



**THE DRUM & BUGLE**  
**Voice of the Rappahannock Valley Civil War Round Table**  
**Rappahannock Valley Civil War Round Table Newsletter**  
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**Speaker:** Frank O'Reilly  
**Topic:** "Tale of Two Councils of War"

**When:** Monday, February 11, 2019 - OUR 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
**Location:** Brock's Riverside Grill  
**Times:** Social Begins 6:00 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm, Meeting Begins 7:30 p.m.

The RVCWRT celebrates its 30th anniversary on Feb. 11th. This event has an upgraded menu so our member price will be \$30 and guests will be \$35. Brock's Riverside Grill will be serving complimentary appetizers from 6 to 7 p.m.

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**Frank O'Reilly "Tale of Two Councils of War"**

Frank is one of our founding members, so it is appropriate that he will be our speaker for our 30th Anniversary Dinner Meeting. His presentation is called "Tale of Two Councils of War: The Army of the Potomac at War with Itself." The program will discuss the councils of war held on May 5, 1863 at Chancellorsville and July 2, 1863 at Gettysburg, comparing and contrasting them. Despite being a new corps commander at Chancellorsville, George G. Meade asserted himself at the May 5 council of war, becoming a threat to Joseph Hooker's retaining command of the army. Then as Meade replaced Hooker to command of the army and held his own council of war on July 2 at Gettysburg, he demonstrated that he had learned some lessons from the Chancellorsville assembly and conducted it in a different manner.

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**UNTOLD STORIES 2019:**

**"Looked for in the Hour of Danger - but Trampled Underfoot in the Time of Peace"**

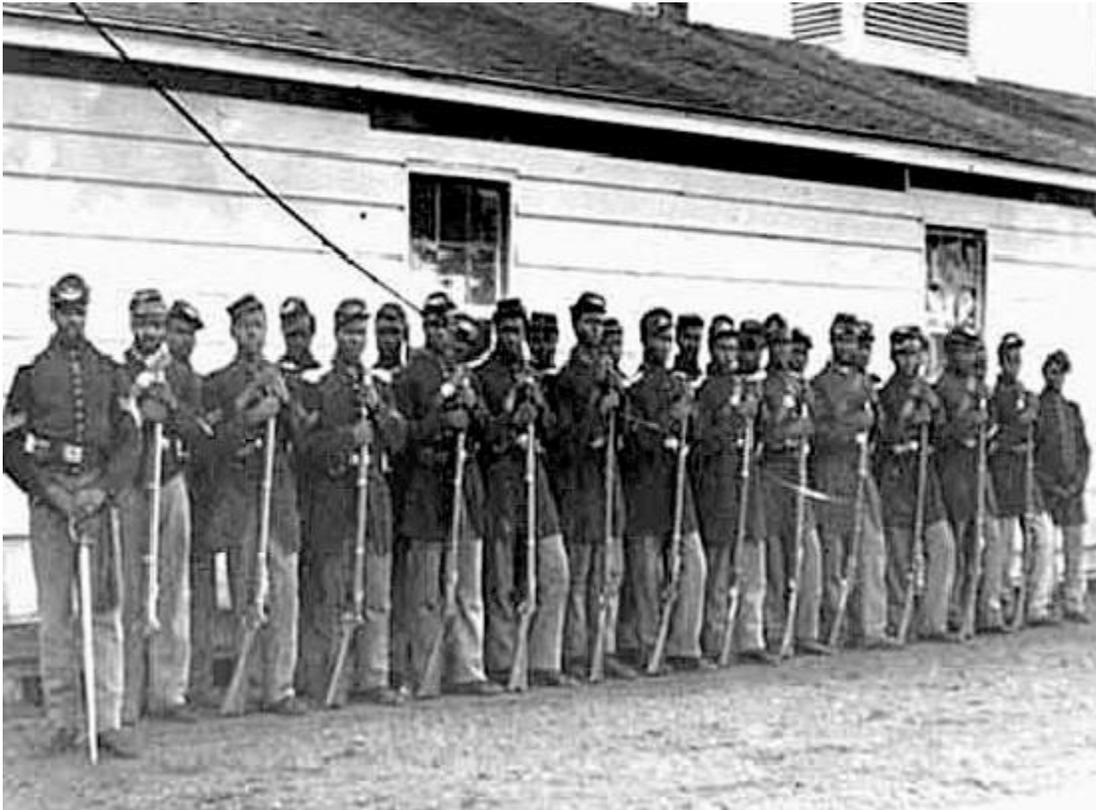
Friday, February 22, 2019  
(Rain date March 1, 2019)

See below for details

### Black History Month Special Event

Friends of Wilderness Battlefield (FoWB) is co-sponsoring a Black History Month event on February 22 (rain date, March 1) composed of four vignettes in several churches in old town Fredericksburg. Each vignette will depict a scene portraying African American involvement in one of four major wars, from the Revolutionary War to World War II (WWII). The history of the nation's response to their service is conflicted!

From the outset, African Americans performed with honor, and many died in service to their country. They fought on both sides during the Revolutionary War with a promise of freedom from slavery after the conflict ended. During the Civil War, nearly 180,000 blacks served in the Union Army and Navy. Twice that number (350,000) joined the American Expeditionary Force in Europe in World War I, and over 700 African Americans died in the European and Pacific theaters during World War II. Many of these veterans were awarded medals for courage.



**US Colored Troops During the Civil War**

Yet their brave service and sacrifices, both during wartime and after they returned home, were often not recognized. In wartime, African American participation was

usually marked by prejudice and the segregation of races. After hostilities ended, they returned home to a continuation of Jim Crow opposition and enmity. It wasn't until President Truman issued Executive Order 9981 in 1948 that the Armed Forces were officially integrated. Even after that, resistance persisted.

Next month, there will be an opportunity to experience some of this history "first hand". Each vignette will have local actors portraying scenes based on real people and their service before and after a particular war. Included will be a look at the relationship between George Washington and Phillis Wheatley, the first U.S. female African American poet; a view of the "lost" Camp Casey near the present day Pentagon that served as a training ground for the all-black 23<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry; a moment in a foxhole in France with Dr. Urbane Bass, a Fredericksburg physician who gave his life for his country; and finally, a discussion with a local resident who served with the Navy during WWII.

The tours will originate at St. George's Episcopal Church, 905 Princess Anne St., and will continue to the Presbyterian Church, Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, and will end at Shiloh Baptist (New Site), so comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Light refreshments by FoWB, Friends of Chatham, and Shiloh Baptist Church will follow in the parish hall (New Site) following the last vignette, and volunteers from host organizations will be on hand to visit with guests and answer questions or listen to ideas.

This is FoWB's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Black History Month Untold Stories event and is co-sponsored by the John J Wright Educational and Cultural Center and the churches in Fredericksburg. To sign up for a tour, click on our link below! A \$10.00 donation is your entry fee!

For more information, contact Dick Rankin at (540) 972-2862 or Barry Thompson at (540) 972-3757

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### **Ongoing Reminder**

Please contact Bob Jones to order your dinner in advance or to confirm your dinner reservation. Please call Bob Jones @ 540-399-1702 or send him your e-mail at [cwrt dinner@yahoo.com](mailto:cwrt dinner@yahoo.com)

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### **The RVCWRT Web Site Helps Students!**

A young student that used our web site link for a school project has found a link to some historical information on Clara Barton that others might enjoy.

<https://www.rosenfeldinjurylawyers.com/historical-nurses-all-about-clara-barton.html>

We have received a very nice thank you from the student's family for providing links on our web site.

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**ATTENTION - The 2019 Membership Drive - ATTENTION**

**After 31 December 2018, if we have not received your membership renewal then regretfully the next time that we see you in 2019 you will be charged full price for participation in one of our Dinner Meetings, Bus Tours, or other special activities. Also, until we have received your renewal you will no longer receive any of our e-mail notifications.**

That being stated, there is a silver lining within this potential bad news. The next time that we happily see you in 2019 you will have the opportunity to on-the-spot, renew your membership and therefore be able to continue to enjoy the privileges that are currently afforded to you.

Don't delay, renew your membership **Now**.

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**The Civil War Round Table of Fredericksburg  
By Bob Jones**

As a courtesy, the RVCWRT provides as a regular feature each month, the ongoing scheduled speakers for the CWRTF's 2018 Program Year. The Civil War Round Table of Fredericksburg normally meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month (except for one meeting held on the third Wednesday of June 2018). Dinner Meetings are held at the UMW's Jepson Center located at [1119 Hanover Street, Fredericksburg, VA](http://1119HanoverStreet.com), dinner cost is \$32.00 per person. Advance reservations should be made by email: [dinner@cwrtf.org](mailto:dinner@cwrtf.org) or telephone: 540-361-2105.

**CWRTF's Scheduled Speakers for the 2018 and 2019 Program Year:**

February 27, 2019	Dr. Bradley Gottfried	"Maps of the Battle of Fredericksburg"
March 27, 2019	Bob O'Connor	"James Hanger and the Hanger Company"
April 24, 2019	Mark Tooley	"The 1861 Peace Conference"

May 22, 2019	Patrick Schroeder, NPS	"Zouaves: America's Forgotten Soldiers"
June 19, 2019	Dave Bastion	"The Vicksburg Canal"
SEPT. 25, 2019	Brian E. Withrow	"Ulysses S. Grant in Character"
OCT.23, 2019	Michael K. Shaffer	"In Memory of Self and Comrades: Thomas W. Colley's Recollection"

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### Who we are

The Drum and Bugle Newsletter is published monthly, by the Rappahannock Valley Civil War Round Table, Post Office Box 7632, Fredericksburg, VA 22404. Each month, The Drum and Bugle newsletter is also placed on our web-site, [www.RVCWRT.org](http://www.RVCWRT.org). Yearly membership dues are \$35.00 for an individual, \$45.00 for families, and only \$7.50 for students. Membership is open to anyone interested in the study of the Civil War and the ongoing preservation of Civil War sites.

### The RVCWRT Executive Committee:

<b>President/Dinner Meeting:</b>	Bob Jones	<b>Membership:</b>	TBD
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