



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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September 21, 2023, 6:00 PM Mount Olivet Cemetery 515 S Market St, Frederick, Maryland



Speaker : Gary Dyson

Presentation Overview: Mount Olivet Cemetery walking tour of Confederate row

Our own former Vice President and longtime Board Member of the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable Mr. Gary Dyson will lead members and guests through a walking tour of the Mount Olivet Cemetery. Gary is a renowned local author and historian who has completed extensive focused research on the Mount Olivet Cemetery and published a work

recounting the stories of those graves in Confederate Row.

Presenters BIO: Gary L. Dyson is a retired Environmental Specialist from the City of Gaithersburg, MD and a Marine Corps veteran. He is a lifelong history enthusiast and has spent countless hours reading, researching, and exploring battlefields – from the French and Indian War to World War II. Gary is the author of *The Ambush of the Isaac P. Smith*, *A Civil War Correspondent in New Orleans*, *Confederate Row*, *Beyond the Bowie List*, and *The Rebels of Frederick County*, as well as the *History of Calvary United Methodist Church in Frederick and Mount Airy*. He is a board member for the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable and performs voluntary research for Mount Olivet Cemetery. He has a BS in Natural Resources from Oregon State University. Gary lives in Mount Airy, MD with his wife Emily, and they are finally “empty nesters,” and just became grandparents.



Prez Sez:

Welcome to another season of the Frederick County Civil War Round Table! As ever, the round table board has been working hard to provide you with great speakers and opportunities. Thank you to everyone who made it out in July to our summer field trip to Gettysburg. We had a wonderful tour of downtown Gettysburg led by nonother than Dr. Brad Gottfried. This was a great adventure, and we intend to continue programs like this in the future.

On to our season however, this September 21 marks our first meeting and like last year, we are taking a micro field trip. This time we are heading out to Mount Olivet Cemetery for a tour of Confederate Row by our own

Gary Dyson. This will be a great opportunity to see Frederick's "Second City" up close, while receiving information of the Civil War related burials within. It is important to note that this meeting will meet at Mount Olivet Cemetery at 6pm, not our usual 7pm. That is so we can conserve the daylight. Our regular meeting space and time will return in October, 7pm at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine.

Speaking of our host, the Frederick County Civil War Round Table does pay rent to use the fantastic museum space and your dues pay for that, as well as our speakers. So with the new season, start thinking about your 2023-2024 dues. Remember our rates are \$30.00 for an individual and \$50.00 for a family of up to four. For those wishing to send your dues in ahead of time the PO Box is: 3232 Frederick, MD 21705, or you can find the membership renewal form on our website here: <http://frederickcountycivilwarrt.org/join.html>

We look forward to seeing everyone again for another season! Remember to invite your friends and family along as we are always looking for new folks to share the love of history with.

See you on September 21, 6pm, at Mount Olivet Cemetery!

*Very Respectfully,
Matt Borders,
President, FCCWRT*

September Book Review

Righting the Longstreet Record at Gettysburg: Six Matters of Controversy and Confusion, Cory M. Pfarr: McFarland & Co. Inc., 2023. ix + 214 pp. + notes, maps and images, \$39.95 (paperback), ISBN 978-1476685977. Reviewed by: Matthew A. Borders

A follow-up to his brilliant Longstreet at Gettysburg (McFarland, 2019), Cory Pfarr once more takes on the myths and misinformation surrounding Lieutenant General James Longstreet and his performance at the Battle of Gettysburg. Published as a series of essays, these controversies are systematically broken down as he delves into the origins of each, exposing where the rumor and bias of the controversy originated from.

James Longstreet did not do himself any favors when he supported the Grant Administration after the war and became a Republican. Easily the most prominent former Confederate to do so, Longstreet's supposed "betrayal" of the South, and his support for rights for the formally enslaved, earned him the ire of influential former Confederates, such as Jubal Early, and institutions such as the Southern Historical Society.

How the controversy was established is looked at in depth in the first essay. How it even began is very much up for debate, but the author lays out a compelling argument for how a post-war interview Longstreet gave in 1866 was misconstrued as an attack on Robert E. Lee's generalship. This in turn opened a flood of criticism from those who had served in the Army of Northern Virginia following Lee's death in 1870. The ensuing war of words continued primarily through newspaper articles, but also the papers of the Southern Historical Society and the essays of the Confederate Veteran's journal.

Pfarr's second essay was a surprise as it dove into the post war friendship between Longstreet and Major General Daniel Sickles. While friendships between former Civil War adversaries is nothing new, the candor of their letters and the mutual benefit these men received from each other, was. This went as far as Longstreet publicly agreeing with Sickles about his advance to the Peach Orchard and that positions importance to delaying the Confederate advance on July 2. The generals supported each other regarding their decisions on July 2, 1863, in both their post war writings and speeches.

The third essay begins a series of writings relating to Longstreet's movements on July 2. How the movements in preparation for Longstreet's assault have been misunderstood by both the general's contemporaries and modern historians alike, as well as the timing of the assault.

Continuing this topic, the fourth and fifth essays take traditional narratives, as well as the modern historians who have parroted them, to task for the controversies surrounding the movement of Longstreet's Corps during the second day of Gettysburg. The fourth essay deals with the march itself and how it has been misinterpreted since it occurred. The fifth, with confusion in the narrative regarding Longstreet's order of battle and the use of Major General Richard H. Anderson's Third Corps division.

Finally, Cory Pfarr brings forward Helen Dortch Longstreet, James Longstreet's second wife and defender of his wartime record. The author argues that this remarkable woman, who worked as a riveter during World War 2, and her defense of Longstreet is just as valid a source as any other post war writing by those who wished to damage Longstreet's image.

All of these subjects are covered in immense detail and those who are interested in the complexities and a defense of James Longstreet are encouraged to look into this work, you won't regret it. May 19 - Speaker: Eric Wittenberg

Topic: Destined to Fail: The Johnson-Gilmor Cavalry Raid around Baltimore, July 10-13, 1864

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FCCWRT 2023-2024 Season

2023:

September 21 - 6 PM Site visit to Mount Olivet Cemetery with Gary Dyson

October 19 - Bert Stevenson, Rise, and Fall of the GAR

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.

**Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area Year in Review
Bestselling author, poet and educator Clint Smith will be the speaker
for the heritage area year-in-review**

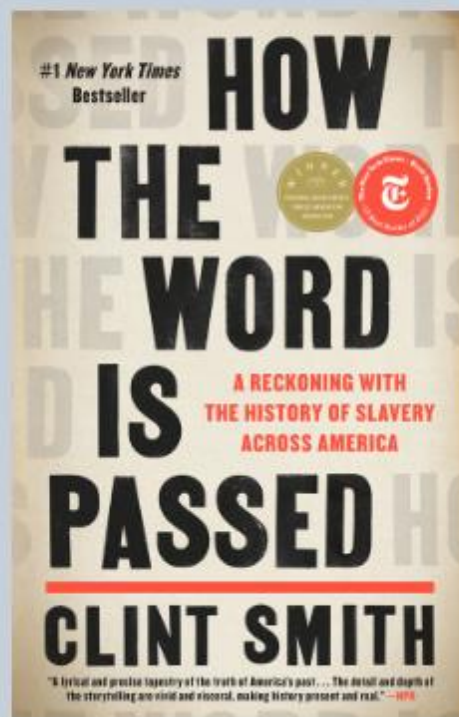
Weinberg Center at 20 West Patrick St, Frederick, MD

Wednesday Nov 1 at 6:30 PM

RSVP: [HTTPS://WEINBERGCENTER.ORG/SHOWS/HCWHA-YEAR-IN-REVIEW/](https://weinbergcenter.org/shows/hcwaha-year-in-review/)



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**George Tyler Moore Center for Civil War Studies at Shepherd University Upcoming Conference opportunity
October 6 to 8, 2023**



**George Tyler Moore Center
for the Study of the Civil War
Fall Seminar**

OCTOBER 6-8, 2023

**MEADE'S DECISION: The Pipe Creek
Line & the Road to Gettysburg**

With Guest Scholars
Dennis Frye, Chief Historian Emeritus, Harpers
Ferry National Historical Park
Wally Heimbach, Civil War enthusiast
Dean Shultz, Civil War enthusiast

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(June 30)
Position of commanding officers in 6th
Pipe Creek Order. Military morose

Meade's Decision

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Address: _____

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Registration Deadline: September 15, 2023

Check or money order made payable to:
Please mail registration form and payment to:

Shepherd University
George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War
Attn: Kristen Marino
Shepherd University
P.O Box 5000
Shepherdstown, WV 25443

To pay by credit card, please contact:

Shepherd University Office of Finance, 304-876-5284

REGISTRATION OPTIONS _____

OPTION 1 - \$450.00

This flat fee package includes:

- Tuition
- Meals: Buffet dinners on October 6 & 7, box lunch on October 7, and closing reception on October 8
- Transportation for tours in air-conditioned coach

OPTION 2 - \$275.00

This flat fee package includes:

- Tuition
- Closing reception on October 8
- Transportation for tours in air-conditioned coach

ACCOMODATIONS _____

Mention "**Shepherd University Civil War**" to get your special group rate. To reserve a room, contact the hotel directly.

Clarion Hotel
4328 William Wilson Fwy
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT 304-876-5429 OR VISIT WWW.SHEPHERD.EDU/CIVILWAR

Registration Deadline: September 15, 2023

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!! 2.5K 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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- I am interested in helping with outreach activities

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and our roster of speakers for the season, check our website:

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