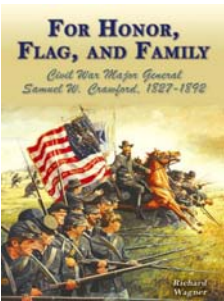


Local Author Brings Story of Chambersburg Area General to Life Civil War Biography Now Available

Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, author Richard Wagner brings to print the life of Civil War Major General Samuel W. Crawford of Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, in his new biography entitled *For Honor, Flag, and Family*.

General Samuel Wylie Crawford was born in Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania medical school in 1850. Enlisting in the United States Army, he served as an assistant surgeon in the Southwest until 1860. In addition to his medical duties at Fort Sumter, Crawford also commanded a battery. He was promoted to brigadier general in 1862; his brigade was heavily engaged at Cedar Mountain, losing almost 50 percent of its strength. Although severely wounded at Antietam, Crawford recovered to lead the Pennsylvania Reserves at the Battle of Gettysburg. James Frick, Ph.D., Gettysburg battlefield, guide points out that the book offers “a refreshing approach because unlike much of Civil War literature that focuses on corps commanders, this biography concentrates on infantry leadership, which has been, for the most part, overlooked.... Crawford’s military contributions were significant as he served from the first shot of the war, through nearly all the battles in the eastern theater, until the last shot was fired at Appomattox. He was one of only two Union officers who accomplished this feat.”



For Honor, Flag, and Family: Civil War Major General Samuel W. Crawford, 1827-1892 shows the depth of compassion and the complexity of character that led to the prominence of Franklin County’s highest-ranking officer, Samuel Crawford. Antietam National Battlefield historian Ted Alexander provides an introduction for the book and affirms: “Richard Wagner’s detailed research has given us a well rounded study of an overlooked Union commander.”

Richard Wagner graduated from Chambersburg Area Senior High School, attended Gettysburg College, and obtained a bachelor’s and master’s degree from Shippensburg University. A resident of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, Wagner taught social sciences for 35 years, including at James Buchanan High School in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania.

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Area Event Information:

Author Richard Wagner will be speaking on his book, *For Honor, Flag, and Family: Civil War Major General Samuel W. Crawford, 1827-1892*, and signing copies at the following events:

- October 9, 2007, 7pm, Cumberland Valley Civil War Round Table
Franklin Fire Hall, 158 W. King Street, Chambersburg
- October 20, 2007 Applefest Downtown Chambersburg
Old Jail, 175 East King Street, Chambersburg
- November 12, 2007 Veteran's Day Presentation
Grove Family Library, 101 Ragged Edge Road S., Chambersburg
- December 7, 2007, 9am-4pm, Heritage Center
100 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg

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