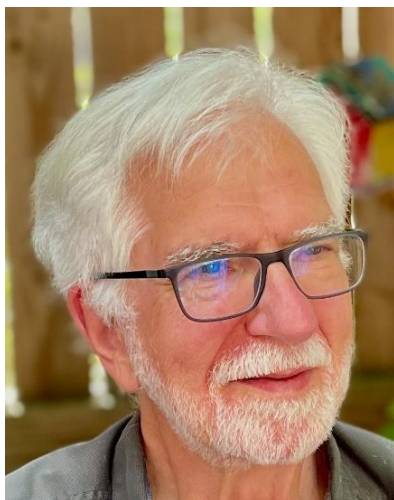


GRAND ARMY SCOUT

Newsletter of the GAR
Civil War Museum, Library & Archive Summer 2022



From the President . . .



The GAR Board wants to thank the many volunteers and donors who were part of the corps that moved Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum to the historically certified Lewis-Pattison House. The Museum will open on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning September 13, 2022.

On the second floor above the Museum there is a Research Room equipped with both Microsoft and Apple computers with

connection to the Internet. On the shelves are our unit histories, GAR Encampment records and GAR histories. Next to the Research Room is the Hugh Boyle Historic Archive Room.

Our large garden provides room for events and expansion.

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

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

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Benefits of volunteering

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

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

Joe Perry
President

Please renew your Museum membership! Keep history alive!

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

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

Please renew your membership for 2022:

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

To those who have already renewed, we thank you!



Your support is essential to the continued survival of the only museum in the Philadelphia area solely dedicated to the history of the Civil War

Dear Museum Friends, Members and Colleagues:

With your help – **WE DID IT!** The historic Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum, Library and Archive is now ready to again receive visitors and researchers.

We have had a wonderful welcome and we have seen how important the museum is to the entire community. Our heritage is important and our history is essential as we continue to plan for the future. The museum has meant so much to so many people of the past 37 years. Now, more than ever, it must be strengthened and supported.

We are so very excited to welcome so many new members from across the United States, including members from as far away as California and Florida. We are exhilarated by the wonderful encouragement from so many of our friends, volunteers and supporters.

I wish to express our most sincere gratitude to so many of our members and friends who have made such generous donations to support our museum. The museum cannot continue without your financial support, and so many wonderful people immediately stepped to the front and graciously made donations.

Our list of esteemed Life Members has continued to grow, and we extend a gracious “Thank You” those who have made this commitment.

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

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023

Your support is essential to the continued survival of the only museum in Philadelphia solely dedicated to the history of the Civil War.

Membership renewals for 2023 can be mailed to the museum OR can be made through PAYPAL on our website.

*Herb Kaufman
Treasurer & Curator*

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**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
CIVIL WAR MUSEUM, LIBRARY &
ARCHIVE
FIRST SUNDAY ZOOM
PROGRAMS**



**JOIN US THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
REGULAR PROGRAMS BEGIN AT 1:00PM**

These are FREE virtual programs online - Please RSVP to garmuslib1866@gmail.com

Sunday, September 18, 2022 – 2:00 PM

SPECIAL EVENT – AN OPEN HOUSE CONCERT

28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regimental Brass Band

At the Emmanuel Resurrection Episcopal Church Hall

8201 Frankford Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19136

Free parking in the Church lot on Stanwood Street across the street from the Church

The Grand Army of the Republic of the Civil War Museum, 8110 Frankford Avenue, will be open at 11:00 a.m. and will stay open during and after the concert. Light refreshments will be provided.

The band recreates the original 19th century music of Becks Band. To honor the memory of Becks Band, in 1991 members of the 28th PVI Historical Association and Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), Anna M. Ross, Camp #1, founded the 28th PA Regimental Brass Band. The Band acquires and preserves period brass band instruments to study and perform original musical scores of early and mid-19th century American brass bands of both town and military vintage.

The band uses authentic musical scores and period uniforms to recreate the music of the 19th century town and military band. The “28th Band” now consists of fourteen saxhorns and one percussionist using mainly Civil War era instruments.

The Band focuses on re-creating the field aspects and public experiences of their Civil War musical ancestors through presenting concerts, living history re-enactments of GAR parades, visiting veterans’ hospitals, and participating in field events in the Greater Delaware Valley area.

October 2, 2022 – 1:00 PM (EST in the US) VIA ZOOM – Local historian and GAR Research Administrator Walt Lafty – “Philadelphia Military Hospitals”

November 6, 2022 – 1:00 PM (EST in the US) VIA ZOOM – Local historian Mike Jesberger - Topic to be announced

December 4, 2022 – 1:00 PM (EST in the US) VIA ZOOM – Jim Murphy – “Tales of Old Philadelphia”

Please send a request to reserve a virtual seat for any of these outstanding presentations by e-mail to garmuslib1866@gmail.com

Requests to reserve a virtual seat that are sent the day of the Program may not arrive in time. We will make every effort to reply, but Gmail may be slow, and our volunteer may be called away. You will be sent a link with a password that will enable you to access the program within 24 hours of the start of the presentation.

As a lover of history, you know how critical it is to keep history alive, especially today! We very much appreciate your continued support for the GAR Civil War Museum.

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

The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum & Archive
will be closed the month of August 2022.
We will reopen to the public on Tuesday,
September 13, 2022
with our regular hours on Tuesdays from
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Our volunteer researchers will continue to answer emails at
garmuslib1966@gmail.com

MUSEUM PEOPLE & HAPPENINGS

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.

June 5, 2022

"The Civil War and the Santa Fe Trail (at its 200th Anniversary)"
By Deb Goodrich of Oakley, Kansas and the Fort Wallace Museum

This program was changed from a Zoom to a free prerecorded video interview.

The Santa Fe Trail was among the first international trade routes in the United States. While the main route led from the new state of Missouri to Santa Fe in the newly liberated country of Mexico, feeder trails came from ports in the Northeast and New Orleans. It became the "interstate highway" of the time and an important military road. As such, it was the scene of incidents during Bleeding Kansas and the Civil War that, while being far from the center of the War in the East, was nonetheless an integral piece of that conflict.



Historian, author, researcher, preservationist and Museum member **Deb Goodrich** is the Chair of the Santa Fe Trail 200, the bicentennial of this historic route to be commemorated between 2021-2025. She is the Garvey Texas Foundation Historian in Residence at the Fort Wallace Museum, Wallace, KS, and the host of Around Kansas TV Show. Deb has appeared in numerous documentaries including The American Experience and AHC's Gunslingers. She is the author of *Kansas Forts and Bases* (with Michelle Martin) and *The Civil War in Kansas*. Deb is writing a biography of Vice President Charles Curtis, enrolled in the Kaw Nation and first Republican Senate Majority Leader.

There was no program offered in July.

August 7, 2022

"A Conversation with MG George Henry Thomas" with William S. (Bill) Vosseler



"...it is doubtful whether his heroism and skill ... has ever been surpassed in this world." Abraham Lincoln commenting on General Thomas at the Battle of Chickamauga.

General George Henry Thomas (July 31, 1816 – March 28, 1870) Born in Virginia into a slave owning family, George Thomas was a West Point Graduate (1840); where he also served as an instructor of Artillery and Cavalry during which time, he met and married Frances Lucretia Kellogg of Troy, NY.

[photo from Confederation of Union Generals <https://uniongenerals.org/>]

As career U.S. Army officer, before the Civil War he had also served in the Second Seminole and Mexican Wars – during which conflicts he was breveted three times for gallantry – and, as one of very few officers having commanded Artillery, Cavalry, and Infantry in battle, he became close to most of the major military figures on both sides of the War of the Rebellion. Having defeated Jackson and Stuart (Falling Watters, VA) and Zollicoffer (Mill Spring, Ky), he was transferred and became one of the principal commanders in the Western Theater. Subsequently saving the Army of the Cumberland from annihilation at the Battle of Chickamauga, he went on to defeat Bragg (Missionary Ridge) and Hood (Nashville). Undefeated in battle he was the only Military Commander in US History to destroy an opposing army; for which he was appointed by Lincoln a Major-General in the Regular Army, one of only five authorized by Congress at that time. After the war, and during reconstruction, he commanded the Military Division of Tennessee (which included Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Tennessee) and at the time of his death commanded the Military Division of the Pacific.

William S. (Bill) Vosseler founded the Union Library Civil War Round Table that existed in Hatboro, PA from 2000-2013. He is also a member, co-founder, and Past Camp Commander of the Baker-Fisher Camp 101 SUVCW, DPA, and a Past Chair of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Civil War Round Tables. Bill currently serves as Executive Director of the American Civil War Charitable Trust and, as a member of the Confederation of Union Generals, portrays Major-General Geo. H. Thomas, USA. He is the owner of Civil War Recreations, a company specializing in the recreation and sale of historic Civil War medals, ribbons, and uniform related items. Having served in Vietnam with the 4th Infantry Division, he is a combat disabled Infantry Veteran, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), the American Legion, and the 12th Armored Division Association. Bill and his wife Peggy reside in Garnet Valley, Delaware County, Pennsylvania and have three grown sons, William G., Zachary, and Ian.

Museum Visitors

..... by Mary Wible

On July 31, Walt Lafty and I had the pleasure to welcome some members of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania to the GAR Museum.

Valerie-Anne Lutz, president; Kathryn Donohue, secretary; Angie Indik, office manager; and Shamele Jordan, board member, toured the museum, enjoying the many items in our display cases. Like all researchers, they spent the majority of their time in the archives, digging through our treasures and getting information from various books in our library.

Thank you, ladies, for your donations, book purchases, new memberships and offers to help us at the museum. Your expertise will be much appreciated. It was a fun day had by all. We look forward to your return visit along with other members, and Walt and I will see you soon at GSP.



Left to right - Angie Indik, Shamele Jordan, Walt Lafty, Kathy Donohue, Val Lutz



Left to right - Angie Indik, Shamele Jordan, Mary Wible, Kathy Donohue, Val Lutz

Museum Members At Home, Out, and About

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

Programs for Other Organizations

Andy Waskie, Herb Kaufman, Jane Peters Estes, and Tom Donnelly presented programs for other historical organizations, and various round tables, both in-person and via the Zoom platform.

Walt Lafty, Herb Kaufman, Tom Donnelly, and Andy Waskie were among the instructors conducting classes for the Civil War Institute and History Institute offered by Manor College and the Delaware Valley CWRT throughout the year. Programs for the Fall session have been announced and will continue on the ZOOM platform for the foreseeable future. You can find the schedule in this newsletter. As lovers of history, you know how critical it is to keep history alive, especially today! The institutes and the instructors would love to have your support to keep the programs active.

Andy Waskie was a panelist for a Juneteenth Panel Discussion on "Glory, the United States Colored Troops, and Laurel Hill: Remembering the Past" on June 21. Andy's topic was entitled "Laurel Hill's Connections to the United States Colored Troops." Andy also led a Laurel Hill Cemetery Tour on Sunday, August 14, "Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way -The Generals of Laurel Hill East."

On Television

Albert El, in full USCT reenactor uniform, was one of the veterans honored by 4th grade students of St Francis de Sales School in West Philadelphia on May 18. Albert was featured by Bob Kelly on Fox29's Kelly's Classroom that morning. Way to go, Albert, teaching kids about our history!

On May 31, Andy Waskie was interviewed on PCN to discuss his book *Philadelphia and the Civil War*.

A Gettysburg Visit to Honor and Show Respect

..... by Mary Ann Hartner, with Andy Waskie

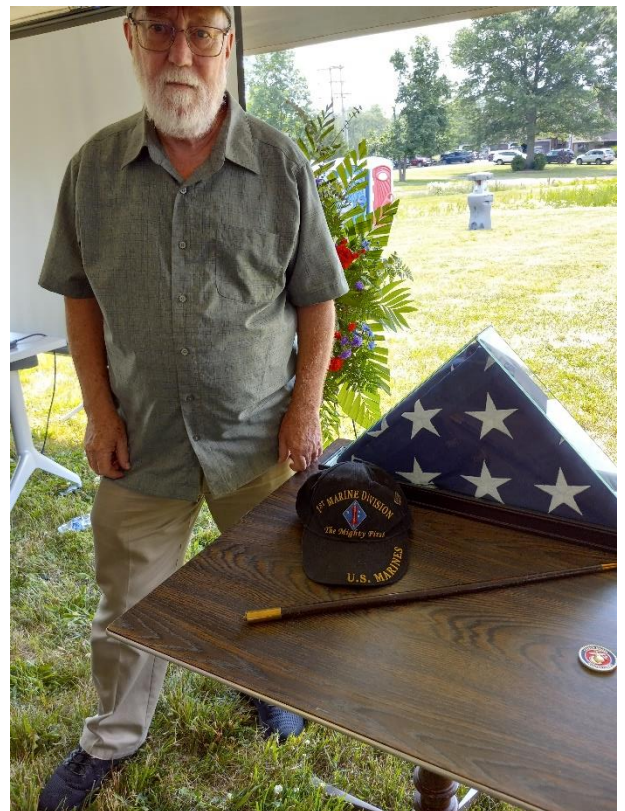
On July 26, 2022, a Celebration of Life was held for Edwin C Bearss, Marine, Historian and Preservationist. This Memorial service was given by the Bearss family, The American Battlefield Trust, and the Seminary Ridge Museum. Mr. Bearss served on our Board of Advisors for numerous years, so we felt we should be a part of the celebration. Therefore, I, husband John, Vice-President Dr. Andy Waskie, and members of the Meade Society (also Museum members) traveled to attend the Memorial service in Gettysburg.

The program started with a Marine Corps color guard and included a number of speakers, some of which were: David Duncan, President of American Battlefield Trust, Richard Mills, Lt. General, (retired) USMC and Edwin Bearss' grandson, Todd Olmstead, who is currently in the Marine Corps. All the speakers were eloquent in their relaying the memories of the time with their friend, grandfather, co-worker, historian. His grandson, Todd was most enjoyable, in the fact that he could mimic his grandfather's deep voice and gestures, as on tour/lectures. Twice during the program, in a calculated pause, we could hear cannon fire from across the field which we all agreed, had to be Ed commenting on the event. The program concluded with the appropriate playing of Taps by a re-enactor.

Edwin C Bearss lead an amazing life. Born in Montana on a cattle ranch, he served with the Marine Corps in the South Pacific, where he was severely wounded. He received a Purple Heart for this action. In 1955 he embarked on a 40-year career with the National Military Park Service. During those years, he accomplished more than the average Park Ranger. One of them being the locating and documentation of the USS *Cairo*. Even when he had retired, Ed did not stop. He continued authoring books, giving battlefield tours and lectures, and he brought the American Civil War into our living rooms through the Ken Burns' PBS series *The American Civil War*.

It was a well-attended program. Afterward, we were able to socialize with others, meet the speakers and family, take a couple of pictures, and share our personal memories of Ed Bearss.

[On the right, John Hartner with Ed's hat, walking stick and flag]



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Ed Bearss spoke at our GAR Museum's luncheon in 2010 and before that, at a dinner at Williamsons' s restaurant in Horsham PA. That talk was about the Peninsula campaign and is one of my most memorable memories of Ed Bearss. With his gesturing and deep voice, he explained about the "Virginia Creeper" coming up the peninsula (i.e., McClellan). This was the first time I heard and saw the famous Ed Bearss and it left an everlasting impression on me.

Around Our Town - Memorial Day Service at Montgomery Cemetery



Mary Wible, Walt Lafty, Paula Gidjunis, Mike Peter, and Ed McLaughlin were among the GAR members who participated in the Memorial Day service at Montgomery Cemetery on Saturday May 28. At the event, Paula was presented with the Acorn Award from the Historical Society of Montgomery County. The acorn – the symbol of the County – is an award given out to recognize work done to maintain and preserve Montgomery County History. Paula received the award for 2021 (when it wasn't able to be presented). Congrats to both Paula, and thanks to Mary Wible for the photo of the award presentation.



A Special Honor



At the August meeting of the Delaware Valley CWRT, Mary Wible, as the descendant of veterans of both the Union and Confederate navies was given the opportunity to hold artifacts from both the *Monitor* and the *Merrimac* (aka *Virginia*). Naval historian Dan Cashin, who spoke on naval connections to Gettysburg, offered Mary the opportunity at the conclusion of the presentation, Photo provided by Alan Ash (DVCWRT).

Museum Members and DUVCW Tent 58

“What Are the Odds?”..... by Mary Wible

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mary Morris Husband, Tent 58, from the Department of Pennsylvania, has five GAR Museum members. Four of them are pictured below.



Left to right - Debra Grady, Kathy Wible, Ellen Higgins and Mary Wible.

Have you ever researched something or someone and found an extraordinary connection to make you wonder, **“What are the odds?”** With this group of patriotic women, that question keeps getting repeated.

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Let's start with Kathy Wible and Ellen Higgins. Their 2x great grandfathers were in Co. A, 27th PA. They must have known each other personally just as Kathy and Ellen do. **What are the odds?**

The four of us pictured above had ancestors in the XI Corps.
153rd PA - Deb, 27th PA - Kathy and Ellen, 75th PA - Mary. **What are the odds?**

Kathy's 2xGGF, Gustavus Rechtenbach, was treated at the Spangler Field Hospital, as was Deb's 2nd great-granduncle, Henry C. Neumeyer. **What are the odds?**

Both Mary's 2nd great-granduncle Edward Camp and Deb's cousin William Gold were killed on day one at Gettysburg. **What are the odds?**

Now let's talk about the Wible connection. Kathy's husband is my brother Steve. Deb is the mother-in-law of my brother John's son, John.

Let me not forget Lee Wible whose husband is my oldest brother Bill. Lee lives in Florida, so she is not a member of the museum, but she is a daughter in Tent 58. Her GGF, Henry A. Winkel, was in Co. G, 5th MD.

Okay, maybe the odds don't exist for the family connection since we decided to join together in Tent 58, but here is one that does. My nephew John and his wife Gillian, Deb's daughter, have uncles that fought together at Gettysburg. Now seriously, **what are the odds?**

Finally, let me introduce you to the fifth DUVCW, Jackie Carter, the president of Tent 58 and GAR Museum member. She pinned the badge on Deb Grady who was newly installed on August 20, the day after her birthday.

Which reminds me. Did you know that Kathy and Deb were both born on August 19? I know, I know. You are **wondering what the odds are.**

I've never been a betting woman as gambling never interested me. Suddenly, I feel like buying a scratch off. Hmm, I wonder **what kind of odds they have.** Wish me luck.





The Curator's Corner ... by Herb Kaufman

As you are aware, on March 17, 2022 our resident Lincoln scholar and President Emeritus, Hugh Boyle, passed away. In recognition of Hugh's long-time dedication and commitment to the museum we have named the archives as the Hugh Boyle Historical Archives.

Over the past months, Walt Lafty, the museum's Research Administrator, and Mary Wible, a member of the Board, have worked for many hours cataloging, indexing and securing the extensive collection of G. A. R. Post records. They have delved into each record box, correcting the information, labeling each set of records correctly, and securing the records for future use. This project is still ongoing and is a testament to Mary's and Walt's dedication to both the history of the veterans and the museum.

We recently purchased two laptops for use in the research room and Hugh Boyle Historical Archives. The archive laptop will allow us to begin our next project of cataloging and indexing all of our historical relics, artifacts, images, documents, photographs and other historical material.

While the material is secure in archival acid-free boxes and is labeled, our archival project will record every item on a designated spreadsheet.

I can assure everyone that we will continue to work diligently to preserve and protect our singularly historical collection.

Please be aware that our board and volunteers are dedicated to our mission and moving the museum forward.

Your personal and financial support remains crucial.

**PLEASE CONSIDER VISITING THE MUSEUM.
WE WILL AGAIN WELCOME VISITORS ON TUESDAYS
FROM 11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM.**

**WE ARE ALSO PLEASED TO ESTABLISH TOURS UPON REQUEST.
PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE WWW.GARMUSLIB.ORG
FOR TOUR INFORMATION**



Preserving an Artifact by Joe Perry

Ship model at the Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum

U.S.S. *Harriet Lane* was a revenue cutter of the United States Revenue Cutter Service and at the outbreak of the Civil War a ship of the United States Navy and later Confederate Navy. The ship was named after the niece of President James Buchanan. Buchanan was not married, and Harriet acted as First Lady. The cutter entered Revenue Service in 1859 out of New York City and saw action during the Civil War at Fort Sumter, New Orleans, Galveston and Virginia Point. She was captured by the Confederates in 1863 and converted to a trade ship. She was recaptured and declared unfit for service, sold and rechristened the *Elliot Ritchie* out of Philadelphia. She was abandoned at sea in 1881.

April 12, 1861. Charleston, S.C. Harbor

At around 4:30 a.m. the first shot of the Civil War was fired at Fort Sumter.

From ***Faces of the Civil War. An Album of Union and Confederate Sailors***

By Ronald S. Coddington. Page 22

“While the bombardment raged and gun smoke mixed with low-lying banks of mist, a steamer appeared with no ensign flying. At 11:20 a.m., (Captain John) Faunce and the crew of the (U.S.S. *Harriet Lane*) went to battle stations. They signaled the vessel to show her colors and come to. The ship did not respond. Faunce ordered a warning shot fired. Daniel D. Tompkins, the second lieutenant in charge of the bow gun, obeyed his captain's command. According to a revenue service historian, “A thirty-two pound shot ricocheted across the bows of the strange steamer, a grim and significant warning to heave to and render an account of herself. The American Ensign was at once displayed from her main peak.” She was the merchant steamer *Nashville*, and Faunce allowed her to pass. Some historians credit this event as the first naval shot fired during the Civil War.”



History of the Grand Army of the Republic and Meade Post #1, Philadelphia *By Andy Waskie*

The GAR was founded by Benjamin F. Stephenson, M.D. The cofounder was Chaplain W. J. Rutledge. They served in the 14th Illinois Infantry and were tent mates during General Sherman's Campaigns of 1864. They talked of forming an organization so that the "soldiers so closely allied in the fellowship of suffering would preserve the friendships and the memories of their common trails and dangers." Their discussions during the war and their correspondence after 1865 resulted in the formation of the GAR.

Its organization was based on the traditions of Freemasonry combined with military tradition. It was divided into departments at the state level and posts at the community level. Military styled uniforms were worn by the members. There were posts in every state and several overseas posts. In 1890 the GAR had 500,000 members and over 8,000 posts.

The GAR was unique in its day, as it was integrated at a time when segregation of the races was the norm. It promoted pensions for debilitated veterans, care of their widows and provided for the honorable burial of veterans. The promoted the commemoration of Memorial Day as a national holiday on May 30th. The last member died in 1956.

GAR Post #1, Philadelphia, was chartered directly by Stephenson and not through the newly organized Department of Pennsylvania at a time when the rules and regulations were much in flux. The founder of the Post was Major Clayton McMichael who had served with Stephenson in the West and knew many of the founders of the order. McMichael was the son of Morton McMichael of Philadelphia, then serving as Mayor of the city, a founder and officer of the Union League, a newspaper owner and editor and very influential in social and political circles. Three of his sons had served in the armed forces during the Civil War.

At the first national organizing convention of the Grand Army held in Pittsburgh on September 24, 1866, McMichael was the only representative from Pennsylvania. Therefore, McMichael was granted a charter for the Post as the first post in Pennsylvania and designated Post #1 and the post was born on October 16, 1866. Several days later, another Post was chartered through the Department as its first post and sought the use of the designation Post #1. It was chartered a few days later in October 1866. At the first National Encampment of the Grand Army held in Indianapolis on November 22, 1866, McMichael and a fellow Post #1 member were two of the only representatives from the Keystone State. There was however a challenge from another Philadelphia Post of the designation of Post #1. The dispute was handled amicably according to reports, and the privilege of having the Post #1 designation was accorded to McMichael's organization. The other post obtained the designation Post #2.

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According to tradition and regulation, posts of the Grand Army could only be named after persons deceased. Thus, immediately after the funeral of Maj. Gen. George G. Meade on November 11, 1872, did the Post #1 commander, General Joseph Ward, decide that the Post should take the name of Pennsylvania's greatest war hero, knowing full well that many other Posts (including Post #2) were interested in obtaining that honorable patron, he immediately petitioned the Department of Penna. for Meade's name and was granted the honor. The name was officially approved and adopted by the Post at its first subsequent meeting on January 3, 1873 and the official name became George G. Meade Post #1, Department of Pennsylvania. Post #2 decided not to adopt a name and retained the simple Post #2 designation throughout its existence.

Post #1 was founded at the Union League of Philadelphia, and later in the Wetherill House on Sansom St above 6th St, a popular hotel with ten (10) charter members headed by Clayton McMichael, he was elected first Post Commander.

After five meetings there and at the Union League, the meetings were shifted to the Home Labor League Rooms at 114 South 3rd St. at the site of the Jay Cooke Banking House, next to the First Bank of the United States.

In 1884, Post #1 received a burial plot at Laurel Hill Cemetery for the use of comrades who chose to be buried together. Laurel Hill Cemetery was assigned to Post #1 by the Department of Penna. to hold Memorial Day services and decorate and care for the graves of veterans at the cemetery.

In subsequent years, the Post moved to different locations, also meeting at the Union League, as many members were also League members:

1867 - N.E. corner Broad & Arch Sts; N.E. corner 10th & Chestnut St 3rd Floor Front

1868 – 1316 Chestnut St 3rd Floor

1871 – 'Temperance Hall' S.W. corner 12th & Filbert Sts

1878 – A.P.A. Hall 1415 Locust St; 1109 Chestnut St. S.E. corner 11th & Chestnut Sts 3rd Floor

1883 – 2nd Floor 11th & Chestnut

1892 – Concert Hall 1220 Chestnut St

1913 - Parkway Building, Broad & Cherry

Notable Events:

1877 – Ulysses S. Grant joins Meade Post #1

1877 – Post #1 inaugurates 'Grand Army Day' October 10, 1877, at Memorial Hall, W. Fairmount Park

1879 – Post #1 adopts its post badge and grave marker

1880 – General Sherman attends Post #1 Memorial Day services at Laurel Hill

1880 – Post #1 raises funds for the Meade Monument at the Academy of Music. Speakers included: President Rutherford B. Hayes; General Sherman; General Joshua L. Chamberlain

1883 – Head of 'Old Baldy' presented to the Post

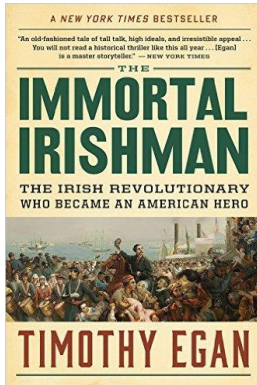
1891 – President Benjamin Harrison attends the Post #1 Memorial Day Services at Laurel Hill

FROM THE MUSEUM'S BOOKSHELF by *Walt Lafty*

***The Immortal Irishman – The Irish Revolutionary Who
Became an American Hero***

By Timothy Egan

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016, 384 pages



Here is a book that covers the life of Thomas Francis Meagher on three continents. He was a man born into wealth in County Waterford, whose father became the first Catholic mayor after the Catholic emancipation. The book details his respect for, yet contrasting political views with, his father.

During his education both in Ireland and England, we become aware of the early rebellious nature of Meagher in a couple of stories, one which rivals that of Colonel Michael Corcoran of the 69th New York Regiment when he refused to parade his Irish soldiers during a review for the Prince of Wales.

No hints, you'll need to read the book.

Upon completion of his academics, Meagher became involved with the "Young Ireland" movement in reaction to the British policy on the famine.

Meagher had become a great orator, following in the footsteps of Daniel O'Connell, the great Irish Liberator. Unlike O'Connell, however, he believed that when all is said and done, if talking is not working and England is using force, then the Irish must fight back. Thus he earns one of a couple of nicknames, one as "Meagher of the Sword". Egan details Meagher's involvement during the rebellion of 1848, his subsequent trial, and his banishment to Van Diemen's Land (present day Tasmania) where Meagher will live in exile for about three years.

The author goes into great detail of Meagher's escape and his welcome in America where Meagher ultimately believed that the Civil War was a chance for Irish immigrants to win acceptance in their new country by fighting to save the Union.

Egan covers the Civil War experiences of Meagher, both good and bad experiences, then ends the book with his life in Montana as the Territorial Secretary and Acting Governor. Meagher's experience in Montana alone is worth a book as the author suggests that Meagher may have been murdered rather than accidentally drowned. That angle seems to be that of supporters of Meagher rather than his adversaries who believe he committed suicide, or simply stumbled overboard in a drunken stupor, which has been the leading theory for many people.

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Published in March of 2016, "The Immortal Irishman" is 384 pages in hardcover. The book does have end notes but lacks footnote citations for those who like footnotes. It is an easy and interesting read with Egan doing a great job of covering Meagher's experiences on all three continents.



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

Colonel William E. Lemon

G.A.R. Post 260

Department of Pennsylvania

New Bethlehem, PA



Framed Original Post 260 Certificate held at G.A.R. Museum, Library, & Archives 8110 Frankford Ave. Phila. PA 19136

William Edwin Lemon was born 1 May 1830 in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. He married Isabella Swords on 8 July 1856 in Carlisle, PA. Together they had four sons: Levi, Leo, William, and Joseph.

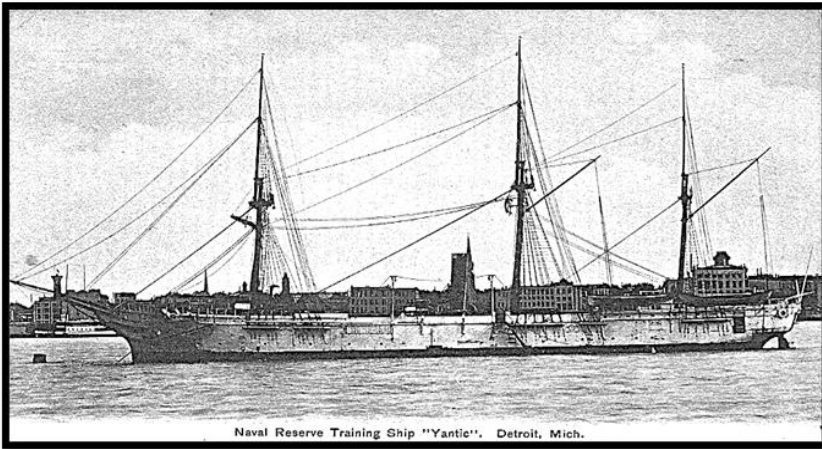
On 30 April 1861, William E. Lemon joined the 37th Pennsylvania Infantry (8th Pennsylvania Reserves). He raised a Company in Clarion County and was appointed Captain of Company "H." The 37th was engaged at the battles of Mechanicsville, Gaines Mill, Glendale (aka Charles City Crossroads and other names), Malvern Hill, Second Bull Run, South Mountain, and Antietam.

Captain Lemon was wounded at Glendale on 30 June 1862 and then again at Fredericksburg on 13 December 1862. After recovering from his wounds, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of the 37th PA Infantry on 10 March 1863. The 37th went on to fight at the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, and Laurel Hill before mustering out of service on 24 May 1864.

William then enlisted as a Landsman in the U.S. Navy in Philadelphia on 28 July 1864. He served on the gunboat U.S.S. *Yantic* assigned to the North Atlantic Blocking Squadron. At the second battle of Fort Fisher, the gunboat *Yantic* was under the command of Lieutenant Commander T.C. Harris. The *Yantic* was one of thirteen ships in the first line of three lines and a reserve line, under the overall command of Rear Admiral David D. Porter. In addition, Admiral Porter sent in a landing party consisting of 1,600 Sailors and four hundred Marines under command of Fleet Captain Kidder Breese.

On 15 January during that second battle of Fort Fisher, William E. Lemon was killed when he was shot in the head while serving as the Master of Arms.

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*Name: USS Yantic
Namesake: Yantic River, CT
Builder: Philadelphia Navy Yard
Launched: 19 March 1864
Commissioned: 12 August 1864
Training Ship in Michigan 1898
Reclassified IX-32: 15 May 1921
Decommissioned: 22 October 1929
Fate: Sunk, 22 October 1929*

In 1882, Post 260 was mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), Department of Pennsylvania. The Post was named in honor of William Edwin Lemon by the comrades of New Bethlehem PA and others within Clarion County. The first Post Commander was J.L. Cribbs.

Post 260 met at Shumaker's Hall in New Bethlehem on the first Tuesday of every month. Also, the Women's Relief Corp (W.R.C.) and the Sons of Veterans (S.U.V.) connected with Post 260, also met at Shumaker's Hall.

Lemon Post 260 was active in all G.A.R. affairs, especially with Decoration Day (*Memorial Day*) every year. In 1913, led by D.W. Goheen, the Post attended the 50th anniversary of Gettysburg traveling by train from New Bethlehem to Gettysburg. After about 41 years, Post 260 surrendered their charter in 1923 as the last of their members had passed on.

(Family photos and Bible shared by G.A.R. Museum member Ellen Higgins)



*William Edwin Lemon
1830-1865*



*Isabella Swords-Lemon-Senseman
1833-1904
(Child unidentified)*

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After William Lemon's death, his widow Isabella was able to obtain a pension for herself and her four children. The pension was based on his service in both the 37th P.V.I. and his Navy service where he died. After she remarried in July 1868, her pension was stopped. However, the pension for the children remained until each turned 18 years of age. After the death of her second husband, Reuben Senseman in 1891, her pension was later restored.

This article is also in recognition of G.A.R. Museum member Ellen Higgins who is a descendant of William Edwin Lemon and Isabella Swords. Ellen is active in the G.A.R and has been for many years. Among her various roles, she is past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (D.U.V.C.W.), as well as holding current positions in that organization which include National Counselor, and as an Associate Treasurer. She is also an active local member of the Mary Morris Husband Tent 58 D.U.V.C.W.

Ellen is also active in the New Jersey and the Pennsylvania Departments of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (A.S.U.V.). She is past President of the N.J. Department A.S.U.V and currently serves as Chief of Staff for the Pennsylvania Department A.S.U.V. Ellen serves also as the webmaster for both the D.U.V.C.W. and A.S.U.V.

William Edwin Lemon would be proud of his great-great-granddaughter for keeping alive the honor, traditions, and memory of those who served and supported the Union Army and Navy at such a critical time in the history of the United States.

In addition to William Lemon, Ellen has another ancestor, Henry Mauk who served in the 27th Pennsylvania Infantry as a corporal in Company "A". He also would be proud of her.

Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic



Woman's Relief Corps



Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic



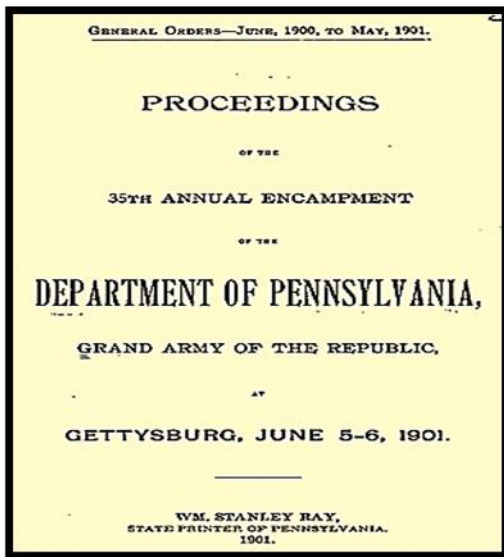
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War



RESEARCHING G.A.R. ENCAMPMENT RECORDS



By Walt Lafy

For many researchers looking for information on their ancestor as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), the search can sometimes become frustrating in the absence of Post or other records of the G.A.R.

This column has in the past suggested resources on topics such as Post records known and listed on the site of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (S.U.V.C.W.). Also covered in previous articles have been other suggested research resources such as pension records held by the National Archives, searches thru obituary and other newspapers articles to try and determine a connection between an ancestor and the G.A.R., and in a recent issue free research tutorial videos to help guide the researcher.

Another resource that has been useful to this author has been accessing G.A.R. encampment journal records. Journals from both the National annual encampments and the various Department (State) annual encampments have yielded much success. In the absence of any Post records the encampment records can help connect a member with a known G.A.R. Post.

The G.A.R. Museum, Library, and Archives here in Philadelphia is fortunate to hold many original copies of encampment records covering many years. They are predominately for Pennsylvania but our library also includes journals for many years of National encampments, which were held in various cities and states around the country.

A site that is very useful outside of this museum is an on-line (internet) site which has digitized various G.A.R. encampment records. HathiTrust Digital Library is a non-profit collaborative effort of academic and research libraries which has preserved over 17 million digitized items. The site is free, and all information is in the public domain offering reading access to the fullest extent allowable by U.S. copyright law.

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The digitized G.A.R. records include national encampments and most States annual encampments. As an example, digitized Pennsylvania records cover most years between 1898 and 1926 with full views (entire document) and then from 1928-1937 with limited views (partial document).

One example of the many ways these records can be of help, is trying to connect a name with a G.A.R. Post when the only information you have is a date of death and an obituary has not added any additional information. The example I use couples modern digitization of records with something I learned many years ago from our museum Vice-President and Historian Dr. Andy Waskie. Andy informed me that in most years of Department encampment records there is usually a list of the members who died in the previous year. If the member died in 1900, then you want to check the 1901 record, if available. So using Andy's tip and adding digitization by searching the on-line Department encampment records, I have found many men and connected them to a G.A.R. Post. Then you have to use other techniques to pursue your search from there, such as doing newspaper searches for that Post, as one example.

For each year of the digitized G.A.R. record you can do a word or name search which is just a terrific feature. It still takes some work but it makes the search easier.

To the right is an example of the death information from the 1901 Pennsylvania Department Encampment for the men who died in 1900.

It lists the Post No., Name, Rank, Command (Military Unit), and date of death.

This is generally the standard format for most states and for most years.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. 287				
MEMORIAL ROLL.				
Post.	Name.	Rank.	Command.	Died.
1	Atlee, Wm. L.	Surg.	10th P. R. V. C.	Jan. 14, 1900.
7	Andress, Edw. T.	Priv.	A, 183d P. V.	Feb. 27, 1900.
9	Armor, Chas. E.	Priv.	F, 87th P. V.	Feb. 7, 1900.
51	Alloway, Richard	Priv.	H, 2d Pa. H. Artillery	Jan. 20, 1900.
58	Albert, Geo. B.	Priv.	H, 76th P. V.	Jan. 17, 1900.
58	Alleman, Jos.	Priv.	C, 192d P. V.	June 9, 1900.
71	Albright	Sergt.	A, 12th P. R. V. C.	June 6, 1900.
78	Albright, Henry	Priv.	D, 195th P. V.	Mar. 7, 1900.
84	Atlee, Wm. A.	Priv.	F, 1st P. V.	Feb. 24, 1900.
114	Allen, Wash M.	Priv.	E, 52d P. V.	Jan. 24, 1900.
139	Anneman, John	Priv.	K, 6th Pa. Cavalry	Jan. 29, 1900.
140	Adams, Peter	Priv.	H, 172d Pa. V.	Feb. 8, 1900.
379	Adams, Geo. W.	Priv.	E, 7th Pa. Cav.	Apr. —, 1900.
425	Armstrong, G. W.	Priv.	E, 1st Ohio Inf.	Mar. 14, 1900.

- Here is the direct HaithiTrust link to the Pennsylvania G.A.R. Records. Click on the link or Copy and paste to your browser.

<https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/011479903>

- Here is the main link for HaithiTrust which lists other States and other G.A.R. records: You need to use the author filter on the left side of the page and toggle to the item you want to search.

<https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Search/Home?type%5B%5D=author&lookfor%5B%5D=%22Grand%20Army%20of%20the%20Republic%22&filter%5B%5D=topicStr%3AGrand%20Army%20of%20the%20Republic>

Good luck with your research,
Walt

Grand Review – Sherman’s Final March Through DC

..... By GAR Museum Member Richard Brooks



My Great Grandfather, Private Martin Veith, 27th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 1861-1864, 109 PVI, 111PVI 1864-1865 Veteran Volunteer 1864-1865, marched with Sherman through Georgia and the Carolinas and was present at the Grand Review. Discharged July 19,1865 at Washington DC.

I have both of his discharge papers. I tell my relatives that he walked everywhere he went and slept on the ground, while carrying everything he owned and ate over his shoulder. General Chamberlain wrote in one of his many books about the appearance of Sherman's Troops as they marched into Arlington, Virginia. I haven't looked for it today, but he said that they were wearing their campaign clothes and were covered with the dust and dirt of hundreds of miles of Virginia roads. The Army of the Potomac had been waiting for them for weeks, well fed and with new uniforms. When Sherman's troops marched into camp in Arlington, there were many cat calls and negative comments from the AOP troops and, of course, many fights broke out, which required armed guards needed to separate the two Armies and prevent them from killing each other. I can't imagine. See the link below for further info.

[The Grand Review of 1865 - Warfare History Network](https://warfarehistorynetwork.com/article/the-grand-review-of-1865/)

<https://warfarehistorynetwork.com/article/the-grand-review-of-1865/>

Rather than present a parade ground army, Sherman chose to present his men as they had appeared marching through Georgia and the Carolinas. As they marched down Pennsylvania Avenue, Sherman's infamous bummers preceded each division; a half dozen ambulances brought up the rear. Interspersed between each division marched Sherman's African American pioneer battalions, striding in perfect cadence and holding their axes and spades in place of rifles, their own weapons of war instrumental in defeating the Confederacy. A particular crowd favorite was Brig. Gen. H.A. Barnum of Syracuse, New York. Now commanding the 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, XX Corps, Barnum had been wounded and left for dead in his very first battle. Recovering, he had fought four more battles before being wounded again. In Washington for the Review, he brought with him 35 enemy flags his men had captured. Loud cheers greeted his stalwart appearance.

In stark contrast to the eastern men, Sherman's men sported the same tattered uniforms they had worn during the March to the Sea and through the Carolinas. Some of the men had obtained new uniforms in Goldsboro, North Carolina, but most refused to wear them—their old uniforms were good enough for them. "Their uniforms looked dingy as if the smoke of numberless battlefields had dyed their garments, and the soil of the insurrectionary states had adhered to them," noted Sergeant Rice C. Bull of the 123rd New York. Instead of the formal kepis of the Army of the Potomac, the men of the west wore broad-brimmed slouch hats atop their heads. Many were barefoot and insisted on remaining so. The night before the War Department delivered fresh uniforms to the army encampment across the river. The western men rejected them, at least on parade. Of the army's impending march, Private Upson thought, "I knew it would not be such a glittering pageant, for our Army is to march as they have been marching—just as we come from the front without any extra fuss or feathers." After watching the Army of the Potomac, Upson and his friends came back over the Long Bridge, changed, and went into Washington for a night of revelry. Upson's commanding officer reminded the Indiana men that they were still soldiers in the United States Army and warned, "Remember I have not discharged you yet." With many of the rank and file no doubt suffering hangovers and sleep deprivation, Sherman's army set off down Pennsylvania Avenue promptly at 9 am. The Army of the Tennessee led the review, each man marching with his blanket roll over his right shoulder and two days' worth of cooked rations in a haversack on his left hip.

Upon reaching the review stand, a teary-eyed Sherman turned in the saddle and viewed his victorious army marching down Pennsylvania Avenue. "The sight was simply magnificent," he wrote. "The column was compact, and the glittering muskets looked like a solid mass of steel, moving with the regularity of a pendulum." As he passed the reviewing stand, Sherman held his sword high in salute to the president. Before Sherman reached the reviewing stand he had ridden past the Lafayette Square home of Secretary of State William Seward, still recovering from wounds suffered in his assassination attempt. As a mark of debt and respect, Sherman had tipped his cap to the wounded secretary, who returned the gesture from his bedroom window.

Q and A by Andy Waskie

Q - Do you have any knowledge of GAR markers being placed on graves of veterans of wars prior to the Civil War such as the War of 1812, Barbary Wars, Texas Revolution etc.? I always thought that the GAR grave markers are limited to men who fought for the Union during the 4 years of the war.

A - The GAR began the tradition of placing flag holders on the graves of their comrades. This started in 1879 with Meade Post #1 as far as we can tell, and it was at first done solely by the comrade's Post. No other War veterans had any markers prior to this effort.

But, as years went on the practice spread to the older veterans' graves and in the early 20th Century, the local county government took over the practice of placing flag holders and it was at this time, that earlier and then later war veterans were honored with a grave marker indicative of the correct war service. Then a generic VETERAN'S marker also emerged for those who served outside of a known war or conflict.

Now, in Pennsylvania, at least, each county VA is tasked with supplying a veteran's flag holder with documentation. Naturally, you can also purchase these markers on line or from the American Legion.



[Example of GAR marker from grave of General John Curtis Caldwell, St Stephen Rural Cemetery, New Brunswick, Canada – photo from collection of Pat Caldwell]

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

While Manor College has reopened for in-person instruction, the Civil War and History Institutes will continue to present their classes virtually only via ZOOM for the foreseeable future.

You can register for the following classes on the Manor College Continuing Education website <https://manor.edu/academics/adult-continuing-education/history-institute/>

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

CIVIL WAR INSTITUTE CLASSES

A People at War: Lincoln and the Jewish Community – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – In 1861, America’s Jewish population was small – 200,000 in a nation of 27 million. Jewish soldiers served gallantly in both armies during the Civil War; seven Jewish men received the Medal of Honor. This class focuses on the Jewish reaction to the war, with a focus on President Lincoln’s relationship with that community.

Instructor: Herb Kaufman

Fee: \$30

Date: Wednesday, September 28

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Battle of Antietam – 2 days (4 hrs) – Sept. 17, 1862, saw the bloodiest day in American military history, a battle whose political impact outweighed even the strategic outcome. Federals and Rebels pounded each other through the Cornfield, across the Sunken Road, and over Burnside’s Bridge. The narrow Union victory gave President Lincoln the opportunity to issue his Emancipation Proclamation.

Instructor: Jerry Carrier

Fee: \$55

Saturdays, October 1 and 8

Time: 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Meet George G. Meade, Victor of Gettysburg (Part One) – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – Utilizing Meade’s own words, Dr. Waskie will bring the general to life. This first-person narrative will cover Meade’s life and career from his birth in Spain, his youth in Philadelphia, his education at West Point, through his service through the Battle of Gettysburg. (Look for Part Two – Meade after Gettysburg – in our spring semester.)

Instructor: Andy Waskie

Fee: \$30

Date: Wednesday, October 26

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Patriot and ‘Statrriot’: Robert E. Lee and George H. Thomas – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – When the secession crisis erupted into open warfare in 1861, Army officers, especially those of Southern heritage, faced a wrenching decision: For which side would they fight? Prominent among these officers were two Virginians, who chose opposite sides and served their chosen causes brilliantly. We will examine why Robert E. Lee decided his allegiance was to his state, while George H. Thomas cast his lot with the U.S.A.

Instructor: Jerry Carrier

Fee: \$30

Date: Monday, November 28

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

An Eye for an Eye: Retaliation and the Lieber Code – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – When war’s violence becomes excessive, retaliation is likely to follow. We will examine how each side retaliated – with prisoners, wounded, civilians, black soldiers, food supplies, and homes. We’ll also examine correspondence on the issue between officers on both sides, as well as politicians. German-American jurist Francis Lieber wrote detailed rules about authorized, unauthorized and proportional retaliation. His work, the first of its kind, became known as the Lieber Code.

Instructor: Walt Lafty

Fee: \$30

Date: Monday, December 12

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

HISTORY INSTITUTE CLASSES

The Gripping Fear: The Spanish Flu in Philadelphia – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – On Sept. 28, 1918, a Liberty Loan parade in Philadelphia prompted a huge outbreak of Spanish flu in the city. When the pandemic ended, an estimated 20 million to 50 million people were dead worldwide. By June, the flu seemed to have mostly disappeared on this continent. This class focuses on the pandemic’s impact on the Philadelphia region in 1917 and 1918.

Instructor: Mike Jesberger

Fee: \$30

Date: Thursday, September 15

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

“The Troops Are Among Us”: Washington’s Army in Montgomery County, 1777 – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – We may remember the 1776 crossing of the Delaware and the Valley Forge encampment as events that tested the endurance of the Patriot forces, but Continental soldiers triumphed over scores of other hardships at places lesser known. In the fall of 1777, the Washington’s army fought two key battles and marched hundreds of miles through all types of terrain, in all sorts of weather. Often deprived of food, sleep and comfort, the soldiers deserve recognition for what they endured for the cause of liberty.

Instructor: Mike Jesberger

Fee: \$30

Date: Thursday, October 13

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Battle for the Old Northwest: President Washington’s Indian War – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – The most one-sided defeat ever suffered by U.S. forces occurred on Nov. 4, 1791, in western Ohio. Shawnee and Miami warriors, led by Blue Jacket and Little Turtle, nearly wiped out political general Arthur St. Clair’s command. The struggle for the Northwest Frontier had begun during the French and Indian War and would not end until the War of 1812. The fighting in Kentucky and Ohio also saw the rebirth of the U.S. Army under “Mad Anthony” Wayne.

Instructor: Tom Donnelly

Fee: \$30

Date: Thursday, November 10

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

HMS *Jersey*: “The Ghost Ship” – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – British prison ships held thousands of American prisoners during the American Revolution. First used as a hospital ship, the *Jersey* became a prison ship around 1779. Aboard the *Jersey* and similar vessels, twice as many Americans died than those that died in combat during the entire Revolution, a fact often overlooked in the annals of our struggle for independence.

Instructor: Mike Jesberger

Fee: \$30

Date: Wednesday, November 16

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

History’s Mysteries: World War II – NEW – 1 night (2 hrs) – In school, we learned about invasions and set-piece battles, but the textbooks omitted many stories of secret operations and innovations that were fascinating but remained untold for years after World War II ended. Some of these were the Ghost Army, the secrets of the Richey Boys, secret drones, bouncing bombs and the Japanese plan to attack America with weather balloons. This class will focus on once-secret incidents that you were never taught in high school!

Instructor: Herb Kaufman

Fee: \$30

Date: Wednesday, December 7

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS

***SOME ORGANIZATIONS AND VENUES MAY STILL BE CANCELLING SOME EVENTS.
BEFORE ATTENDING ANY EVENT,
PLEASE CHECK WITH ORGANIZERS TO MAKE SURE THE EVENT IS STILL ON!!!***

Camp William Penn and Historic LaMott Day

Saturday, September 17, 2022 – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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

USCT encampments, Living History demonstrations, book signings, lectures, and period music. The Delaware Valley CWRT will have a presence, and will have books available for purchase at \$1.00. For more information, email pt@usct.org or call 215-885-2258.

Grand Re-opening/Open House for the Public of the GAR Museum, Library, and Archive

Sunday, September 18, 2022 – 11:00 am to 4:00 pm (Band performance at 2:00 pm)

8110 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19136, our new location

You will be able to park at the Church about a block away (not the Church next door).

There will be a local military band in attendance. For more information as it become available see <https://garmuslib.org/>. **PLEASE SEE THE FLYER ON PAGE 34 FOR FULL DETAILS.**

“The Civil War” – Chester County’s Lifelong Learning

Wednesdays, September 21 through November 9, 2022 – 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Pierce M.S. A103. 1314 Burke Rd., West Chester

From W. Chester take Rte. 100 North (Pottstown Pike). Go through light at Sunset Hollow Rd. (Wawa on right) and make next left onto Burke Rd. School is on the left.

Offered by Roger Arthur. This class covers the cause, the people, the battles and the reason it has defined America.

Registration \$139. To register go to

<https://chestercountynightschool.org/CourseStatus.awp?&course=22FSC1212>

“The American Revolution: Politics, Rebellion and Historical Reality”

New Course presented by Herb Kaufman

Camden County College Center for Cultural Engagement

Wednesdays, September 28 through November 2, 2022 (no class October 5) – 9:00 to 11:30 am

Location – Rohrer Center, Route 70 and Springdale Road

“Take a different look at the history of the American Revolution by discussing topics often overlooked or omitted in conventional courses. Includes causes of the rebellion, historical personalities, spies & deception, role of women, military campaign strategy, & dispelling myths and legends.”

TO REGISTER:

<https://www.camdencc.edu/arts/cce/the-center-mini-courses-registration/>

Annual Major Octavius V. Catto Honor Ceremony

Saturday, October 1, 2022 – 11:00 am

Catto Memorial, SW corner of City Hall, Philadelphia

Honor ceremony, wreath laying, military salute for the anniversary of the assassination of Major Catto. Following the City Hall ceremony, PA National Guard Award Luncheon & Medal Ceremony at 12:30 pm in the Union League. Cost of luncheon \$40.

Contact Breanna Pleiss at the Union League to reserve lunch: PleisB@unionleague.org

Info: Andy Waskie awaski01@gmail.com or <https://generalmeadesociety.org/upcoming-events/>

GAR Museum, Library & Archive First Sunday Program

Sunday, October 2, 2022 – 1:00 pm

“Philadelphia’s Military Hospitals” – presented by GAR Museum Research Administrator Walt Lafty.

Please send a request to reserve a virtual seat by e-mail to garmuslib1866@gmail.com

Requests to reserve a virtual seat that are sent the day of the Program may not arrive in time. We will make every effort to reply, but Gmail may be slow, and our volunteer may be called away. You will be sent a link with a password that will enable you to access the program within 24 hours of the start of the presentation.

Details and Updates on Upcoming Programs will be available on the Museum website

<https://garmuslib.org>

Annual Meade Society Annual Fall Excursion – “Fairfax, VA and Washington DC”

Saturday to Monday, October 8-10, 2022

Highlights include guided tour of sites in Fairfax, VA, guided tour of new U.S. Army Museum at Fort Belvoir, VA, wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington.

Cost \$335/person DO (singles \$100 addl to cover room charge).

Included in cost are: deluxe motorcoach with new carrier Perkiomen Tours; driver tip; hotel for 2 nights with full breakfast; Saturday night pizza party from LEDO’s PIZZA; guided tours; snacks & beverages on the bus; Sunday lunch at Mission BBQ near the Army Museum; Sunday dinner at a local restaurant. Saturday lunch in Old Town Alexandria and Monday lunch in Washington DC are on your own, and a cash bar for Sunday dinner.

Please send a \$50 deposit to Jerry McCormick to hold your reservation.

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

Or see <https://generalmeadesociety.org/events/the-meade-society-annual-fall-excursion/> for details.

First Hugh Boyle Memorial Lincoln Lecture – Delaware Valley CWRT Monthly Meeting

Thursday, October 18, 2022 – 7:00 pm

“The Lincoln Murder Conspiracy” – presented by GAR Museum Treasurer & Curator Herb Kaufman

In-person at the Radisson Hotel, Route 1 @ Old Lincoln Highway, Treose

Will also be virtually available simultaneously via Zoom – contact Walt Lafty at wlafty51@verizon.net prior to the meeting to request the Zoom link

Starr Tours – Girlfriends Getaway: Revolutionary Women with Jane Peters Estes

Thursday to Sunday, October 20-23, 2022

Behind every Revolutionary Hero there was a woman. Enjoy this powerful tour that explores the role of Women in the 18th Century and learn about the difference between Women's Rights then and now. Overnights at Springhill Suites, Williamsburg, VA.

Highlights include Colonial Williamsburg, Paint and Wine Party (BYOB), Dinner at King's Arms Tavern, Jamestown Settlement, American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, Tall Ship Sunset Cruise.

Cost \$1,179.00 per person/ double occupancy.

For full details <https://www.starrtours.com/bus-tours/index.php/girlfriends-getaway-revolutionary-women/tour-detail/4489>

GAR Museum, Library & Archive First Sunday Program

Sunday, November 6, 2022 – 1:00 pm via ZOOM

Local historian and re-enactor Mike Jesberger will be the presenter – Topic TBA

Please send a request to reserve a virtual seat by e-mail to garmuslib1866@gmail.com

Requests to reserve a virtual seat that are sent the day of the Program may not arrive in time. We will make every effort to reply, but Gmail may be slow, and our volunteer may be called away. You will be sent a link with a password that will enable you to access the program within 24 hours of the start of the presentation.

Details and Updates on Upcoming Programs will be available on the Museum website

<https://garmuslib.org>

US Marine Corps Birthday Observance, Laurel Hill Cemetery

Thursday, November 10, 2022, 11:00 am

3822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia

Ceremony will be held at the grave of General Jacob Zeilin, 7th Commandant of the Marine Corps

A special 'Veterans Day' tour of heroes 'killed in action' and buried at Laurel Hill Cemetery will follow.

Call [215.228.8200](tel:215.228.8200) for details. www.laurelhillcemetery.org

Co-sponsored by: The Legion Post 405; MOLLUS; General Meade Society, Dr. Andy Waskie awaski01@gmail.com or 215-423-3930

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THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC (G.A.R.) CIVIL WAR MUSEUM, LIBRARY and ARCHIVE

**Presents an Open House Concert
28TH Pennsylvania Volunteer Regimental Brass Band**

**Sunday, September 18, 2022
2:00pm**

**At the Emmanuel Resurrection Episcopal Church Hall
8201 Frankford Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19136**

**Free parking in the Church lot on Stanwood Street
across the street from the Church**

**The Grand Army of the Republic of the Civil War Museum,
8110 Frankford Avenue, will be open at 11:00 a.m. and will stay open
during and after the concert. Light refreshments will be provided.**

The band recreates the original 19th century music of Becks Band. To honor the memory of Becks Band, in 1991 members of the 28th PVI Historical Association and Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), Anna M. Ross, Camp #1, founded the 28th PA Regimental Brass Band. The Band acquires and preserves period brass band instruments to study and perform original musical scores of early and mid-19th century American brass bands of both town and military vintage.

The band uses authentic musical scores and period uniforms to recreate the music of the 19th century town and military band. The "28th Band" now consists of fourteen saxhorns and one percussionist using mainly Civil War era instruments.

The Band focuses on re-creating the field aspects and public experiences of their Civil War musical ancestors through presenting concerts, living history re-enactments of GAR parades, visiting veterans' hospitals, and participating in field events in the Greater Delaware Valley area.

The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum
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Since 1985, The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum has proudly presented lectures given by locally and nationally recognized historians and authors. These outstanding presentations are a significant feature of each first Sunday Open House and the annual Preservation Luncheon. This lecture series has been a hallmark of the museum.

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.

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Lewis-Pattison House

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