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Speaker: Dr. Joseph Thomas

Presentation Overview: "Leadership Lessons from the Civil War"

The Frederick County Civil War Roundtable is returning to its home ground of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine to present a roundtable program. Famous Author and Historian Dr. Joseph Thomas will offer us his presentation of "Leadership Lessons from the Civil War". Years of study and volumes of authored works have prepared him to present on the many facets of leadership, both the triumphs and challenges facing commanders and leaders of all stripe which shaped our history so dramatically.

BIO: Dr. Joe Thomas

He is the past Class of '61 Chair and current Director, VADM James B. Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, US Naval Academy. He serves as an Executive Coach for the EMBA program at the Robert H. Smith School of Business and as the Academic Director for the Smith School's U.S. Customs and Border Protection Leadership Institute. He's provided executive and leadership coaching to strategic leaders in the private and public sector, led team-building retreats with organizations ranging from Fortune 50 corporations to Police and Fire departments, and trained thousands in high performance ethical leadership.

He is the past Director of the John A. Lejeune Leadership Institute at Marine Corps University in Quantico, VA. A U.S. Marine Corps officer for over 20 years, he remains active in philanthropic work to assist veterans, law enforcement, and the education communities. In the past few years his work has been featured in the Washington Post, Harvard Business Review, and 60 Minutes among other print and television programming. He is the co-founder of The Annapolis Leadership Center, and his education includes; an M.S.Sc. from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse U., an M.S.S. from the US Army War College, and a Ph.D. from George Mason.

In Case You Missed It.....



Peter Carmichael's presentation of "The War for the Common Soldier"

The soldiers that experienced combat during the Civil War tended not to know what words to use to describe their experiences. They often used relics of battles to help them recollect their actions on fields of horror. While we may relate their postwar recollections to PTSD, they in fact experienced something different as it related to their time and place. War was horrible but necessary as they interpreted their experiences as a step

to honorable manhood.

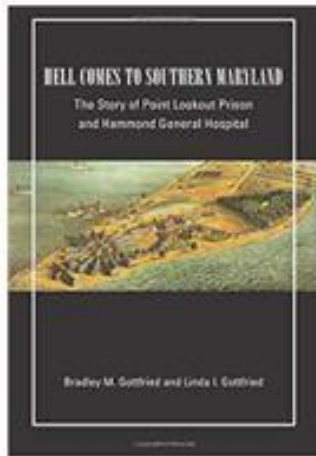
Carmichael's presentation focused on the experiences of Union soldiers during the Overland Campaign of 1864. Using some fairly rare two-way letters from home during the period, he established that the Civil War soldier interpreted the violence of war much differently than we do today. Killing was thought to be needed for a higher purpose that made it worthwhile. As described by "contradictory consciousness," a soldier could resign himself to the fact that despite his abysmal circumstances he understood that killing was necessary to concrete his status as a man. The lack of personal correspondence to the survive the war has allowed us in the present to distort the real effects of Civil War combat to tamer "bedtime stories" that negate the horrors of the war they endured.

Whether or not we agree with the conclusions of Mr. Carmichael's presentation, I think we can agree that his skills as a presenter were outstanding in a thoughtful, well received briefing.

- Gary Dyson, FCCWRT Vice President



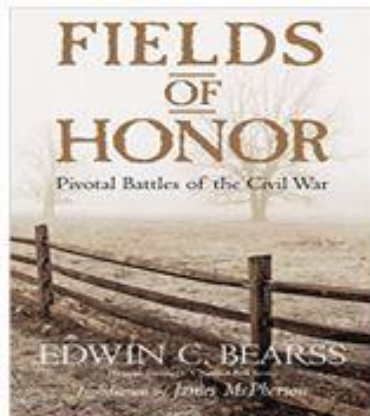
Book Raffle for December



Here's your chance to win the featured book from our October speaker, Brad Gottfried, on the prison camp at Point Lookout, MD. This little book is filled with interesting facts on life in the prison regarding the number & type of prisoners, food, housing, escapes, and sickness and death. He explains the many controversial decisions made by Stanton, Secretary of War, and William Hoffman, Commissary-General of Prisoners, regarding the prisoner parole and exchange system.

A fascinating and very readable account of both the management and conditions at the Point Lookout POW camp.

Many thanks to the Gottfrieds who generously donated this new book for our book raffle.



This is a book by the legendary Ed Bearss that begins with John Brown's raid of Harpers Ferry and the firing on Fort Sumter and continues with chapters on thirteen pivotal battles of the war. These summaries provide a useful but not overly detailed condensed description of the conflicts. His book also contains pictures and maps to supplement his text.

The book was compiled using transcripts of over 400 hours of taped battlefield tours conducted by Bearss. Thus, the reader has a sense of "being in the battle" with the soldiers and experiencing with them their bravery, their fear, and their terrifying experiences in the heat of the battle.

Nearby December Events

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

24 November (1 PM) and 7 December (7 PM) – Civil War Style Non-Denominational Service.

Held at the Historic Rocky Springs Chapel, 7817 Rocky Springs Road, Frederick, Maryland
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.

Thru 1 December - "Bringing the War to Our Doorsteps" is a temporary installation restaging the exhibition of Alexander Gardner's photographs taken at Antietam in September 1862 presented at the Pry House Field Hospital Museum @Antietam.

The event is brought to you by our own Bob Kozak, the exhibition will be on display until December 1, 2019 and will be available during normal operating hours (11:00am – 5:00pm, Fri-Sun) and by appointment. Contact Reservations Coordinator Alyssa Watson for more information about appointments and group visits: alyssa.watson@civilwarmed.org or 301-695-1864.

Seminars, Conferences and Upcoming Tours

23 November – Tour of Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum

Richard Lyons will be leading tours and detailing how he made the discovery of the space where Clara Barton lived and worked during and immediately after the Civil War, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM & 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM, 437 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

7 December - Annual Memorial Illumination at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg.

Driving tour featuring 23,000 candles. Begins 6 pm. Expect delays, long lines. Visitor center closes 3 pm. Free. nps.gov/anti

7-8 December - Living history, "Captain Flagg's US Quartermaster City, 1864: Prospects for Peace".

Held at the Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, NHP. 11 am-5 pm. Free with park admission. nps.gov/hafe

21 December - Lecture, "Christmas and the Civil War".

Held at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick. 2:30 pm. Free with admission. civilwarmed.org/event/christmas

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

Who We Are, Where to Find Us



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 358 “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 session, on December 12, “Leadership Lessons from the Civil War” by Dr. Joe Thomas. 6:45 PM at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine on East Patrick Street.

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Our membership drive for the 2019-20 season is in full swing. 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
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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/>.

NEW *or* RENEW ANNUAL FCCWRT MEMBERSHIP



NAME (If family membership, please list all names and email addresses)

STREET ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS/ADDRESSES _____

BEST PHONE NUMBER TO REACH ME _____

NOTE: *We will protect your privacy. None of the above information will be shared.*

ANNUAL DUES: Individual - \$30; Family - \$50 (Please make check payable to FCCWRT)

AMOUNT PAID \$ _____ DATE _____

- 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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For additional information about the FCCWRT and to see meeting dates and times
and our roster of speakers for the season, check our website:

www.frederickcountycivilwarrrt.org