meets at Chet Hobart Park, 225 Al Smith Circle, Berryville. 5 pm. Free.

**20-22**- Living history, "Aftermath of Battle," at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Sanitary Commission camp plus wet-plate photography demos. Free with park admission.

## **Monocacy Battlefield Events**

**21**- Special programs, "Mystery & Myths of Lee's Lost Orders," at the Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick. 9 am-3 pm. Free.

**28** - Ranger program, "Enslavement in the Free State: The Story of L'Hermitage," the history of a French/Caribbean plantation on what became the Monocacy battlefield at the Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick. 10 am at the Best Farm. Free.

## **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](mailto:debbymoone@gmail.com).

## Seminars, Conferences and Upcoming Tours

**28 September- 38th Annual Fall Civil War Mosby Bus Tour sponsored by the Stuart - Mosby Historical Society.** Tour Leaders will be Don Hakenson and Eric Buckland. The bus will leave Truro Parish (10520 Main Street, Fairfax City) promptly at 8:30am. The tour will stop at Miskell's Farm, John Mobberly's Grave, Key Switch, Duffield Station and more. (The bus will arrive back around 5:30pm). The cost is **\$65 members of the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society and \$75 for non-members**, Please arrive before 8am to sign in. To sign up contact Don Hakenson at 703-971-4984 or email [dhakenson@verizon.net](mailto:dhakenson@verizon.net) or send your check to Don Hakenson (make checks payable to Don) at 4708 Lillian Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22310.

**12 October, 9am – 4pm. See, Touch, and Feel Tour of Gettysburg.** Join CEO Wayne E. Motts and the staff of The National Civil War Museum on a tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield. This tour will consist of stops on the Gettysburg Battlefield and will feature new artifacts of those who fought in the struggle, some that haven't been on the Gettysburg Battlefield since 1863. Tour participants will be able hold historical treasures used and/or associated with men of the Union and Confederate Army engaged at Gettysburg. Contact the National Civil War Museum at [www.NationalCivilWarMuseum.org](http://www.NationalCivilWarMuseum.org).

### Frederick Community College

**30 October- History Bites Lunch Time Series: Dred Scott to Secession and The Coming of the Civil War at Frederick Community College.** 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. Join our own Matthew Borders, Park Ranger and Certified Battlefield Guide, for an engaging one-hour lunchtime presentation followed by opportunity for questions and discussions. Be sure to bring your lunch to enjoy during the presentation. Go to <https://ilratfcc.com/fall-2019/> for more information.

**6 November- History Bites - Lunch Time History Series: The Maryland Campaign of 1862.**  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**13 November - History Bites - Lunch Time History Series: The Spy Game in Maryland During the Civil War.** 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM

# 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**

## BOOK REVIEW BY MATT BORDERS

Earl J. Hess, *The Union Soldier In Battle: Enduring the Ordeal of Combat*. 244pp. Images, notes, bibliography, index. \$33.99 (hardcover), ISBN: 978-0700614219 Reviewed by Matthew A. D. Borders

While there are dozens, if not hundreds, of well - versed and written historians out there that focus on the American Civil War, there are but a handful that choose to delve into the actual fighting men of this war. Earl Hess is one of those historians, his work *The Union Soldier In Battle: Enduring the Ordeal of Combat* came out in 1997, a year before the better known James McPherson's work, *For Cause and Comrades*, was published. These two works strike on similar themes when dealing with the war, but Hess's work looks specifically at combat and its impact on Federal soldiers during the war.

Hess's work sets up the arch of experience dealt with by soldiers of both sides. Though he focuses on Union soldiers, it is easy to imagine most, if not all, of these themes applying to the Confederate soldier as well. Both sides in the beginning were, as the first chapter is titled, *Innocents at War*. The ideas of a quick, glorious conflict, brought on by popular books, poems and paintings, as well as the underestimation of the tenacity of their opponents were quickly dispelled after a soldier's first taste of combat. It is the elements of this combat however, the preparation, anticipation, the sounds, sights and smells of the contending armies that Hess dives into with his opening chapter. How did the training, or lack thereof, prepare men for this war, how did it not? How were the illusions of war thrown off by their first brush with combat, or were they? These experiences varied greatly from soldier to soldier, but the underlying themes of preparing and dealing for combat are very similar.

The three middle chapters deal specifically with the psychological aspects of the fighting man in the ranks. The idea of what courage was, and how this idea changed with soldiers as they grew in experience. Courage, according to Hess's research was not a constant, something that was there or was not. It varied with these men. A man could be a lion in combat one week, but later as fatigue or other outside influences set in he may be more controlled, or even hesitant. This, according to the veteran soldier, did not make this man a coward, but a pragmatist, who would still do his duty, while also doing what he could to extend his survival.

Nor was one who failed in his duty automatically reviled. To the experienced soldier there seemed to be an understanding that there was only so much a man could endure. The idea of being “used up” or in need of rest greatly impacted one’s ability to not only function, but to carry on into the next engagement. The ability of one to endure and carry on was buoyed by the battle line itself. The presence of comrades around, literally “at the elbow”, had a remarkable effect for keeping men at the front through the most trying circumstances. This was due to the positive influences of comradeship, but also the unspoken truth that those around you were likely from your town or community, no one wanted to be called out in letters back home that they could not go where others did.

"Though there was significant leeway given to soldiers as they progressed through the war, the “skulker” or shirker saw no such leeway or understanding." Those troops that bragged and boasted of their bravery and prowess prior to an engagement, and then were nowhere to be found once the shooting started, were condemned by their comrades. Men who always found a reason not to be on the line, who never risked the battlefield, were thought of harshly by their fellows.

The idea of knowing war, and shaping the memory of that war also comes into play in *The Union Soldier In Battle*. For those that go through a conflict, the survivors, the way a war is remembered, its causes and the interpretation of that war to the next generation is extremely important. We can see that today, from the recent Centennial of the First World War, to the 75<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of D-Day and other much more recent conflicts. The interpretation of wars has often shifted, as has what we choose to memorialize. This was true for the veterans of the Civil War as well. Hess's spends a significant amount of the later chapters writing about veteran efforts to memorialize the war, efforts to keep in touch with wartime comrades through monuments and reunions and efforts to keep the memory of not only fallen comrades, but the reasons for the war present in the minds of later generations. Hess implies that Union veterans were very much aware of the importance of their victory, but also aware that in many ways though they had won the war, they were losing the peace.

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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 season beginning October 17th at 6:45 PM at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine on East Patrick Street. Our speaker will be Brad Gottfried presenting “The Confederate Prison at Point Lookout.”

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**Our membership drive for the 2019-20 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 would like to volunteer to assist with registration and other tasks at our monthly meetings
- I am interested in helping with outreach activities

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