



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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Speaker: Dennis W. Duerbeck

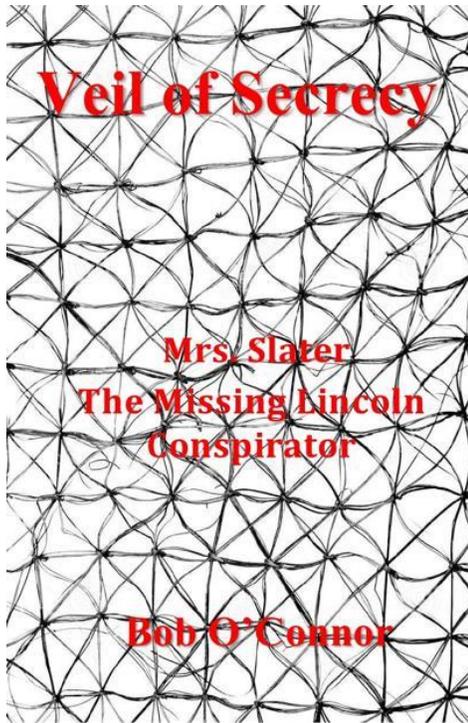
Presentation Overview: Live display and explanation of Civil War and Pre-Civil War Artillery and Artifacts.

This month, Dennis Duerbeck presents his marvelous collection of Civil War Artillery items, back in person at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine.

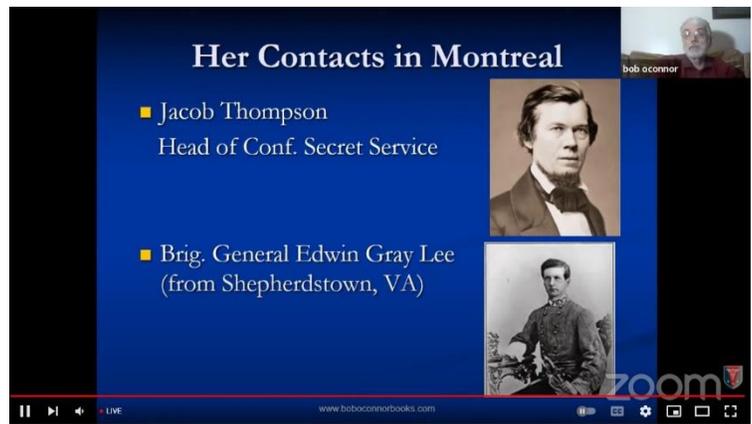
BIO: Dennis is the serving Vice President of the Pipe Creek Civil War Round Table in Westminster, MD, his interest in the Civil War began in 1960, learning that his maternal grandfather, Fred Kegel, related a story of his attempt to join the Army. Due to Fred's young age, he was denied but was offered a chance to feed and water horses in Baltimore. Collecting Civil War relics since this 1962 purchase of two "minnies" at the Jenny Wade House in 1962. He continued to build his collection between 1962 and 1972 while in the Navy. Discharged in 1972 the focus then became Field Artillery from 1840 - 1865. If it has to do with the Artillery, it becomes part of the collection. He has presented the 1814 U. S Sea Fencible interpretation at FT. McHenry for approx. 17 years. He is a past member and Governor with The Company of Military Historians. He and spouse Nadine conduct an ongoing Artillery and nurse interpretation at the George Spangler Farm in Gettysburg.



In Case you Missed it

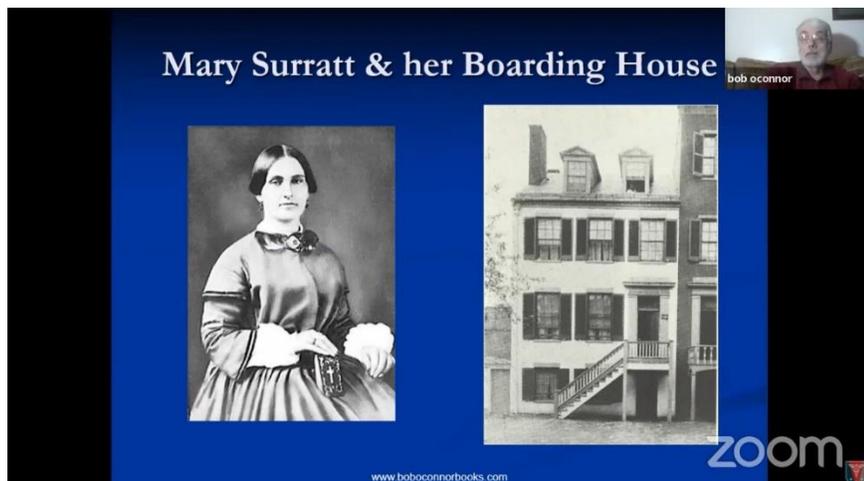


In our January presentation, we changed up both the focus, and went back to our COVID livestreaming venue to hear Bob O'Connor tell a unique, although fictional, historically based story to the roundtable, friends and guests about Mrs. Sarah Slater, a Confederate courier and friend of John Surratt, Jr., who disappeared into thin air while other Lincoln Conspirators were standing trial in Washington. During his presentation, hosted by our partners at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Bob delighted an online audience of more than 30 viewers about



Sarah's tale of her interaction with those in and around the Lincoln assassination conspiracy. Her travels to Montreal with those involved in the Confederate Secret Service, more than likely not as a spy, but enhancing her ability as an actress. Her lifelong goal. The story ended with Mrs. Slater mysteriously disappearing

from the pages of history, off in some unknown corner of the country of continent, not speaking in French (for those who viewed the presentation)





Prez Sez: Thank you to everyone that was able to join us last month for the live streamed January 2022 meeting. It has become extremely convenient for when we have requests from our presenters, such as this last meeting, or for when we have presenters coming from a distance to host these events. Again, the ease of these live streamed meetings would not be possible without our hosts, the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, and their great staff.

For those that wish to join us, we will be back in the Medical Museum this month on February 17, with presenter Dennis Duerbeck. Those of you who have been on some of our summer programs or visit with our friends in the Pipe Creek Civil War Round Table have probably seen Dennis. He is the Vice President of the Pipe Creek CWRT and a long-time researcher and presenter on Civil War artillery, the big guns! This month's presentation will take advantage of Dennis's collection of original artillery artifacts which he will have on display for you to get an up-close look.

For those of you who plan to join us on-line, we will be streaming this presentation and will try to get closeups of the artifacts for you as well. This is going to be a little different from our usual fair, but a fun program non-the-less. So I hope to see you at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine on February 17 at 7pm. Join us for a deep dive on the King of Battle!

Most Sincerely,

Matt Borders, President, FCCWRT

February Book Review

REVIEW:

Bruce Mowday, Pickett's Charge: The Untold Story. 232 pp. Pictures, \$15.87 (paperback)
ISBN: 978-1569805084 Reviewed by Matthew A. D. Borders

You may recall that we had Bruce Mowday as a speaker a few months back and he gave an excellent presentation about his book, Pickett's Charge: The Untold Story. This work lives up to its title as it is focused on the Union defense of Cemetery Ridge and the Union center, as opposed to another retelling of the Confederate attack on July 3, 1863. While Mr. Mowday does take a look at other Union elements along Cemetery Ridge, he primarily focuses on the II Corps and specifically the Philadelphia Brigade.

That name is probably ringing a few bells as the Philadelphia Brigade had a history of operating in Maryland. The brigade traced its founding to Colonel Edward Baker, who had tried to raise a California regiment for the eastern theater early in the war. While he was able to form a company of Californians, the majority of his command came from Philadelphia. His Pennsylvanians turned Californians were organized into four regiments, designated the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th California Infantries. Once organized, the brigade was sent to Poolesville, Maryland in late 1861 as part of the Corps of Observation that was guarding the Potomac River crossings. On October 21, 1861, these men were involved in the Union debacle at Ball's Bluff where Edward Baker commanded the brigade and was killed in action. With Baker's death, the California titles were dropped, and the regiments were soon redesignated the 69th, 71st, 72nd, 106th, Pennsylvania Infantries, now known as the Philadelphia Brigade.

This brigade served through the Peninsular Campaign and in fall of 1862 marched through Frederick, Maryland as part of the Army of the Potomac. Commanded by the one-armed Brigadier General Oliver O. Howard, the Philadelphia Brigade sustained 545 casualties in the terrible fighting in the West Woods at Antietam. That winter the Philadelphia Brigade went forward at Fredericksburg as part of one the II Corps futile attacks against the stonewall. As with the others, this attack too was beaten back with significant losses.

By 1863 the brigade was a highly experienced command, though the discipline off the battlefield seemed to be lacking. Due to this, the brigade was given a new commander in the days leading up to Gettysburg, Brigadier General Alexander Webb. Webb was a new general officer and was a by the book disciplinarian. While he and his new command did not necessarily get off on the best foot, it was Webb who led the brigade's defense of the Angle at Gettysburg and earning the Philadelphia Brigade everlasting fame.

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>

Old Baldy Civil War Round Table Symposium 29-30 April (early bird tickets available until 1 Apr)

Old Baldy Civil War Roundtable of greater Philadelphia. OBCWRT has been in existence for 45 years, and like the Frederick County CWRT, is dedicated to educating and preserving the history of the Civil War. Rich Jankowski, our President, suggested I reach out to you.

Every several years we put on a symposium where we assemble nationally known speakers. This year with the cooperation of Rutgers University, we will be hosting on April 29/30 a symposium focusing on the western theater and the coordination of the army and navy in opening up the Father of the Waters, the Mississippi. In the east, by proximity of geography, there is a focus and familiarity with the eastern theater. This symposium is designed to provide a foundation of understanding for what was occurring in the west, especially during 1863. Arguably, what was happening in Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana, was as critical to the outcome of the war as the events in the east. Grant's ultimate success in the east follows his incredible campaign in the west, often considered one of the greatest military campaigns in world history.

The speakers assembled for this event are renowned authors:

Chuck Veit, President Navy & Marine Living History Association, Author: Natural Genius: Brutus de Villeroi and the U.S. Navy's First Submarine, Handbook for Civil War Naval Reenactors. Will provide in depth analyses of the Battle of New Orleans. The Land Campaign for Vicksburg...

Terry Winschell, Retired Chief Historian of Vicksburg National Military Park, Author: The Civil War Diary of the Common Soldier, Vicksburg: Will cover Land campaign for Vicksburg – Grand Gulf, Jackson, Raymond, Champion Hill, Vicksburg. Navy/Army Coordination

Dr. Tim Smith, Author: Grant Invades Tennessee: The 1862 Battles for Forts Henry and Donelson, Rethinking Shiloh: Myth and Memory, Mississippi in the Civil War: The Home Front. Will cover for battles Leading up to Vicksburg. The Sinking of the Ironclads:

John Quarstein, Director Emeritus of the Monitor Center at Mariner's Museum in Newport News, Award winning author and preservationist: The Monitor Boys: The Crew of the Union's First Ironclad, Will cover the sinking of the Manassas, Cairo, Arkansas and Tecumseh. Red River Campaign ...

Dr. Gary Joiner, Author: The Red River Campaign, One Dam Blunder from Beginning to End, in depth discussion of the events surrounding the campaign against Shreveport Louisiana, and gateway to Texas



Our NMCWM Partner links

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!! 1,425 likes and 1,535 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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