



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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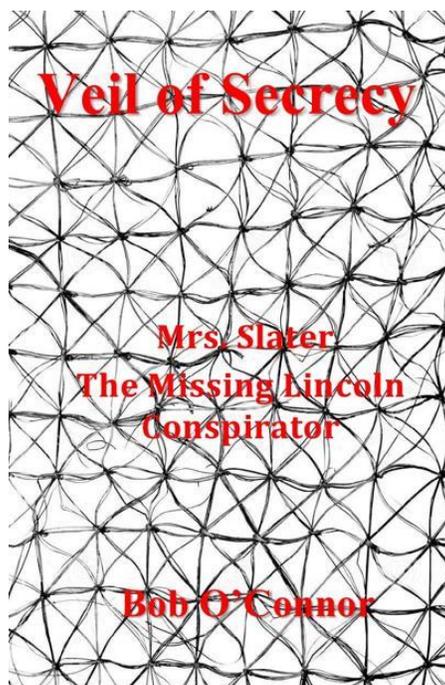
296th Meeting, 32th Season

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Hosted on our partner the NMCWM YouTube channel

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



Speaker: Bob O'Connor

Presentation Overview: Mrs. Slater The Missing Lincoln Conspirator

This month, we see both a change in venue and contact as Bob O'Connor tells the roundtable, friends and guests about the story of Mrs. Sarah Slater, a Confederate courier and friend of John Surratt, Jr., who disappeared into thin air while other Lincoln Conspirators were standing trial in Washington. His presentation will be virtual, hosted by our partners at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine as we respond to the resurgence of a COVID variant.

BIO Bob O'Connor is the author of numerous books including ten novels and five non-fiction works including his presentation to the FCCWRT, "The Veil of Secrecy". His current projects include his second children's book

entitled "The Blind Boy Who Helped Save the Union". That book is another collaboration with my fine illustrator, Sheena Hisiro, this follows the success of his previous children's work "I was a Drummer Boy in the American Civil War", the story of the nephew of his great uncle who marched with Sherman's army in his "March to the Sea" as a member of the 105th Illinois Infantry.



In Case you Missed it



In December author David Welker delighted both an in person and virtual audience of members, friends and guests of the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable with his extensive tale of the Battle of Chantilly. David detailed the fight that was one of the rare occasions on which it can be said that GEN “Stonewall” Jackson experienced a bad day, underperforming for GEN Lee in an attempt to trap the Army of the Potomac outside of Washington D.C. in the wake of the Battle of Second Manassas. Briefly 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 armies 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. Historian and author David A. Welker shared his account of this fascinating action and stories of several of the lives taken in those deadly, rain-soaked September hours.





Prez Sez: Happy New Year! We have made it to 2022! On behalf of the Frederick County Civil War Round Table Board, I hope that you and yours had a happy and healthy holiday season. I also hope you are ready to jump back into our regular meetings, our next being on January 20 with author Bob O'Connor.

Our speaker this month has written 19 books on various aspects of the American Civil War. His topic in January will look at a little-known aspect of the last tragedy of the war, the Lincoln Assassination.

Specifically, it is looking at the “lost conspirator”, the one that got away. No, not John Surratt, a lady you probably have not heard of, Sarah Slater, a conspirator who disappeared from the historic record after only a brief questioning by authorities. This is sure to be a great presentation and discussion, so be sure to join us on the National Museum of Civil War Medicine's YouTube channel at 7pm where we will be streaming. **Please note that this presentation will be on-line only at the speakers request, so we will not be physically at the Medical Museum this month.**

Speaking of our hosts the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, they are now on winter hours. Walk in touring of the museum is available Thursday-Saturday, 10am to 5pm and scheduled private tours on Monday-Wednesday. As we weather yet another Corona surge, we will keep you updated as to the availability of the museum and our ability to hold meetings there.

Most Sincerely,

Matt Borders, President, FCCWR

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)

January 7 at 1:00 PM, Civil War Navy and Marine Casualties Livestream On Facebook Our partners at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine hosting a livestream Membership and Development Coordinator Kyle Dalton and Director of Education John Lustrea will discuss the little-known experiences of sailors and Marines during the Civil War. The U.S. Navy was essential for victory in the Civil War but suffered dramatically fewer casualties. (follow the link to attend)

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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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