

Dan Sickles Civil War Round Table



Presents:

War Fought and Felt

The Emotional Motivations of Confederate Soldiers

with Historian, Author and Educator

Dr. Joshua R. Shiver



A Virtual Program via Zoom

Sunday, April 26, 2026 ♦ 7:00 pm (eastern)



Dr. Joshua R. Shiver's work, relying on nearly 1800 letters and diaries from two hundred individuals from North Carolina and Alabama, examines masculinity, emotion, and relationships during the American Civil War, and is the first broadly researched, multidisciplinary, and statistically supported approach to understanding the pivotal role of emotions in the everyday lives of Confederate soldiers. The findings might not be what you expect – as the emotionally overwhelming nature of the war forced a tectonic shift in American masculinity in which the former, prewar emphasis on stoic individualism gave way to an outpouring of emotional expression, embracing emotional and relational norms that were previously considered taboo.

Join us for a conversation with Dr. Shiver, and a closer look at his research into why the American Civil War became one of the bloodiest, most emotionally influential, and world-changing events of the last two centuries!

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