



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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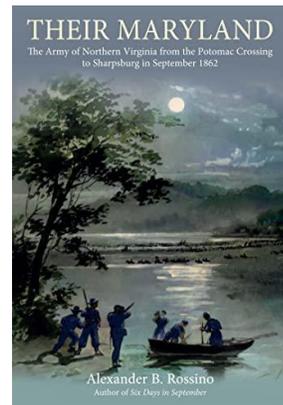


Speaker: Dr. Alex Rossino

Presentation Overview: Lee's Army in Maryland: A New Perspective on the September 1862 Campaign

Most students of the Civil War believe the story of Robert E. Lee's 1862 Maryland Campaign is complete, and that new studies must rely on interpretations long-since accepted and understood. But what if this is not the case? 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? Dr. Rossino demonstrates that these types of distortions continue to shape modern understanding of the campaign and offers suggestions for how to correct them, developing in the process a new understanding of what General Lee hoped to accomplish in September 1862.

Presenters Bio: Alex Rossino earned his masters and doctoral degrees in history at Syracuse University. A writer and historian living in western Maryland, Dr. Rossino is the author of several historical novels and non-fiction histories. His book *Six Days in September: A Novel of Lee's Army in Maryland, September 1862* (Savas Beatie 2017) received excellent reviews from historians and Civil War enthusiasts, leading him to write a sequel titled *The Guns of September: A Novel of McClellan's Army in Maryland, September 1862*, that is due out in 2023. Savas Beatie also published Dr. Rossino's book, *Their Maryland: The Army of Northern Virginia from the Potomac Crossing to Sharpsburg in September 1862* in November 2021, and he currently has a co-authored book with Gene M. Thorp called *The Tale Untwisted: General George B. McClellan, The Maryland Campaign, and the Discovery of Lee's Lost Orders*, scheduled for release in early 2023. Both books challenge long-held beliefs about the 1862 Maryland Campaign while offering new insight into one of the Civil War's most important periods.



In Case you missed it



Our December offering was a fascinating presentation by historian Tom McMillan, exploring the true historical facts behind the much talked about personal relationship between General's Armistead and Hancock. A lifelong student of the Civil War, Tom McMillan presented his part dual biography and part Civil War history, *Armistead and Hancock: Behind the Gettysburg Legend*, which takes a fascinating deep dive into the friendship between Confederate General Lewis Armistead and Union General Winfield Scott Hancock -- a friendship that has been heavily dramatized in popular novels and movies such as the famous 1993 film "Gettysburg".

Based on his years of research and previously untapped sources, the book provides new information and fresh perspective to reverse decades of misconceptions about an amazing story of two friends that has come to define the Civil War. It was clear from his presentation that a relationship did exist, both families with ties together in California. If not personal correspondence, sufficient circumstantial and anecdotal fact trails of a close relationship do exist.

Although comrades and close friends, perhaps not as robust a "lifelong" friendship portrayed in legend and film.





Prez Sez:

Happy Holidays to you and yours for whichever holidays you celebrate this year! This season has started off strong with some great presentations and we are looking forward to yet another with our speaker this month, Alex Rossino. Get ready for a deep dive on the Confederate army in the Maryland Campaign and it's motivations.

With the season of giving upon us, it can seem like everyone is clamoring for your support. The truth is, they probably do need it. There is an absolutely amazing variety of presentation and historic

education options out there and they all need help to continue their missions. Fortunately I am pretty confident that all our members give back in some way to a these organizations and I just want to say thank you for that.

The Frederick County Civil War Round Table has been very fortunate to have members such as yourselves who help us financially so that we can continue to bring in great speakers and support our host the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. We literally would not be here without you. This past year you have helped us support preservation initiatives both here in Frederick County and down in Manassas. We will continue to keep you informed on these efforts and help where we can.

So we hope we can offer you a break of sorts this month from the hustle and bustle of the holidays and that we will see you on Thursday, December 15 at 7pm for our last meeting of 2022!

*Very Respectfully,
Matt Borders,
President, FCCWRT*

FCCWRT 22-23 Season Remaining Schedule

2023

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

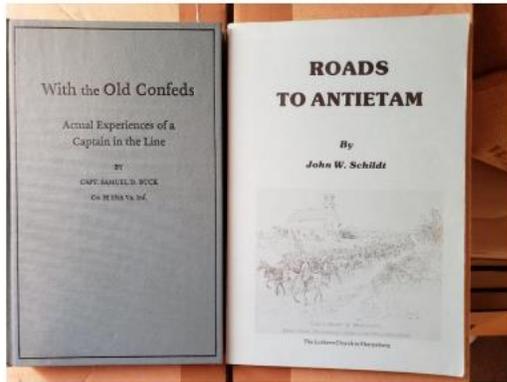
February 16 - Speaker: Chris Bryan
Topic: Cedar Mountain to Antietam: A Civil War Campaign History of the Union XII Corps, July – September 1862

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-Gilmor Cavalry Raid around Baltimore, July 10-13, 1864

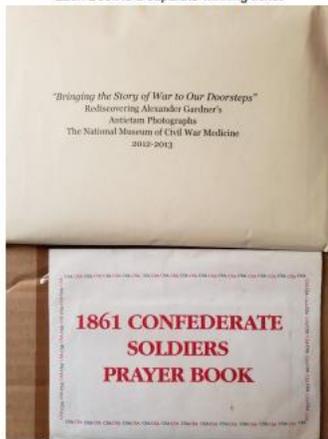
December Book Raffle



Each Book is a separate winning ticket



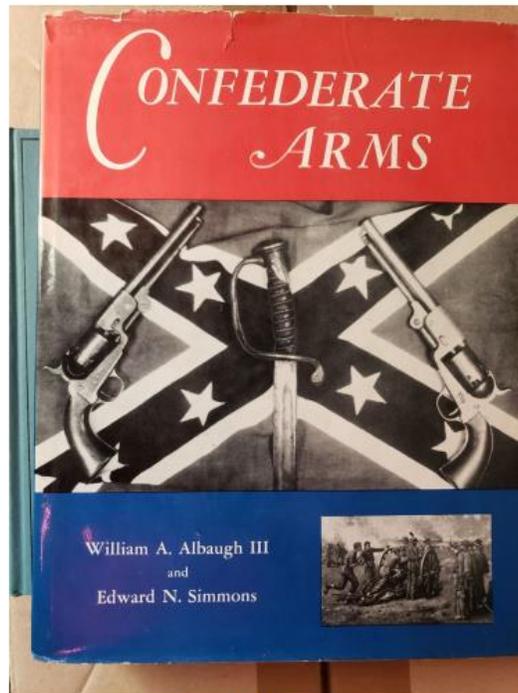
6 Magazines- 1 winning ticket



Antietam Photos & Soldiers Prayer Book (combined for 1 winning ticket)



Mugs, Lanyard, and Cassette Tape
Tape is Battle of Lynchburg- by James Robertson
(Your choice with your selection above)



1 winning ticket

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?>

Civil War Institutes Summer Conference

CIVIL WAR INSTITUTE
SUMMER CONFERENCE
JUNE 9-14, 2023



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Featuring...

Garry Adelman, Matt Atkinson, Peter Carmichael, Harold Holzer, Jennifer Murray, Carol Reardon, Jeffrey Wert, and more!



Program includes active battlefield experiences, lectures, and interactive small-group discussions with leading Civil War scholars; customizable packages available!

Be sure to inquire about our numerous discounts for military veterans, Gettysburg College alumni, members of local partnering institutions & publications, K-12 educators, public historians, students, youths, and "new attendee recruiters!"

<https://www.gettysburg.edu/civil-war-institute/summer-conference/2023-cwi-conference#schedule>

Questions? Contact civilwar@gettysburg.edu or 717-337-6590 for further information



2023 CIVIL WAR INSTITUTE

Summer Conference

JUNE 9-14, 2023

For nearly 40 years, the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College has hosted a **premiere annual summer conference** bringing leading historians and public audiences together. Sessions, lodging, and meals are held on the 200-acre college campus.

The 2023 CWI Conference will feature a wide range of topics, including **Lincoln as Commander in Chief, the Civil War in Appalachia, Harriet Tubman, John Singleton Mosby, Confederate widowhood, retaliation in the American Civil War, the Army of Tennessee**, and more.

In addition to touring the Gettysburg battlefield, participants will have the opportunity to **visit a variety of other nearby battlefields** and historic sites on tours that will explore **Antietam and Harpers Ferry**, or to **combine a half-day of focused class work with a half-day out on the battlefield**, exploring, in-depth, the actions on the **1st or 3rd day of battle at Gettysburg**. Participants who may prefer a shorter, more physically active conference experience can also choose to sign up for our **new "active track" package**, featuring a combination of Friday and Saturday morning lectures and a day and a half of walking-intensive tours of the Gettysburg battlefield on Saturday and Sunday, exploring the **First Day's battlefield and the Union Fishhook, off the beaten path!**

This conference will also continue the popular **"lunch-in" and "dine-in" small group discussions** with CWI faculty.

The 2023 conference will offer something for everyone, from longtime students of the Civil War to those who are new to Civil War history.



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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!! 2.3K likes and 2.5K 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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For additional information about the FCCWRT and to see meeting dates and times
and our roster of speakers for the season, check our website:

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