



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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National Museum of Civil War Medicine,
48 E. Patrick Street, Frederick, Maryland



Speaker: Jim and Sue Gindlesperger

Presentation Overview: “So you think you know Antietam?”

We Open our 32d Season with a sense of normalcy, bringing our friends and members an in-person presentation by an award-winning couple, Jim and Suzanne Ginglesperger, presenting their co-authored work “So you think you know Antietam: The stories behind America’s Bloodiest Day”. They will present to our members and

friends an in-depth look at the Battlefield monuments and the little-known accounts of the soldiers who participated in this great conflict on Maryland soil, either the Battle of Antietam or the Battle of Sharpsburg in their eyes. Their work honors those who took part in this darkest of days in our nation’s history thru the telling of the stories behind the monuments, their design, and symbols. Portraying also anecdotal accounts of the Antietam Cemetery along with the battle’s connection to well-known and little-known historic figures.

BIO Award-winning authors Jim and Suzanne Gindlesperger of Johnstown, Pennsylvania are members of the Johnstown Area Heritage Association, Friends of Gettysburg Foundation, the Civil War Trust, the Friends of Flight 93, the Save Historic Antietam Foundation, the Johnstown Civil War Round Table, the Sons of Union Veterans, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Their first book as a husband-and-wife team, *So You Think You Know Gettysburg?* was selected for the Foreword Reviews’ 2010 Book of the Year Bronze Award. The second book that they wrote together, *So You Think You Know Antietam?* was a finalist for the 2012 Book of the Year Award.



Prez Sez

The 32nd season of the Frederick County Civil War Round Table is upon us! As we are still dealing the effects of the pandemic, we have reached out to our partners at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine regarding our meetings. As with last season, we are going to try and run meetings in person when possible while also respecting our members concerns regarding the virus. As such, the September meeting of the Fredericks County Civil War Round Table will be meeting in person at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine at 7pm on September 16, 2021. This meeting will also be broadcast by the Medical Museum on their YouTube channel to make sure we get as much membership participation as possible.

Participation is particularly important at this meeting because we have our bi-annual elections to deal with. Every two years a portion of the board is up for reelection and this year our executive staff is. That includes the President, Vice President, Secretary (Newsletter), Archivist (Book Raffle) and Treasurer. In lieu of a book review for this newsletter I have included a breakdown of the duties of these positions so that if you are considering a position on the board, you know exactly what you are getting yourself into.

Finally, once we get our house keeping in order, we will be able to jump into our first speakers of the season, James and Suzanne Gindlesperger co-authors of the great book, *So you think you know Antietam?* This fun book is great for learning many of the off the beaten path stories of Antietam National Battlefield and the soldiers who fought there. I do think I know Antietam, yet this book still had tidbits and information I was not aware of. So come on out, bring a friend and join us for a great discussion on lesser-known aspects of Antietam National Battlefield.

Hope to see you there!

Most Sincerely,

*Matt Borders
President, FCCWR7*

2021 Board Positions for the Frederick County Civil War Round Table

For those interested in putting their hat in the ring for a board position for the FCCWRT the position descriptions below were taken from the current by-laws of the round table. Many of these positions have changed or developed with the times since originally written and the current duties of the positions are included here as well. If you are interested in running for a position on the board or volunteering your time to the round table please reach out to the current president, Matt Borders, at mborders@comcast.net.

The President shall: Preside at all meetings of the Roundtable and of the Board of Directors Appoint, with the approval of the Board, the chairperson and members of all committees. Appoint a committee to conduct an audit of the Roundtable's accounts and financial records on an annual basis. (The President currently also plays a big roll in developing and vetting speakers for each season.)

The Vice President shall: Perform the duties of President in his/her absence Perform any special duties assigned by the President. (The Vice President is also involved with speaker scheduling and currently runs the FCCWRT FaceBook Page.)

The Secretary shall: Keep complete and correct minutes of the meetings of the Roundtable and of the Board of Directors. Notify the membership of all meetings and activities of the Roundtable. Prepare and be responsible for the distribution of the Banner of the Blue and Gray newsletter.

The Archivist shall: Safeguard all property and records of the Roundtable and provide an inventory of such property to the Board annually or as directed. (As much of the history of the FCCWRT is available on-line with the newsletter archive, the primary duty of the Archivist has been the safeguarding and distribution of books and items for the meeting raffle.)

Another Look at the Rest of the 21-22 Season

October 2021 - Charles Poland, author of America's Good Terrorist

November 2021 - Pickett's Charge: Untold Story - Bruce Mowday Looking at the Union defense during the famous attack.

December 2021 - David Welker, Tempest at Ox Hill: The Battle of Chantilly

January 2022 - Mrs. Slater: The Lost Lincoln Conspirator - Bob O'Conner (ZOOM Venue – TBD)

February 2022 - Dennis Duerbeck, Artillery Collection Presentation

March 2022 - Anthony Trusso - Francis Barlow and the 61st New York Infantry

April 2022 - First Bull Run - Harry Smeltzer

May 2022 - Susan Ashman, Finding R.H. Weakley

FCCWRT Lectures Available

For those of you who may have missed any of the Virtual Presentations from the previous seasons of the FCCWRT, all presentations can be found on the National Museum of Civil War Medicine YouTube channel found here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/nmcwm/videos>



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/>

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/>

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://www.facebook.com/fccwrt> Gary Dyson is our “face” for Facebook, help us spread the word about OUR FCCWRT!! 1,059 likes and 1,161 follows !

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.

Also visit our website at: <http://www.frederickcountycivilwarrt.org/>

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.

2019-2020 Board of Directors

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Our membership drive for the year is on! Please consider supporting the Round Table during the 21-22 season, by 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/>.

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