



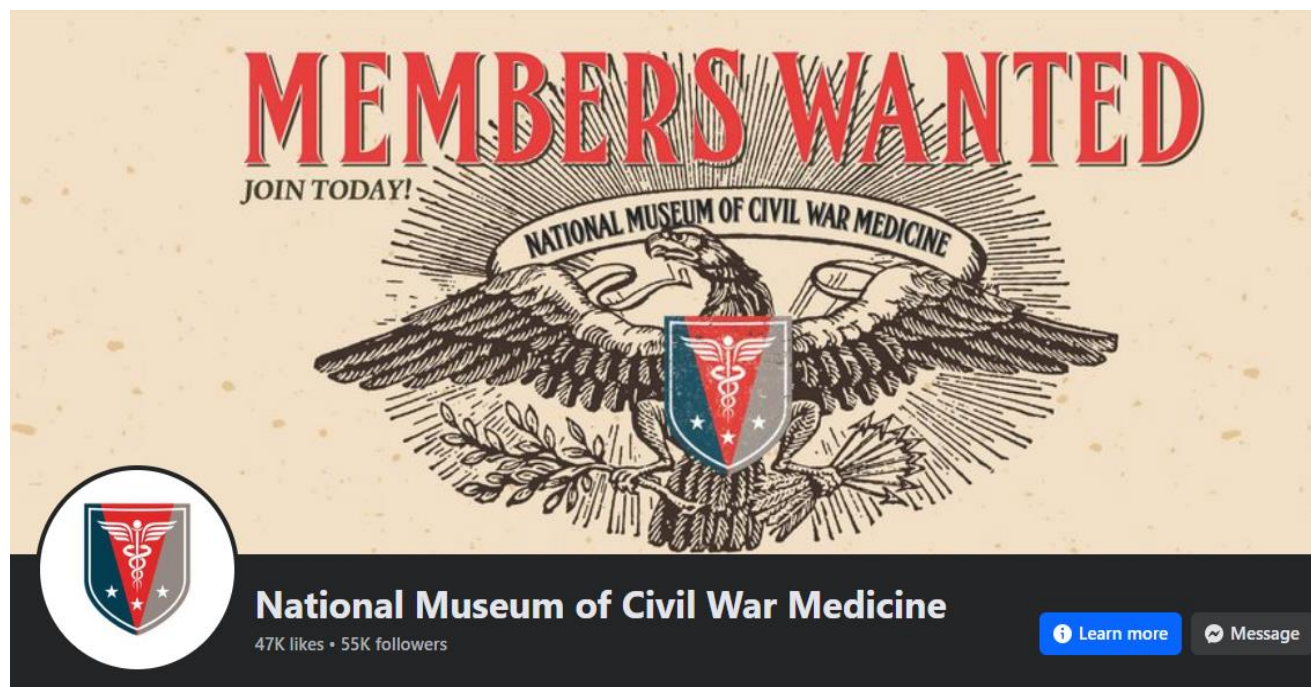
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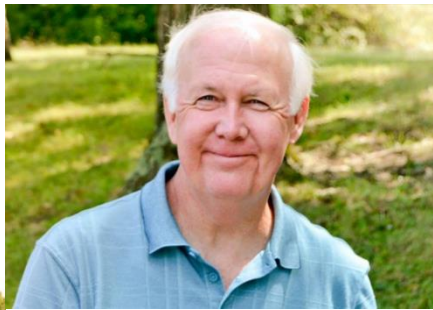
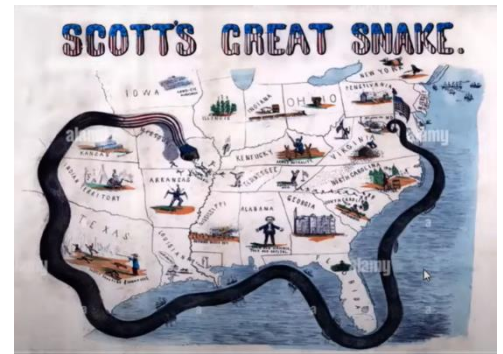
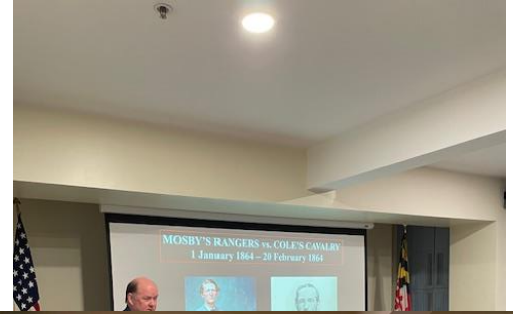
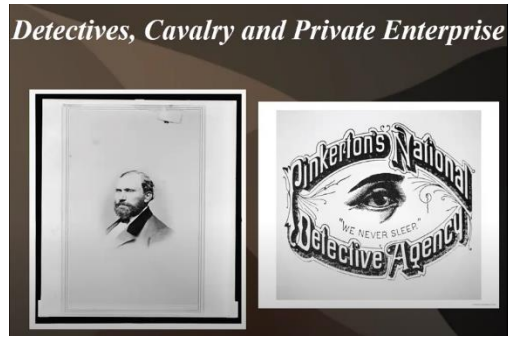


Presentation

This season of the Frederick County Civil War Roundtable will have an exciting kickoff. Follow in the footsteps of soldiers and surgeons to discover the harsh conditions, personal sacrifices, and brilliant innovations of Civil War medicine, innovations that continue to save lives today.

We are meeting a bit earlier at 6PM and will be provided with a guided tour of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, the longtime hosts and supporters of our Roundtable. The NMCWM staff will guide us through a detailed inside look at their Museum.

The Gallery from 2023/2024:





Prez Sez:

Welcome back to the Frederick County Civil War Round Table! This year, 2024, marks our 35th season and we have a great line up of speakers and topics for you. Please see our speaker list included in this month's newsletter, on the website and our Facebook page for details. Speaking of the website, we are going to be seeing some changes very soon! Our tried-and-true server host is retiring, and we are looking at developing a new website or relying entirely on the Facebook page. If you have thoughts of questions on this, please feel

to reach out over email or grab me at a meeting.

Our first meeting of the season is going to be special. First off, we will be meeting at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine at 6pm as opposed to our usual 7pm. This is to make things easier for the museum staff who will be giving us an exclusive guided tour of the museum! We might even be given a look at some of the artifacts that are off display. So we hope you can join us on September 19, 2024, at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine at 6pm!

As it is the beginning of a new season, it is also time to renew your dues! We can take dues over the website through our donation link, or in person with cash or check. If you can't make the meeting and want to mail in your dues, please send your check to the following:

FCCWRT
PO Box 3232
Frederick, MD 21705

Or bring it with you to this or the October meeting. Remember, individuals are \$30 and checks can be made out to the Frederick County Civil War Round Table or FCCWRT.

*Very Respectfully,
Matt Borders,
President, FCCWRT*

September Book Review

Voices From Gettysburg: Letters, Papers, and Memoirs from the Greatest Battle of the Civil War, Allen C. Guelzo, Citadel Press, 2024. 352 pgs., images, maps, index, bibliography, \$29.00 (hardcover), ISBN 978-0806543383.

Reviewed by: Matthew A. Borders

Dr. Allen Guelzo is well known in the Civil War community for his research and writing on the Lincoln Administration, as well as leading the Civil War Era Studies program at Gettysburg College. Dr. Guelzo also wrote, *Gettysburg: The Last invasion* in 2013. It was that work that spawned his most recent work, *Voices From Gettysburg: Letters, Papers, and Memoirs from the Greatest Battle of the Civil War*.

A believer in looking at the words and written records of those who participated in the Civil War, *Voices From Gettysburg* is a mass collection of sources. Following his research for *Last Invasion*, Dr. Guelzo had pulled together hundreds of letters, articles, reports and memorials for that work. This collection of sources has been carefully curated into eleven chapters covering the situation in 1863, the contending armies, the lead up to Gettysburg, the three days and elements of the battle, as well as the retreat and remembrance. Each of these chapters is introduced by Dr. Guelzo, giving the reader his thoughts on that aspect of the campaign and the materials he has brought together for the chapter.

This is the true strength of *Voices From Gettysburg*, the author has done the work for the reader and brought together these disparate and varied accounts into one volume. Not only does this provide insights from across a wide range of sources, sources that may not always be readily available, but by doing so Dr. Guelzo has also saved the reader or potential researcher a tremendous amount of time. While providing the materials, he has also exposed the sources of these accounts, possibly opening whole new avenues of research for the reader.

For those looking to glean more details about the people who made up the terrible tapestry of the Battle of Gettysburg, this book is for you. The vast majority of this work are the words of the participants themselves, not an interpretation of their words. By letting the participants speak for themselves, and in a few of the entries speak about themselves, Dr. Guelzo gives us the ability to see a fuller picture of humanity during the Civil War. Be it good or bad, true or embellished, the author has provided us the very tools he has used on previous works to better understand the battle and this era.

FCCWRT 24/25 Season Schedule

2024:

September 19 - Guided tour of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, this will start at 6pm as opposed to the regular 7pm.

October 17 - Gary Casteel, Historical Monumentation and Sculpture

November 21 - Brad Gottfried, *Lee Invades the North: A Comparison of the Maryland and Gettysburg Campaigns*

December 19 - Judith Sumner (ZOOM Meeting), *Plants in the Civil War*

2025:

January 16 - Bob Conner, *James Montgomery: Abolitionist Warrior*

February 20 - Bernie Siler, *Parallel Lives - Washington DC in the 19th & 20th Century*

March 20 - Betty Shideler, Death and Mourning in the Civil War

April 17 - Brian Baracz, *True Grit, General George S. Green at Antietam*

May 15 - Garry Adelman, *Civil War in the West* Photo extravaganza

NMCWM Events Highlights thru the rest of the Year

Saturday, September 7 at 2:00 Pm
The Life and Afterlife of Elizabeth Keckly
NMCWM

Born enslaved, Keckly was Mary Todd Lincoln's confidant during the Civil War Civil War and Reconstruction Specialist from the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress, Michelle A. Krowl, discusses the extraordinary life of Elizabeth Keckly.

Saturday, September 28 at 2:00 pm
The Story of Barbara Fritchie—Myth or Legend?

NMCWM

Author Steve Stotelmyer takes an in-depth look at the story of Barbara Fritchie
Author and Antietam/South Mountain Battlefield tour guide Steven Stotelmyer investigates the mystery of Barbara Fritchie.

Saturday, October 5 at 2:00 pm
The Tragic Death of Gen. Joseph Mansfield

NMCWM

The Union commander received a mortal wound at the Battle of Antietam
Nick Picerno, Chairman Emeritus of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation relates the riveting story of the death of Union General Joseph K.F. Mansfield at the Battle of Antietam.

Saturdays and Sundays in October, TBA
Haunted History at The National Museum of Civil War Medicine
NMCWM

Tour the most haunted building in Frederick – the National Museum of Civil War Medicine – exploring the building’s history amidst the darkened galleries and offices. On the tour, Staff and volunteers will share stories of Civil War embalmers, the building’s most infamous tenants, and their first-hand accounts of paranormal activity that has given the building its creepy reputation. In addition to a trip through the Museum galleries, the tour provides exclusive access to the third floor where numerous sightings have occurred.

Saturday, October 19 at 4:00pm
Strange Tales of Civil War Medicine at the Pry House
October 19 @ 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm EDT
Pry House Field Hospital Museum

Hear tales of the Civil War that are stranger than fiction.
Come to the Pry House Field Hospital Museum on October 19 at 4:00 PM for a special one-hour tour about the grisly, gross and ghoulish cases of Civil War Medicine. On this exclusive outdoor tour of the Pry House and grounds, visitors will hear ghastly true tales from the Civil War – stories of grave robbers, experimental surgery, battlefield horrors and more.

Saturday, November 2 at 2:00pm
“Never To Be Forgotten”– The Battle of Cool Spring

NMCWM

Learn what the July 1864 battle reveals about the Civil War’s impact on soldiers and civilians.
Jonathan A. Noyalas, Director of Shenandoah University’s McCormick Civil War Institute examines the July 17-18, 1864, Battle of Cool Spring, Virginia as a case study of how the war left a lasting impact on soldiers and civilians.

December 14, 2024
Museums by Candlelight

A Free Holiday Program For All Ages

Once a year, Frederick County's [numerous historic sites and museums](#) provide visitors with a living reminder of this area's remarkable past. During Museums by Candlelight, special programming and hands-on fun will delight visitors of all ages, and special children's activities are featured at most locations. This is a FREE self-guided event. Visit many locations, or just a few, in any order. Enjoy period demonstrations, living history vignettes, hands-on crafts, refreshments, tours, music, holiday decorations and historic settings by candlelight as night falls.

Saturday, December 14 at 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Blue and Gray Hospital Association

NMCWM

Members of the Blue and Gray Hospital Association will be set up in the Museum's Delaplaine-Randall Conference Room portraying members of the Confederate Army's medical department and displaying period medical equipment. This unit brings a unique perspective to understanding the conflict.

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.

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-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

Book Raffle

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!! 2.7K likes and 2.8K 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.frederickcountycivilwarrrt.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 24-25 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.frederickcountycivilwarrrt.org/>.

2023-2024 Board of Directors

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NAME (If family membership, please list all names and email addresses)

STREET ADDRESS

EMAIL ADDRESS/ADDRESSES

BEST PHONE NUMBER TO REACH ME

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:

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