



# Banner of the Blue and Gray

Newsletter of the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable Frederick, Maryland  
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285<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 31<sup>th</sup> Season

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## September 17, 2020, 7:00 PM Facebook Live with our NMCWM partners

**Speaker: Scott Mingus**



**Presentation Overview:** presentation on his book *Targeted Tracks: The Cumberland Valley Railroad in the Civil War*

The Frederick County Civil War Roundtable will virtually offer a presentation of Scott's presentation centered on his book which tells the historic story of the Cumberland Valley Railroad which ran from Hagerstown, Maryland to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a route of

tremendous strategic importance given the struggles of the eastern theatre. The story remains known to few.

### **BIO: Scott Mingus**

He is a consultant in the global pulp & paper industry, holds patents in self-adhesive postage stamps and bar code labels. He was part of the research team that developed the first commercially-successful self-adhesive U.S. postage stamps. He has written 21 Civil War books. His biography of Confederate General William "Extra Billy" Smith was nominated for or won multiple awards, including the Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr. Literary Prize. He also wrote several articles for Gettysburg Magazine. Scott maintains a blog on the Civil War history of York County PA and received the 2013 Heritage Profile Award from the York County History Center for his many contributions to local Civil War history. He also has written six scenario books on miniature wargaming and was elected to the hobby's prestigious Legion of Honor. His great-great-grandfather was a 15-year-old drummer boy in the 51st Ohio Infantry, and other family members fought in the Army of the Potomac at Antietam and Gettysburg.

Books will be available for purchase at the meeting and links for online purchases will be provided via email and on our Facebook page.

## Prez Sez



Welcome everyone to our 31<sup>st</sup> season! With all the issues and concerns of the current pandemic the Frederick County Civil War Round Table and our host, the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, are doing everything that can be done to make our meetings happen. The most important aspect of this is to make sure you and our speakers are safe. While our usual meeting space at the medical museum will be open for us to use, if you are not comfortable with coming out to a meeting, you are most certainly not obligated. We have included information in this newsletter about how to access the meeting through Facebook Live and we hope you can join us.

For those of you who do feel comfortable coming to the meetings we will do our best to maintain social distance in the conference room. Also, at the request of the medical museum we will have masks for anyone who does not have one. It will be great to see everyone again, be it over Facebook or behind a mask!

Remember, with all the cancellations we had last spring, the round table is offering a discount to all last seasons members on this year's membership.

Beyond the pandemic, 2020 has been a period of profound social upheaval as the nation once again tries to come to grips with the repercussions of the era we choose to study. The vast protests, as well as the Federal response, have again brought into focus many of the same topics that were debated, argued over and eventually fought over during the years leading up to, during and after the American Civil War. The rights of diverse populations in our society, as well as the extent of executive power, are both topics that would be recognized by those that have come before us. How the nation learns from its history and moves forward is now more important than ever. Equally important is the inclusion of all histories into our national story. Broadening the story of our history does not dilute that story, but makes it richer and encourages more discourse on the topics we regularly discuss.

So, I encourage you to start a conversation, learn new perspectives and invite your friends to join us. It's going to be a challenging season, but with your help it will be one we can look back on with pride.

~ Matt Borders

## A Message from the Board of Directors

Per this newsletter, we will “crack on” in the British Military vernacular. In an overabundance of caution the Board of Directors is pursuing meetings for the 31<sup>st</sup> Season of the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable virtually (at least over the upcoming months). Our continued best wishes go out to each and every friend of the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable for your safety and health, please ensure both social distancing and wearing of masks for every situation you find yourself in that warrants precaution.

## Matt Borders Whereabouts

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of August, our esteemed President Mr. Matt Borders traveled to Arizona onward to New Mexico to participate in the firefighting effort for the tragic wild fires occurring there. We the board would like to thank Matt for his continued service to the National Parks Service and for accepting these vital duties to keep people, our environment and property safe. Best Wishes Matt, and Thanks!

## Upcoming Virtual Events

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

**10 September @ 7 PM** - "Jeb Stuarts Cavalry Ride through York County, PA" by Scott Mingus. On the morning of June 30, 1863, J.E.B. Stuart led 4,500 Confederate cavalymen across the Mason-Dixon Line into southern York County, Pennsylvania. He expected to rendezvous with the extreme flank of Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia somewhere near the Susquehanna River, likely on a line between York and Carlisle. To register: [www.cwrtcongress.org/lectures.html](http://www.cwrtcongress.org/lectures.html)

**11 September @ 12 PM** – “USS Hatteras: The First Warship Sunk by CSS Alabama” by John V. Quarstein, director emeritus of the USS *Monitor* Center. This is a YouTube Live event with author and historian John V. Quarstein! Quarstein will give a 30-minute virtual presentation from his home in Hampton, Virginia, about the first and only US Navy warship destroyed during an engagement with the Confederate commerce raider CSS *Alabama*. The link for more details and to attend the lecture is here: [www.MarinersMuseum.org/LIVE](http://www.MarinersMuseum.org/LIVE)

**24 September @ 7 PM** – “Sea Miner” by Chuck Veit. Chuck discusses the many naval warfare innovations in place today that had their foundations developed and tested in the American waters during the conduct of our Civil War. To register: [www.cwrtcongress.org/lectures.html](http://www.cwrtcongress.org/lectures.html)



## Other Virtual Offerings for casual viewing

(tip of the cap to the CWRT Congress for providing many)

American Civil War Game Club Virtual Offerings

<http://www.wargame.ch/wc/acw/>

Woodman Museum in Dover, NH has a YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i85KAlvJbxM&t=500s>

History Channel's documentary on U. S. Grant

<https://meaww.com/history-leonardo-di-caprio-documentary-ron-chernow-grant>

Loudon County CWRT – The Battle of Island #10

<https://www.facebook.com/SoundOfTheGuns/posts/10157017701015913>

Gettysburg CWRT – The Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War

<https://www.facebook.com/CivilWarRoundTableOfGettysburg/live/>

American Battlefield Trust's distance learning classroom

<https://www.battlefields.org/learn>

[Visit Gettysburg with War Photographer Louie Palu](#)

National Museum of Civil War Medicine Facebook Page, offering Facebook live opportunities weekly: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/CivilWarMed/videos/>

National Museum of Civil War Medicine now offering its own YouTube Channel, tons of content available: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdGkf5-Y7aEZsXEBhRhEKjg?>

SWCW member Lavonda Kay Broadnax, Digital Reference Specialist at the Library of Congress, has compiled a web guide to the historic full text of works, now available in digital format with free and open access, written by and about African American women who lived during the U.S. Civil War. Access the guide here:

<https://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/aacivilwarwomen/>

The Andrew Johnson Papers at the Library of Congress are now available online at the following link: <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/collmss.ms000091>

# Our Partners the National Museum of Civil War Medicine – Open for Business

The National Museum of Civil War Medicine re-opened their doors on Friday, June 26 at 10 AM. The Museum will initially be open Fridays thru Sundays from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM for walk in visitors. The Museum will be open 7 days a week from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM for pre-scheduled reserved tours. To reserve your tour time, call 301-695-1864 or contact Reservations Coordinator Alyssa Watson at [alyssa.watson@civilwarmed.org](mailto:alyssa.watson@civilwarmed.org). The Museum will take reservations.

They are continuing the virtual effort to ensure the availability of their information and programs. The NMCWM has [created a page](#) of resources for students, teachers, individuals, and history buffs alike to use during this time of remote learning. Facebook Lives, YouTube videos, and other digital content will be released over the coming weeks in an effort to provide educational resources and inspiring stories to learn from.

The NMCWM's online resource hub can be found at [www.civilwarmed.org/online-resources](http://www.civilwarmed.org/online-resources)

## Seminars, Conferences and Upcoming Tours

**12 September @ 2 PM - Pry House Visit sponsored by the National Museum of Civil War Medicine.** On Saturday, September 12th at 2:00 PM at the Pry House Field Hospital Museum Antietam Battlefield Guide Steve Stotemyer will discuss the historical accomplishments and myths surrounding Major General George B. McClellan.

**17 September @ 11 AM - 158<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Antietam.** Gain the perspective Union General George McClellan and Medical Director Jonathan Letterman had on the day of the Battle of Antietam exactly 158 years later. To commemorate the 158th anniversary of the Battle of Antietam, the Pry House Field Hospital Museum will be open from 11 AM to 5 PM. Throughout the day, staff will be giving special tours of the Pry House and the property's connection with the Battle of Antietam, some of which will be featured on our Facebook Live Stream

**17-18 October - Cedar Creek Battlefield 156<sup>th</sup> Annual Re-enactment.** The CCBF, sponsors of this reenactment, the largest and most prominent in the country, has announced that early registration is extended through **June 30, 2020**. This maintains the early registration fee at \$20.00 for adults and teenagers 13 and above; \$10.00 for children 8-12; and no fee for children 7 and under. Registration fees will increase on July 1, 2020 and again on August 1, 2020. Those wishing to register should go to the CCBF's website, [www.ccbf.us](http://www.ccbf.us), and print out the registration form. Send the completed form and a check for funds in the appropriate amount to CCBF at PO Box 229, Middletown VA 22645. In the event that pandemic conditions force cancellation of the event, all registration fees will be refunded upon request.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteerism and the ability to volunteer has been interrupted by the COVID-19 circumstances we find ourselves in. We will keep members and friends informed about future 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, Others

## 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!! 485 followers and 456 “likes”!

Gary Dyson has done an amazing job with keeping up posting interesting Civil War facts and discussions. Help us spread the word about OUR FCCWRT.

### **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.**

**Our membership drive is active now for the 20-21 season. 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 (\$25.00 for current dues paying members.)
- \$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/>.

## **2019-2020 Board of Directors**

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# NEW *or* RENEW ANNUAL FCCWRT MEMBERSHIP



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

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STREET ADDRESS

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EMAIL ADDRESS/ADDRESSES

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BEST PHONE NUMBER TO REACH ME

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**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

**MAIL TO:**  
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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](http://www.frederickcountycivilwarrrt.org)**