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**Next Meeting 05/22/2019**

UMW Jepson Alumni Exec. Ctr  
1119 Hanover Street  
Fredericksburg, VA

Social: 5:45 p.m.  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.  
Program: 7:30 p.m.



**May Program**

**“Zouaves: America’s Forgotten Soldiers”**

**Speaker: Patrick Schroeder, NPS  
May 22, 2019**

## **May 2019 Newsletter**

Our May program is our eighth of the 2018-2019 Program Year, which runs from September 2018 through June 2019. On May 22, 2019, Patrick Schroeder presents Zouaves: America's Forgotten Soldiers. Patrick will discuss the origins of Zouaves in North Africa, the French Zouaves distinguished exploits in the Crimean War and in Italy, and Elmer Ellsworth and the "Zouave craze" in America. Slides will demonstrate various styles of American Zouave uniforms as well as brief capsule histories on several famous Zouave units. There will be reproduction uniforms brought for display and details of this unique uniform explained.

## **April 2019 Program**

Our April program was presented by Mark Tooley on "The 1861 Peace Conference". We appreciate his insight, knowledge and passion regarding this unique effort to save the union.

## **Special Recognition**

I'd like to specially recognize Charles McDaniel. Charles celebrates his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. For those that don't know, he is a Charter Member of the Civil War Round Table of Fredericksburg. Charles, on behalf of all of our members, thank you for helping found an organization where people with like interests can socialize, study and further stimulate their interest in the history of the Civil War period. I hope to see and Mary Wynn at this month's meeting.

## **Albert Z. Conner Internship Selection**

Austin J. Sundstrom has accepted the Civil War Round Table of Fredericksburg sponsored Albert Z. Conner Internship at the park for the summer of 2019. Austin is from Chicago, Illinois. He has a bachelor's degree in history from Northern Illinois University. He is currently a graduate student in Public History at Loyola University - Chicago. Austin has written an interesting paper about a song "Who Will Save the Left" and the myth of the 19th Illinois Infantry at the Battle of Stones River regarding the role of the unit on the left flank of the army during the last day of the battle. He has also written articles on Vicksburg and Shiloh for Military Images Magazine. Austin will attend out May meeting. Please help him feel at home.

## **Reservations for Dinner Meetings**

Please make your reservations for our May 22nd, 2019 meeting by Friday, May 17, 2019, by calling (540) 361-2105, emailing [cwrtf@cwrtf.org](mailto:cwrtf@cwrtf.org) or responding to this newsletter by email. Late reservations can present difficulties in food preparation. Our caterer prepares our meals based on our expected attendance and we do not want to be short of food. If you, subsequently, find that you cannot attend, please be sure to cancel your reservation in a timely manner so that the club does not have to assume the cost of that meal.

### **Policy for Members Concerning Non-Attendance After Making a Reservation**

Over the years, we have a small number of people who make reservations for our dinner meetings, but then fail to appear. The club bears the meal cost on each of these occurrences. This issue was addressed at the March 25, 2016 meeting of the Executive Committee and the following Resolution was passed:

"In the future, short of an emergency (classified as a personal unforeseen emergency event, which is reported by the member to the treasurer within five (5) business days' post meeting), the treasurer shall be authorized to invoice the non-appearing member for the meeting/dinner costs incurred when such member(s) fails to honor his or her reservation(s) for the scheduled CWRTF meeting/dinner event."

If the member has a personal unforeseen emergency event and they inform the Secretary in a timely fashion as denoted above, they will not be invoiced for the missed meeting. The issue is obviously a greater concern when we have 4 or 5 members make reservations and then fail to appear for the event.

If you have made a reservation and you realize you will not be able to attend, prior to the dinner, please call or email Beth Daly immediately.

### **Speakers for the 2019 - 2020 Program Years**

The Program Committee consists of Pat Quinn, Scott Boyd, John Pavlansky and Paul Scott. I wish to personally thank them for their knowledge, input and the contacts made to the prospective speakers and for arranging such unique and interesting programs for this calendar year.

MAY 22, 2019	PATRICK SCHROEDER, NPS	"Zouaves: America's Forgotten Soldiers"
JUNE 19, 2019	DAVE BASTION	"The Vicksburg Canal"
	Summer Break	
SEPT. 25, 2019	KEVIN PAWLAK	"Today You Must Fight Harder-the Confederate Defense of Sunken Road"
OCT.23, 2019	MICHAEL K. SHAFFER	"In Memory of Self and Comrades: Thomas W. Colley's Recollections"
NOV. 20, 2019	WILLIAM FREEHLING	"Becoming Lincoln"
JAN. 22, 2020	RYAN LONGFELLOW	"Grant and the Battle of the Wilderness"
FEB. 26, 2020	CHRIS KOLAKOWSKI	"Perryville and the Kentucky Campaign"
MAR. 25, 2020	Dr. CAROLINE E. JANNEY	"Burying the Dead, But Not the Past. The Ladies Memorial Association"
APRIL 22, 2020	GORDON RHEA	"The Generalship of Lee and Grant in the Overland Campaign"
MAY 27, 2020	JOHN BIEMECK	"Civil War Ordinance"
JUNE 17, 2020	PAUL KAHAN	"The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant: Preserving the Civil War's Legacy"

	Summer Break	
SEPT. 23, 2020	MATT ATKINSON	“Vicksburg”

**Categories of Membership**

General Membership - \$45 Family (husband and wife, children and grandchildren) - \$80 Student (free for meetings only without meals) With meal reservation - \$10 (NPS Interns classified as students)  \$10 discount for those members of another Civil War round table
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**The Rappahannock Valley Civil War Round Table**

As a reciprocal courtesy, the CWRTF is providing as a regular feature each month, the ongoing scheduled speakers for the RVCWRT's program for 2019. The Rappahannock Valley Civil War Round Table meets on the second Monday of each month at Brock's Riverside Grill, Sophia Street at Lafayette Blvd. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m., dinner begins at 6:45 p.m., and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Reservations should be made by emailing Bob Jones at [cwrtdinner@yahoo.com](mailto:cwrtdinner@yahoo.com) (Preferred) or call (540) 399-1702.

**RVCWRT Scheduled Speakers for 2019**

<b>2019 Meeting Dates and Topics</b>		
May 13	Geoff White	Ex Uno Disce Omnia: The Wartime Experience of Orson W. Bennett
June 10	Peter Vaselopoulos	Skirmishes in Virginia's Arlington County
July 8	Ed Bearss	Hooker Takes Command
August 12	Chris Kolakowski	1864: The Fall of the Confederate Navy
September 9	Patrick Schroeder	Zouaves: America's Forgotten Soldiers
October 14	Jenee Lindner	Clara Barton in the Civil War

November 11	Dr. Bradley Gottfried	Hell Comes to Southern Maryland: The Point Lookout POW Camp
December 9	Greg Mertz	Defeated Victory: Albert Sidney Johnston's Death at Shiloh

**Brochures and Community Contacts**

Brochures have been printed and distributed throughout the city retail establishments, libraries and local museums. Professional cards for our officers and general membership have been printed and are available. See Beth Daly, Secretary, if you would like some cards. Special thanks goes to Ted Watkins for his expertise in designing the brochures and professional cards. *Front Porch Magazine* continues our ads each month. Notices of our meetings are printed in Alan Zirkle's *History Alert*, *The Civil War News* newspaper, *North South Traders Civil War* magazine and the History Calendar of the Town & County Section of the *Free Lance-Star*.

**CWRTF Website, Facebook and Email Address**

A huge thank you to Roger Leturno for his very professional support of our website, Facebook site and email system.

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 Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CivilWarRoundTableofFredericksburg](http://www.facebook.com/CivilWarRoundTableofFredericksburg)  
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**Membership and Roster**

We have had substantial membership growth and a proportionate increase in the number of guests this year. Please make our new members feel at home and our guests welcome by introducing yourself and inviting them to sit at your table. Continue to bring your friends and acquaintances as guests to our meetings and ask them to join. Membership is an investment into the Civil War Round Table of Fredericksburg. I hope you will agree that the learning and social experiences of our monthly meetings, as well as our Heritage Awards and Albert Z. Conner Internship make for an excellent return on investment.

Rather than having an officers' head table as we have had in the past, the officers are sitting with the membership to facilitate getting better acquainted. Besides the speaker, we have also endeavored to seat some guests and new members at the head table. So take the opportunity to ask your fellow members about themselves, their backgrounds, their history, whether it be professional or military or whatever, and you'd be surprised at the "history" of each person.

Updating our membership roster is an ongoing process. Members can update their contact information by signing into our website or by giving it to our secretary, Beth Daly.

Thank you, members, for your attendance, participation and input in our club. It has, indeed, been a pleasure to see and experience the passion and interest of our members both in the study of the Civil and War and in sharing it with others by bringing guests and new members aboard.

I look forward to seeing you all at the May 22nd, 2019 meeting.

John Harris  
President



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