



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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Speaker: Anthony Trusso

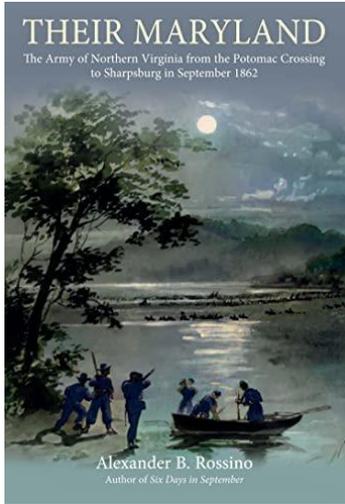
Presentation Overview: Francis Barlow & the 61st New York Infantry

The Round Table is excited to present this month's speaker, Mr. Anthony Trusso, who will present a program that will focus on the early days of one of the hardest fighting regiments in the United States Army during the War, the 61st New York Infantry. By war's end, this regiment saw action in every major campaign of the Army of the Potomac, captured 4+

Confederate flags, and could list as its commanders Francis Barlow and Nelson A. Miles. An emphasis will be placed on early command struggles of the regiment, the emergence of Francis Barlow and seeing the elephant outside of Richmond.

Presenters BIO: Anthony Trusso is a public historian with an interest in the soldier's experience. He has an interest in following the 61st New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment and its second commander Francis Barlow. He holds a BA in history from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Anthony is a contributor to Emerging Civil War and the Civil War Times, as well as a Ranger at Manassas National Military Park. He loves to road trip to find unique or off the beaten path historic sites and the best barbecue.

In Case you missed it



Our December offering to the roundtable, friends and guests featured Dr. Alex Rossino who presented a most fascinating body of research to uncover the truth to the motives of General Robert E. Lee in his historic campaign into

Maryland in September of 1862. 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. General Lee was perhaps not forced to incur into enemy territory but sought to gain the trust of a prospective friendly state. Dr. Rossino thoughtfully asked and



discussed the question; 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 Maryland, his work of historical research was accompanied by a historical fiction spanning the same time period.



Prez Sez:

Happy New Year from the Frederick County Civil War Round Table! With the changing of the year it is always nice to look back at your accomplishments and the Frederick County Civil War Round Table is no different. Because of your dedication and the hard work of the board our membership numbers have bounced back well after two seasons of limited or zoom only meetings. Thank you!

In addition, in 2022 the Round Table continued its preservation advocacy role. Three different sites, including Sugarloaf Mountain here in Frederick County, Manassas, Virginia and Wyse Fork, North Carolina were all assisted in their efforts to resist development threats through public comments, letters of support and petitions. If you are still interested in signing the Wyse Fork Petition, that can be found here: <https://www.battlefields.org/preserve/speak-out/protect-site-second-largest-battle-fought-north-carolina>

As we kick off 2023, we have a colleague of mine from the National Park Service as our January speaker. Anthony Trusso has been a ranger at numerous park sites, including right here in Frederick County at Monocacy National Battlefield. Currently Anthony is an interpretation ranger at Manassas National Military Park but will be speaking to us on one of his favorite research topics, the 61st New York Infantry and its famous commander, Francis Barlow! The preservation efforts of the Frederick County Civil War Round Table, as well as the board's ongoing work to bring in some of the best speakers on a wide range of Civil War topics, would not be possible without your continued support. So Thank You, and again, Happy New Year to you and yours. We look forward to seeing you all on January 19, 2023!

*Very Respectfully,
Matt Borders,
President, FCCWRT*

January Book Review

Crossing the Deadly Ground: United States Army Tactics, 1865-1899, Perry D. Jamison: The University of Alabama Press, 1994. xi + 154 pp. + notes and illustrations, \$39.95 (hardback), ISBN 978-0817307608.

Reviewed by: Matthew A. Borders

Following the terrible bloodletting of the American Civil War it was clear that defensive tactics had dominated the battlefields of the United States and in almost every case, prevailed. The dash and drive of the attack had been superseded by the cold efficiency of earthworks and long-range fire power. That did not mean that the desire to attack, what French military minds termed *elan*, had diminished in the minds of United States officers, they just had to figure out a better way to cross the literal "Deadly Ground". To take on this issue there was a series of meetings, first in Washington, and later at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas by a board of officers beginning in the late 1880's. What they published in 1891, became the first true tactics manual in United States military history. Up until this point, there had been numerous drill manuals for each branch of the service, the most popular in the American Civil War had been, Hardee's, Casey's and Gilham's manuals for infantry and light infantry. There were also numerous other variations thrown in. Each of these manuals essentially said the same thing. They were translations from French military manuals that were then adapted for American use. The differences between them were slight, usually being variations in pacing, or the number of steps it took to load and fire. The closest there was to implementation of these drills in any tactical way were the variations in ways a battleline could fire during combat and the skirmish drill.

The 1880's board of officers hoped to rectify this by really looking at how to attack and defend. They did this by emphasizing smaller unit tactics. No longer would the basic element be a regiment, or even a company, but smaller more elastic formations, similar to skirmish lines. Those soldiers were thrown out in front of a line of battle and were expected to act as either an early warning for the battleline, or to push forward aggressively to engage an opponent's skirmishers and develop oppositions line of battle. The tactics developed and suggested by the board, became the basis of the small unit tactics of the 20th century. Though how well they were used, especially in the Spanish-American War and World War One, is highly debatable. This was due in large part to the condition of the United States Army in the late 19th century. Since the Civil War, there had been very limited opportunities for drilling and training large quantities of men in new, more modern tactics. Instead, the United States Army had been spread out across the west, fighting mostly small actions against the indigenous population. Beyond the practical difficulties, there was also resistance within the army itself. There were many officers who still believed in the attack and that all their men needed was more drive or encouragement. This resistance to change and the unwillingness to acknowledge the superiority of defensive firepower was seen a few times during the brief war with Spain but was on full display during World War One. While much of this work details the Army's failure to modernize its thinking and tactics, even after its own officers recommend it, Dr. Jamieson does delve into how the defensive conundrum was eventually overcome. A defensive position today is still something that gives commanders pause, but the development of new technologies, beyond just weapons, Dr. Jamieson argues is what allows for new, more efficient, and deadly tactics against these positions. This is a shorter work with a lot of excellent details, a great read for anyone interested in the progress of military thinking in the United States.

FCCWRT 22-23 Season Remaining Schedule

2023

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

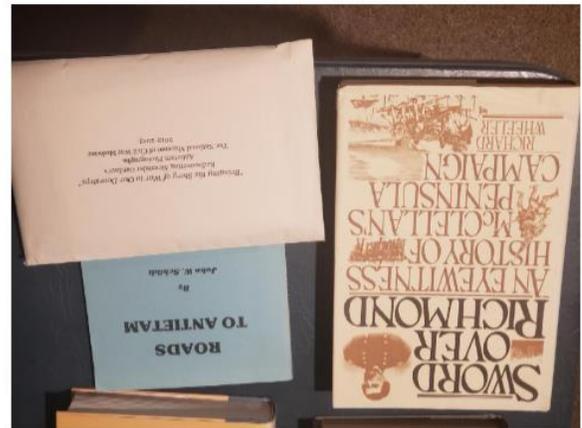
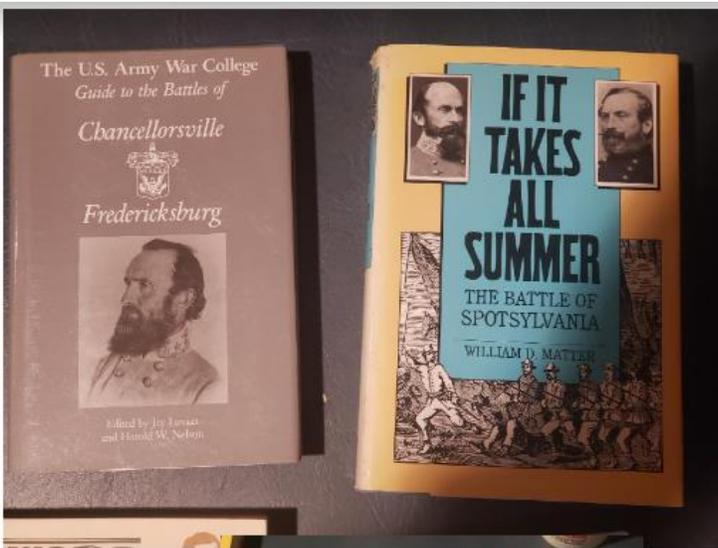
April 20 - Speaker: Leon Reed

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

January Book Raffle



Selection 4 (Book) and Selection 5 (Roads to Antietam and Antietam Photos)





Antietam Illumination Volunteers

To all Antietam National Battlefield memorial illumination volunteers

The planned "unbagging" of the 2022 luminaries on January 7th was cancelled due to lack of

Volunteer responses in a timely manner. We only had approximately 50 volunteers and needed 135. We have rescheduled another date of Saturday, April 22, 2023 from: 10:00am -2:00pm at the Washington County ag center in Sharpsburg, MD

There are 24,000 luminaries which need to be unpacked, and then repacking the candles and plastic Cups to be used for 2023. In addition, we are going to attempt to salvage the cardboard boxes which Have gone up substantially in cost. If your group would like to participate, please respond with the following information on a new

EMAIL TO: charlesassociates@outlook.com

GROUP NAME
CONTACT PERSON
EMAIL ADDRESS
NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer groups headed by Kelly Knight; Mike Grenier; John Chesley; and Chris Collins will be Considered first as they had committed to the January 7th date. When we reach the targeted 135 volunteers, the request for help will be closed. Only those Responding will be updated with further information.

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
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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 alums, 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!! 2.4K 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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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)

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- 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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