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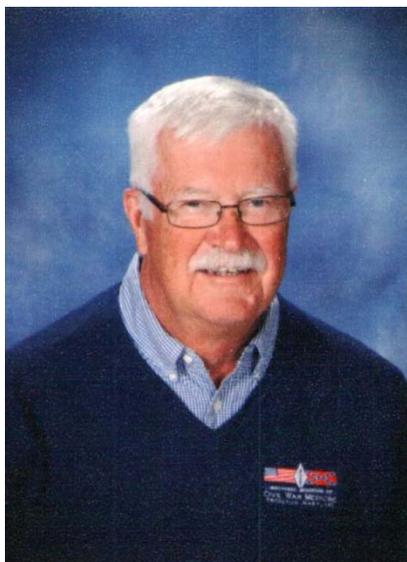
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May 19, 2016 at 7:30pm National Museum of Civil War Medicine 48 E. Patrick St, Frederick, Maryland



Speaker: Gordon E.
Dammann

Topic: History vs.
Hollywood

Gordon E. Dammann D.S. Founded the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Maryland to tell the story of Civil War medicine. His medical collection formed the core of the museum holdings. He is a graduate of Loyola University in Chicago and holds a Bachelor of Science degree with a minor in history. In 1969 he received his D.D.S. from Loyola University School of Dentistry.

Gordon is the author of *Pictorial Encyclopedia of Civil War Instruments and Equipment Volumes I, II, and III*. He and Dr. Alfred Jay Bollet co-authored *Images of Civil War Medicine*. He served on the editorial staff of *North/South Magazine* and was editor of the reprint of *Memoirs of Jonathan Letterman, MD Surgeon of the U.S. Army 1861-1864*.

Gordon is the recipient of the Nevins Freeman Award of the Chicago Civil War Round Table and the Iron Brigade Award of the Milwaukee Civil War Round Table. These are presented to an individual whose

advancement of the American Civil War scholarship and support of the Round Table movement deserves special recognition.

He has presented programs on Civil War Medicine for the National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, Civil War Institute of Gettysburg College, and Round Tables and Historical Societies across the country. Since retiring from his dental practice, Gordon has become active as Licensed Guide at Antietam National Battlefield.

For his presentation Gordon will be looking at Hollywood's representations of Civil War medicine in the movies. Seven movies contain scenes which depict the Hollywood version of Civil War medical practices. Some are good, some are bad, and some are really ugly. During the presentation the scenes will be "dissected" and discussion will follow.



We may be taking a break for the summer as far as meetings go, but history never takes a break. Here are a few things to consider doing this summer.

NEARBY MAY AND SUMMER EVENTS

Porch Program: Women of Antietam

7 May- Civil War medicine expert Betsy Estilow will discuss the role of nurses and other women at Antietam on the porch of the Newcomer House. 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM.

The First Year in Frederick: 1861

7 May- A walking tour of Frederick to revisit the scenes of early war interest at 3:00 PM. See the Museum website for more details.

Maryland Campaign Lecture Series-Drums along the Antietam

Summer 2016- Come join leading historians, Antietam Battlefield Guides, NPS volunteer interpreters and living history presenters as they discuss intriguing topics of the Maryland Campaign of 1862 and the Civil War. Weather permitting, all talks will be held on the grounds of the Jacob Rohrbach Inn at 7:00 PM every Wednesday over the summer. Feel free to bring a chair or blanket to sit around the event tent. Parking is available on Main and Hall Streets. For updates and a full schedule of presenters and topics check the Inn's website at <http://jacob-rohrbach-inn.com/>.

Stonewall Jackson in the Valley

May 19-22 – Weekend will include tours of Lexington, Va. And Jackson battle sites of 1862 in the Valley. Featuring the following speakers and guides: Ed Bearss, Dr. James “Bud” Robertson, Keven Walker, Jeff Wert, Jerry Holdsworth, and others. Based in Harrisonburg, Va.

Guided Canoe/Kayak Trip

June 29- Frederick County Parks and Recreation is offering this first-of-its-kind canoe/kayak trip on the Monocacy River with a river guide and ranger. This float trip is uniquely designed to discuss strategic parts of the battle from a completely new perspective. The trip begins at Pine Cliff Park and ends at Buckeystown. There is a fee associated with the float trip, please register through Frederick County Parks and Recreation. For more information, visit this link:

https://apm.activecommunities.com/frederickcntyparksandrec/Activity_Search/monocacy-river-guidedpaddle-trips/6854.

Last Full Measure of Devotion Over Memorial Day weekend

May 28-30 - Monocacy National Battlefield will set up a memorial flag display honoring those soldiers who fell during the Battle of Monocacy. The park has hosted this impressive display of 2,200 flags (one for each casualty of the battle) for the past eight years to pay tribute to the individual sacrifice of those soldiers who gave the “last full measure of devotion” in service to their country. Special Memorial Day programs will be held throughout the weekend.

Gettysburg Day 3 & Beyond

July 27-31 – With Ed Bearss, Jeff Wert, Carol Reardon, Eric Wittenberg, Wayne Motts, Steve French, and others. Tours of Gettysburg off the beaten path, East Cavalry Field, the Retreat, and more. Based in Chambersburg, PA.

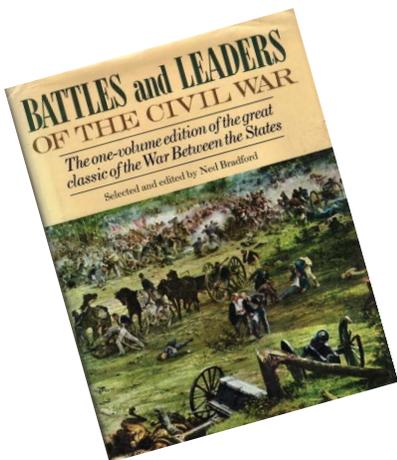
Lincoln at Gettysburg

Sept. 22-25 – Featuring Joe Mieczkowski, John Schildt, David T. Dixon, Ed Steers, and others. Includes bus tour following Lincoln’s path to giving the Gettysburg Address, sessions on the sixteenth president, and tour of Civil War sites in Harrisburg. Based in Chambersburg, PA.



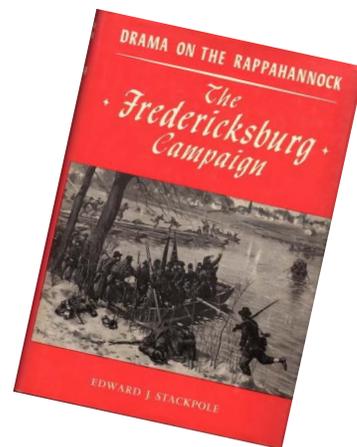
Ramblings from the Raffle Table

Here we are at the end of another Civil War Roundtable season! We have covered so many Civil War topics and find there is always a new tidbit or angle to consider. Our meetings are not only stimulating but also a fun evening get together with likeminded history enthusiasts.



Ned Bradford has compiled in one volume excerpts from the memoirs of many Civil War leaders featuring first hand accounts of battles and generals like Grant, Sherman, Jackson and many more. Not in the mood to slog through individual volumes (some impossible to obtain today)? This is the book for you!

And with these Spring days quickly reaching summer temperatures, there is nothing like this book to help you chill out. The snow and sleet of the Fredericksburg campaign will keep you refreshingly cool in this volume. Perfect reading with a cool drink in your hand after mowing the lawn.



A Reminder

During the summer if you find yourself thinning out your bookshelves that are groaning under the weight of Civil War volumes, please remember our Raffle Table. We can always use contributions to offer at future meetings.

As I write, I'm finding myself humming "See you in September....." It will come quickly.

Thanks for making this a great year, Kathi

We are on Facebook! Please check out our page for timely updates, local events, or comments.



<https://m.facebook.com/fccwrt>

Gary Dyson is our "face" for Facebook.

Help us spread the word about OUR FCCWRT!!

Join Facebook. Share posts with friends! You'll get more timely notice of events when you check us out on Facebook.

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.

Looking Ahead

Over the summer we will be recruiting speakers for the 2017-17 season. Look for an email from us by September. We hope to see you at our next meeting, September 15th!

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As our 2016-17 begins we will begin our membership drive anew. We can't continue this Roundtable without your support. We're always looking for new members to join our ranks too. Recruit your friends!

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! Please ask your friends to join we can do even more!

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

Our yearly dues are:

- \$30.00 for an individual
- \$50.00 for a family up to four
- \$5.00 for out of state members and members under 16 years of age