



GRAND ARMY SCOUT

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GAR Civil War Museum & Library

Spring 2021



From the President



The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum Board of Directors continues to look for a new home for the Museum. We have several properties in mind that need a closer look. The Board will not be able to return to the Museum as a group until they have all received vaccinations and the City's rules for Museum gatherings change. Moving the Museum will be a monumental task that will require great care and patience. The move will require months to complete.

We must have a place to go before we sell our Griscom street properties. The Board has decided to take our properties off the market until we find a home. We have had several offers for the properties, but unfortunately the buyers would not give us enough time to move.

Current times present our greatest challenges; the Museum confronts extraordinary circumstances never encountered before. We will strive to expand membership and apply for grants, but any ideas for additional fund raising are welcome. Mounting costs in recent years will require us to look beyond the traditional source of financial support.

Our endeavors pale in comparison to those who fought in the Civil War. Here is an example from *Stopping Pickett. The History of the Philadelphia Brigade* by Bradley Gottfried. Just after the Battle of Cold Harbor, May – June 1864.

"No truce had been declared, so the wounded lie exposed between the two lines. The dead reeked as they decayed. A truce was finally enacted on June 7, and when the men ventured forward, they found the dead as black as coal. Decomposition was so advanced that the bodies could not

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be moved, and were buried where they were found. Many of the wounded had also died for lack of medical assistance. The living spent the time walking and stretching – luxuries after the past few days. Bathing was also common. “Members of both sides were washing together in the same small run, and joking each other on the results of the previous days. It seemed very odd to see these men mingling with each other, laughing and joking and very friendly, that only a short time before were watching for an opportunity and trying their best to kill each other, and would soon be trying again.” Wrote the historian of the 106th.”

Let us not forget their deeds. Thank you for your support.

*Joe Perry
President*



Treasurer Report

Thank you so very much to all of our members and friends who have so generously paid their annual membership dues. It is indeed very exciting and gratifying to note the many new members, especially those who have become Life Members of the museum. Our list of esteemed Life Members has continued to grow, and we extend a gracious “Thank You” those who have made this commitment.

Our monthly Zoom programs have been exceedingly successful and have attracted many new members and friends of the museum. We are averaging 60 to 100 registrants for each monthly program. This is so exciting, and we are very pleased both with the response and the financial support from those who have been attending our Zoom programs.

I wish to express the most sincere appreciation of the museum board to all of our members for their continued generous support and interest in the museum. With your support we can assure that this historic collection remains as a central part of the Philadelphia area historical community.

*Herb Kaufman
Treasurer*

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**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC CIVIL WAR
MUSEUM AND LIBRARY
FIRST SUNDAY ZOOM PROGRAMS**

**JOIN US THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
PROGRAM BEGINS AT 1:00PM**



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April 11, 2021 – Hugh Boyle – “The Importance of the 1860 Election of Abraham Lincoln”

Every four years when we elect a President, a cry goes out that this election is the most important in American history. The election of 1860 was the most important. With a war looming, and four failed years of James Buchanan, and states leaving the Union, there is hardly an argument about the importance of this election. Abraham Lincoln, a backwoods lawyer from the West, surprised the country with his nomination. We will look at how he got that nomination and how he won the election. Lincoln only received 40% of the total votes. So, he was not popular, but he would bring this country together again and end slavery. He is noted as our best and greatest president. Find out what he brought to the presidency to accomplish that.

May 2, 2021 – Deb Goodrich – The Civil War and the Santa Fe Trail (at its 200th Anniversary)

June 6, 2021 – John Voris – John Nicolay, Lincoln’s Secretary and Biographer

August 1, 2021 – Jeff Sherry – The Pennsylvania Reserves

September 5, 2021 – Jim Remsen & Brad Upp – Camp Discharge

October 3, 2021 – Charlie Zahm – Civil War Songster in Concert

November 7, 2021 – Mike Jesberger – 1913 Blue & Gray Reunion in Gettysburg

December 5, 2021 – TBA

**Details and Updates on Upcoming Programs will be available on the Museum website
<https://garmuslib.org>**

MUSEUM PEOPLE & HAPPENINGS

Annual Membership Meeting

Our Annual Membership Meeting via Zoom was held on March 21, 2021 at the start of our January 1 to December 31 fiscal year.

Mary Wible was elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term. The Board looks forward to working with Mary during our search for a new location for the Museum. Board Members Ann Kauffman, Herb Kaufman and Joe Perry were reelected for a three-year term. Tom Donnelly, Mary Ann Hartner, Fred Rosso, Kathy Smith and Andy Waskie will continue to serve. The Board members are all volunteers and serve a three-year term.

Joe Perry announced that the Museum will reopen this year and that the Board is planning to use PayPal for dues payments and donations.

A new roof for the Ruan Mansion was completed in 2020.

Ken Garson will be resuming the inventory of the Library's holdings beginning in April.

The Board reported that several new locations for the Museum were considered:

- Glen Foerd on the Delaware – the building needs too much work and was offered as a lease.
- Frankford Arsenal – the lease was too expensive and the space is too remote.
- Radnor United Methodist Church Annex – the Church is not ready to sell.
- Dawesfield, Ambler, PA – a final proposal will be forthcoming, but the development plan for the property includes other non-profits.
- 8110 Frankford Avenue – the Board is very interested in this property and will continue to discover if it meets our needs.

The Griscom Street properties have been taken off the market until we find a new home for the Museum. Moving will require hiring fine arts and commercial movers along with the recruitment of volunteers.

Programs

Due to the COVID-19 imposed restrictions, our regularly planned First Sunday programs continued via the Zoom platform. They have proved to be very popular with high audience participation.

Sunday, November 1, 2020



The GAR Museum presented the Zoom program “History’s Mysteries of the Revolutionary War and Colonial Era – What They Didn’t Teach You in High School” by Museum Curator, Herb Kaufman.

Many people love to read historical fiction, but this program provided historical reality. Legends and lore have become a significant part of American history of the Revolutionary War and the colonial era. Among others, historical reality seeks to answer: “Who is Molly Pitcher and did she really fire a cannon at Monmouth” ... “Did George Washington honestly have wooden teeth?” ... “Where did Paul Revere actually ride?” ... “What really happened on the Fourth of July?” ... “What is the true story of the Liberty Bell?”

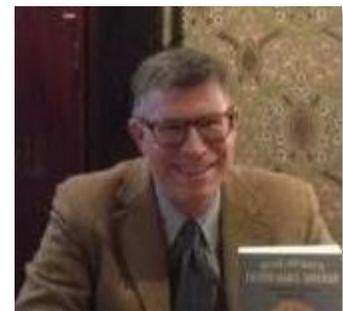
The history of the American Revolution and the colonial era are full of lore, myths, half-truths and just plain inaccuracies that have become a part of American history. Every day stories are repeated in schools, museums, and television programs because they are catchy, humorous or entertaining; but Herb separated fact from fiction.

Herb’s program focused on these mysterious, misrepresented and often imagined incidents and events.

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Historian, author and researcher Patrick J. Hayes, Ph.D., GAR Museum presented a Zoom program on his book “*The Civil War Diary of Rev. James Sheeran, C.Ss.R.: Chaplain, Confederate, Redeptorist*”.

The Civil War diary of a Redemptorist priest, Rev. James Sheeran, C.Ss.R., who was chaplain to the 14th Louisiana Regiment of the Confederacy, is a national treasure. Irish-born Sheeran (1817-1881) was one of only a few dozen Catholic chaplains commissioned for the Confederacy and one of only two who kept a journal. Highlighting his exploits from August 1, 1862 through April 24, 1865, the diary tells of all the major events of his life in abundant detail: on the battlefield, in the hospitals, and among Catholics and Protestants whom he encountered in local towns, on the trains, and in the course of his ministrations. The diary is arguably the most unique narrative of the war written by a chaplain of any denomination and certainly is the most extensive.



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Sunday, January 10, 2021

“Meagher of the Sword—His fight to Defend Two Flags” was presented by historian and GAR Museum researcher Walt Lafty.

Thomas Francis Meagher is known as the leader of the Irish Brigade during the American Civil War. The presentation covered his life on three continents and his years in the Young Ireland Movement as part of the Irish Confederation and his role in the Irish Rebellion of 1848. It followed his subsequent trial and sentences – culminating in life in exile on Van Diemen’s Land (current Tasmania). After his escape to America, both his efforts to fight to preserve the Union, as well as supporting the Irish cause were discussed.



Sunday, February 7, 2021



The Museum presented a special Black History Month program by historian Brian Cheesboro.

It’s been over 30 years since the popular movie *Glory* introduced the world to the fact that African American men were in the ranks as soldiers in the Civil War. But since that time, the expectation of that conversation on history has not moved much farther than the film’s subject – the 54th Massachusetts, who are usually mentioned whenever the subject turns to the United States Colored Troops.

Cheeseboro, a reenactor with the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and a board member of the Alliance to Preserve the Civil War Defenses of Washington, DC, spoke on the story of the 1st United States Colored Infantry, a unit that has not received the same attention as the 54th Massachusetts.

Sunday, March 7, 2021

Women’s History Month was celebrated by the presentation of “Women’s Lifestyles of the 1860s”. Our speaker was the distinguished historian, author and awardee Jane Peters Estes, who described how women lived during the Civil War era and covered everything from society matrons to female spies, including fashion, health problems, career choices, and the “typical” lifestyle.

Jane is a beloved figure in historical circles and has researched and written about many topics in her areas of interest. For her outstanding efforts, she has been given awards by a number of institutions and organizations, including the Samuel P. Town, 'Grand Army Award' by the GAR Museum & Library, the Union League, American Legion Post 405, etc.



Notable Gift to the Museum *By Joe Perry*

On Remembrance Day, November 11, 2020, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mary Morris Husband Tent 58, presented a generous and meaningful \$50,000 donation to the Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum.

The Museum's sole mission is to preserve the heritage and history of the Civil War era through the presentation of historical programs, forums and exhibitions designed to promote a better understanding of American history and to keep history alive.

Located inside the 1796 Georgian Mansion of Colonial Physician Dr. John Ruan, it includes a valuable collection of books, documents and photographs. The museum also houses a collection that includes a significant number of personal memoirs, biographies, and a large collection related to African-American history.

The donation is earmarked for the purchase of a much-needed new building to assist in the protection and preservation of the significant collection housed within the Museum, Library and Archive. Due to COVID restrictions, the presentation was made outside at the Laurel Hill Cemetery at the grave site of the Tent's namesake, Mary Morris Husband. The donation was made possible due to the bequest of Mrs. Sara Vonderheid, a deceased, long standing member of Tent 58. Sister Mary Wible made the arrangements with the GAR Museum Board to accept our donation check. Tent 58 was honored to make the donation.

Walt Lafty's Mary Morris Husband Tent 58 article appeared in the Fall 2020 edition of the *Grand Army Scout*.



Left to right - Jack Kauffman, Tom Donnelly, Ellen Higgins, Joe Perry, Kathy Wible, Mary Wible and Walt Lafty. This was taken in front of the grave of Mary Morris Husband at Laurel Hill Cemetery. Ellen Higgins, Kathy Wible and Mary Wible are members of the DUVCW, while the others are members of the GAR Museum. Missing is Ann Kauffman who took the photo.

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, and the men and women they represent. Even with Covid restrictions, we've been able to present ZOOM programs for other organizations and to attend events with restricted attendance.

ZOOM Programs for Other Organizations

Three GAR members presented Zoom programs to the Delaware Valley CWRT in recent months – on October 20 Walt Lafty presented “Angels of the Battlefield”, the religious sisters who provided nursing during the Civil War. On December 8, Herb Kaufman stepped in with “Happy Holidays: American Holiday Traditions”, fun facts about the origins of how we celebrate our end of year holidays. “Lincoln & the Emancipation Proclamation” was the program offered on February 16 by Hugh Boyle.

“Meet General Meade, Victor of the Battle of Gettysburg and Savior of the Nation” was virtually presented via Zoom by Andy Waskie on Tuesday, December 22. Andy completed the general's life and career with a follow-up presentation “Meade After Gettysburg” on Tuesday, January 19. Andy then shared the program with the American Civil War Round Table in the UK on February 27.



Gratz College hosted Herb Kaufman for a 6-week class from October 19 through November 23 on “If we don't hang together, we will most assuredly hang separately’ - The Rousing History of the Revolutionary War”.

On February 26, Herb Kaufman presented his popular program “Frankly, My Dear – Hollywood and the Civil War” to the Shannondell at Valley Forge Community.

SUV Baker-Fisher Camp 101

On November 7, GAR and Baker Fisher Camp 1010 members Walt Lafty and Mike Peters participated in a memorial service for one of their Camp Brothers, Bob Bogel who had died months earlier. At the time they were not able to conduct a service but in November were allowed to do so for/and with his family. Photo is provided by Walt Lafty.



Memorial Service for Brother Bob Bogel November 7, 2020 Resurrection Cemetery Bensalem, PA
Front L to R: Dan Gargel, Glenn Roedel, Ander Massinger, Bill Massinger, Walt Lafty, Rob Clare
Back L to R: Mike Peter, Al Farr, Reg Wirth

Veterans Events

On November 10, Andy Waskie and Albert El joined a small pandemic-limited group at Laurel Hill Cemetery for the Annual Marine Corps Anniversary Observance at the

grave of 7th Commandant BG Jacob Zeilin, marking the 245th birthday of the US Marine Corps.

Photo by Bill Linhart and the General Meade Society.



Mike Peter and Andy Waskie participated in the annual program to place wreaths on the graves of veterans at Laurel Hill Cemetery on December 19. They are photographed at the snow-covered Silent Sentry MOLLUS Memorial at the Meade Post #1 Burial Plot. Photo provided by Andy Waskie from Scott Sigman of the Legion Post 405.

Annual General Meade Birthday Event

December 31 marked the annual recognition of the birthday of General George G. Meade at his gravesite in Laurel Hill Cemetery. Baker-Fisher Camp 101 was the Color Guard, and the 12th N.J. Reenactors were the Honor Guard. Due to the pandemic, the event was restricted to 25 people with masks and social distancing guidelines which included signing a waiver and contact tracing information. Walt Lafty, Mike Peter, Albert El and Andy Waskie were among the participants. Photos by Scott Sigman of the Legion Post 405.



*L to R: Glenn Roedel, Bill Massinger, Mike Peter, Walt Lafty, Ander Massinger
31 December 2020 General Meade Event at Laurel Hill Cemetery*



In Memoriam Eugene Stackhouse, 1939 - 2020

Eugene Glenn Stackhouse, a man for all seasons, was surrounded by loved ones as he peacefully passed away in his Germantown home at age 81 on December 12, 2020. Although he struggled with progressive metabolic encephalopathy for several years, he maintained a zest for life, a remarkable disposition and a unique sense of humor that brought joy and laughter to all. Whatever he did, he did with quiet greatness, enthusiasm, and excellence.



Born to Eugene Stackhouse and Martha Janette Simonson Stackhouse on July 12, 1939 at St. Mary's Hospital. He received his early education at Sheridan Elementary School (6th grade valedictorian), Stetson Junior High (where he "learned how to fight"), Central High School ('53-'55) and Frankford High School ('55-57).

Known as Eugene in the U.S Army ('58-'61), he guarded the free world during the Cold War in Wildflecken, West Germany, where he lunched with Elvis Presley and enjoyed leave throughout Germany, France, Italy and Spain.

Eugene collected and read hundreds of books, new and antique. When his grandmother Elizabeth died, he, only 16, zealously preserved his late grandfather Frank's book collection of 19th century classics, encyclopedias and bibles. Intrigued by how the surname was spelled "Stackhous" in a bible, his research eventually led him to the discovery that his family had emigrated from Giggleswick, Yorkshire, England to Bucks County, PA in 1683. This set him on course to become a pre-computer era professional genealogist. Besides writing numerous treatises on Simonson, his mother's side, he penned two books on his father's side:

1. Stackhouse, *The Pedigree of the Grandchildren of Frank Lovett Stackhouse and Elizabeth Lentz Stackhouse of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1983*
2. Stackhouse, *An Original Pennsylvania Family, 1988, Gateway Press.*

His interest in genealogy led him to do worldwide consulting and to volunteer in the archives and on the boards of the Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum, the Laurel Hill Cemetery, the Hood Cemetery, and the Germantown Historical Society. In 2007, as president of the Society, he became an honoree of the GHS Hall of Fame.

As a patriot, Gene loved Philadelphia history. Stirred by the Civil War Monument at Germantown Market Square, he undertook the gargantuan task of researching stories of local Civil War soldiers and civilians. He authored *Germantown in the Civil War, 2010, History Press*, and donated voluminous related materials to the Society and to the GAR Museum Library and Archive.

Eugene Glenn Stackhouse, humanitarian, historian, husband, and friend will be missed but not forgotten. A man for all seasons, his spirit lives on in the minds and hearts of those he touched through his words and actions. A celebration of Eugene's life is planned for the spring of 2021.



The Curator's Corner ... by Herb Kaufman

It is our sincere hope that we can again open the museum for research and other activities within the near future. Even while we have been closed, we have made sure to protect all our historic archives and files.

President Joe Perry has instituted a number of new policies and procedures regarding the use of the archives. When we reopen only board members, the Research Administrator or other specifically authorized persons will have the ability to go into the archive rooms. Requested materials and records will be brought from the archives to the research area.

There are also specific forms that must be used when removing records or relics from the archives, and for recording new donations to the museum.

A very historic new relic has been donated to the museum, an 1842 pattern smooth bore .69 cal. musket. This historic musket has been donated through the generosity of Gen. Walter Stewart, Andy Waskie, Mary Ann Hartner, Ann Kauffman, and Herb Kaufman. The musket will be dedicated to Sgt. Joseph R. Stewart, Jr., Co. A, 12th regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Infantry.

Please remember that your membership and continued support of the museum are vital to our continued existence. We hope that our future will be bright, and that the museum will continue to be an important part of our historical community.

[Editor's Note – Please read Andy Waskie's article that appears on page 21 on the acquisition of the 1842 musket.]



An Unsung Philadelphia Heroine

By Walt Lafty



Mary A. Brady Volunteer Nurse

Born 06 Dec 1821

Died 27 May 1864

Age 42

Burial

Mount Moriah Cemetery
Philadelphia, PA



The Civil War saw thousands of women who contributed to the war effort in various roles. Many served in Ladies Aid Societies helping raise money, clothing, and supplies. Some women like Anna M. Ross helped organize and manage places of refreshment such as the Cooper Union Shop. Others like Mary Morris Husband, Mrs. Mary Lee, and Mrs. John Harris served as nurses in hospitals as well as on the battlefield.

Those women were just some of the many women of Philadelphia who sacrificed and gave so much in their many patriotic efforts to support the sons, fathers, brothers, friends, and neighbors serving in the Union Army and Navy.

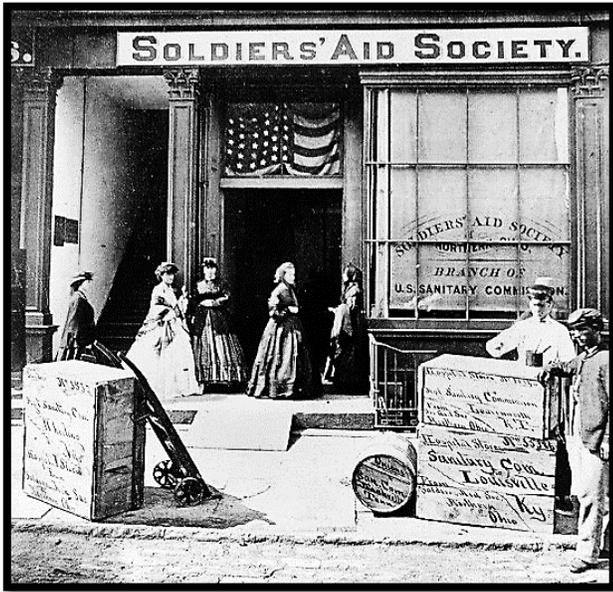
One woman whose contributions involved many of those heroic efforts was Mary A. Brady, the wife of Philadelphia attorney Edward Brady. She was also the mother of five children. Mrs. Brady did then what so many women do today – juggle work and raise children. According to author Frank Morris, “*..her family was not neglected. In camp or on the cars she was knitting for them, or making a dress, and at home divided her time between the demands of her family and the army, working now on a child's frock and now on a soldier's shirt*”.

Mary Brady was born in Ireland in 1821 and appears to have arrived in Philadelphia between 1840 and 1847. Her five children were all born in Philadelphia with first son Hugh being born in May 1847. She and her husband Edward lived most of their time in West Philadelphia near the area of what became Satterlee U.S. Army Hospital.

It would be at Satterlee Hospital that Mary spent much time from 1862 thru her death in 1864. In those years she also travelled five times with a committee of women to many battlefield areas. She served as President of the Ladies Association for the Relief of Soldiers. It was a volunteer organization she helped organize with other women such as Mrs. M.A. Dobbins and Mrs. R.S. Sampson.

Her trips South with supplies and to help wounded soldiers included Alexandria, Fairfax, and many battlefield camps between there and Chancellorsville serving with the Union Army of the Potomac.

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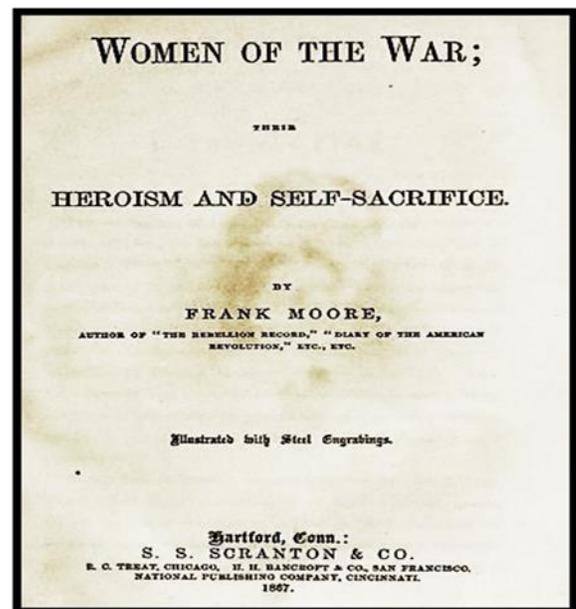


Author Moore summed up her two years of volunteer work by asking his readers what kind of patriotism inspired Mrs. Brady “to forego all the comforts of her home in Philadelphia, leave a family of five little children, push her way through all embarrassments and delays, through all the army lines, and sometimes in spite of general orders, to the very front, or to those hospitals where the men were brought in with clothing red with the fresh-flowing gore of battle, and spend days and weeks at the field hospitals just in the rear of the great battle-fields, and return home only to restore her wasted energies, and start out again on her errands of tireless philanthropy”.

Mrs. Brady died on 27 May 1864 after her many tireless efforts had worn out her heart. She died in Philadelphia and is buried at Mount Moriah Cemetery. Her funeral was attended by many grateful soldiers who had often spoke and wrote highly of her. One soldier from the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry wrote “..and surely you will reap your reward in good season, and God will bless you. Every true soldier you have helped shall remember you with respect and gratitude”.

To read more about Mary A. Brady, or the other women from Philadelphia previously mentioned, as well as many other women who served both the North and the South, you might want to read **“Women of the War; Their Heroism and Self-Sacrifice”** by Frank Moore, 1828-1904.

Originally published in 1867, it is a compilation of short biographies of many interesting women. In addition to some of the Philadelphia women mentioned above, it includes many well-known names like Katie Brownell, Bridget Divers, Pauline Cushman, and Mother Bickerdyke. The GAR Museum has a copy in the library for in-house use or research.



The book is also available on-line in the public domain and is FREE in a digitized version at

<https://archive.org/details/womenofwartheirh00inmoor/page/n11/mode/2up>

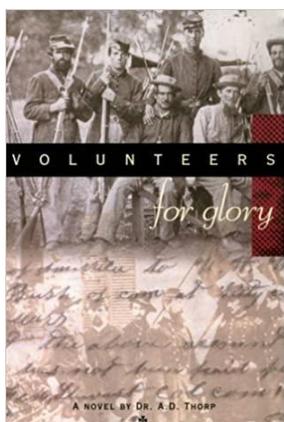
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FROM THE MUSEUM'S BOOKSHELF Pat Caldwell, Editor

Volunteers For Glory

By Dr. A. D. Thorp

American Literary Press, Inc., 1999, 553 pages



While downsizing some of the books in my bookcase, I came across this book of historical fiction. Not sure how I acquired it, but ... seeing it is about the 118th PA (aka the Corn Exchange Regiment) and the main character (though fictitious) is from the Frankford section of Philadelphia, I thought I would give it a shot. Added to that the back cover includes a glowing review by Brian C. Pohanka, so I figured it must be a worthwhile read.

The author, Dr. A. Donaldson Thorp, grew up in Frankford, and from an early age frequented the GAR Kearney Post 55, the Veterans Home in Frankford where he listened to stories of veterans of the 118th, and the Frankford Historical Society. The early pages of this novel will give you a real feel for the area. The place names are familiar, the names of local families are familiar – many are recalled in present-day street names in Northeast Philly.

The main character of the novel is a 16-year-old named Paddy Mulcahy, and we follow his career with the Army of the Potomac. He enlists in the 71st PA, is wounded and captured at Balls Bluff, and that's just the beginning of his adventures.

By this juncture Paddy has already met up with quite a number of interesting people, including General Isaac Wistar, Colonel Edward Baker, David Todd (Mary Todd Lincoln's half-brother) and Elizabeth "Crazy Bet" Van Lew. Yes, by this time, I was jokingly calling Paddy Mulcahy the "Forrest Gump" of the Civil War. And his contacts go on and on.

Following Mulcahy's release from Libby and recovery, he returns home to find that his father had been killed in an accident at his blacksmith shop. Paddy then meets up with former co-prisoner Captain Frank Donaldson who comes to Frankford to recruit for the 118th PA, and he re-enlists. And so, his adventures continue with his new regiment – along with some side adventures with old Frankford buddies from the 71st – and new encounters with Civil War personalities.

There are a few errors that had me shaking my head and thinking, "how did this get through the edit process?" For example, when Colonel Edward Baker appears at the battle of Balls Bluff, Paddy and his mates discuss how Lincoln named his oldest son after Baker, when I'm fairly sure most everyone knows Robert was Lincoln's eldest, and Baker's namesake was the Lincolns' second son Eddie.

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Contrast the fact that historians always impress on their listeners that a regiment or even a company in the Civil War basically only knows what is happening directly in front of them. During many of the battle sequences, not only do the guys know what's happening all around them, but they openly discuss what they know to be the strategy of the commanding general (whichever one he happens to be at the time), along with that of the opposing Confederates.

As another example, following the final day of the battle of Gettysburg, not only does the 118th celebrate their victory but they know that Vicksburg has just surrendered to Grant, and they "know" that Grant has a drinking problem.

Despite this seemingly impossible set of circumstances for Paddy "Forrest Gump" Mulcahy, despite a few egregious and cringeable errors in the text, and despite just about every conceivable cliché you've ever heard about the Civil War being included in this novel, I really enjoyed reading this book. It was a fun read with a good story and a lot of "real" history. After all, none other than Brian Pohanka called it "One of the best Civil War novels in recent memory.... deserves to take an honored place beside Crane's *Red Badge of Courage* and Shaara's *The Killer Angels*."

So, if you like Civil War fiction, don't hesitate to pick this one up! You'll find the horror of war, disillusionment, brotherhood, patriotism, camaraderie, and yes, there is also some romance!

On another note, I found myself recalling a terrific book that I read some years ago, *Inside the Army of the Potomac: The Civil War Experience of Captain Francis Adams Donaldson*, edited by J. Gregory Acken, 1998. If you'd like to know more about the 118th PA, this is another good book to pick up.



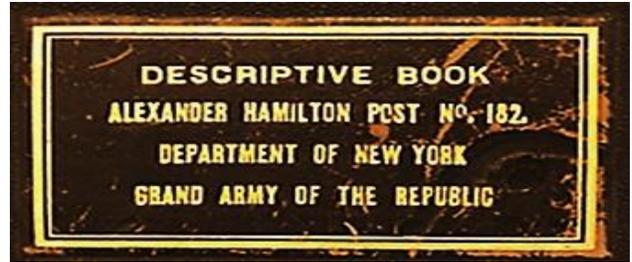
TAKE NOTE

**DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS AND QUARANTINE RECOMMENDATIONS,
THE MUSEUM IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

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

Louis A. Hassell
Boy Sailor
Member
Alexander Hamilton
GAR Post 182, N.Y.



In 1882, the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of New York, chartered Alexander Hamilton Post 182. The Post immediately became active in GAR affairs and remained so for over 40 years.

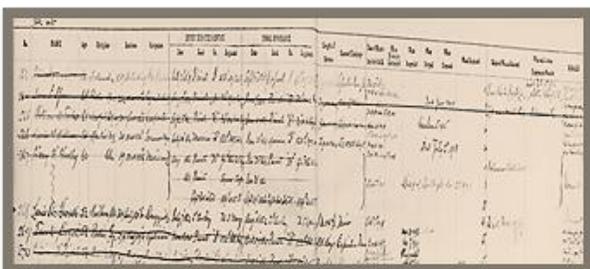
One of its more interesting members was Louis A. Hassell. Mr. Hassell mustered into the Post on 3 October 1901. He appears to have remained a member until his death in 1917.

Louis enlisted in the Navy on 27 July 1862 with the rating of 2nd class boy. The log for USS *Sabine* on 2 August 1862 list him as a boy aged 14, race mulatto, height 5 feet. He may have only served for a few months, but it appears he could have been on board during the hunt for the CSS *Alabama* during *Alabama's* New England Expeditionary Raid in October–November 1862.

It is not clear from the records what the reason was for his discharge. Certainly, it was not from lying about his age as Navy regulations in the 19th century allowed boys as young as 13 to join. However, the age rule of 13 was not always enforced. It was not uncommon for boys as young as 9 or 10 to be enlisted, usually as "Powder Boys" or "Powder Monkeys" because of their size. Smaller boys could move quickly and easily throughout the ship, carrying gun powder from the Powder Room on the lowest level of the ship to the guns and cannons during battle.

Young boys also served as messengers to carry food from the galley to the Officers. They also handled simple tasks like darning socks or sewing buttons. The Boy rating was disestablished in 1893 as the U.S. Navy became stricter about keeping underage sailors from joining crews.

In 1874 Louis married Elizabeth Craigie and together they had at least three children, all boys. He worked in New York City as a druggist for most of his life. On 19 December 1917, Louis A. Hassell died and was buried in Cyprus Hills Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York.



*Descriptive Book for Alexander Hamilton GAR Post 182
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Identified Veterans to be Honoredby Andy Waskie

The following two (2) Civil War veterans native to Philadelphia and buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery lie in unmarked graves. Due to the diligence and research of Beth Sevastana, Russ Dodge, Walt Lafty and Andy Waskie, these men have been identified, researched and an application initiated to receive VA Veterans' gravestones for both, which will be placed and dedicated by the annual Memorial Day Service held at Laurel Hill Cemetery on Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 12 noon.

Both men worked closely with the African Americans known as 'Colored Troops' during their service. We hope that you will be able to attend the service and witness the ceremony that these gallant men have earned by their heroic sacrifice.

1. Dr. George Huhn, M.D. – born 1810 – died 2 Oct 1864 (aged 54) – buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, PA, USA – Plot Section 13, Lot 6-18-19
2. Theodore W. DeKlyne – born 1845 – died 24 April 1874

During the Civil War DeKlyne served in the Union Navy as a junior volunteer officer. His commissions were Acting Third Assistant Engineer, 5 March 1864. Honorably discharged 20 July 1865. Acting Second Assistant Engineer, 12 July 1866. Mustered out 28 August 1868. He served aboard the USS *Mystic*. After his discharge from the Navy, he made his way to Louisiana, where he was first a collector of US Customs, and was eventually made a Colonel in the Louisiana National Guard, which at the time was under the command of James Longstreet. He was also in a dual role as US Marshall. When Longstreet heard about the terrible racial unrest in Colfax, LA in April 1873 he dispatched Colonel DeKlyne and another officer with a contingent to stop it, but they were two days too late and arrived on the scene in Colfax to find the aftermath of the massacre. He died of yellow fever a year later and was buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery on 8 May 8 1877.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Search “Colfax Massacre” and “Theodore DeKlyne”, and a number of references will appear.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colfax_massacre

<https://historical.ha.com/itm/militaria/uniforms/civil-war-era-naval-coat-and-vest-set-belonging-to-2nd-assistant-engineer-theodore-deklyne/a/6225-40140.s>

<https://www.coursehero.com/file/12035972/Overlooked-But-Not-Forgotten-The-Colfax-Massacre-of-1873/>

https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/data/batches/lu_haunter_ver01/data/sn83016555/00295874697/1874080501/0407.pdf

A Local Monument – The Ringgold Light Artillery

By Mary Ann Hartner

When John and I moved up to the Reading area, we were given a book about the township in which we now live. However, during this stay-at-home period, I had chance to read some of the stories, and we have been getting to know the area. One of the local sights is a monument in City Park in Reading dedicated to the first defenders of the nation's capital, Washington DC. The attached plaque reads:



To Commemorate
The Patriotism and Promptitude
of the
Ringgold Light Artillery
of Reading, Pennsylvania
which reported for duty at
Harrisburg, April 16, 1861
Arriving there First of The
Pennsylvania Companies
And with the
Logan Guards of Lewistown
Washington Artillerists of Pottsville
National Light Infantry of
Pottsville and Allen Infantry
of Allentown
Entered the city of Washington
April 18, 1861
The First Defenders of the Capital
This monument was erected by the
Citizens of Reading
July 4, 1901

This is the Ringgold Light Artillery 1st Defenders Monument. I guess that is why the Reading CWRT is called the 1st Defenders. I have not contacted them yet. But I am sure one day I will.



New Museum Acquisition by Andy Waskie

The GAR Museum and Library now has an 1842 pattern smooth bore .69 cal 'Buck & Ball' musket that saw combat in the Civil War. This new musket will be dedicated to Sgt. Joseph R. Stewart, Jr.



Sergeant Joseph R. Stewart, Jr.

Unit: Company A, 12th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.

Promoted sergeant, January 1, 1865, "at camp near Hatcher's Run, Va.

Born: 1843, Hancock's Bridge, Salem County, NJ.

Died: 1915, Soldiers' Home, Vineland NJ.

Buried, Evergreen Cemetery, Camden, NJ.

This is the ancestor of General Walter Stewart (former commander of the 28th US Infantry Division) and a member of the Union League.

He donated \$500 toward the purchase of the musket. In addition, donations were made by members of the Board of Directors of the Museum.

This musket may have been carried by 12th New Jersey Volunteers and has seen combat and was purchased from New Jersey. It may even have belonged to Sergeant Joseph R. Stewart, great-grandfather of General Stewart.

Upon reopening, we hope to be able to officially receive the musket and honor our patrons and display the relic.

Last Remaining Widow of a Civil War Veteran Dies

shared by Andy Waskie



**Brian C. Pierson
Commander in Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**

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**General Order #9
Series 2020-2021
2 January 2021**

Passing of Union Soldier Widow Helen Jackson

1. It is my sad duty to report the death of Helen Viola Jackson, the last documented widow of a Civil War soldier, on 16 December 2020, at the age of 101 years. She had been a resident of Webco Manor Nursing Home in Marshfield, Missouri for many years.
2. Helen Jackson married Private James Bolin, Company F, 14th Missouri Cavalry, on 4 September 1936. He was 93 years old; she was 17. Her father had volunteered her to stop by his house each day and assist him with chores as she headed home from school. Bolin did not believe in accepting charity and, after a period of time, asked Helen for her hand in marriage in order to provide for her future by leaving her his Union pension. She accepted and Bolin recorded the wedding in his personal Bible. Bolin died in June 1939 and Helen never remarried; she never applied for the pension.
3. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's social media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. All Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of her.
4. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 2nd day of January, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian C. Pierson".

Brian C. Pierson
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Attest:

Jonathan C. Davis
Jonathan C. Davis
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

GRAND ARMY SCOUT

**The GAR Civil War Museum and Library
Needs to Find a New Home
for 21 Antique Wooden Chairs in Need of Restoration
(Some from Philadelphia GAR Halls, mostly Post #2)**

Free, 'first come first served'

**The GAR Museum and Library asks only that you pick them up
at the Museum, 4278 Griscom St., Phila. PA.**

Please contact the Museum at garmuslib1866@gmail.com



DID YOU KNOW????????

The Museum has a Facebook Page.

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

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

SOME GAR TIDBITS By Andy Waskie

An interesting article from *Philadelphia Inquirer* - May 25, 1895

G. A. R. Men Will Parade on Decoration Day - 1895

Mayor Warwick said yesterday that while he had refused permits to the Grand Army Posts to parade on Sunday (May 30, 1895), he had informed them that they would not be interfered with as long as they did not break the peace. He said permits for Sunday parades were never given and he did not want to set a precedent.

Reported by the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, May 31, 1907 – page 4)

G.A.R. MEADE POST #1 HOLDS IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES at Laurel Hill Cemetery - 1907

With particularly impressive ceremonies surviving members of the George G. Meade Post, No. 1, participated in memorial services at the grave of General Meade, in Laurel Hill Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The exercises were exceptionally impressive. Hundreds of men, women and children flocked to the knoll overlooking the Schuylkill River where the remains of the hero of Gettysburg rest.

Assembling in their headquarters in Odd Fellows Temple, the gray-haired veterans who served under the gallant general marched to the Reading Terminal to board a special train for the cemetery. Preceded by a platoon of reserve policemen, under the command of sergeant James A. Robinson, the soldiers paraded along Broad, Locust, Chestnut and Eleventh streets. An escort was formed by Company F, Third Regiment, N. G. PA, under Captain Andrew K. Olsen, followed by the tattered ensigns and battle flags borne by a detail of cadets from the Cheltenham Military Academy, under the command of Major Fred M. G. Rice and Colonel Frank S. Roberts, headmaster and commandant. Music was furnished by the Third Regiment, National Guard, Band of New Jersey.

At the conclusion of the processional a prayer was offered by the post chaplain, Rev. Dr. J. G. Walker, after which the band played a dirge. Abraham Lincoln's famous address at Gettysburg was then read by Colonel Wendell P. Bowman, commander of the First Regiment, N. G. P. Following the chanting of an anthem by the choir Post Commander George E. Paul delivered an address, at the conclusion of which he deposited the floral offering upon the grave. As the veterans stood with uncovered heads, the choir sang 'Nearer My God to Thee' and all present joined in.

The heroic virtues of General Meade were impressively described in an oration by Walter George Smith, a member of the bar.

G.A.R. Cavalry Post #35 Holds Memorial Day Services at West Laurel Hill Cemetery - 1907

The Cavalry Post, No. 35 G.A.R., held its ceremonies at West Laurel Hill Cemetery before taking the train from Broad Street Station. The Post gathered before the statue of General George B. McClellan and now on the City Hall Plaza, where tributes were paid to his memory. Colonel William B. Smith was the orator of the day.

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

Even though the campus at Manor College has been closed due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, Manor has worked with the Education Committee of the Delaware Valley CWRT to offer the following courses for the Civil War Institute and History Institute through ZOOM sessions.

You can register for the following Spring & Summer Session ZOOM classes on the Manor College Continuing Education website <http://manor.edu/academics/adult-continuing-education/civil-war-institute/>.

Upon registration, you will be sent a link with a password that will enable you to access the course. A reminder email will be sent again within 24 hours of the start of the class.

SPRING & SUMMER SESSION CIVIL WAR INSTITUTE CLASSES



POTUS and SCOTUS: Lincoln and the Supreme Court – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – Most Civil War scholars know that Abraham Lincoln had to cope with a major rebellion, a fractious Congress, and less-than-competent generals. Less well known are the barriers posed by a pro-Southern Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice Roger B. Taney, author of the infamous *Dred Scot Decision*. On the plus side, Lincoln made a lasting impact on the court with the justices he appointed during his term.

Instructor: Hugh Boyle

Fee: \$30

Date: Wednesday, April 21

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Noted AND Remembered: The Grand Union of 1913 – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – From June 29 through July 3, 1913, more than 50,000 Union and Confederate veterans, ranging in age from 60 to 112, descended on the town and rolling hills of Gettysburg to mark the 50th anniversary of the Civil War's most storied battle. Some 50,000 spectators joined the veterans for this healing occasion, which would be known as the Grand Reunion.

Instructor: Mike Jesberger

Fee: \$30

Date: Wednesday, June 30

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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Hardtack and Sauerkraut: Philadelphia Germans in the Civil War – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – Well before the Civil War began, Philadelphia had a thriving German immigrant population, living in such areas as Spring Garden, Kensington, Northern Liberties and Fishtown. The city's German populace played a major role in the conflict. Prominent names included Generals Louis Wagner and George Mindil on the battlefield, as well as Elizabeth Hutter on the home front.

Instructor: Andy Waskie

Fee: \$30

Date: Monday, July 12

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Her Satanic Majesty: Understanding Mary Lincoln – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – Despite the harsh nicknames bestowed on her by President Lincoln's young secretaries, the character of Mary Lincoln is far more complicated than the well-known image of a shrewish, possibly unstable, First Lady. The woman may have been difficult, but her loyalty and political savvy were a great support to the President.

Instructor: Hugh Boyle

Fee: \$30

Date: Wednesday, August 11

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm



SPRING & SUMMER SESSION HISTORY INSTITUTE CLASSES

The Neshaminy Encampment and Washington's Headquarters at Moland House – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – In most histories, the Neshaminy encampment is glossed over. It lasted 13 days, August 10-23, 1777, and was the third longest encampment in Pennsylvania, exceeded only by Whitemarsh and Valley Forge. Neshaminy is where the Marquis de Lafayette officially assumed his command, Count Casimir Pulaski was introduced to George Washington, and Betsy Ross's flag is said to have been flown for the first time. This class will include period maps and eyewitness accounts of events that led to the encampment, as well as the logistics involved in keeping the encampment operational for two weeks before the Battle of Brandywine.

Instructor: Mike Jesberger

Fee: \$30

Date: Thursday, April 8

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm



Snooping, Prying and Spying – NEW – 4 nights (8 hrs) – *This four-part series will explore the role of espionage in American military operations, from the Revolution through today.*

Part 1: The American Revolution. Espionage was critical to the success of American struggles to defeat the British. George Washington relied on a vast spy network and personally designed battle plan deceptions and counterintelligence efforts. The British also had their own spy network, including many Loyalists, Dr. Benjamin Church and Benedict Arnold. From the Culper Spy Ring and Nathan Hale to invisible ink and secret codes, a web of deception will be explored.

Part 2: The Civil War. This was America's first war in which significant numbers of women became spies. They disguised themselves as men, feigned idiocy, and used their "feminine charms" to obtain secrets. Men started the first Bureau of Military Intelligence, developed codes, and assumed other identities. Some were caught and hanged, some just disappeared into history, while others penned memoirs of their exploits and adventures.

Part 3: World War II. The underground warfare of espionage, sabotage, disinformation, spies, codes and code-breakers played a critical role in World War II. Learn about General Patton's "Ghost Army", the "Man Who Never Was", Germany's most wanted spy, and the man called "Intrepid". How did Goldeneye, Fortitude and Quicksilver help to fool the Nazis? Who were the "Limping Lady", the "White Rabbit", and "Tricycle"?

Part 4: From the Cold War to Today. Beginning with the Atomic Age and the Manhattan Project, numerous Americans have betrayed America's secrets and damaged national security. America has remained particularly vulnerable to espionage because society cannot believe that those entrusted with the nation's secrets would betray us. Foreign spies have also masqueraded as average Americans and leading citizens. Yet trusted FBI agents, scientists and highly placed CIA agents have also betrayed their country.

Instructor: Herb Kaufman

Fee: \$105 for the four-night series, or \$30 for any class ordered separately

Date: Mondays, April 26, May 3, 10, 17

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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Birth of a Frontier – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – With the arrival of William Penn and other European settlers, the Native American culture of the Delaware Valley began to decline. The Ohio Valley emerged as a scene of contention among the British, French and Native Americans. George Washington emerged there as an American leader, and Braddock’s March to the Forks of the Ohio was a dramatic episode in the French and Indian War.

Instructor: Tom Donnelly

Fee: \$30

Date: Thursday, June 17

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

When Benedict Arnold Was a Hero: The Saratoga Campaign – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – The courage and leadership of the general who would become America’s most notorious traitor was a key to victory in what has been called the turning point of the American Revolution, but somehow Gen. Horatio “Granny” Gates got the credit. A breakdown in the British high command was another factor.

Instructor: Jerry Carrier

Fee: \$30

Thursday, July 22

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm



“May God have mercy on my enemies because I won’t”: The Legend and Life of General George Smith Patton Jr. – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – Known as “one of the most complicated military men of all time”, General George Smith Patton Jr. was known for carrying ivory-handled pistols and is regarded as one of the most successful U.S. field commanders of World War II. While many of his accomplishments are well known, his life and death in 1945 continue to command attention.

Instructor: Herb Kaufman

Fee: \$30

Date: Monday, August 23

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

MANY ORGANIZATIONS AND VENUES ARE STILL CANCELLING SOME EVENTS.

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

On-Line Program “Abraham Lincoln Visits Philadelphia” by Historian Mike Jesberger

Friday, April 9, 2021 – 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Abraham Lincoln first saw Independence Hall during his 1848 visit to Philadelphia. He visited Philadelphia four times — before, during and after the American Civil War — and was moved spiritually and emotionally by each visit. As evidenced by his participation in the National Convention, his speech to the citizens of Philadelphia on his way to Washington, his attendance at the Sanitary Fair, and his final trip home in 1865, Philadelphia was special to President Lincoln.

Offered by the Main Line School Night, Radnor

Fee \$35. For info and to register

<https://courses.mainlineschoolnight.org/wconnect/ace/CourseStatus.awp?&course=21SSL51203>

GAR Museum & Library ZOOM Sunday Program – A FREE Virtual Program online

Sunday, April 11, 2021 – 1:00 pm – NOTE SECOND SUNDAY

Historian and Past Museum President Hugh Boyle will have a special program on “The Election of 1860”. 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.

Chambersburg Civil War Seminars and Tours – Virtual Program – “The 1777 Philadelphia Campaign”

Saturday, May 1, 2021 – 10:00 to 4:30 pm

The original program has been converted to a virtual platform via Zoom. Portions will be pre-recorded, but all tour guides will be LIVE via Zoom for commentary and questions. Led by Michael C. Harris, the program will focus on the Battles of Brandywine, Paoli, Germantown, Whitmarsh and the winter encampment at Valley Forge. Sites to visit include Cooch's Bridge, Brandywine Battlefield, Valley Forge National Historic Park, Billingsport, Fort Mercer, Fort Mifflin, Peter Wentz House and more!

To register see www.civilwarseminars.org/the-1777-philadelphia-campaign

Gravesite Placement of Veterans’ Flags at Laurel Hill Cemetery

Sunday, May 23, 2021 – 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!

Free Parking is available.

(215) 228-8200 or online www.thelaurehillcemetery.org

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Memorial Day Observed at Historic Laurel Hill Cemetery

Sunday, May 30, 2021 – 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, 3822 Ridge Avenue, in Philadelphia

Laurel Hill is the site of the first Memorial Day Observance in Philadelphia in 1868. Special bronze veterans' markers will be dedicated at the graves of veterans. Speakers, ceremonies and pageant will highlight this special ceremony. Afterwards 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.

Tours of the cemetery 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, Patriotic Order Sons of America

For information, call: 215-228-8200.

Special Memorial Day Observance

Monday, May 31, 2021 – 1:00 pm

Observe the National Holiday at Christ Church Burial Ground at 5th & Arch St. The final resting place of five (5) Signers of the Declaration of Independence, including Benjamin Franklin and many military veterans of all eras! The Benjamin Franklin American Legion Post #405 of the Union League will place a wreath representing the American Legion Post, commemorating the services of all veterans at the grave of Major Charles I. Maceuen, Major, 198th PA Volunteers (6th Union League Regiment), KIA at the Battle of Lewis Farm, VA, March 29, 1865. Representing all veterans! ALL are welcome!

Starr Tours – Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad – with Jane Peters Estes

Saturday, June 19, 2021

Tour #14728

Explore Harriet Tubman's life and the Underground Railroad as you wind through the picturesque, rural landscape of Cambridge, MD on the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway.

\$159/person includes lunch. Register online or at 800-782-7703

Details and info at <http://www.starrtours.com/>

Starr Tours – Solo Travelers' Experience – Delaware – with Jane Peters Estes

Thursday & Friday, July 22-23, 2021

Tour #14605

Come alone or bring friends. This is a tour where you can meet, mingle, and most of all, have fun!

Overnight trip includes tours of Nemours Mansion and Gardens, Hagley Museum, Winterthur.

Meals include 1 full breakfast, 2 lunches, 1 dinner.

\$419/DO

For details www.starrtours.com

Tour will be offered again October 21-22 (Tour #14606)



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The cost of these lectures has increased over the years to the point that we now need to ask for your help to continue bringing speakers to our museum and luncheon. A requested donation of \$100.00 is an essential part of the support that enables The GAR Civil War Museum and Library to function as a strong resource that brings informative and engaging speakers to our community.

The museum is a 501(c)3 registered non-profit and all donations to its lecture series are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

If you are an employee of, or a retiree from, a company that has a matching gift program, please consider maximizing your donation by requesting that your company match your gift to The GAR Civil War Museum and Library.

The museum's Board of Directors thanks you for your support in helping the museum continue to fulfill its mission of preserving the heritage and history of the Civil War era through informative programs that are open to the public.

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The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum, Library and Archive is currently the only museum in this area that is solely dedicated to preserving the history and telling the story of the Civil War.

The museum's holdings were formed from the historic relics, artifacts, documents and photographs from the Memorial Hall collection of Philadelphia's Post 2 of the Grand Army of the Republic. The collection is recognized for its historical significance and features numerous relics of singular historical importance.

Our home in the 1796 Georgian mansion of Dr. John Ruan is in need of extensive and expensive repairs. The number of visitors and volunteers continues to decline due to our remote location that has very limited off-street parking. Additionally, due to many donations of museum items and documents by concerned citizens, our collections have outgrown the space that we have.

In order to preserve the collection and the future of the museum, it is critical that we find a new home. To accomplish this, we need to create an endowment that will help finance our relocation. The very existence of the Museum and public accessibility to the collection is at stake.

We need to take action now so that the Museum's future will be secure. Your contribution will help maintain the legacy that has been handed down to us from those veterans who gave their last full measure of devotion to save the country. Don't let their history be forgotten and their memorabilia disappear.

Please help us save the Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum. The museum is a non-profit organization under the Federal income tax section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

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In grateful appreciation,

The GAR Civil War Museum Board of Directors

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We are the only museum and research library in Philadelphia exclusively dedicated to veterans and preserving the history of the Civil War. Our collection is recognized for its historical significance and features numerous relics of singular historical importance: Old Baldy – General Meade’s war horse; Lincoln’s blood-stained linen, Booth’s handcuffs, and an extensive collection of photographs, documents, paintings, military equipment, artifacts and relics belonging to the G.A.R. veterans.

We cannot allow this museum and its singularly historic collection to be forgotten. We cannot be the real-life version of “Raiders of the Lost Ark” where our remarkable collection simply disappears into the storage vault of some distant institution, never to be seen again.

Please join us and become a member or continue your membership. Your contributions are critical to maintaining the legacy that has been handed down to us from those veterans who gave their last full measure of devotion.

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