



# Banner of the Blue and Gray

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## February 18, 2020, 7:00 PM Facebook Live Hosted by NMCWM (Virtual only) The link is: [facebook.com/civilwarmed/live](https://facebook.com/civilwarmed/live)



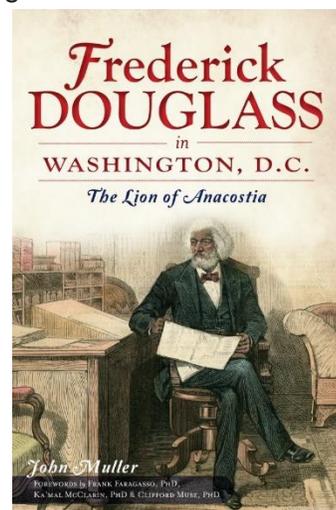
**Speaker:** John Miller

**Presentation Overview:** Lost History: Frederick Douglass & Frederick County, Maryland

The February presentation of the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable will be Mr. John Miller, in the same venue we have featured recent presentations. Mr. Miller will recount the events surrounding Frederick Douglass' visit to Frederick, MD. In April 1879 United States Marshal of the District of Columbia Frederick Douglass visited Frederick City to deliver a lecture to benefit Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, led before, during and after the Civil War by reverends associated with Douglass and his family. Mr. Miller will tell us about the interconnectedness and relationship of local institutions and Fredericktonians to Frederick Douglass from students at Howard University to caterers, barbers, ministers, educators, physicians and politicians.

**BIO:** John Muller, author of [Frederick Douglass in Washington, D.C.: The Lion of Anacostia](#) (2012) and [Mark Twain in Washington, D.C.: The Adventures of a Capital Correspondent](#) (2013), has presented widely throughout the DC-Baltimore metropolitan area at venues including the Library of Congress, Politics and Prose Bookstore, Newseum, Enoch Pratt Library, DC Public Library, Frederick Douglass National Historic Site, American Library in Paris, Washington County Library, Delaplaine Arts Center and local universities.

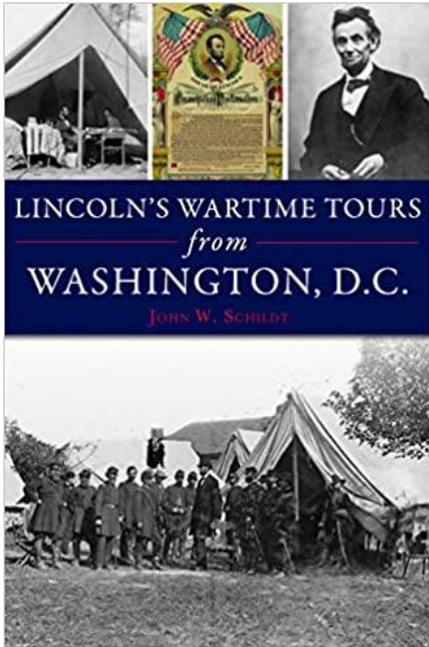
Muller has been featured on C-SPAN's BookTV, [C-SPAN's American History TV](#), NBC4 (Washington, D.C.), WDVM (Western Maryland) and radio stations WPFW (DC), [WAMU](#) (DC), WYPR (Baltimore) and [Delmarva Public Radio](#) (Eastern Shore). For the past decade Muller has contributed hundreds of articles to local and national print and online news sources, including the [Washington Informer](#), *Washington Times*, *East of the River* and the *Washington Post*.



In 2020, Muller co-founded Lost History Associates USA, [www.losthistoryusa.com](http://www.losthistoryusa.com), along with Justin McNeil. They are currently working on a new book, *Lost History of Frederick (Bailey) Douglass in Baltimore*.

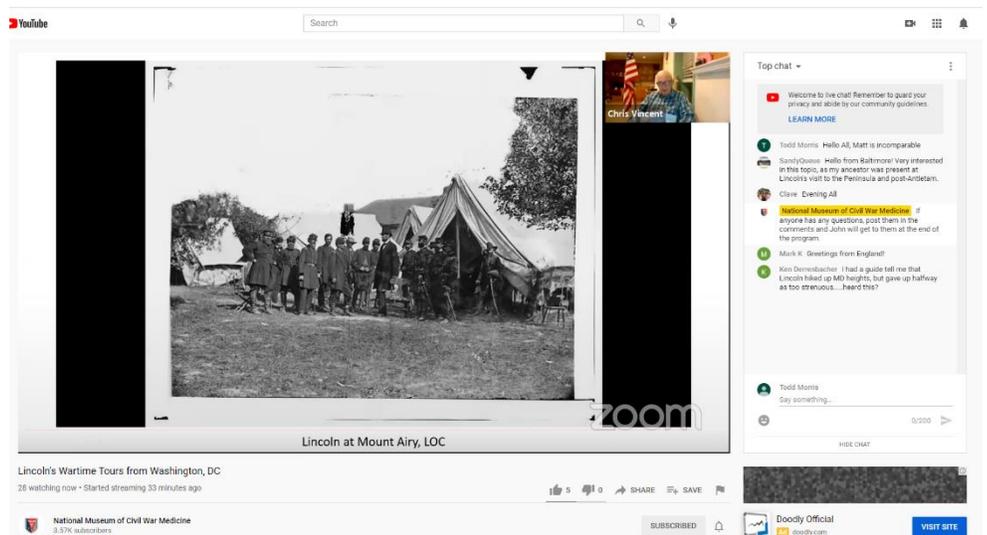
Over the past six months Muller and McNeil have canvassed old churches, cemeteries, schoolhouses, train stations, farmhouses, towns and roads throughout Western Maryland in pursuit of the community's lost history. They plan to share some of their groundbreaking research into the connectivity of Frederick Douglass to the communities of Frederick County.

## In Case You Missed it



The January virtual feature of the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable, again in partnership with the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, was Rev. John Schildt, Senior Battlefield Guide from the Antietam National Battlefield. John guided over 30 Roundtable members and guests through the various travels of President Lincoln before and during the Civil War. Reverend Schildt led members through the fascinating historical accounts of his visits to locations across the North and South, visiting battlefield commanders, hospitals, logistics depots, and southern cities that recently experienced the conflict firsthand. The perspective was unique, showing the side of the American Presidency well before the huge presidential administrative travel parties present today. Reverend Schildt showed the humanity of the President, through acts ranging from care for stray cats to indulging the mistakes of Union officers and soldiers. President Abraham Lincoln's robust travel itinerary was well documented 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. Reverend Schildt detailed the final days and Lincoln's return to Washington just prior to the engagement with destiny at Ford's Theater.





## Prez Sez

Thank you for to everyone that joined us for the January meeting with John Schildt! John always brings folks out and we had an international audience for his presentation. For those of you who may have missed this presentation it can be found on the National Museum of Civil War Medicine YouTube channel found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/nmcwm/videos>

Getting into February though, COVID-19 has struck again! Unfortunately for us, our scheduled speaker, Joel Hummel, will not be able to join us. Mr. Hummel works in healthcare and is working extremely hard on pandemic relief. We wish him, and all

of our healthcare workers, the very best during these times and we will reschedule Mr. Hummel in the future.

As such, we have invited John Muller, the historian of Lost History Associates, to speak with us about Frederick Douglass and his legacy here in Frederick County, MD. Mr. Muller gives tours of the District of Columbia and Alexandria, VA relating to Frederick Douglass and the hidden history that is all around us. He has developed a tour of Frederick as well and is looking at linking his programs into a larger narrative about Frederick Douglass and his life during and beyond the Civil War.

Finally, with February comes the reopening of our hosts, the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. Of course, in keeping with pandemic concerns the museum is reopening on February 1 for appointments only. So, give them a call and schedule a visit. Or, if you are looking for something unique for Valentine's Day, the museum shop is having a sale on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>! Please stop in and check out their appropriately named, History Lovers sale.

Hope to see you all on-line, February 18, for this month's meeting!

~ Matt Borders

## February Book Report by Matt Borders

REVIEW: Michael J. Bennett, Union Jacks: Yankee Sailors in the Civil War. 210 pp. Pictures, Tables, End Notes, \$27.00 (hardcover) ISBN: 978-0807828700 Reviewed by Matthew A. D. Borders

The Union Navy has often been an overlooked aspect of the American Civil War, an aspect that has undergone a resurgence in public interest in recent decades due to such high-profile discoveries of wrecks such as the USS *Cairo*, USS *Monitor* and the *H.L. Hunley*. However even with a renewed interest in the naval engagements of the war there has been little work done on the actual men who crewed the wood and iron vessels that held the blockade, challenged Confederate coastal defenses and aggressively pushed down the Mississippi and other inland water ways. These mariners, known as Jacks, lived on and crewed their vessels over the course of the war and in the case of the blue water navy, may not have touched dry land for months on end.

Fortunately, Mr. Bennett does a fantastic job filling this hole in naval research. Bennett's work goes into great depth regarding the type of men Union sailors were. Including their reasons for enlistment, as well as the challenges they faced with isolation, boredom, back breaking labor, racial tension and the shock of naval combat. Bennett's research shows the great divide between Union soldiers and Union sailors, specifically the difference's regarding reasons for enlistment, religion, adaption to combat and how each branch viewed the emancipation and use of African Americans during the American Civil War.

One of the most interesting chapters of this work was the last one, which dealt specifically with the shock of combat for Union sailors and how they were affected by it. It was particularly revealing to learn that sailors, unlike many soldiers during the war, never became hardened to the horrors of war and the death of comrades. This was due in part to the fact that naval combat did not occur as often as the fighting on land. Beyond that, those wounded or killed in a naval engagement tended to receive massive, horrible damage from the projectiles and splinters flying through the air and finally the sailor could not march away from the scenes of the traumatic deaths of comrades, they had to remain on their ships.

The book is in fact so well researched that the middle of the book can be a bit slow as Mr. Bennett goes into length regarding religion and race on board Union vessels of war. These chapters were extremely enlightening for looking at the day to day lives of Union Jacks but had so much information that it can take a little time to go through it carefully.

In conclusion Michael Bennett's "Union Jacks" does a wonderful job placing the reader into the hot, dirty, hard and terrifying world of the Union sailor during the American Civil War. This work is a must for those wanting to know more about the men of the 19th century and the American Navy during this time.



# 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.

Fridays with Grant Series, featuring Living Historian Dr. Kurt Fields presenting:

**Feb 12 @ 7 PM EST - COMMANDING A FIRST MARCH:** Colonel Grant recalls commanding his first march; Springfield, Illinois to Missouri in July 1861. #29, registration is here:

<https://www.cwrtcongress.org/grant/G29.php>

**Feb 17 @ 7 PM EST - GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN - PART 1:** General Grant recalls encountering John A. Logan as an unknown quantity, as a "political general". #30, registration is here: <https://www.cwrtcongress.org/grant/G30.php>

**Feb 21, @ 7 PM EST - GENERAL JOHN A. LOGAN - PART 2:** General Grant recalls his experiences with General John A. Logan and how he came to describe him as the best political general of the Civil War. #31, registration is here: <https://www.cwrtcongress.org/grant/G31.php>

**Mar 5 @ 7 PM EST- WEST POINT CLASS OF 1843:** General Grant recalls his classmates from the United States Military Academy, their participation in the War and their lives afterwards. #32, registration is here: <https://www.cwrtcongress.org/grant/G32.php>

**Mar 12 @ 7 PM EST - COLD HARBOR:** General Grant recalls the Battle of Cold Harbor including the intelligence he received, the strategy employed and the battle outcome. #33, registration is here: <https://www.cwrtcongress.org/grant/G33.php>

Other Presentations:

**Feb 17 @ 7 PM EST - Historian Jerry Wooten** will tell the story of Johnsonville, the logistics hub on the Tennessee River. Register here: <https://www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker/70-wooten.php>

**Feb 24 @ 7 PM EST - Historian Steve Magnusen** tells the story of Rufus Dawes during and after the War. Register here: <https://www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker/67-magnusen.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](https://mcusercontent.com/4ed2502d26ff277723afd52f5/files/9a825d14-eea4-4fbc-9f99-97fb211d8fdb/LightPost_Nov_2020.01.pdf)

# CWI Conference 2021 Registration is Now OPEN

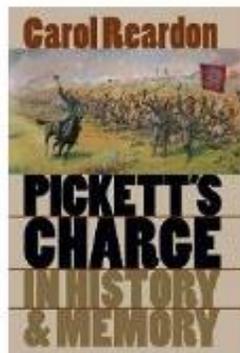


## 2021 Conference Registration is Now OPEN

**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!! 750 likes and 815 follow!

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 as we continue thru our 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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# NEW *or* RENEW ANNUAL FCCWRT MEMBERSHIP



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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

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and our roster of speakers for the season, check our website:

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