IMPROVING CWRT NEWSLETTERS
Our anonymous, self-assessment has concluded.

- 0 to 3 “Yes” answers = Your CWRT needs to consider revamping or creating a newsletter.
- 4 to 6 “Yes” answers = Your CWRT is close to having a great newsletter.
- 7 to 10 “Yes” answers = Some minor adjustments may be needed for a 5-star newsletter.
THE BASICS:

- Book reviews
- Speaker recaps
- Interviews
- Leadership
- Schedules and Calendars
- Articles of Interest
Our November Lecturer
One of Our Own
Tom Breiner

Our Lecturer for November is one of our own: Tom Breiner. By his bio below, over the last 41 years, Tom has covered just about every possible job for our round table. For you new comers, Tom’s name will be familiar as one of our monthly book reviewers. Actually, the book review he submitted for this month’s Canister, is the book written by our speaker last month. For those of you who were not able to attend the October Round Table, Tom’s review will give a small flavor of what you missed.

I have been a member of the Round Table since 1979 and have served as President, Vice President, Treasurer and Trustee. This will be my seventh presentation to the group. I am retired from both the U.S. Navy and my civilian career. I retired from the Navy with the rank of Captain. I received my BS in Engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and my MBA from Xavier University. During my time as a member, I have also been involved in producing the newsletter and monthly quiz.

My topic for this presentation in Richard Stoddert Ewell. He was the man chosen by General Robert E. Lee to fill the shoes of Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson as commander of the Confederate 2nd Corps. He performed well as Jackson’s subordinate during the Valley Campaign. He lost...
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After the end of the Civil War whatever happened to…?

Union Brigadier General Joshua L. Chamberlain

After the war, Chamberlain returned to Maine and was elected to four terms as Maine’s governor, a post he held until 1870. During his tenure, he encouraged the state to ratify the 14th Amendment (which made all freedmen and women citizens of the United States). He also played a key role in the first years of the Maine College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, which later became the University of Maine in Orono.

Following his governorship, Chamberlain served as president of Bowdoin College and during his tenure made some controversial changes. He began by adding science and engineering courses to the classical curriculum, but the school reverted to its original program one year later.

Chamberlain left his post at Bowdoin in 1883 and moved to Portland, Maine, where he served as surveyor of the port and began investing in Florida real estate. Chamberlain also began writing about his Civil War experiences, including the posthumously published memoir of Appomattox: The Passing of the Armies. His wife, Fanny, died in 1905; Joshua Chamberlain died on February 24, 1914, at the age of 85.
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For those of you who may not have had the pleasure of attending an event with Ed, there are many YouTube videos by Ed Beares - all well worth watching. Here are a few:

- Sacred Trust Talks
- Arlington, Virginia's role in the Civil War
- Fort Sumter and the start of the Civil War
- Paducah and the Western Waterways
- Battle of the Wilderness
- General Meade's role at The Battle of Gettysburg
- Ed Beares' life lessons and historical recollections

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SOUTH SUBURBAN CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE MEETING:

This year has certainly been a difficult and challenging time for all of us. Many of our members are long-time friends and we wish safety and good health to you and your families.

The SSCWRT board has determined we will only meet online via Zoom and not at Trail’s Edge Brewery. The board decided to base our judgement on the side of safety and meet only via Zoom this fall.

We look forward to our October speaker on Thursday, NOVEMBER 19TH as DAVID CANNON will present on “IOWA CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS.”

DAVID has recently published his new book on Confederate soldiers.
Ladies’ Department

Thanksgiving fare was very similar whether one was dining in New England or in South. Depending upon the wealth of the family, a dinner might include any or all of the following: stuffed turkey, roast suckling pig, hot rolls, oysters on the half shell, celery, radishes, olives, cranberry sauce, fried or mashed potatoes, squash, turnips, onions in cream, giblet gravy, mincemeat pie, bread, fruit, chicken, pumpkin pie, vanilla ice cream, coffee, cakes, and cheese.

By Charen Fink

- Turpentine was used as a stimulant, diuretic, antiseptic, laxative, and treatment for diabetes, tetanus, and tuberculosis.
- Hot turpentine was injected into wounds during the heart of naval battles.
- Rosin was used to waterproof and to make soap.
- The roots produced a garnet-colored dye.

More Trivia Facts
1. When U.S. Grant asked the father of Julia Dent for his permission to wed his daughter, he offered his film.
Lancaster Examiner and Herald
Wednesday, July 1, 1863
The Destruction Of The Susquehanna Bridge
The Fight At Wrightsville Columbia,
June 29, 11 A.M.

The grand bridge over the Susquehanna which was de-
stroyed last night, was constructed in 1834 and cost
$157,000. It was 5,029 feet long, fourteen feet above high
water, built of all wood, and about forty feet wide; had two
tracks, also, used for vehicles and foot passengers, and tow
paths, the latter for the Susquehanna and Tide Water Canal.
The configuration was a sublime sight, the entire length
being on fire at once, with the buildings at Wrightsville and
floating blasting timbers in the stream. The rebels were
on the other bank and the adjacent hills, and crowds of
males and females on this side glaring at the sight. The fire
department here was in service constantly to save the east-
ern end of the bridge, but it was useless. Soldiers, citizens,
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Covered Wrightsville Columbia Bridge
and freeman labored together, also the Philadelphia City
Troop. The troop acted splendidly in the fight. The only
Columbia volunteers in the fight were fifty-three negroes,
who after making entrenchments with the soldiers, took
muskets and fought bravely.

Burning of the Bridge
In a few moments three
COLOR!

THE PLATEAU TELEGRAPH
The Cumberland Mountain Civil War Round Table

OUR MISSION: to create interest, share knowledge, and promote a better understanding of the American Civil War

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Meetings are held at the Christ Lutheran Church, 481 Snead Drive, Fairfield Glade.

The church and the round table board recommend that members and guests should practice social distancing and wear masks. As always, we ask for the safety of others if you are not feeling well please remain at home.
Director's 14th Book Slated for Release in Spring 2021

The University Press of Florida will release "Slavery and Freedom in the Shenandoah Valley during the Civil War Era," the 14th volume either authored or edited by MCWI's director Jonathan Noyolas, in April 2021. Dr. James Broome III, director of the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War at Shepherd University, called Noyolas' latest book "a groundbreaking study that demonstrates how African Americans shaped the Civil War era." For additional details, visit the book's webpage on the University of Florida Press website.

MCWI Archival Holdings Continue to Grow

McCormick CW Institute of Shenandoah University,
The Picket Post, March 2021
For many years, producers who enrolled land in CRP were required to perform at least one cover management activity during the life of the contract to enhance the cover vigor and diversity. Those requirements continue to apply. Contracts approved in prior years will continue to receive 50% cost sharing for that CMC activity. Under contracts approved from this point forward, the CMC requirement still applies, but participants will not receive cost share assistance. Typical CMC activities include mowing, light harrowing, weed control or tree thinning. The new farm bill provides that livestock grazing may be used for CMC and no payment reduction will apply. However, the grazing will include several restrictions and the frequency will be limited to the amount needed to enhance the stand.

Transition Incentive Program (TIP)

TIP continues under the new farm bill. TIP provides the opportunity to lease or sell expiring CRP land to a beginning, socially disadvantaged or veteran farmer to return it to production or grazing and allow the current CRP participants to receive rental payments for 2 more years after the CRP contract expires. Land cannot be leased or sold to a lineal descendant such as son or daughter but would cover land leased or sold to a cousin, niece, nephew or non-family member. If leased, the lease must be for at least 5 years unless it includes an option to purchase.

Report Damage or Loss of NAP Covered Crops Immediately

If winter weather causes damage to or loss of your NAP covered perennial and/or fall planted crops, you must report this to your local FSA county office.

NAP notices of loss must be submitted, in writing, to your local FSA county office for weather related events or adverse natural occurrences that cause damage to or loss of the NAP covered crop. To report crop damage or loss you must complete, sign, and file form CCC-576 with your FSA office by the earlier of either of the following:

- 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence or date of loss or damage to the crop or...
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MW Chris J. Coffman, Grand Master
Audio of article

My Brothers,

When you read this article, my term as Grand Master will be over half completed. To say that it has not been what I expected three and a half years ago when you elected me as Junior Grand Warden would be an understatement. Instead of having the honor to visit Lodges in person and enjoy the friendly brotherly love that we all enjoy, we have been restricted in our travels and gatherings.

However, I believe that the Craft is strong and will continue as we have for centuries. We are taught in the Fellowcraft Degree to “abide Faith, Hope and Charity; the greatest of these is Charity.” Our Gentle Craft’s belief in Charity has shown through during the dark hours of the pandemic.

The impact of COVID-19 has been devastating for many. So, we established through Washington Masonic Charities a fund to assist Brothers and their family who have been impacted. Even though we have not been able to meet in
TOO Looooooooong

Need a Vacation?

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Fridays from 4-7pm located in the Giant parking lot.

Fun 2019 Weather Tidbits!
Sept 4 96 degrees hottest since 2006
Sept 12 98 degrees beat earliest high of 96 set in 1931
Oct 2 98 degrees new record, was 96 reached in 1941

September was 2nd hottest on record, 4th driest. October was 7th warmest and 9th wettest on record.

POW/MIA Flag
To honor the sacrifice and devotion to our nation of those who have served our country and haven’t returned home, the black flag with its silhouette of a captived prisoner and the logo “You are not forgotten” is now being flown daily over prominent Federal buildings, all post offices and military installations.

Loft Ridge Reminders
Daylight Savings Time
November 1
Neighborhood Speed Limit
SPEED LIMIT 25
Winterize Outside Faucets
Pole Light Out?
Give management address and pole ID

Loft Ridge Real Estate
Under Contract | List Price | Cont Date | Rentals | Rental Rate | List Date
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4325 Gingham Ct | Int $489,900 | 08/03/20 | 4316 Gypsy Ct | End $2,850 | 08/13/20
5730 Evergreen Knoll Ct | Int $439,900 | 08/15/20 | 5654 McAllister Ct | Int $2,675 | 06/01/20
The CROWDED Effect

The Movie *Psycho* used 70-77 camera angles and 50 film cuts to create the staccato shower scene.
Discussion