



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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September 15th, 2022, 6:30 PM
Parking beyond the Reno Monument at: 21605
Reno Monument Road, Boonesboro, MD



Speaker: Steven R. Stotelmyer

Presentation Overview: Fox's Gap Past and Present

The landscape of Fox's Gap today is far removed from that of September 1862. Indeed, were it not for the presence of the Reno Monument, most visitors would be unaware of its Civil War significance. Despite the monument, most remain unaware that thousands of soldiers wearing the Blue and Gray participated in a day-long engagement that was part of the first major battle in the state of Maryland. Antietam guide and author Steven R.

Stotelmyer will describe the landscape and events surrounding Fox's Gap on September 14, 1862. In his talk he will touch upon the "Sunken Road" of Fox's Gap (perhaps bloodier than its famous counterpart at Antietam), the circumstances surrounding the death of Jesse Lee Reno (and its significance upon the battle three days later), and what remains to this day the site of perhaps one of the most unusual mass graves of Civil War soldiers in Americas History.

BIO: Steven R. Stotelmyer is a native of Hagerstown, Maryland. He first visited Antietam National Battlefield as a child and has been fascinated with it ever since. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Frostburg State College and a Master of Arts from Hood College in Frederick, MD. Before retirement, he was employed as a teacher, surveyor, and civil engineer. In 1989 Stotelmyer was a founding member of the Central Maryland Heritage League, a non-profit land trust which helped preserve some of the South Mountain Battlefield. During his tenure with CMHL he discovered significant information about the Battle of South Mountain. He is the author of *The Bivouacs of the Dead: The Story of Those Who Died at Antietam and South Mountain* (Toomey Press, 1992), and *Too Useful to Sacrifice, Reconsidering George B. McClellan's Generalship in the Maryland Campaign from South Mountain to Antietam*. (Savas Beatie, 2019). Currently, Steve is a National Park Service Volunteer as well as a Certified Antietam and South Mountain Battlefield Tour Guide.



Prez Sez: Well, it's that time of year again! Time to jumping into the next 2022-2023 season of the Frederick County Civil War Round Table. To kick off the season the board and I wanted to do something a little different, something a little bigger than we usually do in September. So this year we are going to take advantage of the 160th Commemoration of the Maryland Campaign and have our first meeting at Fox's Gap on South Mountain!

To show us around Fox's Gap we have secured Antietam Battlefield Guide, Steve Stotelmyer. Steve has been a lifelong advocate for the preservation and protection of South Mountain and arguably knows the site better than anyone. To make better use of the daylight our September 15 meeting will begin at 6:30pm, as opposed to the usual 7pm, and be sure to bring appropriate shoes and clothes to do some hiking around in, as we will be using some of the trails at Fox's Gap. For those of you unfamiliar with Fox's Gap, we recommend using the Reno Monument at 21605 Reno Monument Road, Boonesboro, MD 21713 as a point of reference, the small parking area is just beyond that.

With the opening of the new season, it's also time to think about dues. The Frederick County Civil War Round Table hopes to continue to bring in some of the best speakers on the Civil War Era and your dues help us keep our honorariums competitive, as well as helping to make sure our host, the National Museum of Civil War Medicine is compensated for the use of their space, equipment, and staff. So feel free to send your dues to:

FCCWRT
PO Box 3232
Frederick, MD 21705

Or bring it with you to this or the October meeting. Remember, individuals are \$30 and checks can be made out to the Frederick County Civil War Round Table or FCCWRT.

We look forward to seeing you Thursday, September 15 at 6:30pm at Fox's Gap!

Very Respectfully,

*Matt Borders,
President, FCCWRT*

FCCWRT 22-23 Season Schedule

2022

September 15 - (This is a Field Trip Meeting and will meet at Fox's Gap at 6:30 pm)
Speaker: Steve Stotelmyer
Topic: Fox's Gap Past & Present

October 20 - Speaker: Roger Schwarz
Topic: The Lincoln / Douglass Debates

November 17 - Speaker: Tom McMillan
Topic: Armistead and Hancock: Behind the Gettysburg Legend of Two Friends at the Turning Point of the Civil War

December 15 - Speaker: Alex Rossino
Topic: Their Maryland: The Army of Northern Virginia from the Potomac Crossing to Sharpsburg in September 1862

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January 19 - Speaker: Anthony Trusso
Topic: Francis Barlow & the 61st New York Infantry

February 16 - Speaker: Chris Bryan
Topic: Cedar Mountain to Antietam: A Civil War Campaign History of the Union XII Corps, July – September 1862

March 16 - Speaker: Ron Kirkwood
Topic: “Too Much for Human Endurance”: The George Spangler Farm Hospitals and the Battle of Gettysburg

April 20 - Speaker: Leon Reed
Topic: No Greater Calamity for the Country: North-South Conflict, Secession, and the Onset of the Civil War

May 19 - Speaker: Eric Wittenberg
Topic: Destined to Fail: The Johnson-Gilmer Cavalry Raid around Baltimore, July 10-13, 1864

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>

The Antietam Institute

The Antietam Institute is the leading member-based, educational, and philanthropic 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, dedicated to the education and scholarship of the Maryland Campaign. The Institute seeks to educate the public on the central role of the 1862 Maryland Campaign, and Battle of Antietam, as a major turning point of the Civil War that directly resulted in the issuance of the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation.

Each year the Institute makes donations to the battlefield parks, local preservation groups and other historic organizations that support the Institute's goals. As a member - based organization, the Antietam Institute needs the support of individuals interested in the 1862 Maryland Campaign. Membership levels begin as low as \$25 a year and rise to a lifetime membership of only \$1000. Each level has increasing levels of membership incentives. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the Antietam Institute, check out our website at antietaminstitute.org or email us at info@antietaminstitute.org .

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!! 2,196 likes and 2,319 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.

As President Borders stated, our membership drive for the year is ongoing! Please consider supporting the Round Table during the 22-23 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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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