



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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Speaker: Dr. Stephen Goldman

Presentation Overview: White and Black Servicemen during Reconstruction

In *One More War to Fight: Union Veterans' Battle for Equality through Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and the Lost Cause*, Dr. Stephen A. Goldman uniquely explains how their obligation to the nation had only begun in 1865. Irrevocably changed by all they'd seen, done, endured, and accomplished, Union servicemen of both races shouldered "the unfinished work" they knew would be as bitter, divisive, and perilous as the Civil War itself. In his talk, Dr. Goldman will focus on the

Freedmen's Bureau remarkable efforts to educate those previously enslaved and protect their rights, marking the beginning of Northern veterans' decades-long postwar commitment to equality for all Americans.

Presenters BIO: Stephen A. Goldman, M.D. is a psychiatrist and international consultant with decades of experience in academic and clinical medicine, public health, and medical product safety. His experience treating and working with those who have been to war, along with in-depth study of the Civil War, Reconstruction, and race, led to his pioneering new book about Union veterans, *One More War to Fight*. A Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, he is the only physician to serve on the Abraham Lincoln Institute Board of Directors. Currently an Adjunct Professor at Shepherd University, where he teaches seminars in its Honors Program, Dr. Goldman's thought-provoking findings have been welcomed on television, radio, podcasts, and other venues.

In case you Missed it:

For our January program acclaimed historian Eric Buckland engaged roundtable members and guests both in person and via livestream by the NMCWM. Eric walked members through the events of the series of engagements, recounting heroes and “non-heroes” on both sides of the action. The engagements were



a series of three distinct actions executed between Mosby's Rangers and the Union's Cole's Cavalry. Though casualties were always smaller during these engagements, single losses from these small Cavalry organizations impacted greatly. The three encounters all had a lasting impact on the individuals and units, having the impact of shaping their units heritage well beyond the boundaries of the Civil War.

The actions were remembered long after the end of the civil war by those who participated. Eric's presentation, entitled “three fights” – Five Points, Loudoun Heights and Blakely's Grove Schoolhouse, riveted over 25 in person viewers and our on-line audience.





Prez Sez:

It is Black History Month and very appropriately for this month's meeting we have a great speaker to talk about one of the lesser-known aspects of the Union veteran experience, both black and white, after the war. Dr. Steve Goldman will be discussing his work, *One More War to Fight: Union Veterans' Battle for Equality through Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and the Lost Cause*. This should be a fascinating talk and Dr. Goldman will have his book available through the National Museum of Civil War Medicine shop if you are interested.

On the local history front, keep an eye out on our regional historical sites as they are either in the process of or are about to start putting out their events schedule for the season. These include, Monocacy and Antietam National Battlefield, Harpers Ferry National Historic Site, Catocin Mountain National Park and Gettysburg National Military Park. In addition we have our state sites nearby, Cunningham Falls, Washington Monument / South Mountain, Fort Frederick and many more.

For preservation, checkout the great material that the Sugarloaf Alliance has been putting together about Data Centers. These are among the newest threats to historic landscape preservation and all sorts of information can be found out about them at www.sugarloaf-alliance.org or on their YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAPusgiz4B8>. So definitely check them out.

Hope to see you on February 15 at 7pm!

*Very Respectfully,
Matt Borders,
President, FCCWRT*

February Book Review

One More War to Fight: Union Veterans' Battle for Equality through Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and the Lost Cause, Stephen A. Goldman, Rowland & Littlefield Publishers, 2023. 448 pgs., images, notes, bibliography, \$29.95 (hardcover), ISBN 978-1538161555. Reviewed by: Matthew A. Borders

For the last decade or so the study of the American Civil War has increasingly focused on the men in the ranks, the effect of the war on those men and how they returned to civilian life after. This should not be surprising due to the societal shift we have seen regarding our modern military. The ending of this nation's longest continuous war has left behind tens of thousands who now must navigate their home country after the trauma of war. Some as physical and or psychological casualties of that war. It is little wonder that we have begun to look back at previous generations of warriors to see how they coped with the same struggles. Where better to look than the bloodiest war we have ever fought? Dr. Stephen Goldman has done just that.

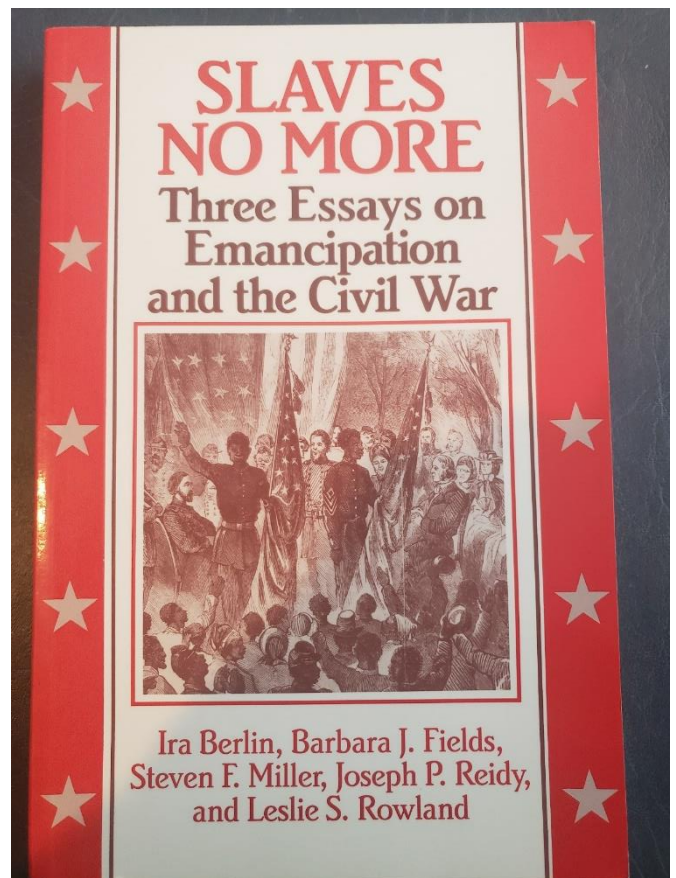
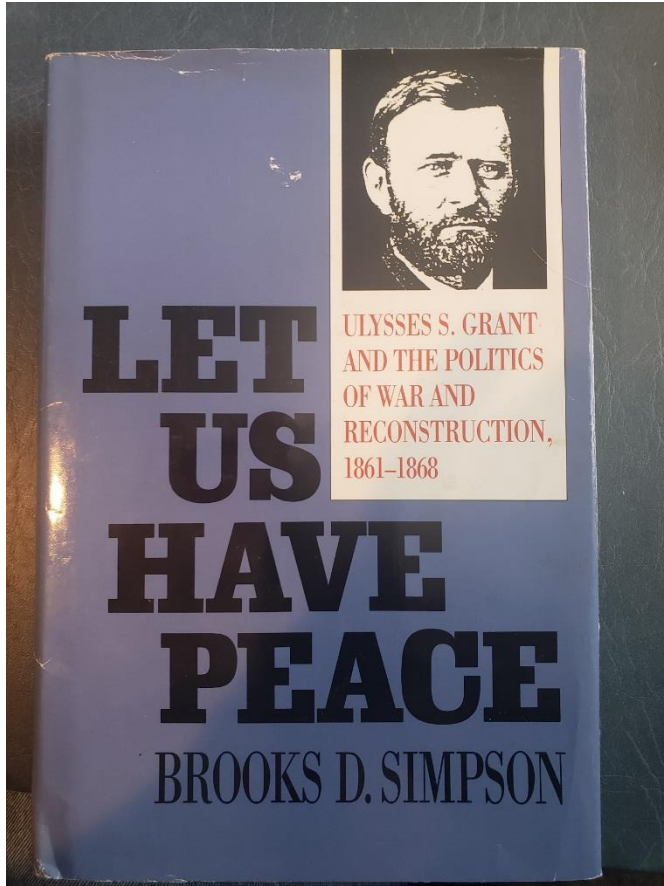
Dr. Goldman's approach to the topic of veterans of the Civil War is unique in two ways, first because he was the original organizer for the papers of the Left-Handed Corps in the Library of Congress. Secondly, he is a trained psychologist who has spent years working with veterans both old and new. The first point deals with one of his key sources for *One More War to Fight*, the Left-Handed Corps was a collection of Federal amputees who, to practice their penmanship with their left hand following the loss of their right, were commissioned to write about their war time experiences, what they did, where they fought and why they enlisted. This incredible collection of essays has only begun to be looked at and Dr. Goldman was the first to do it. These first hand accounts of service and loss, coupled with his own background working with the veterans of today on the same topic has led to this new and inciteful work.

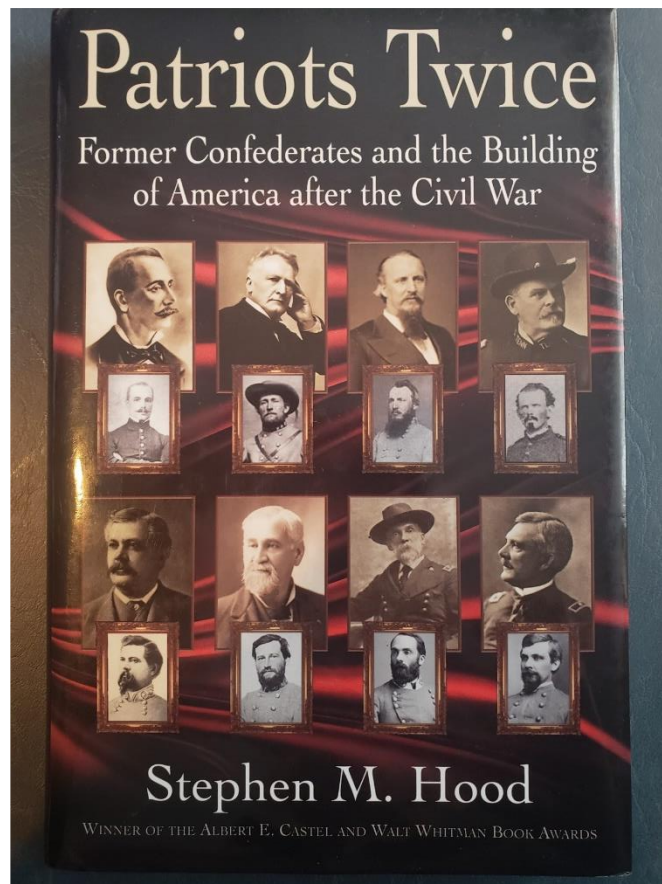
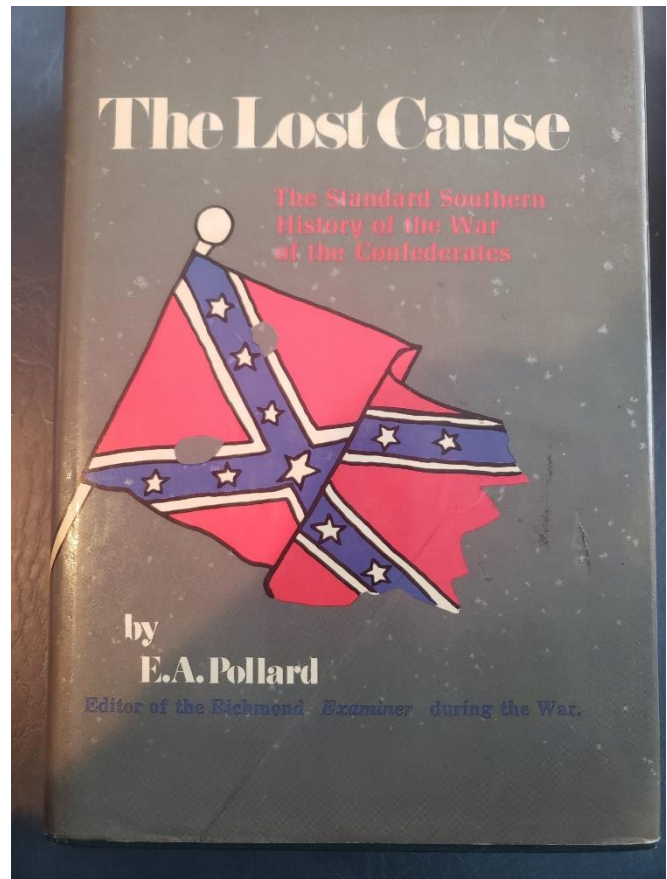
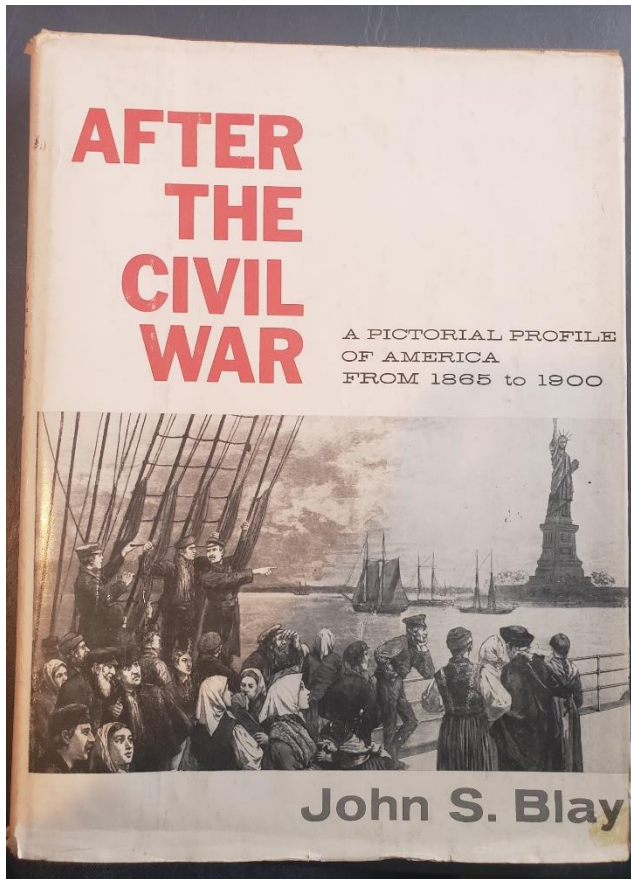
One of the key points that is addressed in *One More War to Fight* is the concept of continued service. How did the men of the ranks see the end of the war and Reconstruction? More importantly, how did they react to the end of Reconstruction and the rise of Jim Crow? This turbulent era saw Union Veterans, white and black, push back against not only Jim Crow, but also the concept of reconciliation itself. This was due primarily to the near abandonment of the issue of slavery as the driver of the war to southern organizations and the establishment of the Lost Cause Mythology that plagued the study of the Civil War for generations. Union veterans pushed back against these narratives in the press and through their own organizations, the Grand Army of the Republic being the largest.

This veteran's organization was one of the most powerful voting blocks in the later 19th and early 20th centuries. Though most of its regional camps were desegregated, African American men who had fought with the United States Colored Troops (USCT) also formed their own camps to share their unique experiences with each other and continue to press for increased rights for those they fought for in the war. The Union veterans of the war continued to support each other and advocate for African American rights even into the 20th century as it was becoming increasingly unpopular to do and it seemed that many wanted to put the war behind them.

I highly recommend *One More War to Fight* for anyone interested in veteran struggles after the war, the rise of the Grand Army of the Republic or the comradery of Civil War veterans.

February Book Raffle





2024 Civil War Lecture Series **sponsored by the Jacob Rohrbach Inn**

Our 2024 Civil War Lecture Series schedule is out. We have another great lineup of guest speakers and outstanding topics. We have made a couple of changes this year, as we moved to Monday nights so we can be indoors at St. Paul's. If you are able, please post this in your newsletters or inform your members during your next meeting. We look forward to seeing you this summer.

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*This year the programs will be held indoors at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Parking is available on Main and Hall Streets. For updates and a full schedule of presenters & 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.*

2024 Speaker Schedule:

June 3 - Jim Rosebrock - The Empire State at Antietam.

June 10 – Dr. Gordon Dammann – Medicine between 1865-1914; War is still Hell

June 17 - Kevin Pawlak and Dan Welch – "Never Such a Campaign" - The Battle of Second Manassas, Aug. 28-30, 1862

June 24 - George Franks - Army of the Potomac: After Pickett's Charge

July 1 – Dr. Brad Gottfried - "At the Forefront of the Armies: The Role of the Cavalry During the Maryland Campaign"

July 8 - Sharon Murray - Dixon S. Miles Reconsidered

July 15 – D. Scott Hartwig - One Man's Experiences: Major Rufus Dawes and the Battle of Antietam

July 22 – Dr. Alex Rossino - Longstreet's March to Hagerstown and Back, Sept. 11-14, 1862

July 29 - Dana Shoaf – "Gutbusters": The Evolution of Civil War Ambulances

August 5 – Dr. Tom Clemens - Washington County's Forgotten Military Hero.

August 12 – Dr. Jim Broomall "'The hills were black with spectators': Civilians on the Antietam Battlefield".

August 19 - Steve Stotemyer - The Legend of Barbara Fritchie

August 26 - John Schildt and Laura Marfut - "Roads to Antietam"

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 or our blog at: www.jacob-rohrbach-inn.com/blog/ For further information call (301) 432-5079.

We are in the process of scheduling the 24-25 Season – It will be announced soon on the Newsletter and our FB Page

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/>

Vermont Green Mountain Civil War Roundtable Tour Opportunity

Gail Blake from the Vermont Green Mountain Civil War Round Table (GMCWRT) runs a civil war bus tour every year, and she is in the midst of planning this year's trip scheduled for 02-06 May.

The Event Description:

General Meade and his Pipe Creek plan will be our main focus, with a few other surprises mixed in. The trip will take travel through Civil War Baltimore and the surrounding area.

Day Three will be in the Gettysburg area, still working on that (I'm hoping there's some CW railroad history involved too!). Cost will include RT deluxe motorcoach transportation breakfast and lunch each day of our tour, three dinners, all guide and admission fees, four nights hotel room, information packet, onboard entertainment, refreshments, and lots more!

The trip is open to everyone with a sense of humor and likes to eat (a lot), so bring a friend! The Events are always fun, informative, and well planned.

If interested in joining, please contact Gail directly
(auntis@comcast.net)

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-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!! 2.6K 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.

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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NOTE: *We will protect your privacy. None of the above information will be shared.*

ANNUAL DUES: Individual - \$30; Family - \$50 (Please make check payable to FCCWRT)

AMOUNT PAID \$ _____ DATE _____

- 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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**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.frederickcountycivilwarrrt.org