

The Knapsack

Raleigh Civil War Round Table

The same rain falls on both friend and foe.

May 13, 2019
Our 219th Meeting

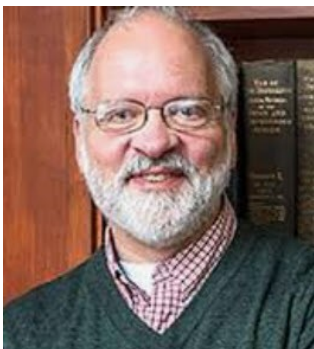


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May 13 Event Features Dr. Gerald Prokopowicz, Ph.D., Speaking on his Book "All for the Regiment: The Army of the Ohio, 1861-1862"

Our upcoming meeting will be on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Daniels Auditorium at the NC Museum of History in Raleigh and will feature Dr. Gerald Prokopowicz, Ph.D., speaking on his book *All for the Regiment: The Army of the Ohio, 1861-1862*. This will be preceded at 6:30 pm by a social "half-hour".



Historian Gerald ("Gerry") J. Prokopowicz is a professor and chair of the history department at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina, where he teaches American history, including courses in American military history. He holds a law degree from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. in history from Harvard University, where he studied under Lincoln biographer David Herbert Donald. While his research specialty is the American Civil War, Gerry is also passionate about World War II and a frequent visitor to its European battlefields.

Gerry is the author of *Did Lincoln Own Slaves? Frequently Asked Questions and Answers about Abraham Lincoln* and the critically acclaimed *All For The Regiment: The Army of the Ohio, 1861-1862*. He is also the online host of *Civil War Talk Radio* (see sidebar on page 3). He served for nine years as the resident Lincoln Scholar at the Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he helped create the award-winning exhibit Abraham Lincoln and the American Experiment and edited Lincoln lore. He is a member of the Advisory Boards of the Lincoln Studies Center and the Lincoln Forum.

Gerry has written numerous articles and book reviews for popular magazines and professional historical journals, and was the editor of *Lincoln Lore*, the quarterly bulletin of the Lincoln Museum. He is a frequent public speaker on Lincoln-related topics and a member of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Board of Advisors.

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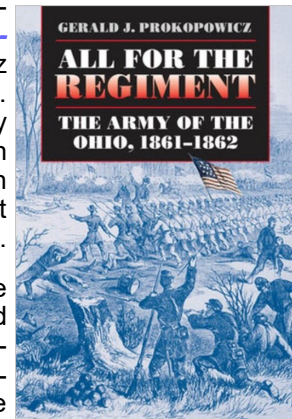
A Synopsis of Gerald Prokopowicz's Book *All for the Regiment: The Army of the Ohio, 1861-1862*

Despite its important role in the early years of the Civil War, the Army of the Ohio remains one of the least studied of all Union commands. With *All for the Regiment*, Gerald Prokopowicz deftly fills this surprising gap. He offers an engaging history of the army from its formation in 1861 to its costly triumph at Shiloh and its failure at Perryville in 1862.

Prokopowicz shows how the amateur soldiers who formed the Army of the Ohio organized themselves into individual regiments of remarkable strength and cohesion. Successive commanders Robert Anderson, William T. Sherman, and Don Carlos Buell all failed to integrate those regiments into an effective organization, however. The result was a decentralized and elastic army that was easily disrupted and difficult to command--but also nearly impossible to destroy in combat.

Exploring the army's behavior at minor engagements such as Rowlett's Station and Logan's Cross Roads, as well as major battles such as Shiloh and Perryville, Prokopowicz reveals how its regiment-oriented culture prevented the army from experiencing decisive results--either complete victory or catastrophic defeat--on the battlefield. Regimental solidarity was at once the Army of the Ohio's greatest strength, he argues, and its most dangerous vulnerability.

Publisher: The University of NC Press. New paperback edition, March 1, 2014, ISBN-13: 9781469615059; original hardcover edition, June 25, 2001, ISBN-13: 9780807826263 (out of print).





North Carolina Museum of History - Current Exhibits in the Civil War Gallery



By Charlie Knight, Curator of Military History

Baltimore Riot, April 19, 1861

Within days of the firing on Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, violence erupted in Baltimore, MD, as some of the first units to respond to President Lincoln's call for volunteers made their way to Washington. Baltimore was a very pro-Southern city and there were legitimate fears in Washington that Maryland would secede, isolating the capital from the rest of the North. These fears eventually led to the arrest of several prominent Southern-leaning officials in Baltimore and the suspension of habeas corpus. (There were also fears that an attempt would be made on Lincoln's life in the city on the way to his inauguration in February 1861.)

The bloodiest encounter in Baltimore occurred on April 19, when the 6th Massachusetts was attacked by a mob as it moved down Pratt Street – past the popular tourist sites of today's Inner Harbor – from President's Street Station (in modern Little Italy) to Camden Station (beside Oriole Park at Camden Yards).



Massachusetts Militia Passing Through Baltimore

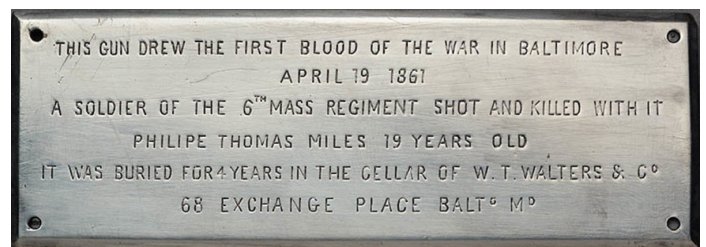
Four of the Massachusetts soldiers were killed, dozens more wounded, and 12 civilians were killed with an unknown number wounded. Decades later Baltimore Mayor George Brown wrote of the riot: “*Then* was shed the first blood in a conflict between the North and the South; *then* a step was taken which made compromise or retreat almost impossible; *then* passions on both sides were aroused which could not be controlled.”

What does this have to do with North Carolina you ask? Honestly, I'm wondering that myself. You see, the NC Museum of History has in its holdings an 1855 Springfield rifle purportedly carried by an unknown Massachusetts soldier during the riot. Not only that, the story attached to the rifle is that it fired the bullet which killed a Baltimore teenager, Philip Miles, on Pratt Street. But I don't know how this artifact came to be in our collection, and appar-

ently neither does anyone else – beyond a small plaque affixed to the stock, there is no known documentation about it: where it came from, how it was determined that it fired the shot that killed Miles, what if any connection it has to North Carolina, etc.



The 1855 Springfield rifle in question



The accompanying plaque reads as follows:

*This gun drew the first blood of the war in Baltimore
April 19 1861
A soldier of the 6th Mass Regiment shot and killed with it
Philip Thomas Miles 19 years old
It was buried for 4 years in the cellar of W.T. Walters & Co
68 Exchange Place Balt^o M^d*

This rifle is an amazing historical piece, but the lack of documentation around it is extremely frustrating. Thus far, colleagues at several Baltimore museums have not been able to find a NC connection either, but the search continues. Now back to our story...

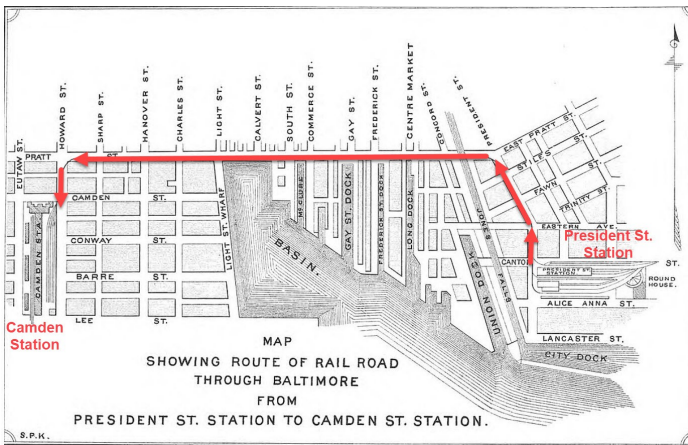
Most Baltimoreans were not happy at having troops move through their streets on the way to defend Washington. Mayor Brown and Chief of Police George Kane attempted to provide what protection they could for troop trains arriving in Baltimore; Brown later wrote that attacks on other troops in the days preceding the riot were prevented only by “the vigilance and determination of the police, under the command of Marshal Kane.” Col. Ed-

Baltimore Riot, April 19, 1861 (cont.)

ward Jones, commander of the 6th Massachusetts, was advised as his regiment passed through Philadelphia that they could expect no friendly welcome in Baltimore, so he ordered his men to load their weapons prior to arriving. He warned them:

You will undoubtedly be insulted, abused, and perhaps assaulted, to which you must pay no attention whatever, but march with your faces square to the front, and pay no attention to the mob, even if they throw stones, bricks, or other missiles; but if you are fired upon, and any of you are hit, your officers will order you to fire. Do not fire into any promiscuous crowds, but select any man whom you may see aiming at you, and be sure you drop him.

Immediately upon arriving at the President Street Station, the regiment was met by an angry mob. Although tracks down Pratt Street connected the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore and the Baltimore & Ohio lines, the cars had to be pulled individually by horses between the two stations.



Map showing route of rail road through Baltimore from President St. Station to Camden St. Station

The first several cars made it through to Camden Station safely, but the growing mob barricaded the tracks connecting with the B&O, forcing the remaining troops to go on foot. The troops were pelted with rocks and other projectiles as they moved north along President Street. At or near the intersection with Pratt Street, one of the soldiers – probably Cpl. Sumner Needham or Pvt. Luther Ladd – was killed by the mob, and the troops opened fire. Mayor Brown attempted to defuse the situation near the Jones Falls Bridge, but another large crowd joined the mob at Center Market (one block east of the Aquarium today) and pelted the column with rocks. At Gay Street (directly in front of the Aquarium) another crowd blocked the troops' path, and all hell broke loose, with casualties mounting on both sides over the next several blocks. At the intersection of Pratt and South Street (opposite where the *USS Constellation* is docked today), 19-year-old Philip Miles (or Mills) was shot in the abdomen and killed. From there to around Light Street, it was a melee. At the

Light Street intersection, Police Chief Kane arrived with an unknown number of police and got between the mob and the soldiers, who then continued on to Camden Station without further incident.

Another trainload of troops was attacked at President Street Station later that day, before they were put back on the train by Kane and his police and sent back to Philadelphia. Railroad bridges leading into Baltimore were shortly afterward destroyed and troops were instead routed to Washington via Annapolis. Baltimore was very soon after occupied by Federal troops – including the 6th Massachusetts – and placed under martial law; Mayor Brown and Chief Kane were among the pro-Southern officials arrested and imprisoned at Fort McHenry. The violence and unrest in Baltimore in April and May 1861 inspired James Ryder Randall to write *Maryland, My Maryland*, which later became the state song.

Is the Springfield rifle in the NCMOH collection the one that fired the shot that killed Miles, as the plaque on it claims? Unfortunately there's really no way to know now. But the 6th was armed with 1855 Springfields. According to the plaque, the weapon was buried in the cellar of W. T. Walters' liquor store at the corner of Commerce & Exchange, one block north of Pratt. William Walters – whose art collection became the Walters Art Museum – was a Southern sympathizer and one of a delegation formed to protest to the railroads their moving troops through Baltimore. A newspaper account of the riot noted that at the intersection of Gay and Pratt, two men ran from the crowd into the ranks of the Bay Staters, pummeled two soldiers, and accosted their rifles; is it possible that our rifle is one of them? Could one or both of these men have been employees at Walters? So many unanswered – and unanswerable – questions.

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Civil War Talk Radio



This month's speaker, Dr. Gerald Prokopowicz, is the host of **Civil War Talk Radio**. In its 15th season going back to 2004, this is a weekly, hour long, internet-based talk radio show.

Each week, Gerry interviews leading historians, authors, enthusiasts, etc. on all things Civil War related. There are currently 462 one-hour interviews available to listen to online or to download as MP3 files. For the complete list, go to Impediments of War (<https://www.impedimentsofwar.org/>), a website devoted to archiving every one of Gerry's interviews.

Upcoming Events (continued)

May 1-5, 2019: National Ed Bearss Symposium and Tours: Military Leadership and Combat

Symposium based at the Hampton Inn, 955 Leshar Road, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Featuring Larry Alexander, Ted Alexander, Scott Anderson, Steve Bockmiller, Steve French, Col. Douglas Mastriano, David Moore, Thomas J. Ryan, Dr. Richard Sommers and Martin West. Special guest Edwin Bearss!



Exploring American military history! Tours of the following: Civil War sites in southern Pennsylvania including Monterey Pass; military history sites in Washington County, Maryland including the Hagerstown Aviation Museum; the Forbes Campaign of 1758 featuring stops at Fort Ligonier, Bushy Run Battlefield and more. Talks also given by the historians previously mentioned.

Deluxe continental breakfast for Hampton Inn guests each morning. Each participant will receive a packet of tactical maps and a name badge.

For full itinerary and pricing, go to http://civilwarseminars.org/?page_id=398.

Chambersburg Civil War Seminars & Tours has been hosting Civil War Tours for more than 28 years. Experience a guided battlefield tour led by the experts including Eric Wittenberg, Edwin Bearss, Dennis Frye, Carol Rearson, John Schildt, Daniel Toomey, Ed Steers, Joad Chaconas, J.D. Petruzzi, Jeffrey Wert, Steve French, Ted Alexander, and others to deliver an unforgettable experience. **Special discounts are available for Civil War Round Table members.**

For more information, visit the Chambersburg Civil War Seminars & Tours website at <http://www.civilwarseminars.org>, or contact Lark Plessinger by phone at (717) 264-7101 ext.

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May 2, 2019: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. From Ground-breaking to Breathtaking — The First Gala of the New American Civil War Museum Facility at Historic Tredegar

American Civil War Museum at Historic Tredegar, 500 Tredegar Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

Following 18 months of construction, [the new facility at the American Civil War Museum at Historic Tredegar in Richmond, VA will open to the public on May 4th, 2019.](#)



Computer-generated image of the new facility (w/ glass façade)

Two days prior to that, however, on May 2, 2019, the site will host a reservation-only Gala to celebrate its opening. The cost is \$250 per ticket and supports the American Legacy Capital Campaign. This identifies the ticket holder as a Committee Member with the following perks:

- Listing in the Gala Program
- Viewing of the museum after the Gala
- Cocktail reception
- 2 guest passes to the ACWM

Please arrive at 6:00 p.m. for a cocktail hour, dinner, and performances. Tony Award-winning television and movie actress, and Lynchburg, VA native, Faith Prince will be the emcee and performer for the evening. Following dinner, a ribbon cutting ceremony will officially open the new, state-of-the-art facility and you will be welcome to tour the building. The dress code for the event is business attire. To register for the event, visit <https://19552.blackbaudhosting.com/19552/Gala-and-Ribbon-Cutting>.

This newsletter editor visited the construction site of the new Museum facility on March 26, 2019. The following photo shows the actual current status of construction. Notice that the entrance way arch is from the original building in that spot. The glass façade encases remnants of the walls of the rest of the original structure. Exterior work is almost complete — what remains is to finish the interior layout and install the artifacts from the closing White House of the Confederacy Museum.



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May 11, 2019: 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Maritime History of the American Civil War: Last Days of CSS Virginia

The Mariners' Museum and Park, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606.

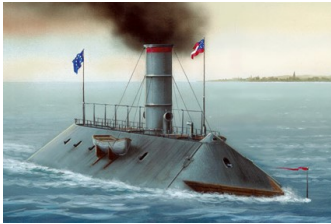
The Battle of Hampton Roads between the USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia (March 9, 1862) signaled the beginning of the Age of the Ironclads. Afterwards, the CSS

Upcoming Events (continued)

Maritime History of the American Civil War: Last Days of CSS Virginia (continued)

Virginia retired to the Gosport Naval Yard at Portsmouth, Virginia, and remained in drydock for repairs until April 4. In the following month, the crew of Virginia were unsuccessful in their attempts to break the Union blockade.

John V. Quarstein is a renowned historian and director emeritus of the USS Monitor Center at The Mariners' Museum & Park. Join him on the 157th anniversary of the self-destruction of the CSS Virginia as he describes the final weeks of the CSS Virginia and the end of her existence when she was run aground off Craney Island near Hampton Roads and



blown up by her own crew to prevent her from falling into the hands of oncoming Union troops and ships.

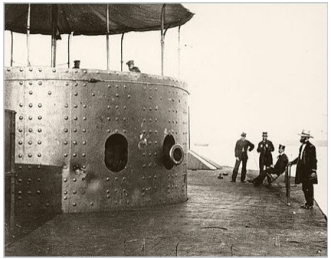
Lectures are FREE for Mariners' Members and included in the \$1 Museum admission for non-Mariners' Members. For more details about this lecture or to reserve your seat online (as seating is limited), please visit <https://www.marinersmuseum.org/Lectures/>.

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June 8, 2019: 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Maritime History of the American Civil War: Summer on USS Monitor

The Mariners' Museum and Park, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606.

After the Confederates were forced to destroy CSS Virginia as they withdrew from Norfolk in early May, USS Monitor sailed up the James River to support the Union Army during the Peninsula Campaign. The ship participated in the Battle of Drewry's Bluff later that month and remained in the area giving support to General McClellan's forces on land.



John V. Quarstein is a renowned historian and director emeritus of the USS Monitor Center at The Mariners' Museum & Park. Join him as he describes the Summer of 1862 aboard the USS Monitor and how the time spent on the river was marked with inactivity and hot weather which had a negative effect on the morale and health of USS Monitor's crew.

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July 23-28: Antietam: The Bloodiest Day -- Civil War History Conference and Tours

Symposium based at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 1718 Underpass Way, Hagerstown, MD 17201.

Featuring Tom Clemens, Dennis Frye, Kevin Pawlak, Wayne Motts, Carol Reardon, John Priest and many others at the LARGEST Antietam Conference ever held!

More than 25 of the top historians and tour guides in the Civil War history field will cover diverse topics such as the opposing forces, medical care, photography, the historic Dunker Church and more.



In addition, you will have the opportunity to engage in micro tactical tours of the battlefield, and the campaign led by expert

Early Bird Pricing – Save \$30 when you register for a Generals or Complete Weekend Package by April 1, 2019. Use code EARLY30 when registering online.

Note: All participants are responsible for arranging hotel accommodations at www.wyndhamhotels.com for the seminar, which is not included in tour price. \$110/night double occupancy plus tax.

Special pricing for participants based on room availability. When making hotel reservations, mention Chambersburg Civil War Seminars / Lark Kennedy. Use code 072319LAR.

For full itinerary and pricing, go to http://civilwarseminars.org/?page_id=29. Register online at <http://business.chambersburg.org/events/details/antietam-the-bloodiest-day-27802>.

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August 24, 2019: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Life on Campaign: Summer Living History at Bentonville Battlefield

Bentonville Battlefield, 5466 Harper House Rd, Four Oaks, NC 27524.

Hear the roar of cannon fire! Learn how artillery regiments loaded and fired during the Civil War. Infantry displays by the 27th NC Co. D will showcase a common soldier's daily life. Demonstrations will occur throughout the day. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Amanda Brantley at (910) 594-0789 or email her at amanda.brantley@ncdcr.gov.

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News of the RCWRT



Upcoming 2019 RCWRT Meetings

Date	Speaker	Topic
May 13	Gerald Prokopowicz, Ph.D. in History, J.D.	His book: <i>All For The Regiment, The Army of the Ohio, 1861-1862</i>
Jun. 10	Charlie Knight, M.A. in Military History	The Battle of New Market
Jul. 8	James White, M.Ed.	New Bern in the Civil War
Aug. 12	Philip Gerard, M.F.A. in Creative Writing	The Last Battleground — The Civil War Comes to NC
Sep. 9	Amy Bauer	135th Infantry Regiment U.S. Colored Troops
Oct. 14	Wade Sokolosky, U.S. Army Col. (ret.)	NC Confederate Hospitals in 1865
Nov. 4	Ron Roth, M.T. in Museum Studies	Desperate Hours: Understanding the Battle of Gettysburg Through the Art of its Battlefield Monuments
Dec. 9	Holiday Party	Location and entertainment to be announced

Did You Know?

Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside was infamous for the debacles under his command at the Battles of Fredericksburg and The Crater. He was famous, eponymously, for three things:

- His iconic muttonchop beard which became known as sideburns,
- The bridge which took his troops an inordinate amount of time to cross at the Battle of Antietam, and
- The firearm he invented, the Burnside rifled carbine. This carbine was the first of its kind to use a brass cartridge (which he also invented), and was the third most popular carbine of the Civil War; only the Sharps carbine and the Spencer carbine were more widely used.

The **Raleigh Civil War Round Table** was formed on March 12, 2001 and is a 501(c)(3) "tax exempt organization."

We meet on the second Monday of most months at 6:30 pm, at the N.C. Museum of History (located at 5 Edenton Street, across from the State Capitol). The programs begin at 7:00 p.m. Check the RCWRT website (<http://www.raleighcwr.org>) for program dates and timing.

Annual membership dues are \$30 (individual and family) and \$10 for teachers. Student membership is free. Half-year memberships are available March through May for \$20. Dues should be submitted to the Treasurer by **September 15** each year.



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Funding Effort Toward Conservation of Our "Adopted" 30th NC Infantry Regiment's State Flag

As of April 29, the amount raised toward our flag conservation project currently stands at \$7,439 toward the estimated \$8,000 cost! **To help push us over the top, a raffle will be held at our May 2019 event.** Donations of books, etc., to this worthy cause would be greatly appreciated. Please bring such items with you to the May 13th meeting. And thank you in advance!