



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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National Museum of Civil War Medicine
48 E. Patrick St, Frederick, Maryland



Speaker: Bradley Gottfried

Topic: *Lee Invades the North: A Comparison of the Maryland and Gettysburg Campaigns*

Brad Gottfried returns to our FCCWRT! He was born and raised in Philadelphia. After receiving his Ph.D. (Zoology) in 1976, he embarked on a 40-year career in higher education. He was a full-time faculty member for eleven years at three colleges, and then entered the ranks of the administration, rising to the role of President. He served in this capacity for seventeen years at two colleges, retiring as the President of the College of Southern Maryland in 2017. He now devotes his time to writing and giving tours of the Antietam battlefield (he is a certified Antietam battlefield guide) and the town of Gettysburg (he is a licensed town guide).

Brad's strong interest in the Civil War has led to the publication of 19 books, with several more in the pipeline. Many have been map studies of the Eastern Theater Campaign. His books have won several awards. Most recently his *The Maps of Spotsylvania Through Cold Harbor* won the 2023 Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Writing Award in the "Reference" category. He is married, has four children, and six grandchildren.

Brad's presentation will detail two Confederate invasions of the North by Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. First, in 1862 during the Maryland Campaign that culminated in the Battle of Antietam and again during the Pennsylvania Campaign in 1863 that ended with the retreat from Gettysburg. This fast-moving presentation will compare and contrast the two invasions, including why Lee invaded, the size and condition of the two armies, their organizations, logistical issues, the routes to the battlefields, the battles, a comparison of the casualties, and the aftermath. Gottfried will deploy a

PowerPoint presentation to illustrate his points. He will have books available for purchase as well, including his Map books (*Spotsylvania*, *Gettysburg*, *Antietam*, *Cavalry in the Gettysburg Campaign*, *First Bull Run*, *Wilderness*), *Lee Invades the North*, *Race to the Potomac*, *Lincoln Comes to Gettysburg*, and *Hell Comes to Southern Maryland: Point Lookout*.

In Case You Missed It...

At the October 17 meeting, members heard renowned artist and sculptor Gary Casteel talk about his life events that guided his career before and after tours in Vietnam. Many know of Gary's sculpture of General Longstreet at Gettysburg, but he has numerous others at historic sites and battlefields across the country, as well as a monument to Confederate unknown dead from Monocacy at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Frederick. He hopes that his design for a National Civil War Monument will be built locally soon. Gary's studio is at 789 Baltimore Street in Gettysburg (CASTEELSCULPTURES.COM, VALLEYARTSPUBLISHING.COM) where he has monument replicas, canvases, plaques, and prints for sale, and continues to work on other monuments.



Prez Sez:



This month we are bringing back a Frederick Civil War Round Table favorite, Dr. Brad Gottfried! You are likely familiar with Dr. Gottfried's work as a brilliant cartographer and his very popular "Maps of..." series of books. His maps and their development will not be the subject of his talk this month, however. Instead, he will be speaking on his comparative study of the 1862 Maryland Campaign and the 1863 Gettysburg Campaign. This should be a great discussion, and we hope you can join us.

This November is also election time! No, not that election, the election of the Frederick County Civil War Round Board! All positions are currently open and if you are interested in running for a position on the board, please do let me know. I can be reached directly at mborders@comcast.net, just let me know if you are interested in

running for the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Archivist or any of our at large positions. The election will take just a moment at the beginning of the meeting and is open to all dues paying members to participate. We will announce the results later so as not to take away from our speaker. We look forward to seeing you on November 21 at 7pm at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine!

*Very Respectfully,
Matt Borders,
President, FCCWRT*

November Book Review

Embattled Capital: A Guide to Richmond During the Civil War, by

Robert M. Dunkerly and Doug Crenshaw, Savas Beatie, Emerging Civil War Series. 177 pgs., pictures, maps, \$14.95 (paperback), ISBN 978-1-61121-491-8. Reviewed by: Matthew A. Borders

I was fortunate to receive *Embattled Capital: A Guide to Richmond During the Civil War* this past spring. The authors are amongst the stable of up and coming public and academic historians utilized by the ever-popular Emerging Civil War series. In this case the book is an actual guidebook, the sort you take with you when traveling to give you additional information about sites and give you ideas of where else visit.

Embattled Capital begins with a timeline explanation of the fighting that occurred around the Confederate capital from 1862 – 1865. From the Peninsula Campaign in the spring of 1862, to the Fall of Richmond on April 3, 1865, this city saw significant military action and social upheaval. How the city was defended, and how its citizens survived these turbulent years is discussed in the opening chapter.

The following chapters dive into these ideas. Each of the battles that occurred around Richmond are given a blurb history about what happened there, what campaign it was, the result of the battle and sometimes even the estimated casualties. The condition of these battlefield landscapes is also mentioned, as well as all what facilities, if available, are present at the site. It is not just the fighting that is covered, however. Embattled Capital also dives into the Richmond slave trade and the pertinent locations related to enslavement around the city. This is followed up by Reconstruction related locations around the city, as well as memorialization of the war. An analysis and the locations of the various monuments, cemeteries, hospitals, prisons and what other historic landmarks are in and around Richmond are also touched on in this work. Finally, the variety of museums and historic sites around the former Confederate capital are detailed.

For those looking to tour the battlefields and sites in and around Richmond, I highly recommend Embattled Capital. While the book does follow the typical structure of an Emerging Civil War book and does not include citations. The authors wisely chose to include a chapter all about the research centers and libraries in Richmond, as well as a bibliography of the works they used to develop this work.

FCCWRT 24/25 Season Schedule

2024:

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

2025:

January 16 – Drew Gruber, *Siege of Yorktown* (**schedule change**)

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, 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.

Other Events

CIVIL WAR STYLE CHURCH SERVICE, Sunday, November 10, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

Historic Rocky Springs Chapel, 7817 Rocky Springs Road, Frederick, MD 21702

Join Historic Rocky Springs Chapel, Inc. (HRSC) for a Civil War-style, nondenominational church service at Historic Rocky Springs Chapel on Sunday, November 10, 2024, starting at 1:00 p.m. Bobby Rogers, founder of the Landmark Bible Society ministry, will preach the sermon wearing Civil War period attire. A short living history program will follow the service.

HRSC is dedicated to using living history programs to accurately educate the public on historical Christian practices and the impact of faith on American society during the Civil War. The wearing of Civil War period attire to the church service is encouraged (but not required). Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call or email HRSC Trustee Kirk Callison or HRSC Trustee and Vice President Maria Callison at (301) 874-4737 or kmcallison@verison.net.

Museums by Candlelight, Saturday, December 7, 2024 (Two locations)



Join us for Frederick County's Museums by Candlelight event, featuring captivating experiences at both Rose Hill Manor and the Snook Family Agricultural Center. At Rose Hill Manor, explore museum exhibits and buildings through self-guided tours, participate in hands-on crafts, and enjoy living history demonstrations. Special exhibits will showcase holiday traditions throughout history, commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary events of 1774, and celebrate the 200th anniversary of Lafayette's visit to Frederick. Meanwhile, at the Snook Family Agricultural Center, take a self-guided tour of the newly restored agricultural buildings and discover the history of the Snook family and the Utica region. All ages welcome.

Museums by Candlelight, Saturday, December 14, 2024 (Multiple 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. This event is hosted by the Frederick Historic Sites Consortium and supported by Visit Frederick. Full event information coming soon - will be available at visitfrederick.org/mbc.

These are different events, and candlelight church and home tours are also planned during December in Frederick.

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-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

Book Raffle

We plan to have a book raffle as usual at our November meeting, but the details regarding the books available were not ready at press time. All tickets purchased for the raffle directly support the FCCWRT mission.

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 continues keeping up posted regarding 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.frederickcountycivilwart.org/>.

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

STREET ADDRESS

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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:

www.frederickcountycivilwarrrt.org