



# Banner of the Blue and Gray

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**November 18, 2021, 7:00 PM**  
**National Museum of Civil War Medicine,**  
**48 E. Patrick Street, Frederick, Maryland**

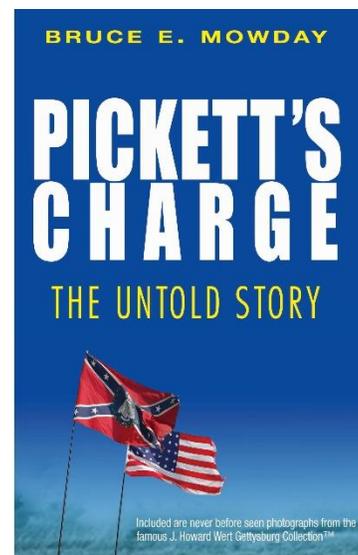


**Speaker: Bruce E. Mowday**

**Presentation Overview: Pickett's Charge – The Untold Story**

An ancestor of author Bruce Mowday fought at Gettysburg and was wounded in the Wheatfield. During one of his many visits to the battlefield, Bruce stood at the angle and looked out upon the field where the famed Pickett's Charge took place. Bruce was well versed on the charge but discovered he knew little of the brave Northern defenders that saved the Union that day. Bruce's book was the first detailed account of the repulse of the Southern charge. Bruce's extensive research centered on the Philadelphia Brigade under the command of General Webb, who was awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor. Bruce's talk will recount what the Union defenders faced during that historical even.

**BIO** Bruce E. Mowday is an award-winning author and newspaper reporter. He has authored 21 books on history, sports, business, and true crime. Mowday has appeared on the Discovery ID channel, *ReelZ* network, C-SPAN, the Pennsylvania Cable Network, Hollywood and Beyond, *Whatcha Got*, *Journey into the Civil War*, *Chronicles of the American Civil War*, and television shows. He is a frequent speaker at various civic and historical groups. The Congress of Civil War Round Tables has named Bruce a "5-Star" speaker. Mowday has hosted his own radio shows, has been editor of magazines and was chairman of the Chester County Historical Society and president of the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates. He is a former board member of the Valley Forge Park Alliance and the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau. For more information on Mowday, his books and his schedule of events, see [www.mowday.com](http://www.mowday.com).



## In Case you Missed it

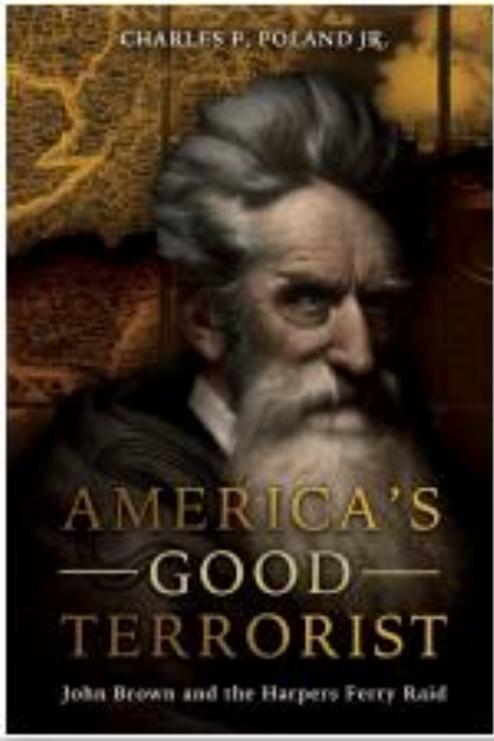


In October Mr. Charles Poland delighted both our on-line and in-person audience recounting the life and times of John Brown, from his colorful childhood, to previous raids on suspected pro-slavery groups, to the famous (perhaps ill-conceived) raid on Harpers Ferry, to his death at the hands of Federal Authorities. Mr. Poland spoke at length on his remarkable work, the first full biography of John Brown, examining his background, why and how he carried out the raid on Harper's Ferry, the aftermath, and the effect his actions had on America.

Charles addressed how the opinions of the historical raid have changed over time and discussed the question of his true status as a

terrorist. Charles walked the audience thru a discussion of his status as a hero, or a martyr, it all depended on one's geography, time period, and perspective. How John

Brown acted and the sum of exactly who he was did in fact fit the profile of a terrorist which we are familiar with today. Charles brought the debate to current terms, touching briefly on the times we live in today. The lesson rings true for most topics, the answer primarily borne from one's own perspective, driven by a number of factors.





## Prez Sez

With Halloween just past us and Thanksgiving bearing down we are truly into the holiday season! I hope everyone enjoyed our October discussion with Dr. Poland about John Brown, looking at his life, death and legacy. We were fortunate to be able to welcome Dr. Poland to the museum and still be able to stream the discussion out to those watching via the National Museum of Civil War Medicine YouTube channel.

Speaking of our host the Medical Museum, you may see some new faces as you head upstairs to our meeting space. The National Museum of Civil War Medicine has recently hired two new staff that will be assisting in programming and social media aspects. They will also be giving the Education Coordinator, John, a well-deserved break from time to time. So, we will have the three of them sharing the responsibilities of coordinating with the Frederick County Civil War Round Table for meetings from here on out.

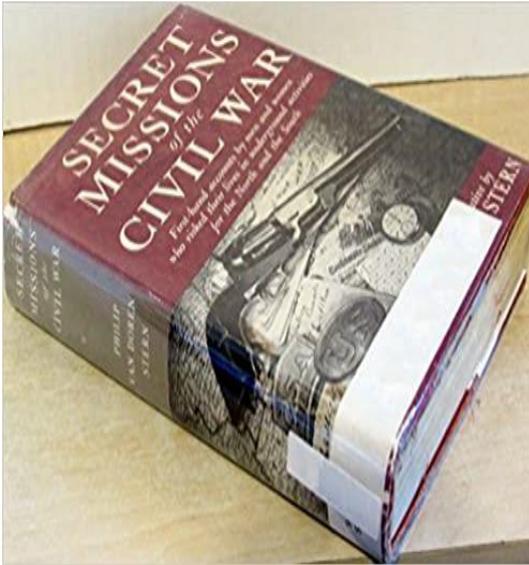
Our speaker this November, Bruce Mowday, has given a new look to a well-worn topic, Pickett's Charge. Traditionally, this fateful attack has been viewed through the Confederate perspective and its ultimate failure. Everything from the commanding general to his subordinates has been blamed for the defeat. Mr. Mowday will be speaking on the Union view of the attack, how the Federal troops felt about the gray wave approaching them and how they beat it back. This will be a fascinating presentation and we hope you can join us.

See you on November 18, 2021, at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, or through their YouTube Channel at 7pm.

*Most Sincerely,*

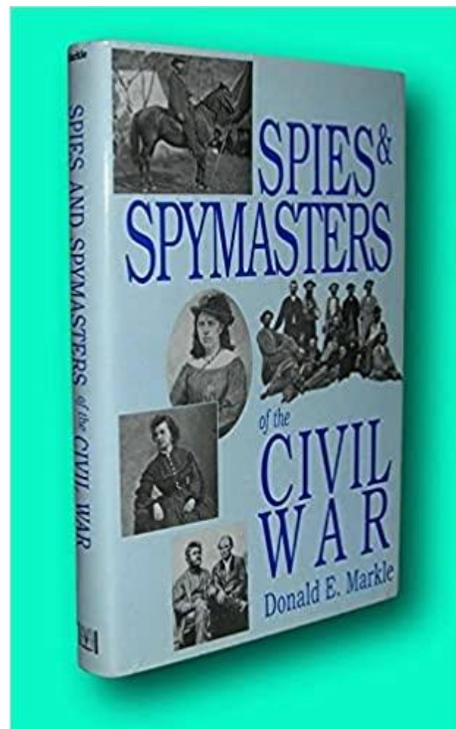
*Matt Borders  
President, FCCWR*

## November Book Raffle



This book explores the role of the spy, the commando, the saboteur, the guerilla, and the privateer in the Civil War. Each major conflict has its undercover activities carried out by spies and counterspies whose deeds are often daring. Materials recently released from National Archives has allowed researchers such as Philip Van Doren Stern to learn about the exploits of men's and women's secret operations. Twenty-four stories are captured here, using original source documents, including nine naval tales of espionage and intrigue.

A fresh approach on the topic of civil war spies is Markle's focus on the "new technology" employed by spies to help them to gain information and to disrupt the enemy operations. Markle cites the new photography, telegraphs, and even hot air balloons as means for the saboteurs to gain and manipulate key information to aid military strategists. Women made effective spies as they were less suspect to suspicion and could move about more freely. As an added bonus, this book is signed by the author, Donald E. Markle



# 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 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.)

## Haunted History at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine

After two sold out Halloween tours, visitors will have one last chance to tour the most haunted building in Frederick. The National Museum of Civil War Medicine. On November 12 from 5:00-6:30 PM, staff and volunteers will share stories of Civil War embalmers, the building's most infamous tenants, and their first-hand accounts of paranormal activity that has given the building its creepy reputation.

Tickets are \$30 for the general public and \$20 for Museum members. **Masks are required for the tour.**

Public Tickets are here: <https://civilwarmed.donorshops.com/product/Halloween-Haunted-History-2021/haunted-history-2021-general-public-tickets>

## 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)

**November 19, 7 PM, THEIR MARYLAND: The ANV from the Potomac Crossing to Sharpsburg in September 1862** presented by Alex Rossino. What if the histories previously written about the first major Confederate operation north of the Potomac River missed key sources, proceeded from mistaken readings of the evidence, or were influenced by Lost Cause ideology? Alexander B. Rossino makes extensive use of primary sources to explore these and other important questions, and in doing so reveals that many long-held assumptions about the Confederate experience in Maryland. Register here [https://www.aplos.com/aws/events/99\\_rossino\\_live](https://www.aplos.com/aws/events/99_rossino_live)

**December 3, 7 PM, #57 GRANT - THE LT. GENERAL BILL** Living historian Dr. Curt Fields portrays General Ulysses S. Grant and discusses the political maneuvering and wrangling during the Congressional debate over passage of the Lieutenant General Bill. Register here: [https://www.aplos.com/aws/events/57\\_grant](https://www.aplos.com/aws/events/57_grant)

**December 10, 7 PM, Mary B. Kababik as Cornelia Harvey** Cordelia Harvey comes to life.... Written by Kenosha playwright Jim Farris, and further developed by Mary's own research, this presentation is based on a wide range of primary and secondary historical materials. Weaving together the "facts of record," including many of Mrs. Harvey's own words, with her extensive experience of first-person, in-character portrayal of noteworthy historical women. Register here: [https://www.aplos.com/aws/events/105\\_mary\\_kababik](https://www.aplos.com/aws/events/105_mary_kababik)

Woodman Museum in Dover, NH has a YouTube channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i85KAIVJbxM&t=500s>

History Channel's documentary on U. S. Grant  
<https://meaww.com/history-leonardo-di-caprio-documentary-ron-chernow-grant>

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?>

# 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](mailto: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!! 1,115 likes and 1,219 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/>

### 2019-2020 Board of Directors

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## **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 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)

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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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Frederick, MD 21701

**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)**