



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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Speaker: Reverend John Schildt

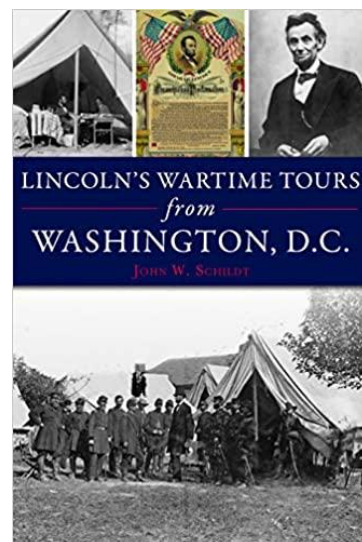
Presentation Overview: Lincolns Wartime Tours from Washington D.C.



The Roundtable opens another great calendar year of programming offering a presentation by Rev. John Schildt. The Senior Battlefield Guide from the Antietam National Battlefield. The Reverend will provide a unique perspective on the civil war life of President Abraham Lincoln in chronicling his travels

throughout the war. Abraham Lincoln spent much of his presidency traveling. His visit to Antietam after issuing the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation and to Pennsylvania for the famed Gettysburg Address are well remembered. During the course of the war, Lincoln also traveled to West Point and Harpers Ferry. As hostilities drew to a close, he spent time on the Virginia battlefields, from Petersburg to Richmond and beyond. In this new edition of Lincoln's Wartime Travels, John W. Schildt details visits to wounded soldiers both Union and Confederate, conferences with generals and the logistics of getting a wartime president from place to place.

BIO: Rev. John Schildt: Reverend John Schildt was introduced to the Civil War by his great-grandmother who fed Union troops on the way to Gettysburg when she was a little girl. One of the most sought-after guides at Antietam National



Battlefield, John has been a lecturer and guide for the Gettysburg College Civil War Institute, Bud Robertson's "Campaigning with Lee", the Chicago Civil War Round Table, along with many other groups. His fields of specialty are the IX and XII corps, as well as Antietam's Hospitals and Lincoln's visit to Antietam in October 1862. In addition to his standard Antietam tours, John also gives tour of the hospital sites at Antietam and tours that follow "In the footsteps of Lincoln". While giving tours, John likes to make history come alive by sharing human interest stories about people and places.

Outside of Civil War history, John has led three educational excursions to Normandy and took part in the American and French commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the D-day landing in 1994. While leading explorations, he likes to make history come alive by sharing human interest stories about people and places. Having been a lifelong student of Antietam, John has written many books on the subject, including "September Echoes," "Drums along the Antietam," "Roads to Antietam," and the work he will be speaking on tonight, "Lincoln's Wartime Tours from Washington, DC"

In Case You Missed it



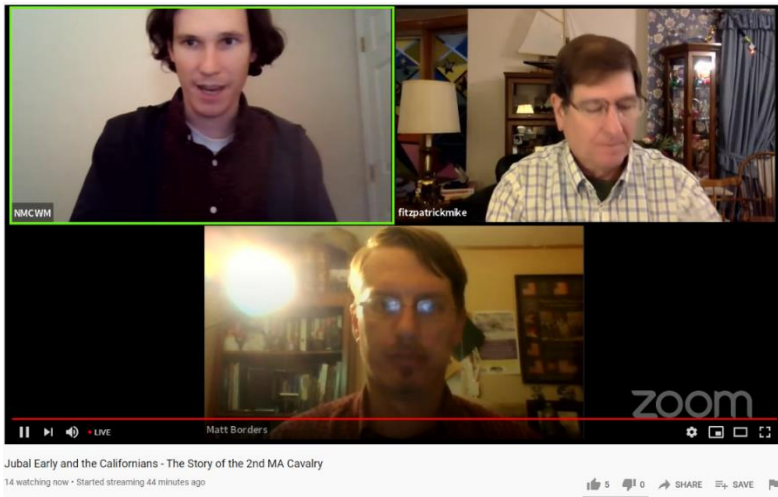
The December offering by the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable was held both virtually and in person. Mr. Mike Fitzgerald guided thru his tale of the Battle of Rockville in 1864 where forces from Second Massachusetts Cavalry, the "Californians" successfully fended off an intended invasion of Washington by General Jubal Early. At Rockville, on July 13, 1864, in one of the few truly urban street fights of the Civil War, outnumbered Federal cavalymen from California stood their ground and proved their

worth to the Union cause.

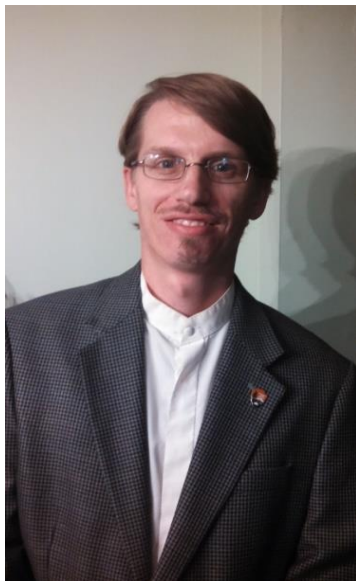
The Californians had enlisted and come east to fight Rebels, not police some backwater theater. They longed for an opportunity to confront the full might of the Confederate Army. In July 1864, Lieutenant General Jubal Early led a large force of Confederates, consisting of his Second Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia on a flanking attack on Washington, DC. Early's raid, though unsuccessful in relieving pressure on Lee at Petersburg, highlighted the vulnerability of the Federal Capital. The 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry and a two ad-hoc companies of convalescents and detached troopers were the pursue and monitor Early's retreat Mike's presentation was once format with our partners from the Medicine. The entire presentation at their site. Attendance was once



only mounted force available to after his repulse at Fort Stevens. again in our YouTube/NMWCWM National Museum of Civil War is available now on YouTube and again strong, with our members,



friends, and guests maintaining interest in our fantastic programs through the circumstances we find ourselves in.



Prez Sez

Happy New Year! We made it, 2021! The board of the Frederick County Civil War Round Table and myself hope that you had a safe and fun holiday season.

It's time to jump into the new year and we have a great speaker to kick things off, Rev. John Schildt. John is the senior battlefield guide at Antietam National Battlefield, a font of knowledge and tremendous storyteller. Beyond the fighting on September 17th, John is well known for his research on the field hospitals that sprang up in the wake of America's Bloodiest Day. He also has written extensively on President Abraham Lincoln's visit to the army in October 1862. He has recently expanded on this research, looking at the numerous trips and visits the president made throughout the war to both the army and the hospitals

supporting the army. It is this research and his new book that he will be speaking on this month and we hope you can join us on-line.

As you probably have seen, due to the uptick in COVID-19 cases as well as the holidays, the National Museum of Civil War Medicine is currently closed until January 15th. They will begin taking appointments for tours on January 16, 2021. As such, and because we want to continue to be as safe as possible, the January 21, 2021 meeting will be on-line only. As usual we will send out a reminder email a couple days before the meeting.

Finally, I did receive one more end of year update from Mr. Glen Hayes of the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association (GBPA) about the ongoing efforts to preserve a portion of Camp Letterman outside Gettysburg. While no significant changes in negotiations have occurred since the last newsletter, the GBPA has picked up another ten organizations in support their letter writing campaign to S&A Homes, Roundtables, reenactors and preservationists alike, this most recent batch even includes some international support coming out of Ireland. Very good news indeed!

So as well step off into the new year, stay safe, stay healthy, and we will see on-line on January 21.

~ Matt Borders

December Book Report by Matt Borders

REVIEW:

Dr. Bradley M. Gottfried, [The Maps of Antietam: An Atlas of the Antietam \(Sharpsburg\) Campaign, including the Battle of South Mountain, September 2 - 20, 1862.](#) 350 pp. Maps, Appendix, End Notes, \$28.93 (hardcover) ISBN: 978-1611210866 Reviewed by Matthew A. D. Borders

Dr. Bradley Gottfried is a guide at Antietam National Battlefield and a significant contributor to the study of the American Civil War. He is probably best known for his "The Maps of" series, which has covered a variety of Civil War campaigns in the eastern theater. Of that series, *The Maps of Antietam* is particularly well known around here for its in-depth coverage of the Maryland Campaign. This was the third in Dr. Gottfried's series, and was first published in 2013. Like the rest of the series, *The Maps of Antietam* included full color maps and was hardcover. The after a brief run-down of the war up to this point, the book follows the Army of the Potomac from its reorganization and stepping out of the Washington defenses, as well as the Army of Northern Virginia as it began the 1st Confederate invasion of the north.

The time frame covered, September 2 – 20, 1862, is the entire Maryland Campaign and Dr. Gottfried takes the time to develop not only the campaign maps, showing the movements of the armies, where they were going and how they got there, but also the several different engagements of the campaign. In this book all four of the South Mountain Gaps that were involved in the September 14, 1862 Battle of South Mountain are analyzed, as is the multi-day siege of Harpers Ferry. These two significant preliminary actions of the campaign set the stage for the terrible bloodletting that occurs on September 17 at Antietam and the lesser-known rearguard action at Shepherdstown on September 19-20 at the end of the campaign.

It is during the analysis of these battles that *The Maps of Antietam* really shines. As expected, the book has lots of maps, but the troop movement maps provided for the battles are incredibly intricate, usually breaking the armies down to the regimental level and occasionally even down into companies. This allows the reader to follow individual regiments, both Union and Confederate, as they maneuver throughout the various battles. In my own research I have found *The Maps of Antietam*, to be far easier to access and use in the field than the cumbersome Carman-Coke maps, which are available from the Library of Congress. This book takes those original Antietam maps and puts them into a far easier to read digital format and expands upon them, including more units and movements than the original 14 maps ever could. This same digital format was used to develop the maps for the fighting at the South Mountain Gaps and



Harpers Ferry, neither of these sites, nor Shepherdstown had historian Ezra Carman's maps to work off of.

The one issue I have with “The Maps of” series is the lack of topographic lines on the maps. There are lines denoting various terrain features, such as forests, ledges, walls, and fences. As well as lines signifying where there are hills and ravines, but we are not given an idea of the steepness of those hills or the depths of those ravines until we are out on the battlefield itself. This of course is something Dr. Gottfried encourages visitors to do however, but for those reading the work on the other side of the country it can be a bit difficult to envision all the terrain variations with these maps. To make things more challenging, though again not insurmountable, *The Maps of Antietam*, has become so popular that it is in its second printing. This however is a paperback and in black and white! Something that I have been told annoys Dr. Gottfried to no end but was the only way the publisher would do a second run. So, when you are hunting this book, and I encourage anyone with an interest in Antietam or the campaign to do so, try and get a hold of a hardcover, you will get a lot more out of it.

Upcoming Virtual Events

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

The upcoming Speaker Series sponsored by the Civil War Roundtable Congress (CWRT), to register for one of these events, follow the link at the bottom

- January 6th at 7PM – Mark Dunkelman offers his published work in a program entitled Gettysburg's Unknown Soldier at: <https://www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker/64-dunkelman.php>
- January 13th at 7PM – Offering a viewing of American Democracy, a film highlighting the history of race, slavery and American democracy through the life of Stephen Douglas, Abraham Lincoln's great rival. At: <http://www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker/57-peck.php>
- January 20th at 7PM – John C. Fazio presents the Battle of the Alabama and Kearsarge at: <http://www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker/62-fazio.php>
- January 27th at 7PM – Judkin Browning and Timothy Silver explore the impact of topography, weather, and battlefield logistics on the American Civil War in “The Environment and the Civil War” at: <http://www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker/66-silver.php>
- February 3rd at 7PM – Johnathan White presents an exploration of the Election of 1864 at: <http://www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker/60-white.php>

You can subscribe to the Congress YouTube Channel at: [YouTube channel - CWRT Congress!](#)

To Register follow this link: <https://www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker.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/>

CWRT Newsletter

View the Congress' Newsletter here:

https://mcusercontent.com/4ed2502d26ff277723afd52f5/files/9a825d14-eea4-4fbc-9f99-97fb211d8fdb/LightPost_Nov_2020.01.pdf

CWI Conference 2021 Registration is Now OPEN

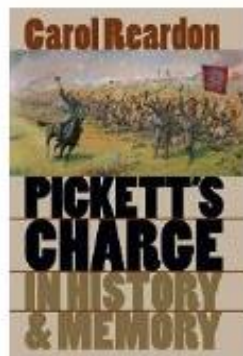


2021 Conference Registration is Now OPEN

Register for CWI 2021 Today!

Focusing primarily on the Gettysburg Campaign, [the 2021 conference](#) will feature lectures and battlefield tours exploring the battle from a variety of angles, including military leadership, civilian experiences, Lincoln's visit to Gettysburg, the commemorative landscape, and battlefield artifacts. The conference will also include special sessions on political disputes within the Army of the Potomac, drug addiction in the Civil War, race and Civil War memory in the literature of William Faulkner, the future of interpreting Confederate monuments, slave kidnappings, and more.

Speakers will include Gary W. Gallagher and Kent Masterson Brown, with battlefield tours led by Garry Adelman, Jennifer Murray, and an impressive lineup of expert National Park Service rangers and Licensed Battlefield Guides! This year's tours will take a new direction and follow individual regiments from battlefield to field hospital, with special visits to some of the lesser-known historic farms in Gettysburg which housed scores of wounded soldiers in the wake of the battle and which still stand today.



We are excited to feature Carol Reardon's classic *Pickett's Charge in History and Memory* as this year's book of the conference! All registered attendees will receive a 40% discount from UNC Press on copies of Dr. Reardon's book in preparation for a panel discussion of her work with several distinguished historians, including Dr. Reardon herself. If you're interested in purchasing the book from UNC Press, please contact the CWI for the discount code.

Due to the pandemic, some scheduling specifics and conference details, including availability of full on-campus amenities, are still in flux. We will continue to update [the website](#) as soon as we can confirm further details, so please check back frequently! All deposits and payments will be fully refundable.

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we move through the conference planning process and continue to navigate the uncertain waters of the global health crisis.

Questions? Check out our [FAQ page](#). Still have questions? Please contact the CWI office.



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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!! 645 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 still active 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/>.

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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)

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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

**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