



Banner of the Blue and Gray

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May 17, 2018, Tour a Success Despite the Rain! National Museum of Civil War Medicine 48 E. Patrick St, Frederick, Maryland



At our May 17 Civil War Tour of Frederick there were 24 of us (including our speaker, Joe Collins) that enjoyed a break in the heavy rain of the week to see and hear about historic sites downtown. We saw the Evangelical Lutheran Church that served as a hospital after the Maryland Campaign of 1862, Winchester Hall (later Hood College), Kemp Hall (where the state legislature met to decide Maryland's loyalty in the Civil War), the evangelical Reformed Church on Church Street where "Stonewall" Jackson slept during a pro-Union sermon, the site where Meade took command of the Army of the Potomac, and several other sites that

underscored definitively the rich Civil War history of Frederick. We also learned of the perils of trying to salvage lead bands from live artillery shells taken from the battlefield of Antietam with the explosion of the Burrier House near Court Street, as well as what happens to captured spies after Gettysburg brought to Union General Buford. Afterwards we invaded Brewer's Alley for a bit of camaraderie. If you missed this tour you can sign up for others through the National Museum of Civil War Medicine or Heritage Frederick.



Nearby Summer Events

(For any event listed please remember to confirm its happening before hitting the road. If you know of others, please let us know.)

June 9-10- Twilight's Last Gleaming- Discover the significance of Crampton's and Brownsville Gaps during the Battle of South Mountain and the important role artillery played in the defense of the mountain at Gathland State Park. Cannon firing demonstrations are presented Saturday at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m., and Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

June 10- Rocky Ridge Civil War Church Service (see flyer on page 4)

June 16 at 3 PM- Frederick's Civil War Hospitals – Walking Tour

Wander historic downtown Frederick with an expert from the National Museum of Civil War Medicine and learn about the city's past as "one vast hospital" during the Civil War. Meet at the Museum.

July 6 at 7 pm- The Battle of Williamsport and The Battle of Falling Waters, Md., 155th Anniversary Remembrance

At the Springfield Barn, 12 Springfield Lane, Williamsport, Md., will be the site of a free event commemorating the 155th anniversary of the July 6, 1863 Battle of Williamsport and the July 14, 1863 Battle of Falling Waters, Md. Speakers include Ted Alexander, George Franks III, and Steve French. There will also be music, relics from the battles, book sales, period re-enactors, and more. Doors open at 6. For more info, contact Steve French at sfrench52@yahoo.com

July 7 at 3 PM- Aftermath: Reconstruction in Downtown Frederick

Reconstruction brought immense social change to America in the aftermath of the Civil War. Explore how it impacted the citizens of Frederick, Maryland on a unique historic walking tour with the National Museum of Civil War Medicine and the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area. Early registration is encouraged.

July 21-22, 9 AM- Civil War Encampment and Living History, Union Mills Homestead 3311 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD

Step back in time at Union Mills Homestead, where both Union and Confederate forces rested before the Battle of Gettysburg.

August 4 at 3 PM- "Not Respectable" – The Enterprising Women of Civil War Frederick
Discover how women coped, contributed, and thrived during the Civil War.

**Summer Civil War Lecture Series at the Jacob Rohrback Inn, 138 W. Main St.,
Sharpsburg, MD**

Topics & Speakers

- June 6** - "Disease and Treatment {??} during the Civil War" - Gordon Dammann
- June 13** - "Gunners in the Corn - Federal and Confederate Artillery in the Cornfield" - Jim Rosebrock
- June 20** - "Images from MG James Ricketts Division" - Joe Stahl
- June 27** - "Antietam Hospitals" - John Schildt
- July 4** - "Antietam Shadows: Mystery, Myth & Machination" - Dennis Frye
- July 11** - "Ethnics in the Confederacy and at Sharpsburg" - Ted Alexander
- July 18** - "The Battle of Bentonville" - Perry Jamieson
- July 25** - "O.T. Reilly: Sharpsburg Relics and Remembrances" - Stephen Recker
- August 1** - "The Last Army of the Republic: the Myth of the Unused Reserves at the Battle of Antietam" - Steve Stotemyer
- August 8** - "Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney: Beyond Dred Scott" - Matt Borders
- August 15** - "The Heaviest Blow Yet Given the Confederacy: The Emancipation Proclamation Changes the Civil War" - Kevin Pawlak
- August 22** - "Zouaves, the First and the Bravest" - Tom Clemens
- August 29** - "Sumner and French at Antietam" - Gary Rohrer

CIVIL WAR CHURCH SERVICE & LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018 (1:00 P.M.)

LOCATION OF EVENTS:

Historic Rocky Springs Chapel
7817 Rocky Springs Road Frederick, MD 21702
PHONE: (240) 439-4235
Facebook: Historic Rocky Springs Chapel & School House

Attend a Civil War-style, nondenominational Christian church service at Historic Rocky Springs Chapel on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. The service will be conducted by Preacher Kirk Callison wearing Civil War period attire, using an 1860s version of the Bible, who will lead worshipers in singing hymns that were popular during the American Civil War. (Most sermons preached at Historic Rocky Springs Chapel were originally delivered between 1861-1865.)

Immediately following the worship service will be a living history program presented by Reverend Andrew Gelfert, who will discuss and give a demonstration on musical instruments of the 19th century. (Reverend Gelfert has been collecting and restoring 19th century musical instruments for over a decade.)

The wearing of Civil War period attire to the church services & living history programs is encouraged (but not required). **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

HRSC is dedicated to using living history programs to accurately educate the public on historical Christian practices & the impact of faith on American society during the Civil War.



Reverend Andrew Gelfert and his 19th century "rocking melodeon." These unusual American-made reed instruments, played with push buttons in the form of a box, were usually held on the player's lap or set on a table. The shallow rectangular case holding the push button keys, piston valves, and reeds sits atop double-wedge bellows. By pressing down the left-hand side of the instrument, the bellows are filled, the lower ones distended by a strong spring, and by maintaining a rocking motion a constant supply of wind is provided for the instrument. The pressure-system bellows were often pumped by the player by pressing down on the left end of the case with the left forearm while playing with both hands; when the forearm was lifted the double leaf spring inside returned the feeder to its open position. Most rocking melodeons have two rows of button keys encompassing three to four octaves.



Two churchgoers wearing Civil War period attire listening to a sermon preached by Kirk Callison in Historic Rocky Springs Chapel, Frederick, Maryland.



(Left to right) Preacher Kirk Callison and his wife, Maria Callison and Reverend Andrew Gelfert, in Historic Rocky Springs Chapel. On the table in front of the trio is Reverend Gelfert's 19th century "rocking melodeon" (also sometimes referred to as a "teeter," "lap organ" or "elbow melodeon"). These instruments were manufactured in the United States starting about 1825. Their small size made them easy to transport and there are reports of military chaplains playing the rocking melodeon in camps during the Civil War.

There are many other events happening at Antietam, Gettysburg, Harper's Ferry, Monocacy. The National Museum of Civil War Medicine and elsewhere, Check their websites for more information.

We are on Facebook during the summer too! Please check out our page for timely updates, local events, or comments. Please read and share our posts!



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Our MISSION

TO cultivate and preserve Frederick County's Civil War heritage and broaden the understanding of the Civil War Era and its impact on our nation.

TO explore the many facets of the Civil War from the battlefield to first-person narratives, including guest lectures by writers and historians.

TO support historical projects and activities aimed at increasing public interest and appreciation of our Civil War history, both locally and nationally.

Looking Ahead

Don't forget that we'll start the 2018-19 season September 20th. Over the summer we'll plan the speaker schedule and post it as soon as it is finalized.

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