



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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<https://www.youtube.com/@nmcwm/streams>



Speaker : Lynne and Julianne Herman

Presentation Overview: Civil War Florida

Civil War Florida. In many respects, Florida remains the forgotten state of the Confederacy. Although the third state to secede, Florida's small population (ranking last among the Confederate states with some 140,000 people), meager industrial resources, and mostly isolated from the other states of the Confederacy made Florida of little strategic importance to either side. Yet it was strategic in controlling the shipping lanes of the Caribbean. This program focuses on Key

West, Fort Zachery Taylor, Battle of Olustee, the Dry Tortugas, Fort Jefferson, and more.

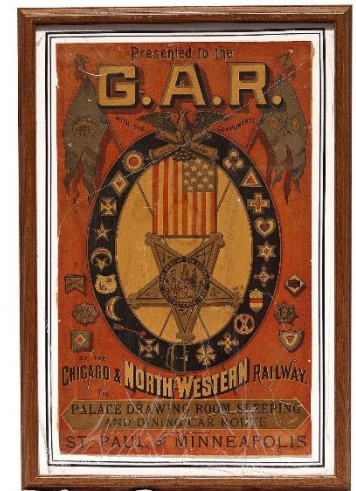
Presenters BIO: Lynn Herman is the former State Representative in the PA House of Representatives serving the 77th Legislative District largely Philipsburg, Port Matilda, and State College areas of Centre County for 24 years (1983 – 2006). He is currently a Government Relations/Business Development Consultant and President of Hometown Sports Magazine. Julianne Herman is retired after 45 years employed as a Registered Nurse in the Operating Room, graduating from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing. She currently serves as Secretary on the PA Military Museum Board of Directors. Both Mr. and Mrs. Herman are Civil War reenactors and share an interest and passion for all American history. They have served the Central PA Civil War Round Table for several years as President and Secretary respectively. Lynn and Julianne have presented programs to Civil War Round Tables on their Civil War travels. These include Civil War in the Far, Far West, Civil War Florida, Tragedy in Lawrenceville, PA – The Allegheny Arsenal Explosion, and The New Mexico Campaign and the Battle of Glorieta Pass, the Gettysburg of the West.



In case you Missed it:



For the November offering of the Civil War Roundtable, Mr. G. Bert Stephanson presented to approximately 30 FCCWRT members and guests at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine (NMCWM). He told us the fascinating history of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and the Civil War Pension system, the GAR, first established for Veterans of the Union Army, and then later for both sides of this historic conflict. A once great organization, steering the course of American politics and caring for those who fought and those they left behind, forming a sons and an Auxiliary unit. Bert discussed the simultaneous rise and fall of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and the Civil War Pension System. Near the turn of the century and beyond tremendous in its reach and scope with posts across America and thousands in their ranks of membership. The GAR was a fraternal organization, and the pension was a federal program. They both rose to power and influence just after the war ended. Both declined slowly as the veterans, their wives and children passed away. Eventually, as time passed and the conflict was in distant memory the organization faded and much like the conflict that prompted its organization became a part of our history.





Prez Sez:

Thanks to everyone that made it out for our October meeting and a special thank you to my board members who stepped up and got our guest speaker squared away in my absence. This was the first meeting I had missed in years, but I was under the weather and didn't want to risk getting anyone sick.

Fortunately, I am doing fine now, and we are on to our next meeting this November 16. This month our speakers, the Herman's, will be speaking on one of the lesser-known aspects of the American Civil War, Florida! That's right, the least populated of the Confederate states did see its own campaigns

and battles during the war. In addition, Florida was a major supplier to the Confederate war effort, especially in beef. Due to the distance of our speakers, this presentation will be over Zoom and streamed at 7pm on November 16 on the National Museum of Civil War Medicine's YouTube channel.

The web address for the channel is: <https://www.youtube.com/@nmcwm/streams>
Beyond our usual meetings, the threat of the Data Center against Manassas National Battlefield continues. On Wednesday, November 8, the Prince William County Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on the project. Please consider taking a look into this, additional information about the meeting can be found here if you would like to participate or observe: <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/planning-office/planning-commission>

See you all on Zoom on November 16!

*Very Respectfully,
Matt Borders,
President, FCCWRT*

November Book Review

Such a Clash of Arms: The Maryland Campaign, September 1862, Kevin Pawlak: Casemate, 2023. 128 pp. + notes, maps and images, \$24.95 (paperback), ISBN 978-1636242668. Reviewed by: Matthew A. Borders

This summer has seen some truly remarkable and impressive scholarship on the Maryland Campaign. While many of us are slogging away on the tome, I Dread the Thought of the Place, another, much more concise work, Such a Clash of Arms, was also released by the up-and-coming publishing house, Casemate Publishing. This brief campaign study was written by friend of the round table, Kevin Pawlak. Kevin is one of the great rising stars of Civil War scholarship and has done a great job developing a study of the campaign that it is easy to throw into a day pack and take with you up South Mountain, over the fields of Antietam or even across the Potomac River to Shepherdstown.

Besides the tight writing and excellent bio's of the various personalities involved in the campaign, Such a Clash of Arms, offers great quotes and insights. These include quotes and writings not only from the officers of the contending armies, but also the common fighting man in the ranks. Adding to the idea of using this book in the field are the excellent maps provided by famed cartographer, Hal Jespersen. These are bright, easy to read and give an excellent idea of the wide variety of movements utilized in the Maryland Campaign at each of its battles.

Additionally, Such a Clash of Arms, is chock full of excellent photographs. Many of these are the classic Alexander Gardner and James Gibson images that shocked the psyche of the nation in late 1862, now printed in a beautiful glossy format. Additionally though the author has dug through the Library of Congress for many images of the officer corps and the moving sketches of Alfred Waude, all presented in high resolution. Finally, there are the images taken by the author himself, a wide variety of landscape shots, showing the fields as they are today, as well as images of a number of the monuments that are scattered through the fields and mountains of western Maryland.

If you are looking for a quick synopsis of the Maryland Campaign that takes in the latest research, providing fresh perspectives on not only the cause, battles and conclusion of the first Confederate Invasion above the Potomac River, look no further than Such a Clash of Arms. Definitely one to look into, especially for those looking for a modern interpretation of the campaign without having to hack through 900 pages.

FCCWRT 2023-2024 Season

2023:

November 16 ZOOM Meeting - Lynn & Julianne Herman, Civil War Florida

December 14 - Peter C. Miele, The Lutheran Seminary, and the Battle of Gettysburg

2024:

January 18 - Eric W. Buckland, Mosby vs. Cole's Cavalry

February 15 - Dr. Stephen A. Goldman - White and Black Servicemen during Reconstruction

March 21 ZOOM Meeting - Stephen Romaine, The Case of Mary Bowser, the quintessential Spy

April 18 - Randy Drais, Rock Carvings @ Gettysburg

May 16 - Sarah Key Bierle, the New Market Campaign topics check our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/Antietam's-Jacob-Rohrbach-Inn or our blog at: www.jacob-rohrbach-inn.com/blog/ For further information call (301) 432-5079.

NMCWM Partner's New Virtual Book Club

The National Museum of Civil War Medicine is happy to announce the launch of our new virtual book club--Between the Lines. Every other month from 7 PM - 8 PM we will be meeting via Zoom to discuss an assigned book.

Join us online March 14th as we celebrate Women's History Month with a discussion of Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy by Karen Abbott, with a special appearance by the author herself!

Register here: <https://www.civilwarmed.org/between-the-lines-book-club/>

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

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!! 2.6K likes and 2.7K 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 23-24 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)

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