



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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Speaker: David A. Welker

Presentation Overview: Tempest at Ox Hill: The Battle of Chantilly

For barely three hours late on September 1, 1862, portions of two great armies struggled in a conflict wrought with challenge and significance. One army struggled to follow up its Second Battle of Manassas victory, to make that costly fight mean more than just a gain of some Northern Virginia ground. The other sought to save itself, to protect its very existence in the wake of that same battle's result. Both wrestled against nature's elements as cannon and musket fire contrasted vainly to be heard over the thunder and lightning of an intense September

storm. Although largely forgotten amidst the larger battles bookending it, the Battle of Chantilly—or Ox Hill, as the Confederates knew it—cost both North and South dearly. During his talk, historian and author David A. Welker will share his account of this fascinating action and stories of several of the lives taken in those deadly, rain-soaked September hours.

BIO David A. Welker is the author of the recently released [The Cornfield: Antietam's Bloody Turning Point](#). His previous publications include [Tempest at Ox Hill: The Battle of Chantilly](#) and [A Keystone Rebel: The Civil War Diary of Joseph Garey](#), as well as numerous magazine and newspaper articles on the war. He currently serves as a historian and military analyst with the US Government, a post he has held for over 35 years. David holds a master's degree in international affairs from American University and a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Westminister College in Pennsylvania. He lives in Centreville, Virginia with his wife.

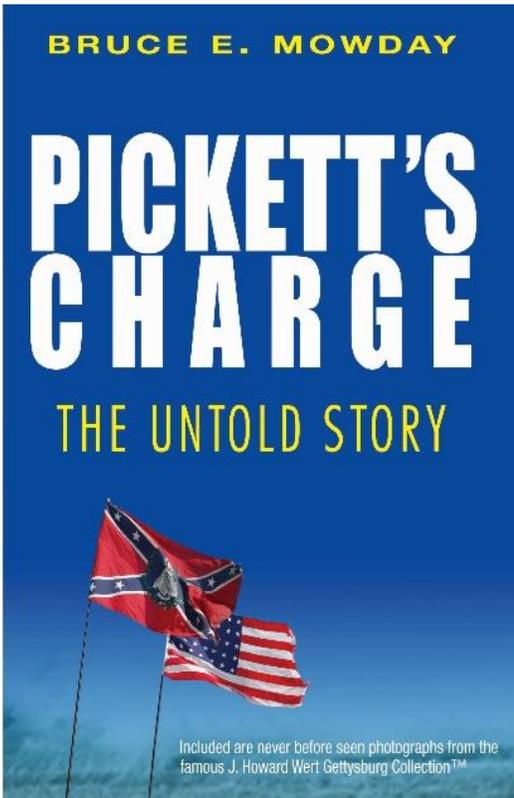
In Case you Missed it

Our November presentation was from Mr. Bruce Mowday, briefing a live audience of 20 members and friends and an online audience, streamed by our wonderful partners at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. An ancestor of Bruce's 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.



Pennsylvania men, the defenders, delighted the audience of viewers, sales of this work and others authored by Bruce were available for sale and autograph at the conclusion of the presentation.

This unique perspective on the famous charge from the perspective of the





Prez Sez: The board of the Frederick County Civil War Round Table hopes that you and yours are having a good holiday season thus far and that you are looking forward to the New Year! Thank you to all of you for your continued support of the round table and we look forward to continuing to bring you high quality speakers for our monthly meetings.

Speaking of which, this past November we had a great turnout at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine for our speaker, Bruce Mowday. Bruce dove into how he decided to write a book on the Federal perspective of Pickett's Charge and some of the details he discovered along the way. These included misplaced soldiers and resulted in controversies over monument placement on the battlefield after the war. An unusual topic and a great discussion.

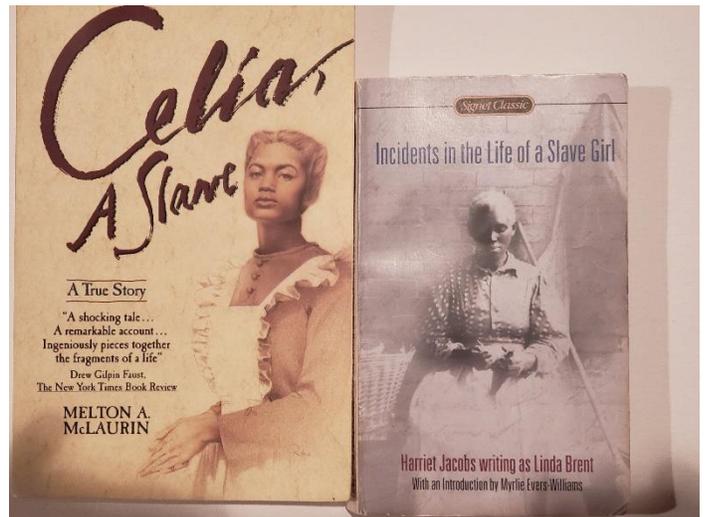
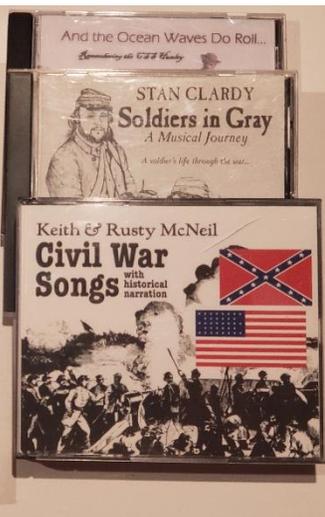
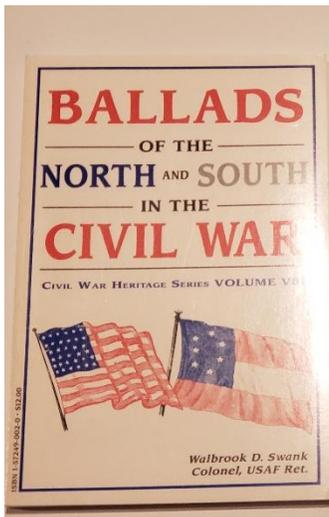
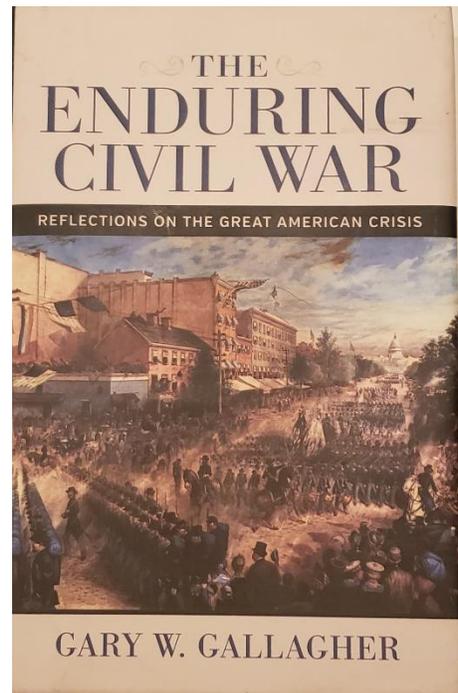
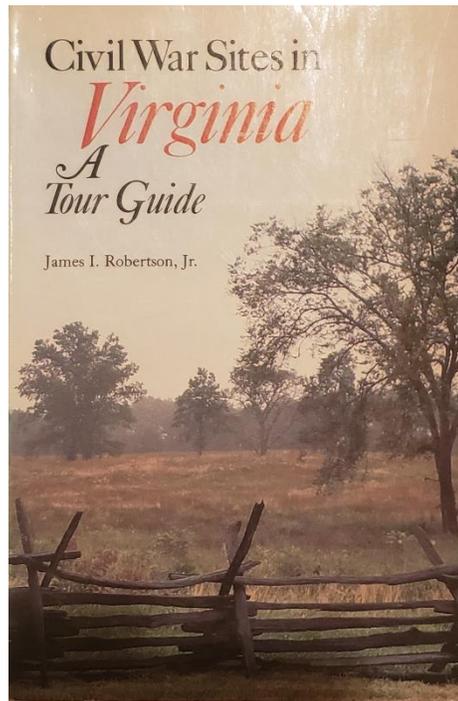
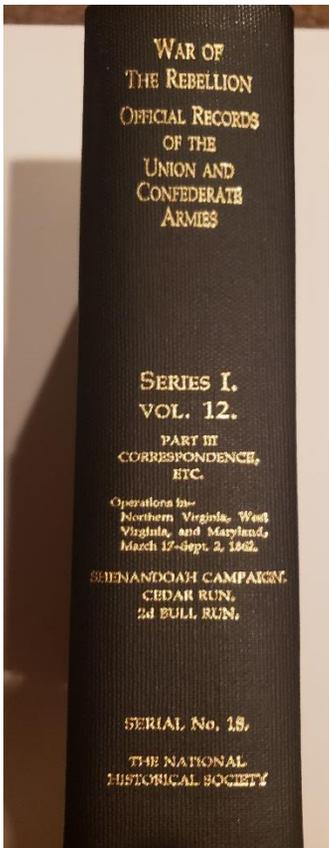
As many of you may have heard, another great battlefield of the war will also be making headlines again soon. The annual Luminary event at Antietam National Battlefield will be returning this December after taking last year off for the Pandemic. As part of the preparation for the event the Frederick County Civil War Round Table has been invited to participate in placing 700 candles in the area of the infamous Bloody Lane. On Saturday, November 20, Round Table Vice President Gary Dyson and myself helped prepare the 23,110 luminary candles (Gary did the lions share for our team). Those who wish to help us place these candles at Bloody Lane, and wherever else that might need help, should meet me in the Antietam National Battlefield Parking Lot on Saturday, December 4 at 9am. Park in the overflow parking area near Dunker Church and walk up to the Visitors Center, there we will fill out some paperwork for the National Park Service and receive our candles. Along with any final instructions regarding location and placement.

This event is something that the Frederick County Round Table used to participate in regularly, so it's an honor to be asked back again. Let's get a good size contingent of volunteers together to make this project happen! We hope to see you there.

Whether we see you at Antietam on December 4 or not, we look forward to seeing everyone on December 16 at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine for our presentation on the Battle of Ox Hill or Chantilly! After which have a great rest of your holiday season, and a Happy New Year from all of us here on the Frederick County Civil War Round Table Board.

*Most Sincerely,
Matt Borders, President, FCCWR7*

December Book Raffle



December Book Review

Their Maryland by Alexander B. Rossino; Savas Beatie – November 2021

Their Maryland is an excellent addition to the literature on the Maryland Campaign. I live in the area, and I can actually see the locations in my mind from his descriptions. The prose is excellent, the writing tight and it flows well. The book fills in detail to some of the interesting parts of the early portion of the Maryland Campaign.

The book starts by describing by discussing the reasons and hopes that Lee had when contemplating a campaign into Maryland. It discusses some of his attempts to have Marylanders available to help in what modern armies would call 'Civil Affairs' once he crossed the Potomac. The author does an excellent job laying out the Confederate presence in the Frederick area as their army is consolidated for future operations. He supports his text with several excellent maps including one showing the various Confederate encampments around Frederick and one showing where the famous picture of Confederate troops in Frederick was taken

His description of the multitude of Confederate soldiers shopping in Frederick is superb describing the 'Black Friday' type crowds and frenzied shopkeepers that it all entailed. He also spends a chapter discussing the famous photograph of Confederate troops. He describes some of the controversy about the date of the picture and explains some of the recent research into it. The insight he provides is useful in helping the reader understand the controversy and while presenting his conclusions allows you to make your own.

The same applies to the famous 'Lost Orders' and the ongoing discussion about who lost it and to a lesser degree where it was lost. The author consolidates much of the known information and presents some interesting possibilities. He doesn't expand into the effect of its recovery, that is covered in another work he co-authored*.

I have the E-book edition of the book. This edition shows what a great E-book can look like. The formatting is superb and the links to the footnotes work very well. This is particularly useful since the footnotes are used as much to provide additional supplementary information as to provide source references. In addition, if you are reading on a network connected device references to web resources include actual hyperlinks that will take you to the resource. I am glad to see Savas Beatie fully embracing the potential of E-books.

In summary this book will be a must have for any bookshelf of Maryland Campaign works.

* **The Tale Untwisted: George McClellan and the Discovery of Lee's Lost Orders, September 13, 1862** by Gene M. Thorp and Alexander B. Rossino, Savas Beatie, 2020

Antietam 2022 Illumination

On Saturday 4 December the Frederick County Civil War Round Table members and friends had the privilege to participate in the annual Antietam Illumination. Our group of six from the FCCWRT plus two NPS volunteers placed 700 luminaires over almost five acres on the fields across the road from the Sunken Road. After lighting them some of us waited for the procession while our president Matt Borders joined other reenactors at a post near the West Woods. This morning two of us plus the two NPS volunteers picked up all of the expired luminaires by 0915. This year we had short notice, but I've been told that this will be our spot again next year. It would be great to have more participation next year, so we'll have advance notice of dates much earlier in 2022!

We would like to thank the NPS volunteers Chris and Julz for the tremendous help on both days.

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)

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

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>

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). 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!! 1,252 likes and 1,631 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.

Only Half-way through, our membership drive for the year is ongoing! 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/>.

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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

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

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