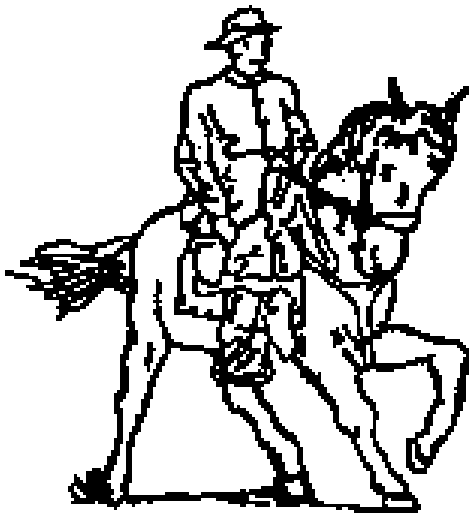


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Last Meeting

In May 2019, Robert M. Dunkerly presented “To the Bitter End: The Surrenders of the Confederacy”.

Appomattox is the most famous of the surrenders that ended the war, but the least representative of any of them. This talk will explore the confusing and complex events that unfolded in the four major surrenders, and a few smaller ones.

Robert M. Dunkerly is a historian, award-winning author, and speaker who is actively involved in historic preservation and research. He holds a degree in History from St. Vincent College and a Masters in Historic Preservation from Middle Tennessee State University. He has worked at nine historic sites, written twelve books and over twenty articles. His research includes archaeology, colonial life, military history, and historic commemoration. He has taught courses at Central Virginia Community College, the University of Richmond, and the Virginia Historical Society. Mr. Dunkerly is currently a Park Ranger at Richmond National Battlefield Park.

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Special Offer

Ken Brandau a WCWRT member and author will sign books at the October meeting. He will offer Lions of the Dan, while supply lasts, at the special price of \$10 which is half the cost of buying them retail.

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Drew Gruber

“The Battle of Williamsburg... Forgotten Then...Forgotten Now”

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Drew Gruber will outline the details related to the development and progression of the Battle of Williamsburg as it took place on May 5, 1862. Moreover, Drew will point out the commercial and residential development that has transpired in the intervening years over the areas where the fighting occurred. Regretfully, he will point out that only 4% of the areas where the battle occurred remains undeveloped. As he noted to our Roundtable during a short announcement earlier this season, there is currently a fleeting opportunity to preserve a pristine site where a significant engagement of the battle occurred.

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Matt Atkinson

“Vicksburg – The Siege and Surrender”

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On Tuesday, February 18, 2020, Matt Atkinson will present “Vicksburg – The Siege and Surrender”. The Campaign for Vicksburg is one of the most well recognized but understudied events during the Civil War. The campaign to capture the Hill City encompassed over a year in time. Last year, Matt focused on the five battles in three weeks that resulted in the entrapment of the Confederate Army. This year’s presentation, entitled “Vicksburg: The Siege and Surrender”, will focus on the final 47 days of the campaign - specifically siege operations. The end result is the capture of an entire Confederate army, the opening of the Mississippi River to Union control, and the cementing of Ulysses S. Grant’s career. Can you ask anything else from an hour program? Matt looks forward to seeing all y’all again this year.

Matt Atkinson hails from Houston, Mississippi. (Grierson's Raid came through his town.) He attended Ole Miss and graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in History. In 2016, Matt earned a Master of Arts in History at the University of Louisiana-Monroe. His thesis is on the Battle of Chickasaw Bayou or, as he would like to call it - "Dead Yankees in a Swamp."

Matt grew up in Mississippi loving the Civil War. His parents took him to local battlefields such as Vicksburg and Shiloh. Matt always asked, "Dad, did we win here?", and Dad always responded, "No, not here." At age seven, Matt and his parents made a trip to Washington, D.C. On the way, they stopped at the Manassas Battlefield. Finally! A victory! Alas, his mother was sick, and the family had to move on. It would take another 20 years for Matt to return, and he still has yet to forgive his mother.

Matt currently resides in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania with his twin girls, Emma and Aubrey, and his son Benjamin Lee. He is employed at the Gettysburg National Military Park, and enjoys listening to sad country songs.

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Dr. Thomas G. Clemens

“Special Orders 191”

Join us for the next meeting of the Williamsburg Civil War Roundtable at the Williamsburg Public Library Theatre at 7 PM on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 (note change of meeting date to third Tuesday).

On Tuesday, March 17, 2020, Dr. Thomas G. Clemens will present “Special Orders 191”.

Arguably one of the most famous incidents of the Civil War is the loss, and discovery, of Special Orders 191 and its impact on the Maryland Campaign of 1862. Many authors have speculated about the effects of this event on Lee’s first invasion of the North. Did it seal the fate of Lee’s invasion? Was McClellan slow in reacting to its discovery? Was it part of conspiracy by a spy in the southern army? Or was it a scheme to confuse and delay the Union forces under McClellan? Who lost it? Who found it? Where and when was it found? What was the impact on the siege of Harpers Ferry? Likewise, the battle of South Mountain? Even Antietam/Sharpsburg? What did it tell McClellan and what didn’t it tell him?

All these questions, and more, will be addressed in Tom's talk. Much has been written about the impact of SO 191 on the Maryland Campaign, and he will provide a brief summary of past writers and their take on the importance of SO 191. His views may seem unconventional to some of you, as he challenges some of the well-ingrained traditions about SO 191. It is Tom's intent to offer his views but leave ample time to engage in questions and discussion with the members of CWRT

Dr. Thomas G. Clemens received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in history from Salisbury University, and his Doctorate in History Education from George Mason University, where he studied under noted Civil War historian Dr. Joseph L. Harsh. Tom came to Hagerstown Community College in 1978 and spent most of his 34-year career at HCC teaching American History, retiring as Professor Emeritus in 2012.

Tom has written many magazine articles in various Civil War magazines, many book reviews and appeared in several documentary movies and television shows focused on Civil War topics. He appears as an on-camera historian in the introductory film shown in the Visitor's Center at Antietam National Battlefield.

He edited and annotated General Ezra A. Carman's 1,800 page narrative of the Maryland Campaign of September 1862, which has received awards from the Army Heritage Foundation; the third and final volume was released in March of 2017. His monograph about General Joseph K. F. Mansfield was published in *Corps Commanders in Blue* in 2014. An upcoming book from LSU Press on Maryland in the Civil War will include a chapter by Tom on the Confederate invasions of Maryland. His latest magazine article, published in the June 2016 issue of *Civil War Times*, proved the Pry house at Antietam was never McClellan's Headquarters.

Tom is a founding member and current president of Save Historic Antietam Foundation Inc., a non-profit historic preservation organization. In the past 5 years SHAF and the Civil War Trust have

cooperated to purchase four properties, comprising 60 acres, inside the battlefield boundary. We have demolished six non-historic structures on these properties, and more non-historic structures will be removed soon.

Tom is also an NPS-certified Antietam Battlefield Guide, and a 30+ year volunteer there.

Last Month

On Tuesday, February 18, 2020, Matt Atkinson presented “Vicksburg – The Siege and Surrender”. The Campaign for Vicksburg is one of the most well recognized but understudied events during the Civil War. The campaign to capture the Hill City encompassed over a year in time. Last year, Matt focused on the five battles in three weeks that resulted in the entrapment of the Confederate Army. This year’s presentation, entitled “Vicksburg: The Siege and Surrender”, will focus on the final 47 days of the campaign - specifically siege operations. The end result is the capture of an entire Confederate army, the opening of the Mississippi River to Union control, and the cementing of Ulysses S. Grant’s career. Can you ask anything else from an hour program? Matt looks forward to seeing all y’all again this year.

Matt Atkinson hails from Houston, Mississippi. (Grierson’s Raid came through his town.) He attended Ole Miss and graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in History. In 2016, Matt earned a Master of Arts in History at the University of Louisiana-Monroe. His thesis is on the Battle of Chickasaw Bayou or, as he would like to call it - “Dead Yankees in a Swamp.”

Matt grew up in Mississippi loving the Civil War. His parents took him to local battlefields such as Vicksburg and Shiloh. Matt always asked, “Dad, did we win here?”, and Dad always responded, “No, not here.” At age seven, Matt and his parents made a trip to Washington, D.C. On the way, they stopped at the Manassas Battlefield. Finally! A victory! Alas, his mother was sick, and the family had to move on. It

would take another 20 years for Matt to return, and he still has yet to forgive his mother.

Matt currently resides in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania with his twin girls, Emma and Aubrey, and his son Benjamin Lee. He is employed at the Gettysburg National Military Park, and enjoys listening to sad country songs.

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- **May 26, 2020** - Dr. Jonathan White — "A Sequel to Abraham Lincoln's Early Life"

Upcoming Outside Events

- **March 7, 2020** - The Mariner's Museum and Park presents "Battle of Hampton Roads Day" [details](#)
- **April 4, 2020**, - Williamsburg Battlefield Park Day [details](#)
- **May 1 - 2, 2020** - ALBG Spring Seminar: Overlooked & Often Not Visited: Ridges, Farms & Other Battle Sites [details](#)
- **June 12-17, 2020** - Civil War Institute to be held in Gettysburg [details](#)
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April and May Meetings Have Been Cancelled

Governor Northam has ordered that all non-essential businesses and gatherings in excess of 10 persons be closed/cancelled through June 10, 2020.

The Civil War Round Table Congress has scheduled a series of free on-line presentations from April 21 through May 28, 2020. Access to these lectures is limited and participants must pre-register to be included. Details of these presentations can be found at <http://www.cwrtcongress.org/lectures.html>

John Quarstein, from The Mariner's Museum and Park, has scheduled four YouTube live presentations; one in April and three in May. [details](#)

Osher Learning Institute (formerly Christopher Wren) offers new on-line course on Lincoln. [details](#)

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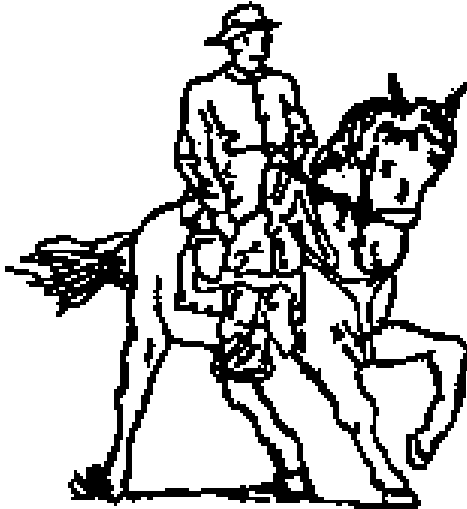
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May Meeting Has Been Cancelled

To our members and friends, I trust that this message finds all of you safe and well. As I previously reported last month, the May meeting, scheduled for next Tuesday, the 26th, is cancelled. As usual, we will not be meeting during the summer months, but will be looking forward to kicking off our forthcoming season in September.

In place of the cancelled May meeting, we are offering several options, as noted above, for your homebound interests.

The **Book Excerpt** option, call it the headliner of our Monthly News, is a couple of book excerpts that are being offered by our good friend, author Butch Barringer. Butch is a local guy, residing in Newport News. Like many of us, Butch is retired, having spent nearly four decades at the NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton. I am the proud owner of both of Butch's books and can attest that they are both very good. The websites noted below provide information regarding the purchase of these works, and I highly recommend your consideration to add them to your library.

The first book excerpt is Chapter 6 of “Fighting For General Lee”. This is the story about Confederate General Rufus Barringer and the North Carolina Cavalry Brigade. Butch claims General Barringer a few notches down on his family tree. The Chapter 6 excerpt covers the 1863 actions at Brandy Station, the Bristoe Campaign, and Personal Loss. You can gain access to the Chapter 6 excerpt by clicking on www.generalrufusbarringer.com Then click on read sample chapter.

The second book excerpt is Chapter 2 of “Custer’s Grey Rival: The Life of Confederate Major General Thomas Lafayette Rosser”. The Chapter 2 excerpt addresses Tom Rosser’s initial experiences as a member of the famed Washington Artillery of New Orleans. You can gain access to the Chapter 2 excerpt by clicking on www.generalthomasrosser.com. Then click on chapter 2 icon.

A third book excerpt comes our way from the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust. The CVBT’s May 2, 2020 Email features an E-book of the Second Battle of Fredericksburg. The Second Battle of Fredericksburg occurred in May of 1863 in conjunction with the Chancellorsville campaign. Our good friend Chris Kolakowski, who has recently moved on to the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, has penned the story of this oft ignored action. You’ll find the link to this free E-book [here](#).

The **Magazine** option comes our way from our cousins across the pond. You may recall that we welcomed three Civil War enthusiasts from Great Britain to our September meeting last year. They spent a couple of jam-packed weeks touring Civil War sites here in the eastern theater before heading back home. Our friendship with our British cousins has led to the reward of their quarterly magazine. Links to the [Winter 2019](#) and [Spring 2020](#) issues of “CROSSFIRE”, the Magazine of the American Civil War Round Table (UK). The CROSSFIRE issues contain numerous articles of interest, and I urge you to visit these wonderful sources.

The **Seminar** option is just received from Shenandoah University. Jonathan Noyalas, the Director of Shenandoah's McCormick Civil War Institute is hosting an [Online Seminar Series of Civil War Topics in the Shenandoah Valley](#). The Seminar consists of four evening sessions commencing on June 15. Please refer to our website, www.wcwrt.org/mccormick.html for the full details related to the program topics and instructions for registering.

In addition to the events which are highlighted above, please continue to check our website for additional activities that may be of interest. We will continue to update upcoming activities during the forthcoming summer recess.

And finally, stay safe, stay well, enjoy the summer season, and we'll look forward to welcoming all in September.

With kindest regards, I remain your obedient servant,
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- **October 27, 2020** - Lee Ann Rose - Hoop Skirts and Gunpowder
- **November 24, 2020** - Scott Mingus - Flames Beyond Gettysburg: The Confederate Expedition to The Susquehanna River - June 1863
- **December 16, 2020** - John J. Fox III - The Confederate Alamo - Fort Gregg
- **January 26, 2021** - Steve Phan - Early at The Gates: The Battle of Fort Stevens
- **February 16, 2021** - TBD
- **March 16, 2021** - Michael E. Block - A Rusty Sword, Five Friends, and "As perfect a Beauty ever born on the soil of The Old Dominion - The Battle of Cedar Mountain, August 9, 1862
- **April 13, 2021** Curt Fields and Thomas Jessee as General Grant and General Lee; Appomattox The Last 24 Hours
- **April 27, 2021** - Ashley Spivey, PhD. - Union Tooth and Nail: The Pamunkey Indian tribe and The Civil War in Virginia
- **May 25, 2021** - Dennis Frye - Stonewall's Greatest Victory

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