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Speaker: Mr. Kyle Dalton

Presentation Overview: Active and Efficient: The Ambulance Corps and The Infirmary Corps.

We close the fantastic 20-21 season with one of our own valued partners. Mr. Dalton will be presenting to the Frederick County Civil War Round Table and friends about the un-sung heroes of the medical profession during our Nation's Civil War. The surgeons, physicians, and doctors of the Civil War have received deserved attention in the study of the Civil War. But what about the common stretcher bearer? Hear the fascinating tale of common men in

an uncommon world. Who were the stretcher bearers and ambulance drivers of the Civil War? What was their daily life like? How were they trained? Learn the answers to these questions and more with The National Museum of Civil War Medicine's Kyle Dalton.

BIO Mr. Kyle Dalton serves as the Membership and Development Coordinator of the National Museum for Civil War Medicine (NMCWM) for over a year. He has been a tremendous partner to the Roundtable and is featured prevalently on the NMCWM Blogpost and YouTube Channel, offering "Anesthesia in the Civil War", "Battlefield Medicine and the fight for Fort Fisher" and "Stretchers used by the Union Army in the Civil War".

In Case You Missed it...



Mrs. Laura Keyes provided us (over 100 members and friends nation-wide) a wonderful presentation on a most precious document, a totally unique perspective on our Nation's Civil War, through the lens of photographs of the period. Mary Todd Lincoln lived a life filled with triumphs and tragedies, but few people know her story. One piece to the myriad puzzle of her life is her personal photograph album, which was compiled over many years. Pictures of both families and stills one would not have expected in such a photo album,

John Wilkes Booth and Robert E. Lee. It told the story of both Mary Todd, and the Lincoln Family story. The contents of this album absolutely delighted the entire listening and viewing audience, once again hosted on the



YouTube channel for our partner organization, the National Museum of



Civil War Medicine, it is recorded for viewing (or reviewing) at your convenience.







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Prez Sez

Well, we have made it, we are at the end of another season. Thank you to everyone that has joined us for a season that was almost entirely streamed. It was through your support, as well as our partners at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine and our great speakers, that we were able to make this all work out.

Speaking of great speakers, we had another fantastic turnout last month for Ms. Laura Keyes discussion on Mary Lincoln's photo album. This was just the sort of high-quality program we try to bring you here at the Frederick County Civil War Round Table, so if you have not had a chance to

take care of your dues this season, now is a great time to do that as we prep the 2021-2022 speaker schedule.

As we move into our off season, I encourage you to safely take advantage of the many historic sites we have easy access to throughout the region. This is doubly true for historic Frederick. As the city and sites begin to open from the pandemic though, one site that will sadly no longer be available to us in the property formally owned by the Frederick Historical Society (Heritage Frederick), known as the Taney House. While it has since been determined that Roger Brooke Taney likely never lived there, it was owned and leased out by him. This small structure on Bentz Street provided not only a good example of 19th Century urban life, but also Urban slavery. Sadly, the decision by Heritage Frederick to let this site go has opened the structure to potential development and or destruction as it is not protected by a historic easement. Thus, it is all the more important for us to keep an eye out for our historic sites and landscapes, to resist development pressures and preserve historic integrity where possible.

On a happier note, there is a new organization that has recently formed to help promote the importance and legacy of the Maryland Campaign. The Antietam Institute is a 501(c)3 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.

The Institute is developing new educational opportunity programs and scholarships for students and teachers. While funding from memberships will allow the Institute to support and advance further historical research of the Campaign and provide a repository for the dissemination of historical information related to the 1862 Maryland Campaign.

Information on the Antietam Institute and how to join can be found at antietaminstitute.org, the Antietam Institute Facebook page, or by emailing: info@antietaminstitute.org. I highly encourage you to check it out!

On a final note, I want to once again thank everyone for their participation and patience in this season. As with so many things in our lives currently, this was truly a unique period we have gone

through! I would also like to thank the Frederick County Civil War Round Table board for their continued support and assistance during this time. Between juggling speakers and keeping our partners at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine abreast of what is happening I knew I could count on the board to see to it that dues, donations, social media, and the newsletter were taken care of. This has truly been a team effort.

We look forward to seeing you on May 20th, at our usual time of 7pm and will continue to provide you with Civil War history over the summer. I hope everyone has a great summer and we look forward to hopefully being back in person come September.

Most Sincerely,

Matt Borders President, FCCWRT

May Book Report by Matt Borders

REVIEW:

John Lund, <u>The Kid Corporal of the Monocacy Regiment</u>. 118 pp. Maps, Pictures, Appendix, \$29.99 (hardcover) \$19.99 (paperback) ISBN: 978-1469131627 Reviewed by Matthew A. D. Borders

Now that I am back at Monocacy National Battlefield for the season, I have been going through some of the lesser-known works on the battle, the campaign and the regiments involved. In this effort I came across *The Kid Corporal of the Monocacy Regiment*. The Monocacy Regiment is a reference to the 14th New Jersey Infantry. The 14th New Jersey spent a significant amount of time guarding the Monocacy Junction, hence the name, as well as stretches of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in central Maryland. A new regiment in the late summer of 1862, the 14th New Jersey was first stationed at Monocacy Junction in early September of that year. The regiment however had to quickly evacuate, falling back down the railroad towards Baltimore due to the first Confederate invasion of the north. The 14th New Jersey returned to Monocacy Junction as the Maryland Campaign was wrapping up and got their first real look at their adversaries when they were ordered to guard a thousand Confederate prisoners of war.

The Monocacy Regiment remained at and around Monocacy Junction through the winter of 1862-1863 and built defensive fortifications that they would see again in the future. These included two

block houses to guard the railroad trenches of the high ground south regiment also built Camp Hooker; a encampment that kept the men long winter months. Called out



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bridge and some light rifle pits and of the Monocacy River. The semi-permanent winter relatively comfortable during the several times over the fall and winter to contend with Confederate raids or threats, the 14th New Jersey had yet to see any extensive combat as 1863 arrived.

This began to change the following summer. Called up to support the Union effort to intercept the second Confederate invasion of the north, the 14th New Jersey was first sent to Harpers Ferry and then back to Monocacy Junction during the terrible Battle of Gettysburg. Shortly thereafter they were assigned to the III Corps of the Army of the Potomac and remained with them during the pursuit of the Army of Northern Virginia, as well as through the following Bristoe and Mine Run Campaigns. They were transferred to the VI Corps in March of 1864 just prior to the opening of the Overland Campaign.

The bloody fighting of 1864 saw the 14th New Jersey Infantry fighting across the battlefields of Virginia, but also right back where they started, at Monocacy Junction. On July 5, 1864 Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant was informed of the credible threat to the national capital, the advance of General Jubal Early's small Confederate army through Maryland. The VI Corps was rushed north via steamship and then by train to the Monocacy River and the junction where the Union defenders utilized the very defenses the 14th New Jersey had built in the fall of 1862. The 14th New Jersey went on to avenge the Union defeat at Monocacy by being a part of the Union forces that ran Early down in the Shenandoah Valley later that fall.

Upcoming Virtual Events

(For any event listed please remember to confirm it's happening before hitting the keyboard)

The upcoming Speaker Series sponsored by the Civil War Roundtable Congress (CWRT), to register for one of these events, follow the link at the bottom.

<u>May 14 @ 7 PM EST – Behind the Curtain – A Man Out of Character – REDUX:</u> Dr. Curt Fields will answer all your questions about being a living historian including his research, mindset, costumes, staying in character, etc. Registration is here: https://www.cwrtcongress.org/grant/G42.php

May 19 @ 7 PM EST – Elmer Ellsworth & the U. S. Zouave Cadets: In the summer of 1860, Elmer Ellsworth and a civilian militia company of 50 men from Chicago set out on a twenty-city tour to prove the value of their Zouave training. The tour was a success beyond their wildest dreams. Register here: https://www.cwrtcongress.org/speaker/81-d-dammann.php

<u>May 21 @ 12 PM EST - Ben Butler and the Contrabands:</u> presented by John V. Quarstein, Union general Benjamin Franklin Butler arrived at Fort Monroe, Virginia, he immediately sought to show the Virginians that his troops could go anywhere on the Peninsula. Register here:

https://10123.blackbaudhosting.com/10123/Virtual-Civil-War-Lecture---Ben-Butler-and-the-Contrabands

May 28 @ 12 PM EST - Origins and Meanings of Decoration Day How Memorial Day was

<u>Created:</u> presented by John V. Quarstein, When the Civil War ended, veterans and citizens in both the North and South recognized the need to honor those who perished during that bloody conflict. Memorial Day appears to have begun by 1865 in Southern states such as Georgia, Virginia, and South Carolina. Celebrated on various dates in May and June, ladies would lay flowers upon the graves of the fallen. Register here:

https://10123.blackbaudhosting.com/10123/Virtual-Civil-War-Lecture---Origins-and-Meanings-of-Decoration-Day

FCCWRT Lectures Available

For those of you who may have missed any of the Virtual Presentations from 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

Other Virtual Offerings for casual viewing

(tip of the cap to the CWRT Congress for providing many)

- American Civil War Game Club Virtual Offerings http://www.wargame.ch/wc/acw/
- Woodman Museum in Dover, NH has a YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i85KAlvJbxM&t=500s
- History Channel's documentary on U. S. Grant https://meaww.com/history-leonardo-di-caprio-documentary-ron-chernow-grant
- Loudon County CWRT The Battle of Island #10 https://www.facebook.com/SoundOfTheGuns/posts/10157017701015913
- Gettysburg CWRT The Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War https://www.facebook.com/CivilWarRoundTableOfGettysburg/live/
- American Battlefield Trust's distance learning classroom https://www.battlefields.org/learn
- Visit Gettysburg with War Photographer Louie Palu

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?

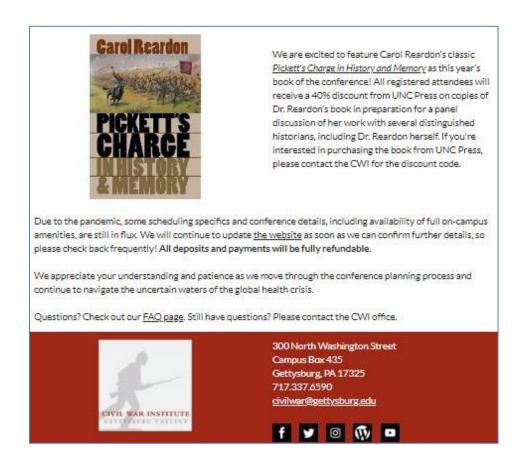
SWCW member Lavonda Kay Broadnax, Digital Reference Specialist at the Library of Congress, has compiled a web guide to the historic full text of works, now available in digital format with free and open access, written by and about African American women who lived during the U.S. Civil War. Access the guide here: https://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/aacivilwarwomen/

A shameless plug from the Secretary:

Confederate Row: The Confederate Dead Buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Frederick, Maryland 1862 to 1907, by our own_Vice President Mr. Gary Dyson is available for sale at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine for \$26.53.

CWI Conference 2021 Registration is Now OPEN





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!! 1,030 likes and 1,138 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.

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.

<u>TO</u> explore the many facets of the Civil War from the battlefield to first-person narratives, including guest lectures by writers and historians.

<u>TO</u> 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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Our membership drive for next year will begin soon please consider supporting the Round Table during the 21-22 season. Please consider 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

NEW or RENEW ANNUAL FCCWRT MEMBERSHIP



NAME (If family membership, please list all names and email addresses)	Tossroads of The Civil
STREET ADDRESS	
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NOTE: We will protect your privacy. None of the above information w	ill be shared.
ANNUAL DUES: Individual - \$30; Family - \$50 (Please make check payal	ole to FCCWRT)
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☐ I would like to volunteer to assist with registration and other tasks at our n	nonthly meetings
I am interested in helping with outreach activities	

MAIL TO: FCCWRT Box 3232 Frederick, MD 21701

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.frederickcountycivilwarrt.org