

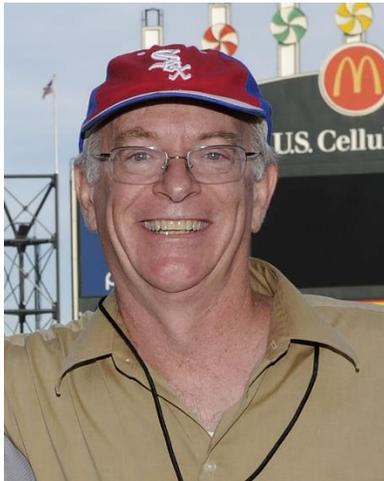


# THE drum roll

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## Civil War Baseball

Friday, January 7, 2022, 7:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom



Baseball was labeled the "national pastime" even before Fort Sumter. Civil War soldiers spent more time playing baseball than they did fighting battles. Professor Allardice takes a sometimes serious, sometimes humorous look at the "National Pastime" and how it was played during the war. He'll show that the war destroyed most existing baseball teams, but also helped to spread the game across the nation.

Bruce Allardice, current treasurer and past president of our roundtable is a remarkable historian on baseball and the civil war.

Bruce has authored or co-authored 6 books, and 31 articles, on the Civil War; 1 book and 58 articles on Baseball history;

and given over 100 presentations in 15 different states.

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# United States Military Railroads



The union understood that controlling the railroad logistics was one key to winning the war. Congress enacted a piece of legislation on January 31, 1862, authorizing the President to take possession of the railroads when the welfare and safety of the country required it.

The Civil War was the first war to use railroads on a large scale to supply and move armies rapidly over long distances. On February 11, 1862, Secretary of War Edwin Stanton appointed Daniel C. McCallum as director and superintendent of the U.S. Military Railroads. McCallum had the authority to “enter upon, take possession of, hold and use all railroads, engines, cars and equipment that may be required for the transport of arms, ammunition, and military supplies of the United States”.

He would bring on Herman Haupt and place him in charge of the operations of the railroad in the field. He would repair and fortified war-damaged railroad lines in the vicinity of Washington City, armed and trained railroad staff, and improved telegraph communications along the rail lines. He deserves much of the credit for the successful supply of the armies during the war in the Virginia theater. He also use his expertise at the construction and destruction of railroads.

The military railroads would help McClellan on the peninsula, Meade during the Gettysburg Campaign, Grant through the Overland campaign, Sherman on his march to Atlanta, and the Army of the Potomac in the Siege of Petersburg. They would build and repair over 2100 miles of trackage, purchase and operate over 400 locomotives.

The Military Railroad was also involve in the planning and moving of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Corps from the Petersburg area to Chattanooga in seven days and 25 thousand men to help the Army of the Cumberland in the former city.

On a final note, it was involve with the conversion of the UNITED STATES (funeral car) for Abraham Lincoln’s final journey back to Springfield to be buried at Oak Ridge Cemetery. They would be responsible for the maintenance and running order of the car throughout the route.

## January Saturday Discussion

Saturday January 15, all members and guests are invited to participate in the session via zoom. Pat McCormick will lead the discussion on The Battle of Fredericksburg. It will start at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday January 15.

Zoom info will be sent out via email.



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