



GRAND ARMY SCOUT

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It is March and that means it is time for our annual Preservation luncheon. This year, as in years past, we will meet on March 24th at Cannstatters for our award and preservation luncheon. Again, it is a well-planned event with door prizes, special sale items, and Jim Schmick with his tremendous selection of books for sale.

A highlight of that day is our award presentations. Each year we award our Samuel P Town award for outstanding service to the Civil War community. This year's winner of the Samuel P Town award for outstanding service is Jane Peters Estes. Jane has had a lifetime of success as a tour guide, lecturer, educator and a dedication to the heritage and history of the Civil War era. We are proud to recognize her for her tremendous efforts.



We also award our 'Old Baldy Award' to two members for their outstanding efforts in dedication to the museum. They are our curator Herb Kaufman (right) and our research specialist Walt Lafty (left). Both Walt and Herb have created a new wonderful third



floor exhibit out of what was once just storage place and a place to hide things. Their efforts have proven what true dedication and hard work can do.

Each year we feature a guest speaker at our luncheon and this year we offer John Meko, Executive Director of the Abraham Lincoln Foundation of the Union League. Mr. Meko will speak on *“The Union League of Philadelphia, from the Civil War to the Present”*. Please note that this is a change from the originally scheduled program, and we are very grateful that Mr. Meko was graciously able to step in at short notice and be part of our luncheon.



Please plan to attend and be part of this year’s program. See you there!

Hugh Boyle
President

ATTENTION GAR Members:

It is that time of year again when we ask you to renew your membership to the GAR Civil War Museum and Library.

Your membership is extremely important to the museum.

It helps us to continue with our education programs, restoration of our valuable artifacts and maintenance of the museum.

As you may know, we do house many valuable artifacts that need to be maintained and insured. We are also housed in a historic building which is an aging gem, two hundred years old and in need of constant care.

So I ask, members, to renew your membership.

It is much appreciated and will be used for the good of the museum.

**Thank You,
Kathleen Smith
Membership Chair and BOD member**

MUSEUM PEOPLE & HAPPENINGS

Programs

The 2018 Open House Program Series opened on January 14th with the 28th PA Vol. Regimental Band giving a spectacular concert at the Museum. Their leader, Ken Cavender, who is also the band historian, gave a short history of each brass piece. This year the Band played pieces from 1863, all of which were explained to us by



Ken. Only the Brass ensemble was in attendance, since there was a conflict of scheduling for the drum and fife players. Their performance every year is greatly entertaining, informative and appreciated by all who attend. [Photos and text courtesy of Mary Ann Hartner]



On February 4, Alan Silverman spoke on “The Lincoln Line Drawing”. "An Apotheosis of Lincoln: A Deification in Honor of his Centennial" Alan related how a piece of remarkable artwork plucked from the trash gives insight into context, martyrology, and motivation. [Photo courtesy of Walt Lafy]



Professor Randall Miller of St. Joseph University, drawing on his recent book, *The Northern Home Front during the Civil War*, at the March 4 Open House Program, looked at some of the most striking features of wartime mobilization and experience on the northern home front, suggesting some of the ways that civilians’ support for the war affected their understanding and remembrance of the war and their ties to the nation. [Photo courtesy of Walt Lafy]

Ghost Hunt



As noted in the Holiday 2017 issue of *The Scout*, the Museum hosted a ghost hunt on the evening of January 13. The group in attendance was broken up into 3 teams and they all will get together later to analyze their findings, and then let Kathy Smith know if they got anything. Hopefully, Kathy will update the findings for the next issue of *The Scout*. Walt Lafty provided the photo of the participants.

Flag Unveiling

The fully restored battle flag of the 127th U.S.C.T. was unveiled at the Union League on Saturday, February 17. Herb Kaufman (far right) was among those in attendance for the ceremony. The flag will be displayed for several months at the Union League before being returned to the Museum. [Photo shared by Andy Waskie]



Out and About



Andy Waskie, Albert El and Walt Lafty were among the GAR members who were in attendance for the Annual Octavius V Catto Honor Ceremony at City Hall on February 17. The photo is courtesy of the General Meade Society and David Scott.

Museum Needs

As you all know, the museum is a non-profit all volunteer organization. The needs of the museum are not unlike any museum. We have bills and monthly expenses and jobs and responsibilities that have to be done to keep us moving forward. Like any organization we have needs and volunteers.

We are always in need for people who can help us with certain responsibilities, and maybe you as a volunteer can be of help.

Some of our needs are: a Grant Manager, a Communications Director, accounting and financial help, and public relations.

If you can be of any service please consider volunteering.

Financial Statement

The Annual Financial Statement has been prepared and is filed with our annual meeting notes. If anyone is interested in seeing it, you may when you come to the Museum.

Coming Back

The repaired and reconstructed battle flag of the 127th USCTs that is currently on display at the Union League will be back at the museum in June and will share a prominent place in our exhibits. Photo provided by Hugh Boyle.



GAR Museum Support Day a Great Success

By Herb Kaufman, Curator

On Saturday, March 3 a number of wonderful volunteers from the Delaware Valley Civil War Round Table spent the morning on a number of tasks to catalogue and conserve the museum's collection.

These dedicated volunteers are **Tom Donnelly, Jim and Linda Dover, Paula Gidjunis, Carol Ingald, Bernice Kaplan, Walt Lafty, Fred Rosso, John Shivo, and museum President Hugh Boyle.**

The group evaluated over a dozen old Bibles. Each one was examined and cataloged. Then they were placed in a protective bag and stored in a labeled box. In this group we found a Bible dating to 1812 as well as several original GAR Bibles that were used in their fraternal meetings.

We also evaluated and cataloged large storage boxes filled with original prints, art work, and photographs.

And, once again, we found some new important historic items !

This included an original watercolor of a Union soldier dressed in an early war gray uniform.

On behalf of all the Board and the members of the museum, thank you, thank you, to all who have taken their time to volunteer at the museum. Your efforts are so very valuable and much appreciated.

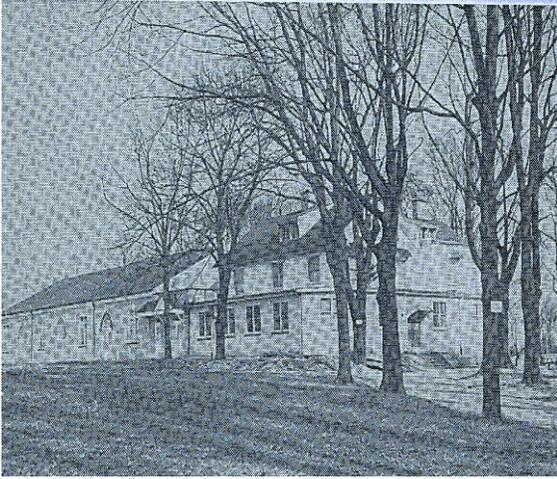
[Photo courtesy of Walt Lafty]



Take Note

The museum offers tours for our members. We are open every Tuesday from 12 noon until 4 pm. However, we will accommodate our members with special tours on other days as well. Call the museum to discuss a date and time.

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS LOCATION? ... by Walt Lafty



For those who have attended an event here, perhaps a wedding, the annual Volksfest, or maybe the annual G.A.R. Museum and Library luncheon, you may know this location as the Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein in Northeast Philly. The 1948 photo on the left is around the time it became their current location. The photo on the right is the traditional fruit column at the annual Volksfest. ***(photos courtesy of Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein)***

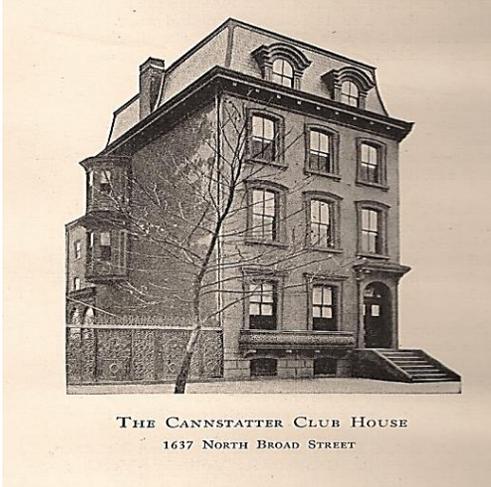
Many of our members and other people have been enjoying the museum's annual luncheon at this location for years, but how many are aware of the long history of this organization?

The Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein is one of the oldest and largest of the German-American clubs in Philadelphia. It was formed in 1873 by a group of native German men, who longed for the traditions of their youth. The group of men met on September 24th, 1873 at the residence of Louis Hartmann, at 257 North Fifth Street. They wanted to formulate a plan to have their first festival, in the tradition of the Cannstatt area of Germany from where they had emigrated. The men created three committees consisting of entertainment, refreshments (drinks) and meals. That first festival took place only four days later on September 28th at Reistle's Singer Park which was located in the Schuylkill Falls area of the city. With the first festival being such a success, it encouraged the men to form a committee to organize a society. The committee of seven men included biscuit-maker Godfrey Keebler, brewer Christian Schmidt, John Bower, C.M. Baumann, Fritz Klein, Charles Berlinger and Henry Jahke.

In addition to the yearly festival, the society's activities included annual balls, pinochle tournaments, parades, carnivals, and church festivals. Funds collected were donated to hospitals, orphanages, and also included providing coal in the winter to people who experienced economic hardship. The Goethe and Schiller monuments in Fairmount Park were donated by the Cannstatter Volkfest.

Initially the organization met at members' business offices, but by 1901 they were able to purchase a building at 542 North Fourth Street.

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In 1912 they moved to a larger building at 1637 North Broad Street (*photo left – courtesy of Cannstatter’s*) where they remained for 35 years.

In 1947 the organization moved to its present home at Willits and Academy Roads in Northeast Philadelphia.

Today, the block where the 1637 N. Broad house was located is now Morgan Hall, part of Temple University.

Around 1883, Cannstatter’s purchased a large number of grave sites in Greenmount Cemetery. These were given to the poor who could not afford to be interred. In 1996, the remaining unused grave sites were donated to the city of Philadelphia.

The society has met at their current address on Academy Road since 1947 and has continued to hold the annual festival there. In the years prior to 1947, the festival was held at various locations in Philadelphia. The exception was a five year period 1889-1894 when the festival was held in Camden’s Schutzen-Park. That appears to be due to a permit issue.

The years of both World Wars were difficult times for Cannstatter’s. During the First World War, there were no festivals as no one would rent ground to them. While the World War 2 years were difficult, they appear to have been better than the previous war. Activities picked up in the years following World War 2 and membership rose to over 2,000. By 1990, the organization had approximately three thousand members.

The annual festival is open to the public and is held every Labor Day weekend. Throughout the year, weekend activities are held which include dances, banquets featuring German foods, and concerts by German performers. Other groups and organizations also hold events there. The photo on right is from the *Cannstatter Volksfest 2016*.



For a more detailed history, visit the Cannstatter website at: <http://cannstatter.org/>

Records of the Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein are also held by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania (HSP) and date from 1873 to 1942. The collection is composed primarily of entertainment committee and meeting minutes, membership lists, miscellaneous items and memorabilia. The HSP website also has a summary of the Cannstatters history. http://www2.hsp.org/collections/Balch%20manuscript_guide/html/canstatter.html

***CIVIL WAR HISTORY THROUGH THE ARTIFACTS OF
THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC CIVIL WAR MUSEUM
..... an ongoing series By Hugh Boyle***

What's New at the Museum

Herb Kaufman, Andy Waskie and Joe Perry examine a newly found flag in our archives.



SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING HISTORICAL TALKS AT THE GAR MUSEUM

**JOIN US THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
PROGRAMS AT 1:30PM
FREE ADMISSION, DONATIONS APPRECIATED**



April 1, 2018 – Easter – MUSEUM CLOSED

May 6, 2018 – Joe Mieczkowski – “After Gettysburg: Lee retreats, Meade pursues”

June 3, 2018 – Jim Remsen – “Embattled Courage (USCT) – Freedom-Seekers Turned Freedom-Fighters”

July 1, 2018 – NO PROGRAM

August 5, 2018 – Open House small group tours of the treasures of the Museum - Browsing

September 9, 2018 – NOTE SECOND SUNDAY – Bruce Venter – “Kill Jeff Davis: The Union Raid on Richmond, 1864” (to be confirmed)

October 7, 2018 – Gene Barr – “A Civil War Captain and His Lady: A True Story of Love, Courtship, and Combat – a Pennsylvania ‘Cold Mountain’ tale of Josiah Moore of the 17th Illinois Volunteers

November 4, 2018 – TBA

December 2, 2018 – Patrick J. Hayes – “The Civil War Diary of Rev. James Sheeran, C.Ss.R. Chaplain, Confederate, Redemptorist” (to be confirmed)



The Curator's Corner ... by Herb Kaufman

Now is the time! The GAR Museum and Library is the place!

NOTE our new email address: garmuslib1866@gmail.com

As the weather begins to clear and the temperature rises, now is a great time to plan your visit to the museum. We have many new exhibits and have continued to refresh our existing exhibits.

Many thanks to **Fred Rosso** and **Walt Lafty** for uncovering three historic flags that have been hidden for many years. Fred also found a historic steel engraving of Major General George B. McClellan.

This engraving is now being conserved and reframed thanks to the donation from the **Preservation Committee of the Delaware Valley CWRT.**

Also, **Fred and Pat Rosso** have donated the reframing of a wonderful original photo of the USS *Hartford*. The USS *Hartford* was the flagship of Admiral David G. Farragut when he captured Mobile Bay. This photo has the original gold gilt frame and is now on display with our new naval exhibit.

Thanks also to **Walt Lafty** for his terrific research in identifying GAR veterans and their relationship to artifacts in the museum.

I am also very pleased to be able to report to you that the museum continues to make significant progress in enhancing our exhibits and cataloging all of our documents, relics and artifacts.

We are so proud of our new 3rd floor exhibit area. **This is one of the most exciting new enhancements to the museum experience.**

So, if you have not visited the museum lately, now is the time.

Plan on attending a Sunday Open House. The speakers are always most interesting and informative, and we hope that you will enjoy seeing our new 3rd floor exhibition area.

I encourage everyone to visit the museum. I am sure you will be as excited as I am with the new exhibits with more to come. We are making considerable progress and look forward to continuing to make improvements.

Please become a member or renew your membership and visit the museum
"Where history comes alive!"

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.

William B. Hatch Post #37, G.A.R. Department of New Jersey



Colonel William Browning Hatch



William Browning Hatch was born to William J. and Catherine Browning Hatch in 1838 in Camden, New Jersey. His father was a farmer, and it appears William B., instead of farming like his father, preferred to be a “soldier of fortune”, as he went to Europe and served in the cavalry of the Russian Imperial Army in 1859 and 1860.

Back in New Jersey at the outbreak of the Civil War, he was commissioned a Lieutenant on April 27, 1861 in the Fourth N.J. Infantry (3 month) Regiment. After that Regiment fulfilled their three month commitment, William enlisted as a major of the Fourth (three years') Infantry Regiment August 17, 1861.

With the 4th N.J., Hatch went on to serve at Gaines' Mill, 2nd Manassas, Chantilly, Crampton's Pass, Antietam, and Fredericksburg. By Fredericksburg, he had been promoted to Colonel of the 4th New Jersey. On December 13, 1862 he was severely wounded while attacking the Confederate works at Marye's Heights. He died of his wounds on December 15, 1862 and his body was brought home to Camden to be buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Camden.

On November 25, 1879, a G.A.R. post was organized in Camden NJ. At the first meeting of the new post, it was unanimously decided to honor Colonel Hatch by adopting the name William B. Hatch Post and then was designated #37 by the New Jersey Department of the G.A.R.

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On the following day, his mother Catherine Hatch wrote the following letter to the first commander of the newly formed William B. Hatch Post #37:

*Camden N. J.,
November 26th, 1879
John E. Grubb, Post Commander*

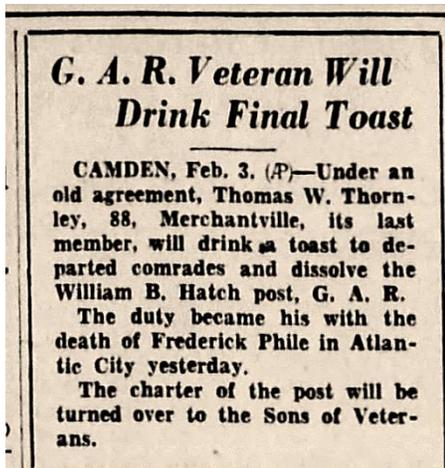
Dear Sir,

It will afford me much pleasure to be identified with Post 37, G. A. R., named in honor of my son, William B. Hatch, by allowing me to present to the same its colors. The memory of my son is ever dear to me, and, while at the same moment I may have thought the sacrifice too great an affliction, yet I was consoled by the fact that I gave him up that this Union might be preserved. It was duty and patriotism that called him, and while I mourn him as a mother for a well-beloved son, yet I would not have stayed him, for the love of country and the upholding of this glorious Republic is what every mother should instill into her sons, as the purest and holiest spirit.

*Yours truly,
C. Hatch*

Transcription of original letter

Post #37 was very active in all G.A.R. affairs and within the community of Camden. In reporting the second anniversary of Hatch Post 37 on 25 Nov 1881, the Philadelphia Inquirer wrote ***“the Post was organized two years ago and now numbers five hundred men”***. That may have made Post 37 the largest in New Jersey, at least according to the Philadelphia Times newspaper on 29 January 1888, when it reported that Post 37 of New Jersey is ***“the largest in the State”*** out of ***“109 posts”*** as also recorded in the same article.



The William B Hatch Post #37 remained very active in all state and national encampments for over 50 years. On February 4, 1936, the last member, Thomas W. Thornley, age 88, drank a last toast as the last member and closed the post. The newspaper *Mount Carmel Item* wrote that Mr. Thornley ***“stood before a table and drank the final toast to his comrades then he struck the table once with his gavel, called the role, then lowered the flag, ending the activities of the unique organization”***.

*Mount Carmel Item
(Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania)
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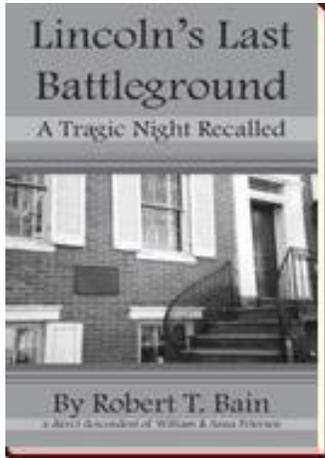
Both Thomas W. Thornley, who served with the 198th Pennsylvania Infantry, and his Post namesake Colonel William Browning Hatch, are buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Camden, New Jersey.

FROM THE MUSEUM'S BOOKSHELF*Hugh Boyle*

Lincoln's Last Battleground – A Tragic Night Recalled

By Robert T. Bain

AuthorHouse, 2005, 62 pages



Abraham Lincoln died at 7:22 AM on April 15, 1865. He died in a boarding house on 10th Street just across from where he had been shot at Fords Theater. After being shot by John Wilkes Booth the doctors removed him from the theater to a place where he would rest better. They believed the carriage journey to the White House would have been too much for his condition.

Robert T. Bain's book is a look at what happened in those hours that Mr. Lincoln lay in the back bedroom of Mr. Bain's ancestors. Robert T. Bain is a descendent of William Petersen who owned the house where Lincoln died. His story is from the family point of view. William Petersen was a highly respected tailor in Washington. He even did business with the army. On the night of April 14, William was working at his office, his wife Anna was visiting another Petersen child. At the house was his son 16 year old Ferdinand, whom they called Fred, and his daughter Pauline, 14 years old, along with a younger boy Carl. Also in the house was the family servant.

Fred was at Grover's theater that night when the assassination was announced. Also in that theater was young Tad Lincoln whom Fred saw whisked out. He ran to his home on 10th Street only to find the house full of people and Mr. Lincoln lying in the back bedroom. When Fred and his sister Pauline found out it was John Wilkes Booth who had shot the president, they looked at each other in shock, wondering what would happen when the authorities found out that Mr. Lincoln was lying in the same bed that John Wilkes Booth had slept in not long ago. What would they think of the family? Would they be imprisoned?

It was a long night for all in that house. Mrs. Lincoln would sit in the parlor and cry continually. Pauline would bring her tea and sit and at times hold her hand. Mary Lincoln was so touched that she gave Pauline a brooch she was wearing as a gift for her kindness. Mr. Lincoln died at 7:22 AM the next day. His body was removed and it was for the Petersen family to clean up the death scene. But not before the crowds in the street begged to enter and see where Lincoln had died. The ordeal of constant visitors went on and on. The tragedy deeply affected the Petersen family and with the book Robert. T Bain wanted to tell about his great, great, great grandfathers' family the night Abraham Lincoln died.

"BACK IN THE DAY"

(Newspaper accounts during (or about) the Civil War)

By Walt Lafty

Philadelphia Inquirer April 1, 1945 page 106

(Procrastinator's Edition-Not April Fools) ☺ See "Big Decision" Below



ESSENTIAL: Fresh diapers are "essential to a child's morale," Circuit Court Commissioner Cody, of Detroit, ruled in refusing to evict the parents of an 18-month-old baby from their apartment. The landlord said the mother was a "nuisance" because she washed twice a week instead of once, as provided in building rules.

TIGHT: Senator George Brunt was arguing in the Idaho Legislature in favor of a bill legalizing slot machines. He was interrupted by Senator Parley P. Jensen, who asked: "Would you advocate putting a slot machine in your church?" Brunt replied, "I would just as soon, because there are some persons who couldn't be pried out of a dime with a crow bar, but they might take a chance on a slot machine."

GIFT HORSE: Arlie Burton, chairman of the Browning, Ill., Red Cross drive, was making the rounds when Nathan Shannon stopped to ask how the campaign was progressing. Then Shannon, placing the lead strap of a halter in Burton's hand, said: "Here, take this as my donation. Get what you can for it." At the other end of the halter was a fine horse.

STILL HOPING: Mrs. Elizabeth C. Madsen, of Vancouver, Wash., never gives up. When she and 24 neighbors filed a petition for a street light, city council looked up old records. She's been appealing for the light since 1917. But the corner still is dark.

BIG DECISION: It took Orrin Mallette a little while to get around to it, but he's going to join the Grand Army of the Republic. He decided to become a member of Los Angeles GAR post in celebration of his forthcoming 98th birthday, April 6. He enlisted in the Union Army in 1865 at the age of 17.

Author's note: Orrin Mallette served in the 46th Wisconsin from January 1865 until September 1865. The Regiment's services included guard duty along the line of the Nashville & Decatur RR in Alabama. It lost 20 men during service, all from disease. Mr. Mallette did in fact join GAR Stanton Post 55. A little more than a year later he died, as Senior Vice-Commander of the Post which had 5 remaining members left.

THE CIVIL WAR INSTITUTE AT MANOR COLLEGE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE DELAWARE VALLEY CWRT – AND THE BRAND NEW “MILITARY HISTORY INSTITUTE”

The Civil War Institute is a personal enrichment program that brings courses in Civil War History to the Delaware Valley in a non-stress, adult environment at Manor College. All of the courses in the program are taught by instructors who are members of the Delaware Valley Civil War Round Table, many of whom are also members of the GAR Museum & Library.

Semesters include multiple-week courses, 2-week courses and 1-night seminars. Classes may be taken individually or as part of a certificate program. Completion of four core courses (each 4 weeks/8 hours), plus any 24 hours of electives will now be required to receive the certificate.

Recently, the Delaware Valley CWRT inserted classes about World War II into the Civil War Institute curriculum. The response was so positive that a brand-new enterprise has been spun off, covering not only World War II but ALL military history. This new enterprise, branded the Military History Institute, as it goes beyond our own shores and embraces both ancient and modern times to include anything of interest, was celebrated on March 6 at Manor College. (Meanwhile, the Civil War classes will go forward undiminished and undiluted – with existing classes that have generated interest in the past and new ones that are hoped will spark even more response in the future.)

Manor College is located at 700 Fox Chase Road in Jenkintown, PA. You may call (215) 884-2218 to register or online <http://manor.edu/academics/adult-continuing-education/civil-war-institute/>

Class hours are 6:30 till 8:30 pm, unless otherwise noted.

*** Indicates Core Course**

**** Indicates Elective Course/Seminar**

CIVIL WAR INSTITUTE SPRING & SUMMER SEMESTER CLASSES

In the spring semester, the classes are taking a comprehensive look at the largest battle ever fought on American soil. With one exception, every course relates to Gettysburg. Several of these courses are still available for registration.

****“Vicksburg Is the Key” – 4 hrs –** With this quote, President Lincoln himself recognized that the fortress city on the Mississippi River was the South’s most strategically important site. U.S. Grant’s campaign to approach, besiege and finally capture Vicksburg and its defenders had more impact on the war’s outcome than even the “high water mark” at Gettysburg.

Instructor: Jerry Carrier

Fee: \$55

Wednesdays, March 14 and 21 (RESCHEDULED FROM JANUARY)

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****Gettysburg: A Town in Turmoil – 2 hrs** –The biggest battle ever fought on American soil obviously had a major impact on the outcome of the war and on the men who fought it. But it also changed the lives of the civilians who lived in the little Pennsylvania crossroads town. When the armies left, the people of Gettysburg had to pick up the pieces.

Instructor: Nancy Caldwell

Fee: \$30

Monday, March 19

****Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address – NEW – 2 hrs** – On Nov. 19, 1863, Abraham Lincoln gave his greatest speech. It is remembered, recited and memorized more than any speech in history, but what is behind these words? How did the President on short notice come up with these everlasting words? Lincoln was facing the difficulties of war, family problems and sickness – and still was able to focus on the central issue of the day. Find out how the speech came about and its impact on the United States in 1863 – and its impact today.

Instructor: Hugh Boyle

Fee: \$30

Monday, April 9

****Closing the Last Rebel Port: The Battles for Fort Fisher – NEW – 2 hrs** – This class will cover the two campaigns to capture Fort Fisher, recognized as the Confederacy’s most powerful seacoast fortification. It protected Wilmington, North Carolina, the South’s last major Atlantic port. The class will also encompass the personalities involved and their effect on the successes and failures of the campaigns.

Instructor: Paula Gidjunis

Fee: \$30

Wednesday, June 27

Congressman Lincoln – NEW – 2 hrs – Abraham Lincoln spent two years in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1847 to 1849. It was a true learning experience for young Abe. His stance against the Mexican War and President James K. Polk were his outstanding moments. His time in the Capitol and the friends he made were stepping stones for his return to Washington in 1861 as President.

Instructor: Hugh Boyle

Fee: \$30

Thursday, August 16

Save the Date: If the Gettysburg classes left you hungry for even more knowledge about the iconic battle, come to Manor College on Saturday, May 19, for an all-day event that will feature four distinguished speakers. Each speaker will focus on a different aspect of the battle and its aftermath. See the flyer on page 26 of this newsletter for more information.

MILITARY HISTORY INSTITUTE SPRING & SUMMER SEMESTER CLASSES

**** “Et tu, Brute?” The Assassination of Julius Caesar – NEW – 2 hrs** – On Ides Martiae, 710 AUC – better known as the Ides of March 44 BC – Caius Iulius Caesar was assassinated by a group of Roman senators. What precipitated this history-changing event? This class will examine the character of Caesar and the atmosphere in Rome before and after the assassination and its impact on the Republic.

Instructor: Pat Caldwell, M.A.

Fee: \$30

Wednesday, March 28

****Crimsoned Prairie: The Plains Indian Wars: 1864-1876 – NEW – 2 hrs** – Even while the Civil War raged in the East, there was great unrest in the West, as westward expansion created tensions between whites and Native Americans. This class will explore the Plains Indian war from the Sand Creek massacre in November 1864 to General Custer’s defeat along the banks of the Little Big Horn River in June 1876. In between, we will explore the Fetterman massacre, battles along the “bloody Bozeman” Trail, Custer’s Yellowstone Expedition, and more.

Instructor: Steve Wright, M.A.

Fee: \$30

Thursday, April 19

****Up Periscope: A View of Submarine Warfare in World War II – NEW – 2 hrs** – During World War II, submarines comprised less than 2 percent of the U.S. Navy, but sank more than 30 percent of the Japanese Imperial Navy. This class will focus on some of the more interesting stories of America’s submarines, but will include some British, German, and Japanese underwater warships.

Instructor: Walt Lafty

Fee: \$30

Wednesday, April 25

**** “Duel at Dawn” – NEW – 2 hrs** – Early in the morning on July 11, 1804, two men met on the dueling grounds of Weehawken, NJ. When the duel was over, one man was dead, the other a fugitive. All schoolchildren know about that fatal duel between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr, but do they really? This class will go behind the dueling grounds to the story behind the feud that led to the duel.

Instructor: Hugh Boyle

Fee: \$30

Thursday, May 10

****World War II on the Big Screen – NEW – 2 hrs** – After Pearl Harbor, Hollywood quickly enlisted in the war effort. With drama, comedy and the gravity of war from “Buck Privates” and “A Yank in the RAF,” through “Flags of Our Fathers,” “Saving Private Ryan” and “Dunkirk,” Hollywood has had a long fascination with World War II. This program looks at many of the notable, interesting and more remarkable films that capture different perspectives of World War II.

Instructor: Herb Kaufman, M.Ed.

Fee: \$30

Thursday, May 17

GRAND ARMY SCOUT

Meet the German Air Aces – NEW – 2 hrs – Forget the legend of the “Red Baron”! A dozen fliers in the World War II German Luftwaffe were likely the highest scoring aerial aces the world may ever see! This course presents their careers and achievements and compares them to the pilots of the war’s other combatant nations.

Instructor: Lance Lacey

Fee: \$30

Monday, June 18

“A Bridge Too Far”: Montgomery’s Fiasco – NEW – 2 hrs – “Operation Market Garden” was one of the greatest airborne assaults – and intelligence failures – of World War II, which cost 15,000 Allied lives. This class examines the strategy, military perceptions, failures and consequences of “A Bridge Too Far”.

Instructor: Herb Kaufman, M.Ed.

Fee: \$30

Thursday, July 12

“Old Fuss and Feathers”: America’s Greatest General – NEW – 2 hrs – During his 53 years of service, Virginia native Winfield Scott was the hero of the War of 1812, the guiding genius behind America’s victory over Mexico, and the Army’s general-in-chief for 20 years! By the time of the Civil War, the 75-year-old Scott was too frail – and overweight – to lead troops in the field, but before his retirement in 1861, he devised the strategy that ultimately won the war.

Instructor: Jerry Carrier

Fee: \$30

Monday, July 23

(THIS COURSE IS ALSO APPROPRIATE FOR THE CIVIL WAR INSTITUTE AND CAN SATISFY AN ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT FOR THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM)

Expensive Victory in Leyte Gulf, or “Bull’s Run” – NEW – 2 hrs – A combined Army-Navy operation in October 1944 culminated in perhaps the most important Allied victory in the Pacific Theater, despite an ill-advised wild-goose chase by U.S. Admiral “Bull” Halsey. The triumph enabled General Douglas MacArthur to declare on Dec. 25: “I have returned.”

Instructor: Matt Bruce

Fee: \$30

Wednesday, August 1



UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Grand Army Museum Preservation Luncheon

Saturday, March 24, 2018, starting at 11:00 am, 12:00 noon (cocktails)

Cannstatter Volksfest Verein

9130 Academy Rd. Philadelphia, PA 19114 - (215) 332-0121

Cost: \$35 per person - \$65 per couple. Choice of Beef, Chicken, or Salmon

11:00 am open for book browsing and signings; 12 noon cocktails; 1:00 pm luncheon; 2:00 presentation – **“The Union League of Philadelphia, from the Civil War to the Present”** by John Meko, Executive Director of the Abraham Lincoln Foundation of the Union League. Presentation of the ‘Grand Army Award’ for preservation efforts. Fundraiser raffle of prints; door prizes; books; entertainment; fun!

To reserve contact: garmuslib@verizon.net; or call: 215-289-6484

Deadline to reserve: March 16, 2018

Please see the flyer on page 24 of this newsletter.

Lecture: “The Hessians in the War for American Independence”

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 – 7:00-9:00 pm

The German Society of Pennsylvania, 611 Spring Garden Street

Speaker Dr. Friederike Baer (Associate Professor of History at Penn State University, Abington).

“A Cursed Country to Make War in”: The Hessians and other German Auxiliary Troops in the War for American Independence

Lecture free and open to the public (donations accepted)

For info: 215-627-2332 or info@germansociety.org or www.facebook.com/events/192416941519836/

19th Annual Meade Society History Symposium

Sunday, April 8, 2018 – 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm

Conservatory at West Laurel Hill Cemetery, 215 Belmont Avenue, Bala Cynwyd, PA

“America in the Spanish-American War of 1898 and Becomes a World Power”

Featuring noted historians and speakers, and authors on the US in the Spanish-American War, as well as books, prints and raffles

A special honor ceremony will be held at the previously unmarked grave of a Civil War volunteer nurse who is credited with founding 'Memorial/Decoration Day'. A new grave marker and GAR Flag holder will be dedicated and wreaths laid for Martha Kimball who is buried in West Laurel Hill Cemetery near the Conservatory.

Co-Sponsored by the GAR Museum & Library and the General Meade Society.

Cost: \$40 per person, including registration, luncheon and refreshments.

To reserve – Jerry McCormick 215-848-7753 gedwinmc@msn.com

Please see the flyer on page 25 of this newsletter.

GRAND ARMY SCOUT

Ceremony to dedicate new Information Panel honoring USCTs buried at Philadelphia National Cemetery Saturday, April 21, 2018 – 11:00 am (Rain Date May 5, 2018)

Philadelphia National Cemetery, 6909 Limekiln Pike, Philadelphia.

Ceremony will include music, brief speeches, USCT reenactors and light refreshments.

For info email pt@usct.org or call 215-885-2258.

Glen Foerd-Holy Family University Speaker Series – Finding Fairmount Park

Thursday, April 26, 2018 – 7:00 pm

Holy Family Hall, Room 109, 9801 Frankford Avenue

Philadelphia boasts one of the oldest, largest, and most diverse park systems in the United States. Yet our parks receive scant attention in histories of landscape design and city planning. Elizabeth Milroy, author of *The Grid and the River: Philadelphia's Green Places, 1682-1876*, and Professor of Art at Drexel University will describe the unique development of Philadelphia's urban parks in the two centuries after William Penn and Thomas Holme first devised the city plan.

The series is free and open to the public, with no reservations required.

For info: Mary Carroll Johansen 267-341-3365 mcjohansen@hollyfamily.edu or www.hollyfamily.edu

29th Annual Neshaminy Civil War Reenactment (since 1990!)

Saturday & Sunday, April 28-29, 2017

Actions featuring local troops in the Campaigns of 1863

LIVING HISTORY & BATTLE REENACTMENT

NESHAMINY STATE PARK, BENSLEM, PENNSYLVANIA

Camps open 9AM - Battles at approximately 2:00pm on Saturday, and 1:30pm on Sunday

- * Many authentic military and civilian participants are expected
- * Visit both Union and Confederate camps where troops demonstrate military and camp scenes and discuss aspects of Civil War history
- * See troops drilling, mounted cavalry, artillery
- * Living history presentations, period music
- * Sutlers' tent village selling period items, jewelry, crafts, military items, souvenirs etc.
- * Food vendors plus picnic facilities
- * Parking lots close to all of the action
- * Fun and educational for every member of the family
- * Free Admission and Free Parking!

Near Street Road Exit of I-95

FOR DIRECTIONS AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARK

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/neshaminy.aspx>

Registration: www.neshaminyreenactment.org

Co-sponsored by: The 28th PA Regiment, First Battalion, Army of Northern Virginia, The Historical Society of Bensalem Township, The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum & Library, the Delaware Valley Civil War Round Table, Neshaminy State Park, and Waste Management, Inc.

Information: call (267) 968-4809; or e-mail: cdgilson5@comcast.net

GRAND ARMY SCOUT

General Meade Society Spring Trip – Abolitionism and the Underground Railroad in Philadelphia Saturday, May 5, 2018 – 8:30 am to @5:00 pm – Depart from Laurel Hill Cemetery

Sites to be visited: St. George's, Mother Bethel AME, Belmont Mansion, Johnson House.

Lunch at McGillins Old Ale House.

COST: \$65 dollars per Person, RSVP by May 1st to Jerry McCormick: 215-848-7753 or gedwinmc@msn.com

Make checks payable to: Gen. Meade Society and mail to: J. McCormick, Treasurer, 3692 Stanton St., Phila., PA 19129 www.generalmeadesociety.org

Manor College Civil War Day, sponsored by Manor College and the Delaware Valley CWRT

Saturday, May 19, 2018 – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Manor College, 700 Fox Chase Road, Jenkintown

“Gettysburg Comes to Manor” – Speakers are **Matt Atkinson**, National Park Service Ranger, author & historian at Gettysburg, also served as NPS Ranger at Petersburg, Manassas & Vicksburg Battlefields;

Sue Boardman, author, historian, Gettysburg Leadership Program Director, Licensed Gettysburg Battlefield Guide and lead historian for the Gettysburg cyclorama conservation project;

Scott Mingus, historian, author of numerous histories including *Flames Beyond Gettysburg*, *The Second Day at Gettysburg: the Attack on Cemetery Ridge* and *The Louisiana Tigers in the Gettysburg Campaign*;

Herb Kaufman, historian & lecturer; Adjunct Faculty at Camden County College, Gratz College, and the Civil War and Military History Institutes at Manor College.

We will kick off the day @ 10:00 am with Herb's presentation, followed by Matt Atkinson @ 11:00 am. There will be an hour break for lunch and browsing – and discount book buying! – before the program resumes with Scott Mingus @ 1:00 pm. Program will conclude with Sue Boardman @ 2:00 and a final chance for browsing and purchasing books for preservation!

Please see the flyer on page 26 of this newsletter.

Gravesite Placement of Veterans' Flags at Laurel Hill Cemetery

Sunday, May 20, 2018 – 10:00 am

Meet at the gatehouse of Laurel Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge Avenue, in Philadelphia

The group assembled will place US flags on the graves of veterans of all wars. As time and manpower permit, the cemeteries to be covered include Laurel Hill, Mt. Peace & St. James the Less.

Refreshments and lunch provided. All welcome!

Laurel Hill Cemetery contains the graves of thousands of Civil War veterans. Many of those who engaged in battle, fighting on the sides of both the Union and Confederacy or on the home front now rest at Laurel Hill. The site also holds sacred the remains of many prominent Civil War-era Philadelphians, including volunteer nurses, surgeons, and supporters of the war effort.

Open to the Public. Free Parking is available. (215) 228-8200 or online

www.thelaurehillcemetery.org

GRAND ARMY SCOUT

Memorial Day Observed at Historic Laurel Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia Sunday, May 27, 2018 – 12:00 noon

Recreating the Original G.A.R. Decoration Day Service of 1868

The traditional Decoration Day service of the Grand Army Meade Post #1 will be recreated at Historic Laurel Hill Cemetery.

All are welcome to attend and participate in the ceremony.

Laurel Hill is the site of the first Memorial Day Observance in Philadelphia on this date in 1868.

Special bronze veterans' markers will be dedicated at the graves of veterans. Speakers, ceremonies and pageant will highlight this special ceremony. Afterwards the entourage will gather at the grave of General Meade, hero of Gettysburg to perform the traditional service to honor all veterans who fell defending the Nation. Wreath-laying, speeches, music and honor guards will enhance the ceremony.

Keynote speaker, historical groups, veterans, and citizens are urged to participate.

Wreaths, military contingents, color guards, music and period civilians are encouraged to participate.

Refreshments served after the ceremony.

Tours of the historic cemetery will be available.

Co-sponsored by the General Meade Society of Philadelphia; Friends of Laurel Hill; American Legion Post #405; MOLLUS, Union League; Sons of Union Veterans.

For information, call: 215-228-8200.

The General Meade Society's Night at the Phillies

Tuesday , August 28, 2018 - 7:05 pm

Our nine will take on the Washington Nationals in a National League East match up. We will be in Section 106 in the lower right field bleachers. Game time is set for 7:05 p.m. Society member Tom Kearney has chosen a game that will allow fans to attend one of the *Phillies* BOGO games. Buy One Get One means if you buy a ticket at the game price of \$38.00 you will get another ticket at no charge. Basically paying \$19.00 for each ticket. Tom has ordered 60 tickets and he can be reached at 267-446-2935 or e-mail him at turkeytk@aol.com

Civil War Navy Symposium – Blue Water Navy / Brown Water Navy

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Presented by Old Baldy CWRT. Symposium to be held on board the Battleship *New Jersey* in her berth at Camden (Delaware River), New Jersey. For information and updates see www.oldbaldycwrt.org

Please see the flyer on page 27 of this newsletter.

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*Invites All Lincoln and Civil War Enthusiasts to the
ANNUAL PRESERVATION LUNCHEON*

**TO SUPPORT THE ONLY
CIVIL WAR MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA**

Saturday, March 24, 2018

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Cannstatter Volkfest Verein

9130 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114

(Intersection of Academy Rd. and Frankford Ave., at I-95 Academy Road exit)

NOTE CHANGE IN KEYNOTE SPEAKER & ADDRESS

Keynote speaker **JOHN MEKO**

Executive Director of the Abraham Lincoln Foundation at the
Union League

*“The Union League of Philadelphia, from the Civil War to the
Present”*



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OR Call 215-289-6484, - - - email: garmuslib1866@gmail.com**

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Bala Cynwyd, PA
19004 -
<http://westlaurelhill.com/about/visit>

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**PROGRAM MARKING THE
120TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
SPANISH-AMERICAN
WAR (1898)**



- 12:00pm: Welcome & Introductions**
- 12:15pm: The Navy in the Spanish-American War**
– Capt. Howard Serlick (USN ret.)
- 1:15pm: Pennsylvania and the Spanish-American War**
– Col. Ken McCreedy (USA ret.)
- 2:00pm: Lunch with the Kearney Kommissary**
- SPECIAL Event:** An honor ceremony at the grave of Martha Kimball, the 'Mother' of Memorial Day following lunch. (weather & time permitting)
- 3:00pm: The Pennsylvania National Guard in the
Spanish-American War** – Maj. Gen. Wesley Craig (USA ret)
- 3:45pm: Break**
- 4:00pm: Famous Spanish-American War Veterans at West Laurel Hill
Cemetery** – Russ Dodge – Military Historian & Find A Grave
Administrator
- 4:45pm: Final Panel Q & A**

Book displays, artifact displays, historical demonstrations

Thanks to our attendees; Moderator Prof. Joe Pugh; Meade Society members; Jim Schmick (*Civil War & More*); Tom & Judi Kearney & Kommissary; John Meko and the Union League; West Laurel Hill; the PA National Guard and our distinguished speakers and guests.

GETTYSBURG COMES TO MANOR

MAY 19, 2018

“Hold that ground at all hazards” – Perspectives on the Battle of Gettysburg

We are thrilled to advise our members and friends of this year’s outstanding group of speakers for our annual Gettysburg symposium at Manor College.

This year’s program will be held on the 2nd floor of the Basileiad Library on the Manor Campus. The meeting room will be comfortably air conditioned.

We will kick off the day @ 10:00 am with historian/lecturer **Herb Kaufman**. Herb’s presentation will be ***“It Had Not Been Intended to Deliver a General Battle So Far From Our Base”***. Herb is a member of the Adjunct Faculty at Camden County College, Gratz College, and the Civil War and Military History Institutes at Manor College.

Matt Atkinson, National Park Service Ranger, will follow @ 11:00 am with ***“Pickett’s Charge: Evolution of an Attack Plan”***. Matt is an author and historian at Gettysburg, and also served as NPS Ranger at Petersburg, Manassas & Vicksburg Battlefields.

There will be an hour break from 12:00 noon until 1:00 pm. Lunch will be available in the College Cafeteria, along with book signings, our well-known and anticipated discount book sales, and an opportunity to explore the displays and exhibits.

Our program resumes back in the Library @ 1:00 pm with historian/author **Scott Mingus**. Scott’s program is entitled ***“Flames Beyond Gettysburg”***. Scott is the author of a book of the same title, along with *The Second Day at Gettysburg: The Attack on Cemetery Ridge* and *The Louisiana Tigers in the Gettysburg Campaign*.

Our day will conclude with a presentation @ 2:00 pm by Licensed Gettysburg Battlefield Guide, and author/historian **Sue Boardman** speaking on ***“A Historical Analysis of the Similarities and Differences of the Battle of Gettysburg and Battle of Atlanta Cycloramas or ... Mine’s Bigger!”***. Sue is also Gettysburg Leadership Program Director and lead historian for the Gettysburg cyclorama conservation project.

The preservation book sale and exhibits will be available for a short time following the final presentation. There will be FREE ADMISSION, with a per car parking fee requested.

Save the Date... October 20, 2018



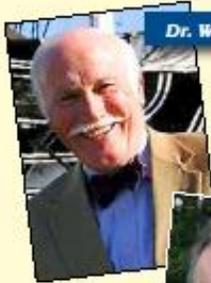
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Civil War Navy Symposium

Symposium Speakers



Dr. William Fowler, Jr.

Under Two Flags: The American Navy in the Civil War... *Dr. William M. Fowler Jr., Northeastern University; Will provide the introduction into the status Navy prior to the Civil War and preparation for conducting Naval Operations. Giving an explanation to the formation of the Blockage Fleet of Southern ports and its overall effectiveness.*

Chuck Veit

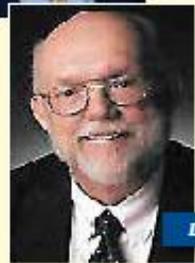


A Dog Before a Soldier... *Chuck Veit, President Navy & Marine Living History Association, Presentation on African Americans in the Union Navy. The experience of black sailor in the navy was very different than the treatment their counterparts received in the Army.*



Dr. Timothy Smith

Grant Invades Tennessee; The 1862 Battles for Forts Henry and Donelson... *Dr. Timothy B Smith, Furnishing an introduction into the builders and construction of the early ironclads. Presentation on their first major engagement in the joint Naval and Army involvement in the Battle for Fort Henry and Donelson.*



Dr. Gary Joiner

Mr. Lincoln's Brown Water Navy: The Mississippi Squadron... *Dr. Gary D. Joiner, Louisiana State University Shreveport, A discussion of the significant Naval activities on the Western rivers with presentations on Vicksburg and the Red River Campaign.*

Lectures will be supplemented with performances of Maritime and Nautical Music of the Civil War by Charlie Zahm. Also present will be numerous members of the Navy & Marine Living History Association, including Admiral Farragut and Captain Percival Drayton'

Display space has been provided that local Historical Associations to introduce and advance their present to the attendees.



Presented by the Old Baldy Civil War Round Table of Philadelphia For information and updates: <http://www.oldbaldycwrt.org>

Symposium to be held on board the Battleship New Jersey in her berth at Camden (Delaware River), New Jersey



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