



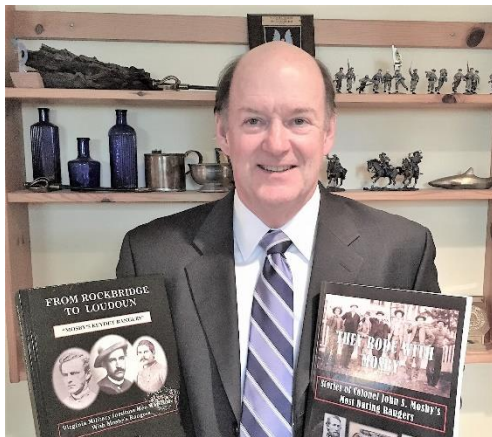
# Banner of the Blue and Gray

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Speaker : Eric Buckland

**Presentation Overview: Mosby's Rangers vs. Cole's Cavalry**

For our January program acclaimed historian Eric Buckland will present a famous series of actions executed by John Singleton Mosby, also known by his nickname "Gray Ghost". It highlights the separate action, entitled "three fights" – Five Points, Loudoun Heights and Blakely's Grove Schoolhouse, where Mosby's Rangers engaged with the Union's Cole's Cavalry in early 1864.

**Presenters BIO:** Eric Buckland has written several books about the lives of some of the men who rode with the 43rd Battalion Virginia Cavalry – Mosby's Rangers. He has given over 100 presentations about the stories in his books. He has appeared on C-Span and had two articles published in America's Civil War magazine. Eric graduated from the University of Kansas and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. The majority of his 22-year military career was spent in Special Forces. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Some of his awards include the Ranger Tab, Special Forces Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, Special Operations Combat Diver Badge, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He retired at the end of 2021 from his second career as a Policy Analyst in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. He recently completed his third term as President of The Stuart-Mosby Historical Society and continues as the Editor of the Society's newsletter, The Southern Cavalry Review. Eric and his wife, Maureen, have been married for over 44 years and reside in Centreville, VA. They have three sons and four grandsons.



## In case you Missed it:



For our last program of 2023, we welcomed Peter Miele, President and Executive Director of the Seminary Ridge Museum and Education Center. Peter spoke about the history of the seminary which included its use as a college, a hospital, as well as a key battlefield position during the Gettysburg battle. The Lutheran Seminary, including the famous Smucker Hall with the cupola, was constructed in 1832 as the first US college to train Lutheran ministers. The borough of Gettysburg donated \$8,000 towards the building of the seminary. It was an ideal location, only seven miles from the Mason-Dixon line with an excellent road system to appeal to both southern and

northern students. Rev. Smucker, born in 1799 in Hagerstown, became the first President and his job was to oversee the construction, locate potential faculty and students, and furnish the library with books. Rev. Smucker's first wife died from childbirth complications, and he remarried having a total of ten children. The first black student was Daniel Alexander Paine, a free black from South Carolina. There is



a Dale Gallon painting of Paine meeting Smucker in front of the seminary, and they became lifelong friends. Although Smucker had two slaves of his own, his sentiments after meeting Paine began to lean toward abolitionist views.

From the cupola of Smucker Hall, one could see the South Mountains, the gaps, the town, and even the field of Picket's charge. As the battle raged on Day One, a 9-month



regiment of the Union Iron Brigade were looking forward to their discharge on July 27th. Behind the seminary, they battled the 14th South Carolinians who conducted not only a frontal assault but also threatened both of their flanks. A Dale Gallon painting depicts the Union regiment shooting both forward and to their left to stop the Carolinians.



## Prez Sez:

Happy New Year from myself and the board of the Frederick County Civil War Round Table! It is going to be an exciting rest of the reason with a diverse series of talks, both in person and over Zoom. We had a great turnout in December so let's keep that up into the New Year!

This month we are diving into one of our great regional Civil War stories with the former president of The Stuart-Mosby Historical Society, Eric Buckland. Eric will be looking at the famous fight between The Gray Ghost, John

Singleton Mosby, and Frederick, Maryland's very own Cole's Cavalry! This clash on Loudoun Heights at the beginning of 1864 was one of the few fights that went against Mosby and his vaunted raiders. Hope you can join us as we get into the details.

Also as we step into the New Year, I am sure many of you heard that the Frederick County Council voted down the development restrictions that had been proposed for areas west of I-270 and around Sugarloaf Mountain. It's a dangerous decision for sure, but not something that guarantees that the southern part of the county will be overrun by development. The Frederick County Civil War Round Table will continue to work with the Sugarloaf Alliance to keep you apprised of potential development threats and or changes to the region as we move into the new year.

Hope to see everyone on Thursday, January 18, at 7pm at the Medical Museum!

*Very Respectfully,  
Matt Borders,  
President, FCCWRT*

## January Book Review

**Upon the Tented Field, Bernard Olsen, editor, Red Bank, NJ: Historic Projects, Inc, 1993. 336 pgs., maps and images, \$10.98 (paperback), ISBN 978-0963872906. Reviewed by: Matthew A. Borders**

One of the great side aspects of my job is the amount of research reading I get to do. Recently a question had come in about the 14<sup>th</sup> New Jersey Infantry's stay at Monocacy Junction from the fall of 1862 to the spring of 1863. Known as the "Monocacy Regiment" due to their long stay at the junction, the 14<sup>th</sup> New Jersey was well known to the citizens of Frederick and returned to Monocacy in 1864 for the battle of the same name. Beyond looking into the regimental history of the regiment, I also looked through, Upon the Tented Field, a collection of letters from several of the officers and enlisted men of the regiment. These letters proved so helpful, I got a copy myself and read through the whole book.

This book is introduced by none other than James McPherson, the Pulitzer Prize recipient for his work Battle Cry of Freedom. In 1998 McPherson also authored For Cause and Comrades, a book that looked at these sorts of collections to dig into the myriad of reasons Civil War soldiers fought. That book was inspired in part by Upon the Tented Field, which McPherson calls "one of the best" letter collections he had ever read. What makes this letter collection unique is that it features the letters of six separate members of the 14<sup>th</sup> New Jersey. Many of these letters were written on the same day and gives the opportunity to view events in and around camp from the perspectives of both the enlisted and officer corps, as opposed to the letters of a single individual.

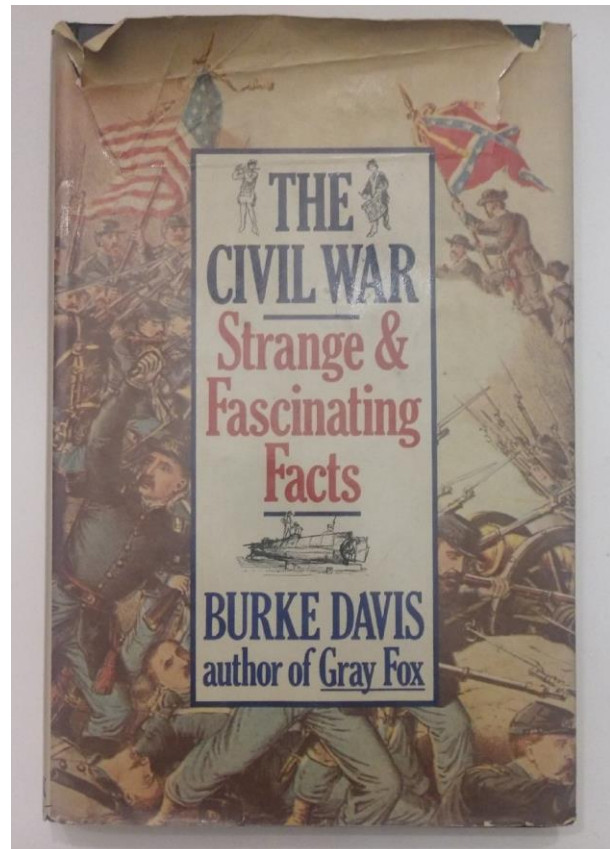
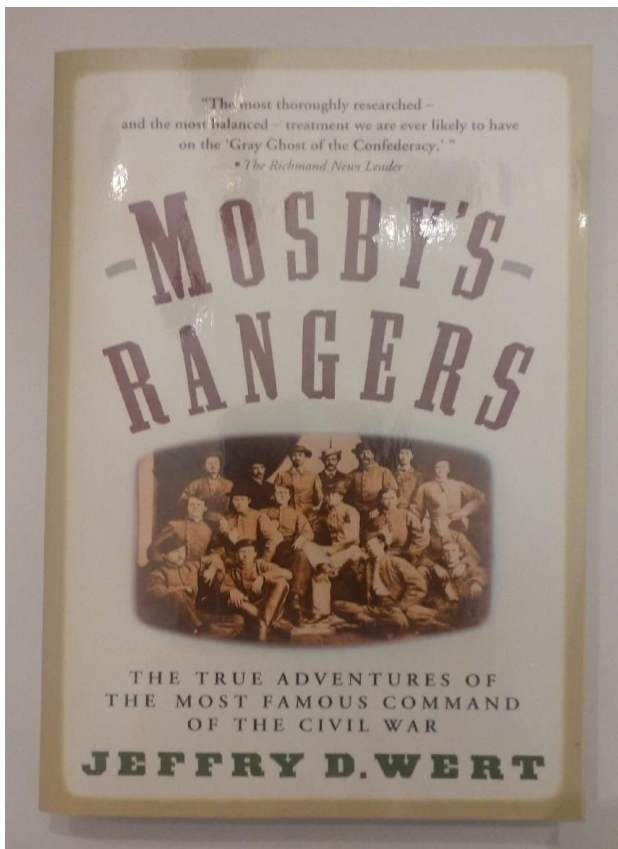
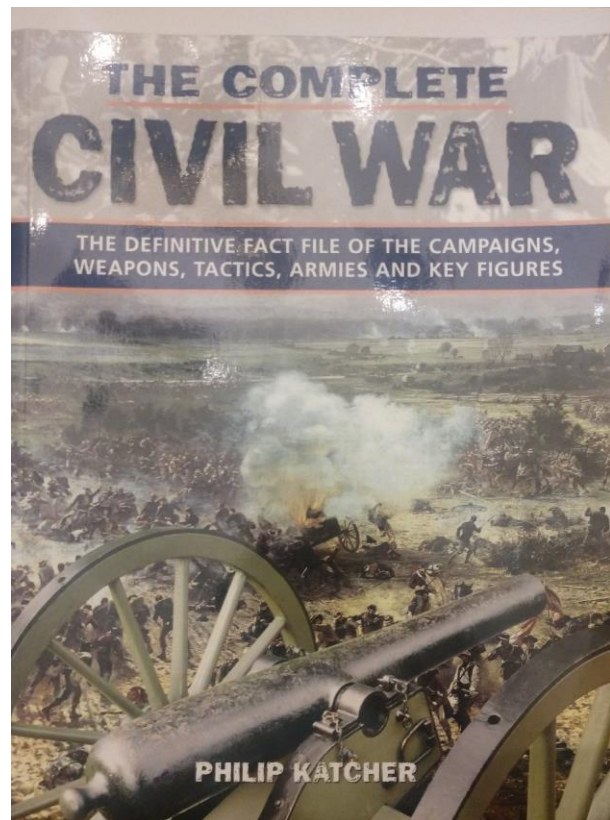
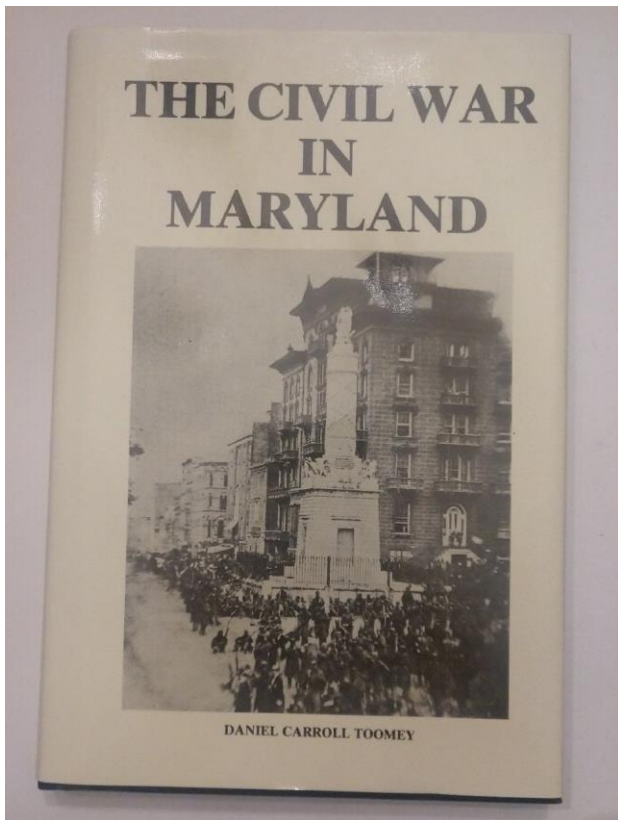
As with many letter collections, a brief introduction sets the stage for the opening of the war and how that news affected the communities from which the soldiers came from. After which the letter collection is broken down into six chapters covering different periods of time, usually about six months, beginning in July 1862 when the 14<sup>th</sup> New Jersey was formed.

The 14<sup>th</sup> New Jersey was organized and began its initial training at Camp Vredenburgh, near Freehold, New Jersey. It remained there until early September when it was shipped to Maryland and after an initial escape from the advancing Army of Northern Virginia, established Camp Hooker near Monocacy Junction during the Maryland Campaign. This began the 14<sup>th</sup> New Jersey's long association with the citizenry of Frederick County. Their letters describe not only the monotony and occasional excitement of camp life, but also the region itself. You get not only the mostly positive opinions about the locals, but also incites into Frederick County during the war. This deep dive on Frederick County and Camp Hooker continued through the men's letters until June 1863 when the Gettysburg Campaign overtook the region, and the 14<sup>th</sup> New Jersey was on the move again. First to Harpers Ferry, then to the Army of the Potomac as a part of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Division of the III Corps. They participated in the movements and fighting of that Corps through the end of 1863 and wintered at Brandy Station, Virginia.

In March 1864 the III Corps was disbanded, and the 14<sup>th</sup> New Jersey was transferred to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, VI Corps, with whom it served for the rest of the war. The regiment fought through the Overland Campaign to Petersburg, returned to Monocacy Junction to fight close to its old camps and into the Shenandoah Valley, to close that avenue permanently to the Confederates. Along the way the six soldiers utilized for this collection saw strife, boredom, exhaustion, death, defeat, and final victory. Not all of them made it to the end of the war either, with sickness or battle casualties taking large portions of the regiment.

The letter collection concludes with an epilogue detailing the post-war lives of the featured writers who made it through the war. It also briefly touches on memory and the establishment of the 14<sup>th</sup> New Jersey Infantry monument, still located today on the grounds of Monocacy National Battlefield.

# January Book Raffle



## FCCWRT 2023-2024 Season

2024:

**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](https://www.facebook.com/Antietam's-Jacob-Rohrbach-Inn) or our blog at: [www.jacob-rohrbach-inn.com/blog/](https://www.jacob-rohrbach-inn.com/blog/) For further information call (301) 432-5079.

## 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-Y7aEZsXEBhRhEKig?>

## 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.

### **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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