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Our January speaker will be Rick Slade, Superintendent of Monocacy National Battlefield



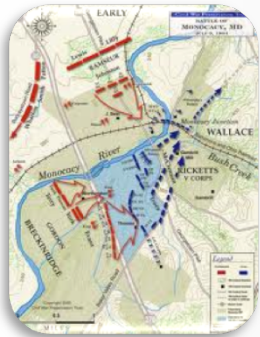
January Meeting

**Thursday, Jan 16,
at 7:30 PM,
National Museum of
Civil War Medicine,
48 E. Patrick St.,
Frederick, MD**

Topic: "Monocacy National Battlefield; The Sesquicentennial and Beyond"

Rick Slade, who became superintendent of Monocacy National Battlefield in 2013, has worked for the National Park Service for ten years. His previous NPS positions include Chief of Education and Resource Management at Amistad National Recreation Area in Texas, (on the US-Mexico border), and Chief of Planning and Resource Management at Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in Atlanta. He started his federal career in Washington, D.C. with the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress. He received an MA in Anthropology from the University of Virginia and a BA in German from the University of Kansas. Rick is a native of Lawrence, Kansas and now lives in Frederick with his wife and two children.

Superintendent Slade's talk will cover plans for the upcoming sesquicentennial of the battle of Monocacy in July 2014 but go beyond that to discuss the future direction of the park. Monocacy is a tremendous resource with great potential to provide Frederick with a source of sustained economic activity while contributing to the quality of life of local residents and preserving vital elements of the region's historic character. The continued growth and vitality of the park will depend on developing close partnerships with individuals and organizations dedicated to making Frederick a great place to live. Mr. Slade will discuss opportunities for expanding partnerships and community involvement through the sesquicentennial and beyond.



Next Month's Speaker

On February 20, we will hear a member of the new generation of Civil War historians. Becky Oakes is a master's degree candidate in history at West Virginia University, who was highly recommended by Dr. Peter Carmichael, one of her professors at Gettysburg College. The title of her talk is "To Think of the Subject Unmans Me: An Exploration of Grief and Soldiering through the Letters of Henry Livermore Abbott"





The Prez Sez

Mark Your Calendar !! It's July 12th, 2014

"The Ransom of Middletown's 150th Commemoration"

Don't miss this one day commemorative event complete with a wide variety of Civil War themed activities for the whole family in Historic Middletown, Md.

- * Historical artifacts on display, including Gen. Early's ransom note
- * Gen. Early and staff on horseback
- * Living history events
- * Informative lectures
- * Docent guided walking tours

For further updates contact < Mainstreetmiddletown.org >



See you there--Jack



Members enjoy the holiday buffet



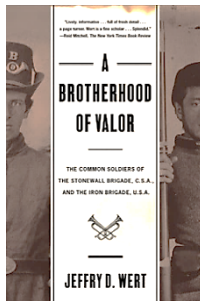
Bill Futrell (far right), raffle prize winner with family and friends

Ramblings from the Raffle Table

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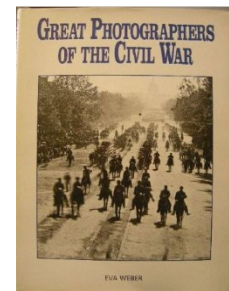
Happy New Year!

Bill Futrell won our special Civil War themed gift basket raffled at the December meeting. He was visiting here from Wyoming. I hope he enjoys the Virginia 'Goober Peas', authentic Necco Wafers, as well as the tee shirt, ball cap, calendar, and other goodies that will be accompanying him and his General Lee mug back to the wild west. Congratulations Bill! And thank you to all who participated.



A Brotherhood of Valor by Jeffery D. Wert was recently donated for our raffle. So much attention is given to the key generals in the many campaigns. But this insightful book tells of the men of the Stonewall and Iron Brigades, who facing each other, had to carry out those leaders' commands, often making the ultimate sacrifice. Here is a thoughtful and well researched book not just about the two brigades, but representative of all the soldiers, North & South, who fought so bravely.

Or, if you are still coming down from the holiday's sugar high - then Great Photographers of the Civil War by Eva Weber will be perfect for you! This is not just another pretty picture book for your coffee table! These and more selections will bring the War right into your home for pure pleasure on wintry days. Thank you for supporting our Round Table efforts to keep history alive and exciting.



See you at the Raffle Table, Kathi

FCCWRT Winter Weather Policy



Sadly, winter storm season is upon us. Due to foul weather conditions, we may need to cancel our monthly meeting. If Frederick County Schools and/or the National Museum of Civil War Medicine (meeting location) announce closures for the afternoon/evening of the meeting our meeting will be cancelled. We will make every attempt to send an email notification as soon as the cancellation decision is made. Please use your best judgment in making safety your top priority.

At Last Month's Meeting...

Over forty members and guests enjoyed our annual FCCWRT holiday party with tasty dishes, a fantastic raffle prize, and a great speaker! This year we opted to have the party prior to the meeting give me your feedback on this at the next meeting. Thanks to Kathi for putting together our special raffle prize, a generous civil war gift basket. The main event of the evening was Gary Dyson's talk on *A Civil War Correspondent in New Orleans*. Gary generously stayed after the meeting to share his artifacts and to sign his book.



Gary Dyson presents his talk on *A Civil War Correspondent*



Kathy Fullerton, Membership Chair

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.

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