



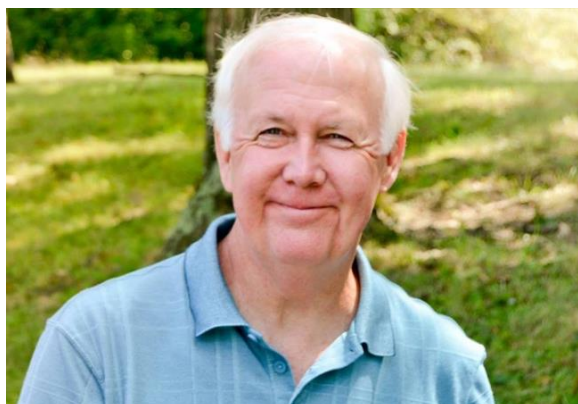
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Speaker: Randy Drais

Presentation Overview: Rock Carvings at Gettysburg

One of the more unusual facets of the Gettysburg battlefield is the existence of many rock carvings. Made by soldiers during the battle or by veterans upon their return or by civilians or tourists, rock carvings can be found on many areas of the 6,000 or so acres that encompass the Gettysburg National Military Park.

Looking for rock carvings is an extremely interesting and unusual way to explore the battlefield, but it is also an

extremely interesting and unusual way to discover some of the battlefield history that is often overlooked or quickly forgotten, especially of the personal and often tragic stories of soldiers, both Union and Confederate, who left their mark, both figuratively and literally, on this hallowed ground. Join Randy Drais, amateur Civil War historian and Battle of Gettysburg buff, for a look at many of the rock carvings on the Gettysburg battlefield and the stories behind them.

Speakers Bio: Born and raised in York, Pennsylvania, Randy Drais developed a keen interest in the Battle of Gettysburg and the Gettysburg Campaign immediately after a 5th grade field trip to that famous Civil War battlefield. A lifelong passion to learn more resulted in his creation in March of 2008 of a website, <http://battleofgettysburgbuff.com>, for individuals who wish to learn and do more than the average visitor to the battlefield. A “companion” Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/battleofgettysburgbuff>, and a free quarterly newsletter soon followed.

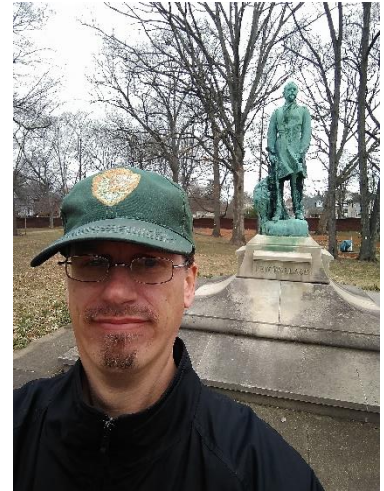
A graduate of York College of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in International Studies, Randy worked in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, the Pennsylvania Senate, and the Pennsylvania Department of State. Married with two daughters, Randy retired on January 1, 2015 and now devotes even more time to his main passion, learning even more about the Battle of Gettysburg and sharing that information with others. He has also co-authored “*Texans at Gettysburg: Blood and Glory with Hood's Texas Brigade*” and is currently providing assistance on a book about a famous former Yorker -- Edman “Ned” Spangler and his life and role in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

In case you Missed it:

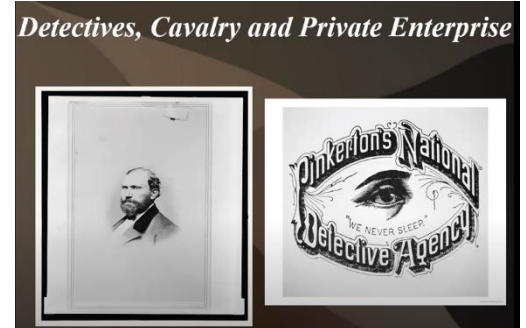


Our own president Matt Borders stepped in to give the presentation via NMCWM YouTube in March.

Matt presented on the important and influential use of spies in Maryland during the Civil War by both Union and Confederate forces. He detailed how Military, Civilian and Private organizations in combination worked to provide their own side the much-needed



information to prosecute their role in the Campaigns of Maryland. The presentation focused primarily on Central Maryland as it was the highway of three separate Confederate invasions and looks at some of the major personalities both in and out of uniform that were operating throughout the region. The Spy Game in Maryland during the Civil War was a microcosm of the war itself with people of all backgrounds becoming involved in this risky venture. Neighbor distrusted neighbor, and everyone was suspected. Come hear how these first steps in military intelligence gathering led to a professionalization of the practice as the war continued and why many of the nation's players in intelligence today trace their origins to the Civil War.





Prez Sez:

Thank you for everyone's patience with last month's speaker change and zoom meeting. We got through it, and we are back in the National Museum of Civil War Medicine this month to hear from our speaker Randy Drais. A lifelong Pennsylvanian, Randy has a passion for the Gettysburg battlefield and will be talking on one of the lesser-known aspects of the historic landscape, the carvings left by soldiers and veterans alike. This should be a

fascinating discussion that you won't want to miss.

Beyond getting back to talks at the Medical Museum, be sure to check out the variety of programs and offers that are featured in this month's newsletter. This summer will be here before you know it and there is a lot happening this year. From the 160th Commemorations of a variety of Civil War sites, including our own Monocacy National Battlefield, to interesting lectures and conferences from the Civil War Institute which offers a registration discount for roundtable members, to the Antietam Institute which has both a Spring Symposium and Fall Conference. There is always something to do!

I hope you can get out and enjoy the region's battlefield landscapes as the weather continues to improve, and I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, April 18 at 7pm at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine!

*Very Respectfully,
Matt Borders,
President, FCCWRT*

April Book Review

Touching History with Lincoln's 1858 Time Capsule by Ross E. Heller. Reviewed by: Matthew A. Borders

By Abraham Lincoln reproduces the only book actually hand-written by Lincoln. His words and 19th century news clips so crisply clear one can almost sand the ink; smell the aroma of his paste. It is a time capsule into the 1858 mindset of the man who became the 16th President. It was October 18 in the waning days of Lincoln's Senatorial campaign against Stephen A. Douglas when Capt. James N. Brown, a fellow campaigner and personal friend, beseeched him for a clear statement on the "paramount issue" of the day: "Negro equality". Lincoln acceded, annotating what he called a 'scrapbook' with news clips and a definitive 8-page letter. The 'scrapbook' was cherished by Brown and, after his 1868 death, by his sons William and Benjamin. Eventually they sold it to a New York rare-book dealer who found a customer in Philadelphia Lincoln collector William H. Lambert who believed Lincoln's words warranted wider distribution. Thus, a version of the notebook was published in 1901: *Abraham Lincoln His Book A Facsimile Reproduction of the Original with an Explanatory Note* by J. McCan Davis. After Lambert's death the 'scrapbook' was auctioned in 1914; and purchased for Henry E. Huntington's San Marino, California library.

Now, Lincoln's handwritten words vividly return. Distinguished Lincoln scholar Harold Holzer has provided a historical perspective; and there is an extraordinary 'behind the scenes' peek how the 1901 Facsimile came to be.

Seen through a 21st century lens, Lincoln's statements are what historian Doris Kearns Goodwin called "his complex moral journey to Emancipation." Historian and professor Jon Meacham in his 2022 Lincoln biography "And There Was Light" reprises an 1876 Frederick Douglass quote: "Viewed from the genuine abolition ground, Mr. Lincoln seemed tardy, cold, dull and indifferent: but measuring him by the sentiment of his country, a sentiment he was bound as a statesman to consult, he was swift, zealous, radical and determined."

As the book's title indicates, the scrapbook's contents are a valuable treasure—a true time capsule capturing Lincoln's political pragmatism on race relations; a Time Capsule our generation has the privilege to open 164+ years later.

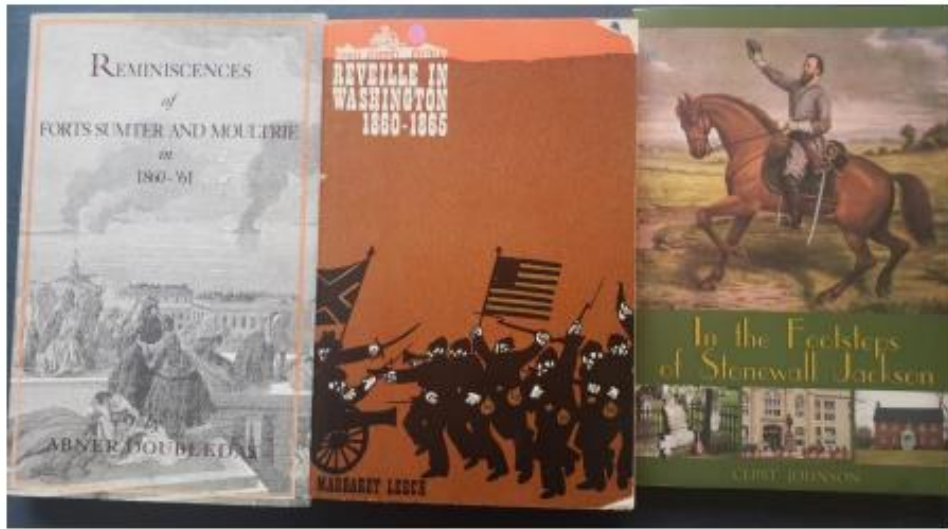
Ross E. Heller is editor/author/publisher of *by Abraham Lincoln: His 1858 Time Capsule*. For more information, visit <https://byabrahamlincolnbook.com>

April Book Raffle

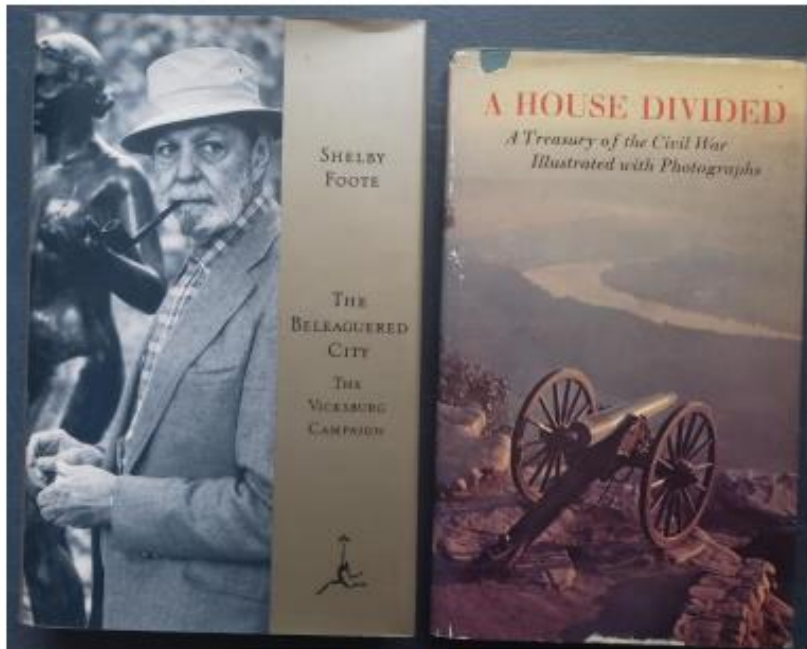
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Raffle Selections (5 winners)

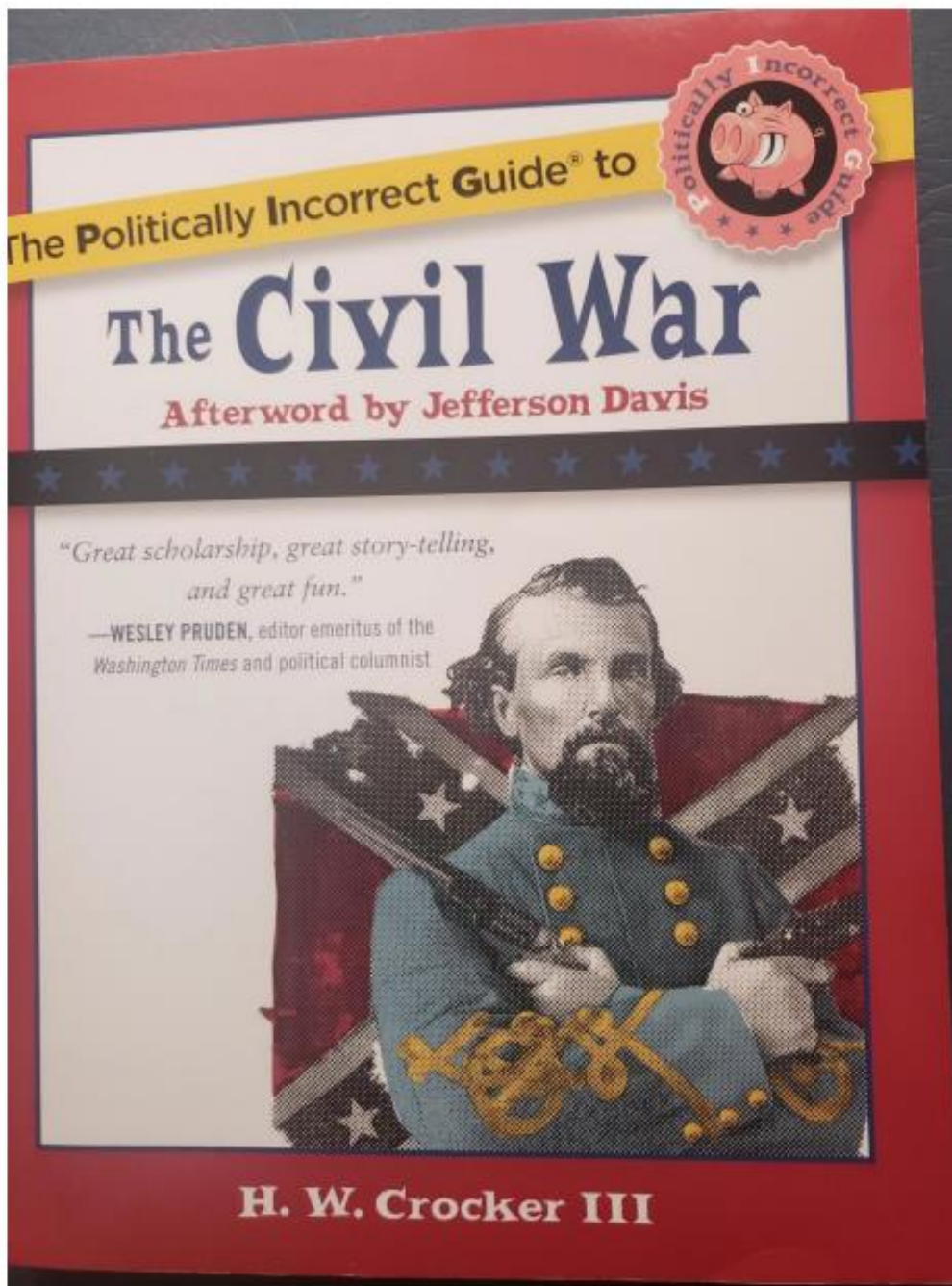
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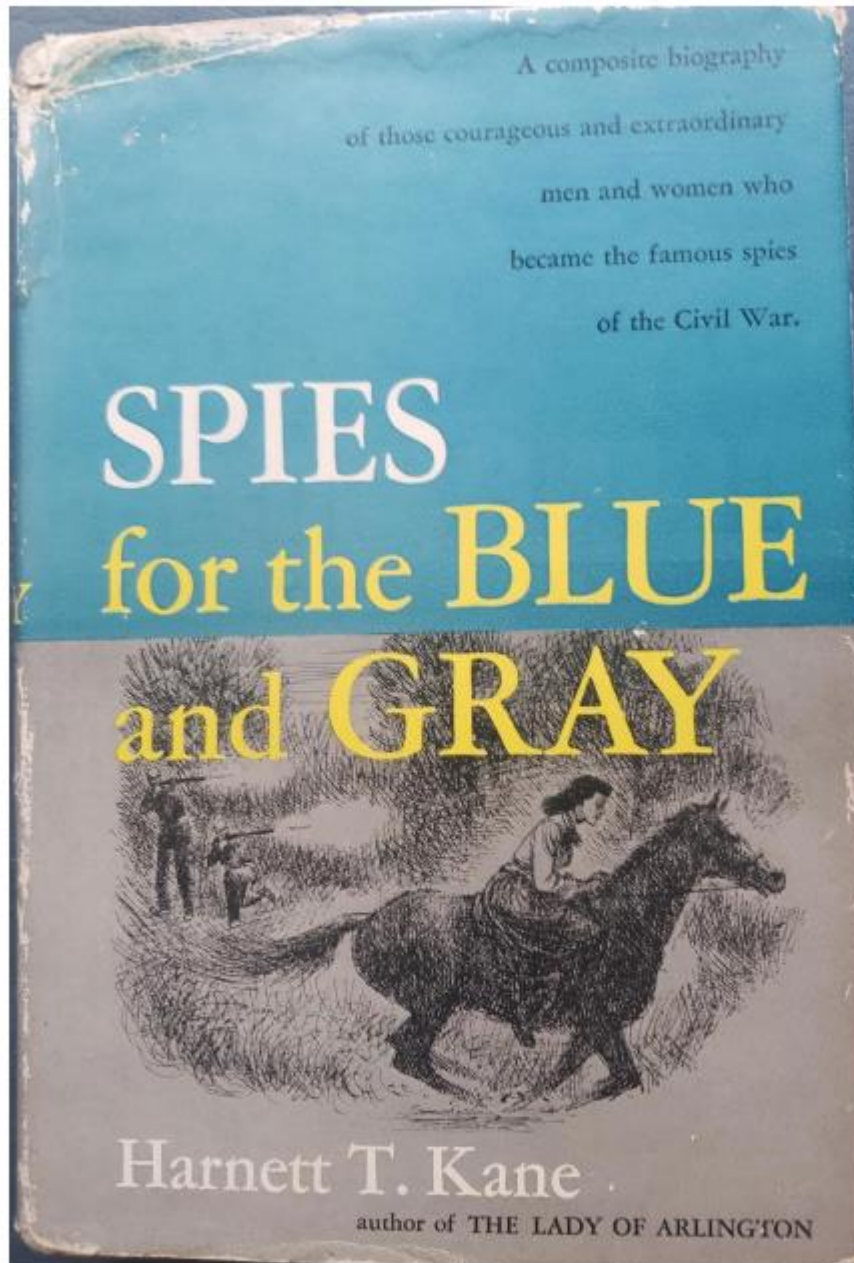
Selection 1 (3 books): *Reveille in Washington 1860-1865*, Paperback, 1941
Reminiscences of Forts Sumter and Moultrie in 1860-61, Abner Doubleday, Hardback, 1998; *In the Footsteps of Stonewall Jackson*, Paperback, 2002



Selection 2 (2 Books):
The Beleaguered City, The Vicksburg Campaign; Hardback, 1995
A House Divided, A Treasury of the Civil War Illustrated with Photographs, Paperback, 1968



Selection 3: The Politically Incorrect Guide to the Civil War, Paperback, 2008



Selection 4: Spies for the Blue and Gray, Hardback, (signed) 1954

CWI Summer Conference



CIVIL WAR INSTITUTE
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CWI SUMMER CONFERENCE JUNE 7-12, 2024

*With Harold Holzer, Ronald White,
D. Scott Hartwig, Elizabeth Leonard,
Aaron Sheehan-Dean, Jim Broomall,
Jonathan White, Jennifer Murray, and more!*



Program includes **active battlefield experiences**, **lectures**, and **interactive small-group discussions** with leading Civil War scholars; **customizable packages** are 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/2024-cwi-conference#schedule>

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

For approximately 40 years, the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College has hosted a **premiere annual summer conference** bringing leading historians and public audiences together for **lectures, battlefield tours, small group conversations, and roundtable conversations** about the Civil War era. Sessions, lodging, and meals are held on the 200-acre college campus.

The 2024 CWI Conference will feature a wide range of topics, including:

- **lectures** on Benjamin Butler, Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, war-time violence and the limits of destruction, the Irish in the Civil War, soldiers' experiences at Antietam, Gettysburg relics, the slave trade, political culture within the Army of the Potomac, and southeastern native communities and the American Civil War...
- **debates** on soldiers' literary representations of war...
- **roundtable discussions** on Civil War atrocities, Lincoln and race, and interpreting emancipation and race at Civil War sites...
- **full-day battlefield tours** exploring the 1864 Battle of New Market, Sharpsburg and Shepherdstown civilians during the 1862 Maryland Campaign...
- **combined classroom discussion and field experience "hybrid tours"** exploring the Union 3rd Corps, artillery, Gettysburg & its aftermath in photographs and artifacts, John Buford's cavalry, Civil War Frederick, MD & Chambersburg, PA...
- **evening battlefield tours** examining controversial and commonly overlooked moments at Gettysburg, as well as the evolution of the Gettysburg battlefield through photographs...
- **small-group dine-in discussions**...

The 2024 conference will offer something for everyone, from long-time students of the Civil War to those who are new to Civil War history!

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At CWI, we believe in the mission of CWRTs and are making this special offer to recognize the efforts of your organization in promoting the study of Civil War history. The Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College would like to offer the members of your Civil War Round table or organization a **15% discount** to attend the 2024 CWI Summer Conference on June 7-12, 2024.

You can explore further details about our conference on our [website](#), as well as check out our [schedule](#) for this year's event. Please let us know if you intend to make this special offer known to your membership, and feel free to use any language from this email or the attached promotional flyer for your newsletter. We are also happy to supply any additional promotional language, fliers, or postcards for you to pass out or use to advertise.

2024 Civil War Lecture Series **sponsored by the Jacob Rohrbach Inn**

Our 2024 Civil War Lecture Series schedule is out. We have another great lineup of guest speakers and outstanding topics. We have made a couple of changes this year, as we moved to Monday nights so we can be indoors at St. Paul's. If you are able, please post this in your newsletters or inform your members during your next meeting. We look forward to seeing you this summer.

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*This year the programs will be held indoors at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Parking is available on Main and Hall Streets. For updates and a full schedule of presenters & 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.*

2024 Speaker Schedule:

June 3 - Jim Rosebrock - The Empire State at Antietam.

June 10 – Dr. Gordon Dammann – Medicine between 1865-1914; War is still Hell

June 17 - Kevin Pawlak and Dan Welch – "Never Such a Campaign" - The Battle of Second Manassas, Aug. 28-30, 1862

June 24 - George Franks - Army of the Potomac: After Pickett's Charge

July 1 – Dr. Brad Gottfried - "At the Forefront of the Armies: The Role of the Cavalry During the Maryland Campaign"

July 8 - Sharon Murray - Dixon S. Miles Reconsidered

July 15 – D. Scott Hartwig - One Man's Experiences: Major Rufus Dawes and the Battle of Antietam

July 22 – Dr. Alex Rossino - Longstreet's March to Hagerstown and Back, Sept. 11-14, 1862

July 29 - Dana Shoaf – "Gutbusters": The Evolution of Civil War Ambulances

August 5 – Dr. Tom Clemens - Washington County's Forgotten Military Hero.

August 12 – Dr. Jim Broomall "The hills were black with spectators': Civilians on the Antietam Battlefield".

August 19 - Steve Stotemyer - The Legend of Barbara Fritchie

August 26 - John Schildt and Laura Marfut - "Roads to Antietam"

FCCWRT 2023-2024 Season

2024:

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.

We are in the process of scheduling the 24-25 Season – It will be announced soon on the Newsletter and our FB Page

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>

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.frederickcountycivilwart.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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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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