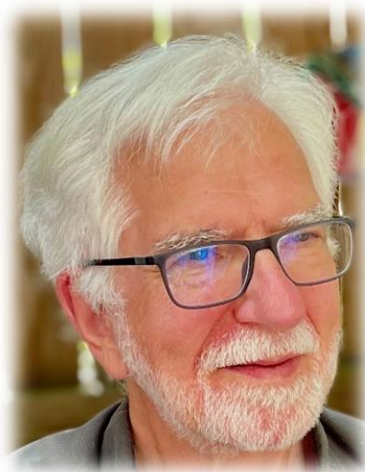


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Newsletter of the Grand Army of the Republic
Civil War Museum & Archive Summer 2023



From the President



The founders of the Grand Army of the Republic conceived the idea of forming an organization that would look after the disabled and unemployed veterans, and to the welfare of the widows and orphans of those who had fallen in the Civil War.

In 1866 they adopted the following objects of the order:

“First, the preservation of those kind and fraternal feelings, which have bound together, with the strong cords of love and affection, the comrades in arms of many battles, sieges, and marches.

Second, to make these ties available in works and results of kindness, of favor and material aid to those in need of assistance.

Third, to make provision, where it is not already done, for the support, care, and education of soldiers’ orphans, and for the maintenance of the widows of deceased soldiers.

Fourth, for the protection and assistance of disabled soldiers, whether disabled by wounds, sickness, old age, or misfortune.

Fifth, for the establishment and defense of the late soldiery of the United States, morally, socially and politically, with a view to inculcate

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a proper appreciation of their services to the country, and to the recognition of such services and claims by the American people.

New section. The maintenance of true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon paramount respect for and fidelity to the National Constitution and Laws, manifested by discountenancing of whatever may tend to weaken loyalty, incite to insurrection, treason, or rebellion, or in any manner impairs the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions, together with defense of universal liberty, equal rights and justice to all men.”

Manual of the Civil War and Key Grand Army of the Republic and Kindred Societies by J. Worth Carnahan,
U.S. Army and Navy Historical Association, Washington, D.C. 1899,
pages 21-2.

Joe Perry
President

Please renew your Museum membership! Keep history alive!

The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Archive is the only museum in the Philadelphia area solely dedicated to preserving the history and telling the story of the Civil War. The collection is recognized for its historical importance and includes numerous artifacts of singular historical significance. We wish to thank you for your membership and financial support that has given us strength and encouragement as we move forward in our new and more accessible historic location.

Your continued membership will help maintain the legacy that has been handed down to us by the veterans who gave their last full measure of devotion to our country.

Please renew your membership for 2024.

It is solely through your generous support that we can secure the future of the Museum's collection.

To those who have already renewed, we thank you!

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For the virtual programs please RSVP to garmuslib1866@gmail.com. You will be sent a link with a password that will enable you to access the program within 24 hours of the start of the presentation.

UPCOMING SUNDAY PROGRAMS

Sunday, September 10 , 2023 (Note 2nd Sunday) - 1:00 PM IN PERSON & via ZOOM

**Church Hall, Holmesburg Methodist Church
8112 Frankford Avenue (next to the Museum)**

Speaker – Mike Wunsch “President Andrew Johnson's Swing Around the Circle, August-September, 1866”

Andrew Johnson in Philadelphia, August 28, 1866

The city authorities of Philadelphia had vetoed a civic reception and the mayor (Morton McMichael) had ostentatiously departed on a vacation; but a monster welcome had been organized privately. General Meade at the head of a military delegation escorted the commander-in-chief to the Continental Hotel, where Johnson was to speak and remain overnight. The factual Associated Press reported the streets bright with flags and streamers, but The Tribune (New York) insisted they were "bare and destitute of ornament", the sole display at the hotel being "six small and particularly dirty flags...stuck out of a chambermaids' window."

Johnson's speech in Philadelphia was a plea for national unity. "Forget that we have been divided into parties," he urged. "Let the interests of the great mass of people be promoted, and let parties sink into insignificance." And don't worry about politicians, "for when the people get right, the politicians are very accommodating."

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This passage is from *The First President Johnson*, page 486, by Lately Thomas, 1968, there are much more detailed accounts of Andrew Johnson's time in Philadelphia on August 28, 1866 in the newspapers, but this is a good, brief overview.

Michael's presentation includes an overview of the 'Union Party' Johnson administration's post-Civil War Reconstruction policy in relation to the Northern States, and that of the former Confederacy, and the fierce opposition to Johnson's 'policy' from elements of the 'Radical' Congress, politicians, and the press, Johnson's train tour, the stated purpose of which was to attend the dedication of the Stephen Douglas Monument, in Chicago, Illinois, however, the 'Campaign Swing' quickly took on a different form, one that Andrew Johnson, historians contend, never recovered from politically.

The presentation includes eyewitness and newspaper accounts of this controversial and contentious 'campaign undertaking', between August 27 and September 15, 1866, an arduous trip that stretched from "Washington, D.C. to New York, including Philadelphia, west to Chicago, south to St. Louis, and east through the Ohio River valley and back to the nation's capital", as President Johnson tried to gain support for his mild Reconstruction policies and his preferred candidates in the forthcoming midterm Congressional elections.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, Michael Wunsch has been a resident of Northeast Philadelphia since 1966. A graduate of Northeast High School and La Salle College, he currently lives in Fox Chase and is employed by a Social Services company, Delta Community Supports. He has been speaking publicly on topics related to Abraham Lincoln, Civil War politics, and Philadelphia Civil War history since 2002, at the GAR Museum & Library, the Union League, the Delaware Valley CWRT, the Ryerss Museum & Library, the Northeast Regional Library, as well as various Civil War Round Tables in PA, NJ, and DE.

Mike is a member of the Delaware Valley CWRT, the GAR Civil War Museum & Library, and the Lincoln Forum, and currently serves (Since 1998) as Corresponding Secretary of the General Meade Society of Philadelphia, an educational 501c3 organization devoted to Major General George Meade's memory and service to the nation www.generalmeadesociety.org

Sunday, October 8, 2023 (Note 2nd Sunday) – 1:00 PM via ZOOM

Speaker – Andy Waskie, Ph.D. – “The Life, Career and Assassination of Octavius V. Catto, Scholar; Educator; Athlete; Equal Rights Crusader; Military Hero, 1839 – 1871”

Sunday, November 5, 2023 – 1:00 PM via ZOOM

Speaker – Walt Lafty – “Civil War Legacy: Researching Grand Army of the Republic Records”

Sunday, December 10, 2023 (Note 2nd Sunday) – 1:00 PM – IN PERSON ONLY

Holiday Concert of Civil War Era Music

Beck's Military Band; 28th Pennsylvania Volunteers Regimental Band

For additional First Sunday programs at the Museum, please follow the Museum website <https://garmuslib.org/> for information as it becomes available.

MUSEUM PEOPLE & HAPPENINGS

Museum News

Museum Hours

The GAR Museum and Archive is open for visitors and tours following the completion of the construction of our new accessible first floor bathroom. Our regular hours are Tuesdays from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, and by appointment. Please visit the Museum website for more information about scheduling a visit for tours and research.

Call for Volunteers

One of the benefits the Grand Army of the Republic Museum and Archive provides is the opportunity to volunteer. Volunteers are a necessary and desirable part of the museum workforce. They are a distinct class of people who benefit from museums in deep and meaningful ways. They expand our ability to do good work that reaches others.

Volunteering can provide a healthy boost to your self-confidence, self-esteem, and life satisfaction. You are doing good for others and the community, which provides a natural sense of accomplishment. Your role as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity.

Benefits of volunteering

- Provides you with a sense of purpose
- Provides a sense of community
 - Helps you meet new friends
 - Improves self-esteem
 - Teaches you valuable skills
 - Provides job prospects
 - It's fun!

You can make a difference. If you are interested in volunteering at the Museum, 8110 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19136, please contact us at garmuslib1866@gmail.com or talk directly to one of our Board members.

Research Requests

The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum's extensive archival and library resources are highly sought-after by researchers.

To effectively meet the requests in the overwhelming number of emails we receive and to provide financial support for the Museum, our Volunteer Research Associates and Historians will work on GAR members' requests only. Non-members will be asked to become a member before the research work begins.

Research will be limited to information relevant to GAR Post records and histories, records related to the other Allied Orders of the GAR such as the Ladies of the GAR or Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, etc., and military records for Civil War veterans, when possible. We cannot conduct family/ancestral genealogy research.

Museum People

Museum President Joe Perry was initiated into the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War with the Baker-Fisher Camp 101 on April 5. A number of museum members who are also Sons were on hand for the ceremony. Appearing with Joe Perry in the photo provided by Walt Lafty are new museum life member Kyle Purchase, Rob Clare, Dave Daniel, Bill Massinger and Michael Borish.



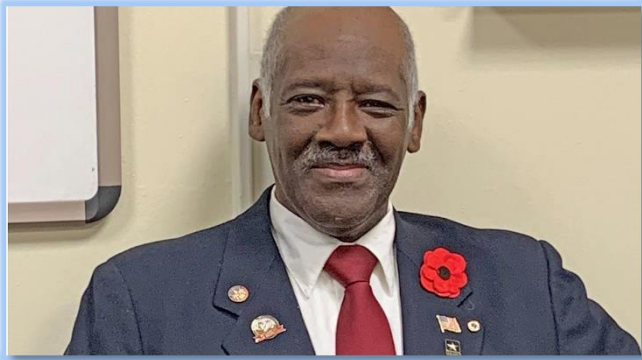
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Several of our museum members were honored during National Volunteer Week during April 16-22, 2023. Albert El was honored for his 25 years of service as a volunteer at the Philadelphia VA Museum. Details of his award and this photo can be found at

<https://news.va.gov/118125/museum-curator-volunteer-25-years-10494-hours/>

Museum member John Hartner was awarded the Marine Associate of the Year Award for his work with the Marine Corps League at their annual anniversary dinner on April 16.

John's photo is courtesy of Mary Ann Hartner.



New member Kathleen Sharaf poses with Board Member Mary Ann Hartner, Research Administrator Walt Lafty, and her brother John Sharaf. On Saturday June 3, Walt and Mary Ann arranged a special visit and tour for the Sharafs, after which they not only joined the Museum as members but have not missed a museum zoom meeting since joining. Kathy's father Justin, who was unable to join the tour, also joined as a Museum member and toured the Museum at a later date.

Welcome to the Sharaf family! Happy to have you on board!!

Programs

As we continue to return to our pre-COVID conditions, some of our programs have resumed as IN-PERSON programs, while we do also continue with our ZOOM programs. Some programs will continue to be held in both formats.

Our popular programs continued in May 2023, following a break in April.

May 7, 2023

"The Average Civil War Soldier w/a special presentation on drummers and their instruments"

Presented by Bryan Sigmund

Held via ZOOM and IN PERSON at Emmanuel Resurrection Episcopal Church , 8201 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia

Attendees arrived in-person and via ZOOM to hear Bryan Sigmund talk about the life and world of the average Civil War Veteran. Where did they come from? Why did they fight? What kept them in the ranks? Additionally, who were the drummer boys? What was their important role? And what made drums so unique in the 19th century?

Bryan Sigmund is a life-long advocate of Civil War preservation and an ally in education. His passion is in the good works laid out by The Sons of Union Veterans within the Department of NJ. He works tirelessly on public outreach and on charitable initiatives such as fundraising, headstone restoration, and battlefield preservation.

He is a proud member of The GAR Museum & Archive, The Sons of Union Veterans, The General Meade Society, The Ancient Order of Hibernians, The Army-Navy Union, Garrison 52 & The American Legion, Post #133.



June 4, 2023

"A Russian Defender of the American Republic"
First-Person Account by Boris Meyerson – held via ZOOM



Attendees zoomed in to hear Boris Meyerson's first-person account of a BG John Basil Turchin, a Russian Imperial Guard Colonel rising to become a USV Brigadier General, including the "Sack of Athens" controversy.

Boris Meyerson was born in the USSR, where he studied mechanical engineering, received a PhD from the Academy of Sciences in Moscow and was teaching Computer Science and Expert Systems, while conducting scientific research for the aerospace industry. In 1994, he immigrated and settled in Philadelphia and West Chester, PA. He is a consultant to pharmaceutical manufacturers in commercial excellence and is known to his clients as a "P&L Surgeon".

Boris is a member of The Meade Society of Philadelphia and the Confederation of Union Generals (where he portrays Russian BG John Basil Turchin).

August 6, 2023

"The Story of Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Thomas Augusta, M.D."
Presented via ZOOM by Michael A. Hill, MD

Bvt. Lt. Col Augusta was the U. S. Army's first African-American physician (of a total of eight) and its highest-ranking African-American officer at the time. He was also appointed to lead the Freedman's Hospital in Washington, D.C., in 1863, becoming the first black hospital administrator in U.S. history. Later he served as Surgeon of the 7th U.S.C.T. Regiment.

Augusta was a physician, businessman, and Civil Rights icon. He was the first person of African descent to be commissioned regimental surgeon with the rank of Major in the Union army. He had to overcome many obstacles to become a physician and later a regimental surgeon. The presentation was designed to introduce or enhance knowledge of Dr. Augusta, and to understand the problems that he faced while delivering "faithful and meritorious service" to his nation and his people.

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Michael A. Hill, MD is a native Washingtonian raised in Northeast D.C. Graduated Saint Andrew's School, Middletown, DE 1971 (Featured in the movie: "Dead Poets Society") Graduated Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts 1975 BA Medical School: George Washington University, Washington D.C. 1979 M.D. Internship and residency, Internal Medicine: The Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D.C. 1979 to 1982

Chief Medical Resident, Washington Hospital Center 1982 to 1983. Diplomat, National Board of Medical Examiners 1980 to Present Board Certified, American Board of Internal Medicine 1984 to Present.

Internal Medicine practice Philadelphia, PA 1983 to 1986. Internal

Medicine practice Washington, D.C Capital Area Permanente Medical Group. 1986 to 1988. Internal Medicine Humana Group Health Plan, Washington, D.C. 1989 to 1994. Staff physician, later Medical Director, Bethlehem Steel/ Sparrow's Point Division (Baltimore) 1994 to 2003. Staff Physician and Center Medical Director, Concentra Medical Center/Urgent Care, various offices in the Baltimore/Washington area, 2003 to 2019. Retired, March 2019. Civil War Reenactor since March 1989. Participated in the filming of the movie "Glory" and "Sommersby" Given multiple lectures on Civil War Medicine during living histories and at schools. Lectured a class at Columbia Union College on Religion and the Civil War.

For those interested, a video recording of Dr. Hill's program can be found at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VUDHwxhFTsnKTGUbrhEh4mRr9_Yy-FaY/view
You may need to copy the link into your browser.

Museum Visitors

GAR Museum Ghosts?

..... *by Kathleen Smith*



On Saturday, July 29, 2023, the GAR Museum & Archive, held its first ghost hunt at the new home.

We had four ghost hunters and one from as far away as Staten Island, plus we had three psychics from Jersey Paranormal Investigators also present to help the guests. Walt Lafty also came to help, and the guests were very pleased with his help. The investigation began about 8 PM, when the guests were offered ghost hunting equipment to use and were invited to explore the museum.

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Many spirits came through for them especially in the Old Baldy room. Those who went down into the basement did not want to go down again. We don't know what is present there but think that a spirit may have followed us from the old GAR Museum building on Griscom St.

We also did some recordings and the last half of the night all of us sat on the first floor and tried to ask questions of the spirits.

So, do you want to know what spirits showed up? Well, you will have to join a future ghost hunt at the GAR Museum to find out for yourself and have a conversation with a spirit.

The investigation ended about midnight and everyone was very happy with the evening.

We will be scheduling more ghost hunts at the GAR Museum in the future.

"The Potts Family Visit"

..... by Mary Wible

In April, Bette Potts and her family came for a tour of the GAR Museum in honor of their ancestor, Joseph Mutter, Co. M, 8th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry.



This proud, local family enjoyed Herb Kaufman's insight into the collections. We hope to see them soon for a return visit.



Museum Members At Home, Out, and About

Many of our members attend other events, always with the intention of spreading interest in the Civil War, the GAR, the SUV, American History in general, and the men and women they represent. We've been able to present ZOOM programs for other organizations and to attend events in-person.

Programs for Other Organizations

Andy Waskie, Walt Lafty, Tom Donnelly, Paula Gidjunis, Kyle Purchase and Herb Kaufman presented programs for other historical organizations, and various round tables.

Paula Gidjunis, Walt Lafty, Herb Kaufman, Tom Donnelly, Pat Caldwell, and Andy Waskie were among the instructors conducting classes for the Civil War Institute and History Institute offered by Manor College and the Delaware Valley CWRT. Herb Kaufman conducted multi-week classes at the Katz JCC in Cherry Hill, NJ and at Camden County College.

On August 17, Walt Lafty conducted a webinar program for the members of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania (GSP). Entitled "*Civil War Legacy: Accessing Grand Army of the Republic Records*", the presentation briefly discussed the history of the G.A.R., and the men and women who make up the Allied Orders who keep the legacy of the G.A.R. alive. Walt's focus was on how to access G.A.R. records for genealogy/family research. Resources discussed included both those at the G.A.R. Museum as well as various sites and resources outside of the museum. For those who are not members of the GSP Walt will also be conducting this same program for the G.A.R. Museum's monthly program on Sunday November 5.

Community Outreach

Board Member Mary Wible and Research Administrator Walt Lafty are continuing their community outreach program to promote the museum and its new location. Recently on their schedule were the Resurrection Church and Our Lady of Ransom Church senior citizen groups, and the Bridesburg Historical Society. With the beginning of the new school year, they have been in contact with numerous schools in the area.

Crooked Billet History Fair

..... *By Mary Ann Hartner*

On April 29 the Millbrook Society of Hatboro held its Crooked Billet History Fair at the Pennypack Community Center. Crooked Billet refers to the Revolutionary War Battle that took place in that area. The GAR Museum & Archive and the Delaware Valley CWRT jointly participated in the History Fair where 26 area Historical Societies offered lectures, demonstrations and children’s activities. Tom Donnelly, Joe Perry, John Hartner and Mary Ann Hartner manned the two tables. The event was well attended by the public and we did engage with a lot of people who showed an interest in the Museum. The gentleman in the picture in period dress is from the Hope Lodge.



Pennypacker Mills Revolutionary War Event

..... *By Paula Gidjunis*

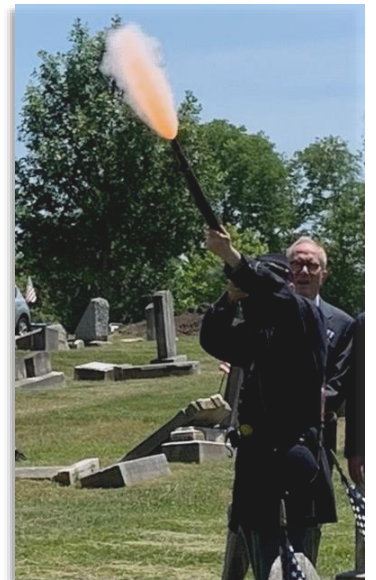
Over the weekend of May 20-21 Pennypacker Mills held their first Revolutionary War event. “Patriots Along the Perkiomen” was very well attended despite some rain on the first day. Pennypacker Mills was the site where George Washington and his troops encamped before and after the battle of Germantown in October 1777. Revolutionary Soldiers are still buried on the property from the aftermath of the battle. Once again, the GAR Museum & Archive teamed up with the Delaware Valley CWRT to promote our organizations and to sell discounted books for summer reading material to raise funds for preservation. Helping out and enjoying the well-run event besides myself were Carol Ingald, Walt Lafty, Tom Donnelly, and Dan Cashin. Photos below are courtesy of Walt Lafty.

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Memorial Day Events

A number of Museum members participated in Memorial Day services around the area. Michael Borish, Paula Gidjunis, Walt Lafty, Mike Peter, and Mary Wible attended the Montgomery Cemetery Memorial Service on Saturday, May 27. Photos courtesy of Mary Wible.



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On the following day, May 28 services were held at Laurel Hill Cemetery. Among those in attendance were Andy Waskie, Mary Wible, Mike Peter, Bill Vosseler, Albert El, who offered the benediction service, and Walt Lafty who spoke on the dedication of a new veteran grave marker for Capt. John W. Williams, 6th PA Cavalry. Photos courtesy of Mary Wible.



“DUVCW Tent 58 Memorial Day Tributes”

..... by *Mary Wible*

Over the Memorial Day Weekend several GAR Museum members who are in the DUVCW, Tent 58, PA, participated in memorial services to KEEP GREEN THE MEMORY for those who died for our freedom.

Deb Grady set the tone for this solemn weekend with her Americana farm equipment along with American flags for all to see from the road of her Tilted Barn Farm in Pottstown.



Sharee Solow and Mary Wible attended the annual service at the Montgomery Cemetery in Norristown. Members of the SUVCW Baker-Fisher Camp No. 101 placed flags on the graves of those in the GAR section. Boy Scouts and other children assisted.

Three of our members, Ellen Higgins, Mary Wible and Michele Wallenta and their duv Cadence Wallenta stopped at the grave of their tent namesake Mary Morris Husband while at the Laurel Hill Cemetery GAR Decoration Day Ceremony.

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Michele Wallenta then headed across the Schuylkill River to West Laurel Hill Cemetery with her husband and grandchildren to visit the graves of her great grandfather, John F. Conaway and her great granduncle James Conaway. You might remember John F. Conaway from the last issue of *The Grand Army Scout*. They wrapped up the weekend with the parade at the Beverly National Cemetery in NJ.

On Memorial Day morning, Mary Wible was at the Lawnview Cemetery in Rockledge for the Anna M. Ross service performed each year by the 28th PA of the SUVCW who honor their namesake. She later stopped in Northeast Philadelphia at the Father Judge High School memorial for the "Judge 27" who lost their lives in Vietnam.



Finally, Ellen Higgins was, well, all over the place. She made 11 wreaths to place at National Cemeteries in Richmond, VA and Baltimore, MD. Some were sent to North Carolina for placement. Ellen held a simple, private service at the cemeteries that she visited while placing the wreaths there.

Tuesday, May 30, was the traditional Memorial Day, so Ellen wrapped up her visits at the Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Other members of Tent 58 visited cemeteries and went to parades to honor their ancestors and veterans who sacrificed for us. May we always KEEP GREEN THE MEMORY. God bless America and all of those who served.

DID YOU KNOW????????

The Museum has a Facebook Page.

Visit it at Grand Army of the Republic Museum and Archive in Philadelphia.

<https://www.facebook.com/GrandArmyOfTheRepublicMuseumAndLibrary>



Curator's Corner ... by Herb Kaufman

It's time! If you have not visited the new G. A. R. Museum and Archive, now is the time!

Preservation Appreciation

The board members of the Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Archive wish to express their sincerest appreciation to the Preservation Committee of the Delaware Valley Civil War Round Table for their generous donation toward the purchase of archival preservation supplies.

As you can well understand, maintaining and preserving the museum's collection and assuring the integrity of the historic relics is a daunting task. This most generous support will be put to good use.

This donation and continuing support of the museum are most valuable, and your consideration is so very much appreciated.

Why Preservation Matters

A critical goal and objective of the museum is to properly conserve and preserve the important remembrances of our historic past. The immediate challenges that we face are the significantly increasing costs of conservation and preservation materials.

As a valued supporter of our American history, please consider making a contribution to our Preservation Fund.

The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Archive holds the legacy of the veterans of the Civil War. The greatest portion of the collection includes the memorabilia of the honored veterans of Philadelphia's POST 2. Additionally, over the years and continuing through today, many other individuals have donated their treasured family memorabilia and entrusted the museum with their care.

The museum and its archives are the home of thousands of historic and significant objects including Civil War and related artifacts, relics, documents, transcripts, paintings, photographs, newspapers, statues, furniture, and textiles.

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Additionally, the archives are the home of dozens of singularly important records of many G. A. R. Posts throughout the United States. These G. A. R. Post records exist nowhere else and are the critical evidence of the activities, accomplishments and legacy of the veterans.

It is critical that we are able to continue in our efforts to properly conserve and preserve our historic legacy.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION TO THE MUSEUM'S PRESERVATION FUND.

Donations can be mailed to the museum or can be made through PayPal on our web site. Either way, your financial support in order for the museum to continue to protect our historic archives is critical and essential.

THANK YOU – IN ADVANCE – FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND SUPPORT.

Bringing Home the Sword of Jonathan K. Taylor

Photo courtesy of the Eastern PA CWRT

Ed Root, a historian and member of the Eastern PA CWRT, has been given the opportunity to purchase the identified sword of J. K. Taylor. The Taylor Post 182 of Bethlehem, PA was named after him.

The GAR Museum has the original charter, original commander's commission, and an original photo of the Post 182 memorial. Ed then offered to donate the sword to the museum.

The museum has established a bank account for donations to purchase the sword. Donations are to be made out to "GAR Museum" and mailed to the museum. Once the total needed is received, the money will be transferred to Ed Root who will purchase the sword and donate it to the museum.

The sword will also be on temporary loan to the Bethlehem School District for a Civil War exhibit.



Scabbard of the sword that belonged to Captain Taylor

The G. A. R. Civil War Museum & Archive is a non-profit 501-c-3 organization, and all donations are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Some Background Information on the Jonathan Taylor Sword

*Courtesy of Ed Root, Board Member
CWRT of Eastern PA*

Born in Carbon County in 1842, Jonathan Taylor and his family moved to Bethlehem, Pa. in 1858. When war came, and still a pupil, Jonathan enlisted in Co. A, 1st PA Volunteers on April 12, 1861, for three months as a private. The unit was mustered in at Harrisburg on April 20th, the day before his 19th birthday and just eight days after the firing on Charleston's Fort Sumter. After mustering out on July 27th, he returned home to Bethlehem. He would be among the early responders, in 1862, to President Lincoln's call for more men. Before the year was out, now-Captain Taylor would be felled during the Battle of Fredericksburg, his sword reportedly held in his hand. He would die 24 days before his 21st birthday, on March 28, 1863.



One hundred and sixty years later, the CWRT of Eastern Pa., Inc., working in partnership with the GAR Civil War Museum of Philadelphia, Historic Bethlehem's museums and sites, and the Bethlehem Area School District, are working to raise the \$9,000 needed to acquire Captain Taylor's sword. Should the money be raised, Taylor's sword will become the focal point of a larger display located at Bethlehem's Nitschmann Middle School.

Here, students from all over the school district will have the opportunity to learn of an intimate connection between the Civil War and Bethlehem and of the Bethlehem native who first volunteered for the Union cause when he was only a few years older than the students. Interested students will also enjoy the opportunity to engage in research projects that go deeper than normal classroom study.

Ownership of the sword will pass to the GAR Museum.



NEW AT THE MUSEUM by Herb Kaufman

Recent additions to the GAR Museum collections include the following.

FORMAL SUIT AND G. A. R. MEDALS DONATION

The board of the museum wish to express their sincerest appreciation to Mr. Jeff Oerding. Mr. Oerding graciously donated a splendid three-piece formal suit, and a significant collection of Grand Army of the Potomac medals. The suit is of the type worn by the veterans around the turn-of-the-century and complements other formal items in the museum's collection. The G. A. R. medals are most historic and provide a superlative look into the past.



CIVIL WAR MEDICAL OFFICERS SWORD DONATION

The board of the museum wish to express their sincerest appreciation to Mr. Roy Clouser. Mr. Clouser graciously donated a historic Model 1840 Civil War Officer's Medical sword. This sword is beautifully crafted and is a significant addition to the museum's medical exhibit.



“Uncovering hidden history, one stone at a time.”

.....by Walt Lafty

That title is exactly how it is worded on the website of the Mount Peace Cemetery Association in Lawnside, New Jersey. But more importantly, it is the working mantra for those many volunteers there dedicated to preserving history.

On a rainy Sunday afternoon this past July 16th, the G.A.R. Museum had a scheduled visit by two people working on a documentary for that Cemetery Association. They were Dolly L. Marshall, a trustee of the Executive Board of the association, and Brandon Strauss videographer and editor.

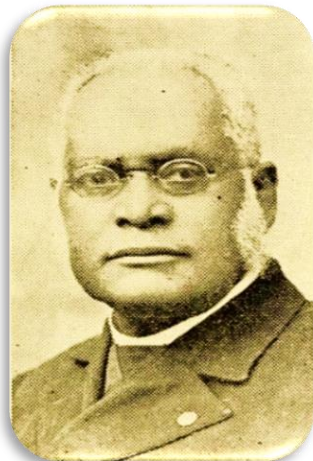
The visit was part of their documentary film on Reverend Alexander Heritage Newton who will be the first of many in a series of biographical profiles featuring individuals that are buried in Mount Peace Cemetery and/or associated with national history.

Reverend Newton was a Civil War Soldier who served in the 29th Connecticut Volunteers from December 1863 to October 1865. He was also an Underground Railroad Conductor. Years after the war he lived, worked, raised his family, and served the community in Camden, New Jersey. He was an active member of William Robeson G.A.R. Post 51 in Camden.



Right: Dolly Marshall and Brandon Strauss

To learn more about the many historic people buried at Mount Peace Cemetery, visit their website at: <https://www.mtpeacecemeteryassociation.org/> For future information about this well researched documentary, it will be available at a later date.



***Rev. Alexander
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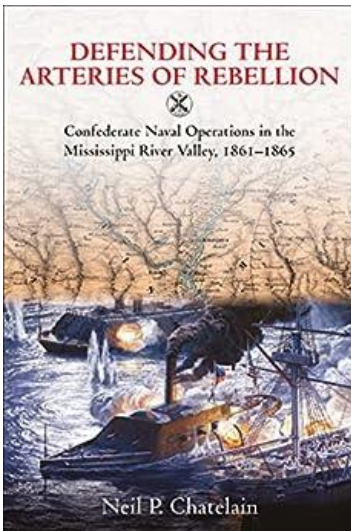


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FROM THE MUSEUM'S BOOKSHELF by Tom Donnelly***Defending the Arteries of Rebellion – Confederate Naval Operations in the Mississippi River Valley, 1861-1865***

By Neil P. Chatelain

Savas Beatie, 2020, 384 pages



A while back I decided to read something on the naval war in the Mississippi Valley. I didn't find much reading material available until I came upon a book by Neil P. Chatelain, entitled *Defending the Arteries of Rebellion: Confederate Naval Operations in the Mississippi River Valley, 1861-1865*. This is a more recent book, only being published in 2020, but I found it to be a good read. Chatelain has some expertise in the subject area as a college professor and a former naval officer.

The author starts out by telling the reader how the new Confederate States Navy Department set up their organizations and tried to raise its forces. Some of this information makes for a slightly dry read, but it is needed for the book's context. The overall command system that was set up was flawed. There was no one in overall command in the Mississippi Valley and many decisions came from Richmond. What they really wanted to do was to build a fleet of powerful, ironclad warships. As an expedient, the Navy relied on the conversion of civilian vessels into warships. The Navy set up plans to build as many as ten ironclad vessels. Unfortunately for the CSN, these plans were hampered by a lack of resources and industrial base, which delayed the implementation of both.

According to Chatelain, the CSN had some minor success in the early days of the war, but in the spring of 1862 came a reckoning. The Union Navy had won the building contest with vastly superior naval forces, both in quality and quantity at both ends of the river. Although Confederate forces made a gallant defense, at times almost suicidal, they were rapidly crushed. Union forces gained control of the river and most of the Confederate ironclads were destroyed or abandoned long before they were finished. The *Arkansas* was the only vessel completed and it had a short and active career, ultimately succumbing to engine failure. With the destruction of their naval forces and the fall of both Vicksburg and Port Hudson, the CSN was driven from the Mississippi River.

Regardless of this defeat, the CSN personnel continued to fight on some of the western tributaries of the river until the end of the war. However, this seems to have had an almost quixotic feel to it. In the book, Chatelain shows how the CSN tried to use innovative weapons such as ironclad ships and torpedoes (mines), as well as how the CSN fought with grit, courage, and

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skill. However, given the superior resources of the Union, they didn't stand much of a chance. The book points out that in no other area did the Union resources and industrial might prove to be so decisive.

I found this book to be an interesting read. Once the author gets into the operational side of events, his descriptions are vivid and clear. After reading this book, I finally understand what happened at the siege of Island Number 10. Chatelian, I think, catches something of the spirit of the CSN. Against great odds and an increasingly bad situation, they fought to the very end with skill and determination. As previously stated, books on this subject are somewhat rare. However, I found this to be well written and informative. I would recommend it to anyone interested in a relatively short read (under 400 pages) about the naval war on the Western waters.



“A Visit to the Adams County Historical Society, Gettysburg, PA”

By Mary Wible

In May, I took a five-day trip to Gettysburg. I recently joined the Adams County Historical Society, so I was anxious to visit their new Beyond the Battle Museum and do some family research in the archives.

When I arrived on Monday, I was warmly greeted at the front desk and given an overview of the building and a museum map of the galleries. Then, I was off to explore at my own pace.

This museum explores the time period from its natural history with dinosaur tracks and continues until the Eisenhower days. The main focus is naturally on the Civil War and the people who lived and worked in Gettysburg over time. I found this personal approach to be a necessary perspective as we often forget about the impact on the citizens of war-torn cities, towns and villages.

One of the highlights is in the *Caught in the Crossfire* Immersive Experience. Talk about hands-on! You sit in a room in a home as the Union and the Confederate troops fight outside. Your senses are highlighted with the sounds, movements and smells of battle as the house shakes from explosions, and bullets penetrate the building. Make sure you step inside this exhibit in Gallery 13.

There are numerous interactive activities and films throughout the galleries to enhance your tour experience.

The last two days of my trip were spent in the archives. I booked in advance, and my membership allowed me to take as many photos of documents as I wished.

There were several volunteers who assisted me in obtaining resources for my research. Their local knowledge and desire to help were so impressive. I felt like a kid in a candy store with the numerous documents, books, maps and information that they provided me. It was a researcher's delight.

Historian Timothy Smith was also present throughout the building and assisted both staff and visitors with information and help as needed. Most of you know Tim from his books and YouTube videos for the ACHS. What a wealth of knowledge he has!

If you plan to travel to Gettysburg, do yourself a favor and visit Beyond the Battle Museum at 625 Biglerville Road. There is free parking.

Be sure to go to their website to plan your visit since some days are for group tours only, and research days and hours vary. This is definitely one for your Bucket List.

Stories of Posts of the Grand Army.....by Walt Lafty

At its heyday, there were thirty-six (36) Posts of the Grand Army in Philadelphia alone. This is part of a continuing series on GAR Posts and GAR History that will appear in the Grand Army Scout

Hetty A. Jones G.A.R. Post 12 Department of Pennsylvania



One of only two G.A.R. Posts in Pennsylvania named for a woman was **Hetty A. Jones Post 12**. But who was she and why would a G.A.R. Post be named for a woman at a time when not many women seem to have been recognized with many honors?

Hetty was born Esther Ann Jones on 12 September 1807 in Roxborough, Philadelphia County. She was the daughter of Reverend Horatio Gates Jones and Esther Righter Jones. Her father was a prominent Baptist Minister in the Lower Merion Baptist Church, Salem Baptist Church in New Jersey, and Roxborough Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

At the beginning of the Civil War, when the men from her neighborhood volunteered for military service, Hetty volunteered to help supply them with clothing and other items. Her brother John Richter Jones served as Colonel of the 58th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was killed at Batchelder's Creek, North Carolina on 23 May 1863. When she received word of his death, she immediately volunteered to help nurse wounded soldiers. She tendered her services at the Filbert Street Hospital in Philadelphia. In early fall of 1864, she travelled to Fortress Monroe and City Point, Virginia to apply her nursing services to those closer to the battlefields. In late November of 1864 she became ill and died in her tent on 21 December 1864 at City Point.

With her body returned to Philadelphia, Hetty's body was carried to Leverington Cemetery by convalescing soldiers from the Filbert Street Hospital. She rests there in peace alongside her brother John, her mother Esther, father Horatio, and a few of her other siblings.

Post 12 was formed in 1866 prior to receiving a charter and the first commander was Samuel Irvin Given. He had served as the Colonel of the 188th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment. The first Post Commander after receiving their charter in 1874 was John Harper. He had served as Lieutenant Colonel of the 95th Pennsylvania Infantry. It was sometime in or after 1874 when the Post adopted the name Hetty A. Jones

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to honor her service and sacrifices during the war. Post 12 was very active with the Pennsylvania Department of the G.A.R. and was involved in many events with other Posts in the area. Two of those most associated with Post 12 were General Warren Post 15 in Manayunk and Zook Post 11 in Norristown.

The wives, daughters, sisters, and sons of Post 12 veterans also became active in the G.A.R. On 8 February 1883, the Samuel Clegg Camp 9 of the Sons of Union Veterans was chartered. Then on 23 November 1888 the Hetty A. Jones Women's Relief Corps 124 was chartered. Among the almost 20 charter members of that organization included Mrs. Mary Frantz, Mrs. Rebecca Deighton, Mrs. Adeline Grove, Mrs. Mary D. Weiler, and Mrs. Amelia Wunsch.

Hetty A. Jones Post, No. 12, Roxborough, will assemble at 9.30 o'clock on Sunday morning at the post room, Fountain street and Ridge avenue, to attend services at the Talmage Memorial Reformed Church, to listen to a sermon by the Rev. W. J. Skillman, pastor. The post will be accompanied by Samuel Clegg Camp, No. 9, Sons of Veterans, and the Women's Relief Corps, No. 124.

The Personal War Sketches of the members of Hetty A. Jones Post No. 12, Roxborough, ca. 1890 are held by the Pennsylvania State Archives.

However, they have also been digitized by the Family History Center (Church of Latter-Day Saints) and are available free at

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2207723>

Right is an example of a Personal War Sketch:

Records for Samuel Clegg Camp 9, Sons of Union Veterans, are available at the G.A.R. Museum and Library at 8110 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19136

Also, at the G.A.R. Museum are some newspaper articles and a list of the original charter members of the Hetty A. Jones Women's Relief Corps 124.

Note: While the Post Sketch Books spelled her name Hettie, she spelled it Hetty in her own will dated 1863 (a copy is at the G.A.R. Museum).

One of many examples of these three organizations working together can be seen in this article from The Philadelphia Inquirer on Sunday 26 May 1895

Like most of the G.A.R. Allied Orders, these organizations supported each other at Memorial Day dedications, community events, and all G.A.R. events.

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HETTY A. JONES POST NO. 12
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
PERSONAL WAR SKETCH

Comrade
Who was born the _____ County of _____ State of _____

1863
1864
1865

Comrade
I certify that the sketch of my War Service as above written is true as I really believe
Signed _____
I certify that Comrade _____ joined _____ Department of _____

A Blast From the Past

*Women of the Civil War Series ... By Margaret Atkinson
(Originally published in the GAR Scout in Summer 2012)*

Mary Tepe (Tebe) – Known as “French Mary”

Mary Tepe, one of the best known vivandieres of the Civil War, was born Marie Brose, August 12, 1834, in Brest, France, of a French mother and Turkish father who died when Marie was 10 years of age. Her mother eventually immigrated to America with her children. Nothing else is known of her early life.

Marie, now using the name Mary, married Bernardo Tepe (also sometimes known as Tebe), who was a tailor with his own shop in Philadelphia. At the outset of the war, he enlisted in Company I, 27th Pennsylvania Volunteers and asked Mary to remain at home to run the tailor shop. She refused to do so and at the age of 27 followed him and the 27th, acting as a sutler selling goods to the soldiers, also serving as a nurse, cook, and seamstress. In 1862 she left her husband after discovering he and other soldiers of the regiment broke into her sutler's tent and stole \$1600 of her profits from her sales, thus ending her association with the 27th.



She became interested in becoming a Vivandiere, women who wore the uniform of the regiment with a knee length skirt over the pants, jacket, and slouch hat and carrying a cask over their shoulder from which they dispensed water, brandy, wine and at times whiskey with some carrying a side arm for self-protection. Vivandieres originated in France in the 1700s and served in both the Union and Confederate armies if their presence was approved by the men of the regiment.

Upon leaving the 27th Pennsylvania Volunteers, she joined the 114th Pennsylvania Infantry, known as Collis' Zouaves, her outfit featuring the knee length skirt over the baggy Zouave pantaloons, Zouave sash and belt, and a 44-caliber pistol. While most women were sent home when the regiment headed for a battle, Mary went on to participate in thirteen battles.

Her exploits at First Bull Run were written up in a local newspaper that stated “The young woman showed she was a better soldier than many of the men. She alternately fought and tended to the

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wounded and cared nothing for the singing of bullets around her." At Chancellorsville she braved heavy fire with her skirt becoming riddled with holes from the gunfire. She was the only enlisted woman at Gettysburg, where she carried water and treated the wounded. At Fredericksburg, she was wounded in the ankle by a bullet, a wound that caused her pain the rest of her life.

She was awarded the Kearney Cross for her gallantry at Fredericksburg but would not wear it because she felt so many of the soldiers in that battle deserved it but did not receive the decoration. She made one exception when she went to a photographer in Gettysburg and wore the medal for what became a well-known photo of her. Some historians feel she was with the 114th Pennsylvania Infantry in the Grand Review in Washington, D.C. after the war.



Last known photo of Mary Tepe and grave marker courtesy of Find-a-grave.





Remembering the Men of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS)

By Walt Lafty

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) is a Fraternal Organization founded on 20 April 1865. It was established for and by former Civil War Officers who honorably served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service. Today, male descendants of those Civil War Officers are eligible for membership as Hereditary or Associate Companions. The G.A.R. Scout will be highlighting original members of MOLLUS, this being a new and regular feature in this quarterly newsletter.

One of those original members was Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hufty Jr. who served in both the 9th Pennsylvania Infantry (3-month regiment) and then the 9th New Jersey Infantry (3 year-regiment).

Samuel Hufty Jr. was born in Philadelphia on 1 January 1834. His parents were Samuel (Sr.) and Josephine Hufty.



He was a graduate of Central High School in Philadelphia and upon graduation spent some time in Illinois. Returning to Pennsylvania he resided in Chester County working as a farmer until about 1858. At that time, he relocated to Camden, NJ and worked as a clerk until the outbreak of the Civil War.

Samuel joined the 9th Pennsylvania Infantry (3 month) as Captain of Company F on 22 April 1861 and mustered out on 24 July 1861. The 9th was attached to the 4th Brigade, 1st Division, Patterson's Army serving mostly in the Cumberland Valley and Hagerstown, Maryland area.

*Photo courtesy of Chris Van Blargan
Find A Grave*

He then joined the 9th New Jersey Infantry on 29 November 1861 as a Lieutenant in Company I. On 9 March 1862 he was promoted to Captain and then Major on 15 June 1864. His promotion to Lieutenant Colonel came on 18 February 1865 and he was discharged on 12 July 1865. Over the course of the war Lt. Colonel Hufty had been wounded twice, once at Newbern, N.C. on 14 March 1862 and then at Petersburg, Virginia on 16 August 1864. During the war, the 9th New Jersey Infantry suffered the following casualties: 69 killed, 423 wounded, 43 died later of wounds, 100 died of disease, and 137 were prisoners of war. Of those prisoners, 45 of the 52 who died in captivity died in the infamous Andersonville prison.

After the war Samuel married Sallie Krauser on 11 April 1867 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Phoenixville, Chester County, PA. They would spend their remaining years in Camden, NJ where Samuel worked as the Camden city Comptroller. It appears they had no children.

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He was very active in all G.A.R. affairs. In addition to being a member of MOLLUS, he was active in the Thomas Lee G.A.R. Post 5 in Camden, NJ where he was one of the founders of that Post. Comrade Hufty served in various roles up to and including Post Commander. He also held various officer positions in the New Jersey G.A.R. Department and rose to Department Commander (1879-1880). He also served on various G.A.R. committees at the Department level.

On 7 June 1913 Samuel Hufty Jr. died in Camden NJ. at the age of 79. He died in his home at 515 Linden Street of nephritis.

(Note: that address is currently the toll booth area on the NJ side of the Ben Franklin Bridge—almost at the current Port Authority building).

Lt. Colonel Hufty was buried at Harleigh Cemetery in Camden. His wife Sallie is also buried there, having died a few years later on 25 Oct 1915. She was aged 79.



Samuel's younger brother Charles also served in the 9th NJ Infantry. Charles Hufty enlisted as First Sergeant in Company D on 1 November 1861 and promoted to Lieutenant of Company D on 23 December 1862. He was then promoted to Captain of Company I on 3 July 1864 when his brother Samuel was promoted to Major and moved to Regimental staff. Captain Charles Hufty was killed at Kinston, NC on 14 March 1865. He is buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Philadelphia, PA.

Note: GAR Museum members Mary Wible and Walt Lafty both have direct ancestors who served in the 9th New Jersey Infantry. Mary's ancestor was George Paul who served in Company B. He was wounded at Kinston, NC in March 1865. George previously served in Company K, 82nd Pennsylvania Infantry before transferring to the 9th New Jersey. Walt's ancestor was Lewis Murphy who served in Company I from October 1861 to July 1865. He was wounded at Drewry's Bluff on 16 May 1864. After the war, Lewis became a member of Acton G.A.R. Post 33 in Penns Grove, Salem County, NJ



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the Loyal Legion of
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GAR
Grand Army of the
Republic



DUVCW
Daughters of
Union Veterans
of the Civil War



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Veterans of the
Civil War

To learn more about MOLLUS, visit their website at: <https://loyallegion.org/>

GAR POSTS IN THE MEDIAby Andy Waskie

WOW! This is so cool! Thanks to Alex Palma for sharing this article.

William Jackaway was a member of the 72nd Pennsylvania Fire Zouaves 'Baxter's Fire Zouaves' of the Philadelphia Brigade and a veteran of the Battle of Gettysburg. He was also a member of G.A.R. Post #2 and thus a founding member of our GAR Museum.

Civil War Veteran Says He Would Like To Fight Hitler

PHILADELPHIA, April 6. (AP)—William Jackaway, 100-year-old Civil War veteran, is ready to fight Adolf Hitler “any time, any style, anywhere.”

Declaring himself “ready for anything,” the still-erect Union soldier celebrated the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic today and told all callers:

“I’m ready to pick up a gun tomorrow and fight to keep the American flag flying. I’d pick up a cannon. I believe in standing up for our rights.

“America asks no help off anybody. Always stood on her own two feet.”

The veteran, who passed the century mark last December 14 and

vows he’ll live to be 120, asserted “Hitler is a bag of wind. I’ve got no use for him.”

Jackaway is one of the eight living veterans of the 120,000 Philadelphia “boys in blue” who came home from the Civil War to found the GAR. He left the Philadelphia Fire Department to serve with the Fire Xouaves in 41 engagements including the battles of Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, and Cold Harbor. He lives with a son and two daughters.

Alert and a daily reader of the international situation, Jackaway approves of the draft and believes “it breaks them in right.”

He broke away from the Republican column last year to vote for President Roosevelt.

**THE CIVIL WAR INSTITUTE & HISTORY INSTITUTE
AT MANOR COLLEGE
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE DELAWARE VALLEY CWRT**

The Fall Session Will Soon Be Upon Us!

The Fall 2023 semester of the Civil War & History Institutes will begin this month in a joint effort by Manor College and the Delaware Valley Civil War Round Table. Seven classes, all of them new programs, will be offered – five in a virtual (i.e., Zoom) format, two in a live in-person format at Manor College. The in-person classes will **NOT** be offered simultaneously in a hybrid virtual format.

To register for either the virtual or the in-person programs, log on to <https://manor.edu/academics/adult-continuing-education/history-institute/>

For the virtual programs, you will be sent a link with a password that will enable you to access the program. A reminder email will be sent again within 24 hours of the start of the class.

For the live in-person programs, you will be sent a confirmation email noting the classroom location for the class. Manor College is located at 700 Fox Chase Road in Jenkintown.

All classes will be taught from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with a fee of \$30. Two classes marked “LIVE” will be presented in a Manor classroom. The other five will be taught via Zoom.

You will notice that the Civil War Institute classes are not separated from the History Institute, as they have been done in the past. That was because two of the seven classes could fit into either category.

ALL CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED VIRTUALLY EXCEPT FOR THOSE INDICATED AS “LIVE IN-PERSON.”

CIVIL WAR & HISTORY INSTITUTE CLASSES

“Damn! Those are Regulars!”: The Americans Come of Age – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – After a period of weak leadership and defeat in the War of 1812, the U.S. Army and Navy turned themselves into formidable forces, capable of taking on one of the world’s most powerful militaries. Naval officers like Oliver Hazard Perry and Thomas McDonough created lake fleets that defeated the world’s finest navy. Winfield Scott, Zachary Taylor and Bucks County native Jacob Brown re-created the U.S. Army and dominated it until the Civil War.

Instructor: Tom Donnelly

Fee: \$30

Date: Wednesday, September 20, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

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OFFERED LIVE IN-PERSON

Hancock vs. Hunt – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – Even great generals can disagree. When the Confederates fired a massive cannonade at Gettysburg, Second Corps commander Winfield Scott Hancock wanted Union cannon to respond in kind, while artillery chief Henry Hunt wanted to conserve ammunition. Who was right?

Instructor: Dan Cashin

Fee: \$30

Date: Wednesday, September 27, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

From the Plain to the Hill: West Pointers at Laurel Hill – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – Philadelphia’s most historic cemetery is the final resting place for 45-plus alumni of the U.S. Military Academy. Only the cemeteries at West Point and Arlington have more. George Gordon Meade is the best known, but many other notable warriors are also interred at Laurel Hill.

Instructor: Andy Waskie

Fee: \$30

Date: Thursday, October 5, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

OFFERED LIVE IN-PERSON

Where the Ships Were Silent – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – Described by Admiral Ernest King as “the first major engagement in naval history in which surface ships did not exchange a single shot,” the May 1942 Battle of the Coral Sea foreshadowed the kind of carrier warfare that would mark later fighting in World War II’s Pacific Theater.

Instructor: Lance Lacey

Fee: \$30

Wednesday, October 18, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Killed by the Cures? – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – While Abraham Lincoln had no hope of surviving the shot fired by John Wilkes Booth, could modern medicine have saved the lives of Presidents James Garfield and William McKinley? This class will diagnose their chances of survival under the care of 20th-century physicians.

Instructor: Herb Kaufman

Fee: \$30

Date: Monday, October 23, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Famous Last Words: Warriors’ Farewells – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – Ever since Julius Caesar said – supposedly – “Et tu, Brute!” we’ve been fascinated by the dying words of history’s greats and near-greats, especially the words of dying warriors. This class explores many of these valedictories – the real ones and the nice-sounding myths.

Instructor: Mike Jesberger

Fee: \$30

Date: Thursday, November 9, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

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Gunfire in the Ozarks: The Battle of Pea Ridge – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – Of all the Civil War battles fought west of the Mississippi River – and there were more than most people think – the most dramatic was the March 1862 Battle of Pea Ridge. It was the only major engagement where Union forces were outnumbered but still trounced their Confederate foes.

Instructor: Jerry Carrier

Fee: \$30

Date: Monday, November 13, 6:30 to 8:30 pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

*BEFORE ATTENDING ANY EVENT,
PLEASE CHECK WITH ORGANIZERS TO MAKE SURE THE EVENT IS STILL ON!!!*

Exhibit – “Black Founders: The Forten Family of Philadelphia”

Now through November 26, 2023

The Museum of the American Revolution, 101 S 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Born a free person of color, James Forten became one of the wealthiest men in the city. He became a successful businessman, philanthropist, and abolitionist. His granddaughter, Charlotte Forten was a teacher who taught freed slaves after the Civil War in South Carolina.

Admission included with the regular museum admission.

For more info <https://www.amrevmuseum.org/>

GAR Museum, Library & Archive In-Person and Virtual ZOOM Program

Sunday, September 10, 2023, 1:00 pm

Church Hall, Holmesburg Methodist Church, 8118 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia.

“Andrew Johnson’s Swing Around the Circle, August-September, 1866” – Speaker Mike Wunsch

Mike’s talk includes an overview of the 'Union Party' Johnson administrations' post-Civil War Reconstruction policy in relation to the Northern States, and that of the former Confederacy, and the fierce opposition to Johnson’s 'policy' from elements of the 'Radical' Congress, politicians, and the press, Johnson's train tour, the stated purpose of , the talk which was to attend the dedication of the Stephen Douglas Monument, in Chicago, Illinois, however, the 'Campaign Swing' quickly took on a different form, one that Andrew Johnson, historians contend, never recovered from politically. The presentation includes eyewitness and newspaper accounts of this controversial and contentious campaign undertaking', between August 27 and September 15, 1866, an arduous trip that stretched from "Washington, D.C. to New York, including Philadelphia, west to Chicago, south to St. Louis, and

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east through the Ohio River valley and back to the nation's capital.", as President Johnson tried to gain support for his mild Reconstruction policies and his preferred candidates in the forthcoming midterm Congressional elections.

Please send a request to reserve a virtual seat by e-mail at garmuslib1866@gmail.com. You will be sent a link with a password to access the program within 24 hours of the presentation.

Historic Oaklands Cemetery Walking Tour

Sunday, September 17, 2023, 1:00 to 2:30 pm

1042 Pottstown Pike, West Chester, PA 19380

As you walk the streets of West Chester, you'll see names like Darlington, Butler, and Everhart. But do you know the history behind the names?

Many of West Chester's leading citizens are buried at Oaklands Cemetery (founded 1854), but there are many stories that remain untold. Join the education staff of the Chester County History Center to learn true tales of the soldiers, statesmen, lawyers, doctors, musicians, athletes, artists and more that found their final rest at this garden cemetery outside of West Chester, Pennsylvania.

This walking tour will take approximately two hours and covers one mile of hilly terrain--if you have mobility concerns, please reach out to us. Sturdy shoes strongly recommended--you will be walking through grass at times, so consider waterproof shoes if the grass is wet. Once purchased, tickets are nonrefundable, and the tour will take place rain or shine. Tickets are \$20/person

This event is a partnership between Chester County History Center and Oaklands Cemetery; funds raised will support CCHC's ongoing programming and Oakland's Perpetual Care Fund.

For info see <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/historic-oaklands-cemetery-walking-tour-tickets-694883554417?aff=oddtcreator>

Camp William Penn and Historic LaMott Day

Saturday, September 23, 2023, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

LaMott Community Center, 7240 Sycamore Avenue, Elkins Park, PA.

This event will honor the 160th anniversary of Camp William Penn and the establishment of the United States Colored Troops during the Civil War in present day La Mott.

Opening ceremony will take place at Camp William Penn gate at 10:00 (7320 Sycamore Ave.) followed by a day of programs honoring our soldiers and celebrating the history of our community.

Camp William Penn Museum will be open and local organizations will be present in the community with displays to discuss their histories and contributions to the area. USCT re-enactors will have an encampment on CWP ground and there will be Civil War era medical demonstrations in our barn.

Music and walking tours will also be part of the day. Closing ceremony will be at 3:45 at the Flagpole (corner Sycamore and Willow).

For information, , contact: Email: pt@usct.org or by phone: 215 885-2258

Citizens for the Restoration of Historical La Mott, 1618 Willow Ave., La Mott, PA 19027

THE GAR MUSEUM & ARCHIVE WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THIS EVENT.

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Starr Tours with Jane Peters Estes – Salem, Massachusetts – A Bewitching Place

Friday to Sunday, October 6-8, 2023

Follow the history of witches, witchcraft and witch hunts through the ages as you explore the town of Salem and learn about the witchcraft hysteria of the 1690s.

Highlights include the Salem Witch Museum, a tour of Salem and the House of Seven Gables, and the Rebecca Nurse Homestead.

Three days and two nights. Fee: \$729pp/DO – includes hotel accommodations and 2 breakfasts.

<https://www.starrtours.com/bus-tours/index.php/salem-massachusetts-a-bewitching-place/tour-detail/4649> for full details

Annual Major Octavius V. Catto Honor Ceremony

Saturday, October 7, 2023, 11:00 am

Catto Monument, SW corner of City Hall, Philadelphia

Honor ceremony, wreath laying, military salute for the anniversary of the assassination of Major Catto. Following the City Hall ceremony, PA National Guard Award Luncheon & Medal Ceremony at 12:30 pm in the Union League.

For information, contact Dr. Andy Waskie awaski01@gmail.com

US Marine Corps Birthday Observance

Friday, November 10, 2023, 11:00 am

Laurel Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia

Ceremony will be held at the grave of General Jacob Zeilin, 7th Commandant of the Marine Corps during the Civil War. A special 'Veterans' Day tour of heroes 'killed in action' and buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery will follow. Co-sponsored by: The Legion Post 405; MOLLUS; General Meade Society

Call 215.228.8200 for details. www.thelaurelhillcemetery.org or Dr. Andy Waskie

awaski01@gmail.com or 215-423-3930

Remembrance Day in Gettysburg

Saturday, November 18, 2023, 10:00 am

General Meade & his Generals and the veterans of the Battle of Gettysburg Honor/Dedication Ceremonies during the Remembrance Day Observance. Honoring all commanders and veterans of the Battle. Meet at the General Meade Equestrian Monument at 10:00am

Contact Jerry McCormick at (215) 848-7753 or gedwinmc@msn.com for info

Annual General Meade Birthday Celebration with Meade Society at Historic Laurel Hill Cemetery

Sunday, December 31, 2023, 11:30 am

3822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia

Parade and ceremony to mark the 208th anniversary of his birth will begin at 12 noon at General Meade's gravesite. All are asked to gather at the Gatehouse at 11:30 AM.

Military and civilian living historians are encouraged to participate!

A champagne toast and reception will follow the program.

For info and registration contact Dr. Andy Waskie at awaski01@gmail.com or Laurel Hill Cemetery at 215-228-8200

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