

## The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Civil War



### Cape May County Civil War Round Table Newsletter April 2014

#### Meeting Schedule

- 18 April:** Lecture on the 12<sup>th</sup> NJ. **Refreshments:** Marty Runner  
**16 May:** Michael John Priest will be presenting on the Battle of the Wilderness **Refreshments:**  
**20 June:**  
**18 July:**  
**15 August:**  
**19 September:** **Refreshments:** Pat Munson-Siter  
**17 October:**  
**21 November:** John Burke will be lecturing on the subject of the Battle of Franklin **Refreshments:**  
**?? December:**

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No minutes from the December meeting as there was no business meeting.

**REMINDER:**  
**DUES FOR 2014 ARE DUE NOW!!!!**  
**Send to Jim Marshall, address above**  
**THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER**  
**if you have not paid your dues by the first week**  
**in May!!!!**

#### Minutes of the Business Meeting 20 March 2014

President Runner called the meeting to order. We saluted the flag and held a moment of silence for our troops serving all over the world.

No old business was brought up.

**New Business:** We need volunteers to bring in refreshments for meetings. Please sign up using the sheet at the secretary's table in back, or contact her later to volunteer.

The Treasurer was not present, so there was no Treasurer's report, nor were dues for 2014 collected. They WILL be collected in April.

David Check has talked to Dave's Travel about a trip to Gettysburg. We need a minimum of 35 folks and the cost would be \$79 each; pick up at the Acme parking lot in CMCH. Probably try to schedule for fall. Ten members have already indicated they are interested in going. Suggestion made to contact various historical societies in the area to see if they will publicize the trip to their members.

There will be new CWRT flyers available at meetings that members can take and post at libraries, etc to try and reach out to potential new members.

If you patronize Kindle Ford, they are now, through Labor Day, offering to donate \$4 to a charity on their list (which includes the CWRT) every time you go into them for service, etc.

Rich Jankowski from the Old Baldy CWRT was a guest, and announced that the group is now meeting in New Jersey rather than PA. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thursday of the month. He also mentioned several events that the *New Jersey Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> Sequicentennial* organization is promoting – May 9<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the Battle of the Wilderness, May 10<sup>th</sup> is the NJ History Fair, May 31<sup>st</sup> is the School of the Soldier in Atlanta, July 5<sup>th</sup> is Monacacy. He also had several books from the group for sale, with the proceeds going to help sponsor Civil War related events. You can find more information on the group and the events they are participating in at their website, [www.njcivilwar.org](http://www.njcivilwar.org)

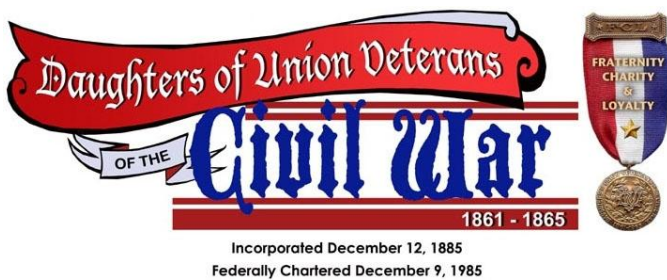
On Father's Day will be a reenactment at the Old Grange Resturant at Cold Spring that will involve a staging of a courts martial involving members of the 15<sup>th</sup> New Jersey. Cold Spring village is having several other Civil War related events. Their "Military Timeline Weekend" is 14 – 15 June, the Revolutionary War Encampment is 6 – 7 September, and the following weekend (13 – 14 Sept) is the Civil War Encampment Weekend. For more info, check their website at [www.hcsv.org](http://www.hcsv.org).

As a reminder, if you want to receive email notifications from our group, and are not currently getting them, please contact either the secretary or the treasurer to get on the email mailing list.

There being no further business to be discussed, the business portion of the meeting was adjourned so the presentation on the Confederate Navy could commence.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Munson-Siter  
CMCCWRT Secretary



### Civil War Timeline for April

1860

No Major Events

1861

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| 6  | Arkansas secedes   |
| 7  | Tennessee negotiates alliance with Confederacy           |
| 20 | North Carolina secedes                                   |
| 21 | Confederate legislators vote to move capital to Richmond |
| 23 | Virginia secedes (after popular vote)                    |
| 24 | Union soldiers occupy Alexandria (VA)                    |
| 6  | Arkansas secedes   |

1862

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| 4  | Confederates evacuate Yorktown         |
| 5  | Battle of Williamsburg (VA)            |
| 8  | Battle of McDowell (VA)                |
| 15 | Battle of Drewry's Bluff (VA)          |
| 23 | Battle of Front Royal (VA)             |
| 25 | Battle of Winchester (VA)              |
| 31 | Battle of Seven Pines (Fair Oaks) (VA) |

1863

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| 1-4 | Battle of Chancellorsville     |
| 10  | Stonewall Jackson dies         |
| 16  | Battle of Champion's Hill (MS) |

1864

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| 5-6   | Battle of the Wilderness (VA)        |
| 6     | Atlanta Campaign opens               |
| 7-19  | Battle of Spotsylvania (VA)          |
| 11    | Battle of Yellow Tavern (VA)         |
| 12-13 | Second Battle of Drewry's Bluff (VA) |
| 15    | Battle of New Market (VA)            |
| 24    | Battle of the North Anna River (VA)  |
| 25-27 | Battle of New Hope (GA)              |

1865

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| 10 | Confederate president Davis captured in Georgia     |
| 26 | Smith surrenders Trans-Mississippi Confederate army |



Union forces on the offensive in 1864.

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VA Reenactment, "Wilderness & Spotsylvania Courthouse," near Spotsylvania Courthouse, Brock Road and Courthouse Bypass. Special public programs Tuesday-Friday with living history camps 9 am-5 pm Saturday, 9 am-3:30 pm Sunday. Battles each weekend day. [150spotsylvania.com](http://150spotsylvania.com)

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VA Lecture, "The Development of Trains in the South and Their Use in 1864," at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. Noon. Free with museum admission. [moc.org](http://moc.org)

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150

VA Bus tour, "The Wilderness Battle 1864" 8 am-4 pm. Details, registration: [fowb.org](http://fowb.org)

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VA Living history and tours at Ellwood, a Union

- ★ 150 **VA** headquarters during the Battle of the Wilderness. Located just off Route 20 near Route 3 west of Fredericksburg. 10 am-5 pm. [fowb.org](http://fowb.org)
- 3 **VA** Tour, "Men of Iron," explore the employees of the Tredegar Iron Works at the Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar in Richmond. Noon. Free with admission. 804-780-1865 extension 23.
- 3 **VA** Car-caravan tour, Brandy Station battlefield (Fleetwood Hill). Begins at the Graffiti House visitor center in Brandy Station. 10 am-noon. \$10/adult. [brandystationfoundation.com](http://brandystationfoundation.com)
- 3 **VA** Walking tour, "Battle of Smithfield," meets at the Isle of Wight Museum in Smithfield. 2 pm. Free. [historicisleofwight.com](http://historicisleofwight.com)
- 3 **VA** Guided walking tour of Fort Huger, 15080 Talcott Terrace, on the James River near Smithfield. 10 am. Free. 757-357-0115.
- 3 **MD** Talk, "Dentistry and Myofascial Injuries in the Civil War," at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick. 2 pm. Free with museum admission. [CivilWarMed.org](http://CivilWarMed.org)
- 3-4 ★ 150 **VA** Anniversary activities on the Wilderness Battlefield (west of Fredericksburg) include ranger-led bus and walking tours and opening ceremony May 3. [nps.gov/frsp/sesquicentennial.htm](http://nps.gov/frsp/sesquicentennial.htm)
- 3-4 **PA** Hike, "Gettysburg Heritage: Fields of Glory," a "vigorous" 15-mile battlefield hike over two days. 9 am-4 pm each day. Begins at the Gettysburg NMP visitor center. \$115. Register: [friendsofgettysburg.org/EventsCalendar/HeritageHike.aspx](http://friendsofgettysburg.org/EventsCalendar/HeritageHike.aspx)
- 4 **MD** Living history, "From Underwear to Outerwear: Exploring Civil War Era Dress," at Tudor Hall, home of the Booth family, 17 Tudor Lane, Bel Air. 2 pm. \$5/adult. [spiritsoftudorhall.blogspot.com](http://spiritsoftudorhall.blogspot.com)
- 4 **VA** "Drummer's Call: Field Music of the Civil War," at the Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar in Richmond. 1 pm. Free with admission. 804-780-1865 extension 23.
- 4 **VA** Horse-riding tour, "Exploring Historic Rectortown," sponsored by the Mosby Heritage Area. \$50 includes lunch. See [mosbyheritagearea.org](http://mosbyheritagearea.org) or call 540-687-6681 for details.
- 5-6 **VA** Real-time, ranger-led walking tours on the Wilderness battlefield west of Fredericksburg.

- ★ 150 **VA** Includes a sun-rise tour of the Widow Tapp field May 6. [nps.gov/frsp/sesquicentennial.htm](http://nps.gov/frsp/sesquicentennial.htm)
- 7 ★ 150 **VA** Canoe tour, "Civil War Sites along the Rapidan" with Greg Mertz. Dependant on river and weather. [fowb.org](http://fowb.org)
- 7 **VA** Lecture, "The Spring of 1864: A Season of Hope in the United States and the Confederacy," at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. 5:30 pm. Free. [vahistorical.org](http://vahistorical.org)
- 8 **VA** Talk, "Battle of New Market," at the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox. 7 pm. \$5. [moc.org](http://moc.org)
- 8-12 ★ 150 **VA** Anniversary tours and other commemorative programs at the Spotsylvania Battlefield near Fredericksburg. Highlights include special tour the evening of May 10 and a vigil at the Bloody Angle on May 12. [nps.gov/frsp/sesquicentennial.htm](http://nps.gov/frsp/sesquicentennial.htm)
- 9 ★ 150 **VA** Living history dinner, "A Dinner with J.E.B. Stuart" with Civil War style meal at Walkerton Tavern, 2892 Mountain Road, Glen Allen, north of Richmond. 6-9 pm. \$20. Reservations: 804-652-3409.
- 9 **VA** Lecture, "The Battle of the Wilderness," with Ed Bearss at Hanover Tavern, 31381 Hanover Court House Road, Hanover. 7 pm. \$20. Reservations: 855-649-1861 extension 121.
- 10 ★ 150 **VA** Walking tour, "Historic Point of Rocks," Bermuda Hundred Union hospital site, fortifications. Starts at 201 Enon Church Road, Chester. 10 am. \$8. Register: [chesterfieldhistory.com](http://chesterfieldhistory.com) (click Civil War Tours).
- 10 ★ 150 **VA** Tours, "The Yankees are Coming!" at Meadow Farm, 3400 Mountain Road, Henrico, north of Richmond. Focus is on civilian reaction to the Federal raid that ended at Yellow Tavern. 1-3:30 pm. Free. 804-501-2130.
- 10 **VA** Talks, "Medicine in the Civil War," at the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox. 11 am and 1 pm. Free with admission. [moc.org](http://moc.org)
- 10 **VA** Gallery tour, "Paths to Freedom," at the Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar in Richmond. Noon. Free with admission. 804-780-1865 extension 23.
- 10 **VA** Car-caravan tour, "The Final Rendezvous: A Visit to Mosby Rangers' Graves" in Loudoun County. 1 pm. \$20. [mosbyheritagearea.org](http://mosbyheritagearea.org)



- 10 **VA** Living history, "Cavaliers, Courage and Coffee: Mosby Safe House Life at Belle Grove," evening storytelling at Belle Grove, 1402 Winchester Road, Delaplane. 7:30 pm. \$8/adult.
- 10 **VA** Boat tour, "Potomac River Blockade," departs from Leesylvania State Park in Woodbridge. 10 am-1 pm. \$40. Reservations: 703-792-4754.
- 10-11 **VA** Living history, "Muster on the Maury," at the Paxton House in Glen Maury Park in Buena Vista. Camps and demonstrations all weekend. [mustermaury.vpweb.com](http://mustermaury.vpweb.com)
- 11 **VA**  Bus tour, "The Battle of Yellow Tavern," begins at Dabbs House, 3812 Nine Mile Road, Richmond. 9 am-2:30 pm. \$20. Reservations, more info: [henricohistoricalsociety.org](http://henricohistoricalsociety.org)
- 11 **VA** Living history, "Mother's Day at Ellwood," reading of soldier letters at Ellwood, a Union headquarters during the Battle of the Wilderness just off Route 20 near Route 3 west of Fredericksburg. 10 am-5 pm. Free. [fowb.org](http://fowb.org)
- 13 **VA** Lecture, "The Lincoln Assassination," at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. 7 pm. Free. Donations welcome. Reservations: 703-437-1794.
- 14 **VA** Walking tour, "Full Moon Tour," of the Kernstown battlefield, south of Winchester just off Route 11. 7 pm. Donations welcome. [kernstownbattle.org](http://kernstownbattle.org)
- 14 **VA** Talk, "Battle of the Wilderness," at the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox. 12:15 pm. Free with museum admission. [moc.org](http://moc.org)
- 14-18 **VA** Living history and live-fire competitions at the North-South Skirmish Association's Spring Nationals at Fort Shenandoah near Winchester. Free. See [n-ssa.org](http://n-ssa.org) for complete info.
- 15 **DC** Book talk, "Lincoln's Battle with God: A President's Struggle with Faith and What it Meant for America," at President Lincoln's Cottage in Washington. 6 pm reception, 6:30 pm Talk. \$10 for each. [lincolncottage.org](http://lincolncottage.org)
- 15 **VA**  Car-caravan tour of the New Market Battlefield. Free. More info: 866-515-1864.
- 15 **VA**  Walking tour, "Battle of New Market," on the historic battlefield on the anniversary date. \$20. Registration limited. Register: 866-515-1864.
- 15 **VA** New Market Parade and Ceremony at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington.
-  Annual event honors the cadets killed in the battle. 2 pm. Free. 540-464-7313.
- 15 **VA** Talk, "'...a word from your dying son': The Story Behind J.R. Montgomery's Blood-Stained Letter," at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. Noon. Free. [moc.org](http://moc.org)
- 15 **VA** Lecture, "A Look at Alexandria's General Samuel Cooper, the Highest Ranking Officer of the Confederacy," at the Lloyd House, 220 N Washington St, Alexandria. 7:30 pm. Free. [historicalalexandria.org](http://historicalalexandria.org)
- 16-18 **VA** Reenactment, "Skirmish at Jeffersonville," at Crab Orchard Museum in Tazewell. Friday night artillery firing, camps and demonstrations all weekend. Battles at 2 pm Saturday and Sunday. \$5/daily adult. [craborchardmuseum.wordpress.com](http://craborchardmuseum.wordpress.com)
- 16-18 **VA** Seminar and tours, "Wilderness and Spotsylvania with Robert K. Krick," based in Fredericksburg. Lectures and battlefield tours. Details and reservations: [chambersburgCivilWarSeminars.org](http://chambersburgCivilWarSeminars.org)
- 17 **VA** "Meet the Curator, Meet the Artifact," a closer look at an artifact at the Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar in Richmond. 1 pm. Free with admission. 804-780-1865 extension 23.
- 17 **VA** Car-caravan tour, Brandy Station battlefield (Buford Knoll and Yew Ridge). Begins at the Graffiti House visitor center in Brandy Station. 10 am-noon. \$10/adult. [brandystationfoundation.com](http://brandystationfoundation.com)
- 17 **VA** Van tour, "Bermuda Hundred Campaign" begins at Lee Hall Mansion in Newport News. 8 am-5 pm. \$50. Reservations: [leehall.org](http://leehall.org) or 757-888-3371.
- 17 **VA** Living history, soldier-led tours of Fort Ward in Alexandria. 90-minute tours begin at 10 am and 2 pm. Free. [fortward.org](http://fortward.org)
- 17 **VA** Car-caravan tour, "Dimmock Line," explore the Petersburg defenses. Begins at the Petersburg National Battlefield visitor center. 10 am-noon and 2-4 pm. Free with park admission. Limited numbers, reservation necessary. 804-732-3531.
- 17-18 **VA**  Reenactment, "Fort Pocahontas," at the historic site on the James River between Richmond and Williamsburg off Route 5. Camps open 10 am-4 pm each day. Battles at 1 pm each day. \$10/adult. [fortpocahontas.org](http://fortpocahontas.org)
- 17-18 **VA** Reenactment, "Battle of New Market," on the

- ★ 150 historic battlefield at the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park. Camps and living history demonstrations all weekend with battles at 2 pm Saturday and 1:30 pm Sunday. \$10/adult. [www2.vmi.edu/museum/nm/index.html](http://www2.vmi.edu/museum/nm/index.html)
- 18 ★ 150 VA Anniversary commemoration of the last major attacks on the Spotsylvania battlefield near Fredericksburg. [nps.gov/frsp/sesquicentennial.htm](http://nps.gov/frsp/sesquicentennial.htm)
- 18 VA Living history, "Women at War," Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar in Richmond. 1 pm. Free with admission. 804-780-1865 extension 23.
- 18 VA Book talk, "The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson," at the Manassas Museum. 2 pm Free. [manassasmuseum.org](http://manassasmuseum.org)
- 18 DC Behind-the-Scenes-Tour of Ford's Theatre in Washington with author Brian Anderson. The entire history of the building explored. 5 pm. \$52. Reservations: [fords.org](http://fords.org)
- 19 VA Bus tour, "Arlington at 150: The Civil War," at the Arlington National Cemetery. 2-5 pm. Fee charged. [arlingtoncemetery.mil/Events/ANC150Events.aspx](http://arlingtoncemetery.mil/Events/ANC150Events.aspx)
- 22 VA Lecture and reception, "Battle of New Market," at the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox. 6:30 pm. \$5. Reservations: 434-352-5791 extension 203. [moc.org](http://moc.org)
- 23 PA Walking tour, "An Evening Along Maria Furnace Road," soldier experience July 4-5, 1863, on the retreat from Gettysburg, begins at the Monterey Pass Battlefield Park near Blue Ridge Summit. 6 pm. Free. [montereypassbattlefield.org](http://montereypassbattlefield.org)
- 23 PA "An Evening with the Painting," after-hours extended look at the Gettysburg Cyclorama at the Gettysburg NMP visitor center. 6 pm. \$20. [gettysburgfoundation.org](http://gettysburgfoundation.org)
- 23-24 VA Symposium, "Stonewall Jackson," with Robert K. Krick, James I. Robertson and others, at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. [stonewalljackson.org](http://stonewalljackson.org)
- 24 ★ 150 VA Living history, tours, keynote address and park expansion dedication at the North Anna Battlefield Park north of Ashland. Events begin 10 am. Free. Remote parking location, details: 804-365-7150.
- 24 VA Special programs, "Reverberations," NPS ranger programs at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, Richmond National Battlefield Park and the Petersburg National Battlefield present 150th-anniversary programs with "sister" communities affected by the battles. More evening programs at Petersburg cemeteries. [nps.gov/rich](http://nps.gov/rich)  
[nps.gov/frsp](http://nps.gov/frsp)  
[nps.gov/pete](http://nps.gov/pete)
- 24 VA Walking tour, "Brown's Island" home of the Confederate Laboratory, begins at the Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar in Richmond. Noon. Free with admission. 804-780-1865 extension 23.
- 24 VA Lecture, "Pets During the Civil War," at Long Branch Plantation, 880 Long Branch Lane in Millwood. 2 pm. Free with site admission. 540-837-1856.
- 24 VA Boat tour, "Potomac River Blockade," departs from Leesylvania State Park in Woodbridge. 10 am-1 pm. \$40. Reservations: 703-792-4754.
- 24 MD Memorial Day Commemoration at the Antietam National Battlefield and Sharpsburg. [nps.gov/anti](http://nps.gov/anti)
- 24-26 ★ 150 VA "Reverberations," special NPS programs with distant communities affected by the 1864 battles near Fredericksburg plus annual illumination at the Fredericksburg National Cemetery. Free. [nps.gov/frsp/sesquicentennial.htm](http://nps.gov/frsp/sesquicentennial.htm)
- 24-26 MD Flag display, "Last Full Measure of Devotion," with Memorial Day history programs at the Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick. Free. [nps.gov/mono](http://nps.gov/mono)
- 25 DC MD Bus tour, "Booth Escape Route," leaves from 550 C St SW, Washington. A Smithsonian tour. 8 am-8 pm. \$185. [smithsonianassociates.org](http://smithsonianassociates.org) (click Civil War).
- 25 MD Lecture, "A House Divided: The Booths as a Reflection of Civil War Marylanders," at Tudor Hall, home of the Booth family, 17 Tudor Lane, Bel Air. 2 pm. \$5/adult. [spiritsoftudorhall.blogspot.com](http://spiritsoftudorhall.blogspot.com)
- 25 VA Lecture, "Battle of Falling Waters 1863: Custer, Pettigrew and the End of the Gettysburg Campaign," at the Graffiti House visitor center in Brandy Station. 2 pm. Donations welcome. [brandystationfoundation.com](http://brandystationfoundation.com)
- 25 VA Living history tours, "Eyewitness to War," at Historic Mount Zion Church, 40309 John

- Mosby Highway, Aldie. Donations accepted. 1-5 pm. 540-687-6681.
- 29-31 **VA** Anniversary activities, "Battle of Totopotomoy Creek," near Richmond. NPS tours, living history and more at the Shelton House. [nps.gov/rich/planyourvisit/150th1864.htm](http://nps.gov/rich/planyourvisit/150th1864.htm)
- 30 **VA** Walking tour, "Ox Hill/Chantilly" guided tour at the city park, 4134 West Ox Road, Fairfax. 9 am. Free. [fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/oxhill](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/oxhill)
- 31 **VA** Living history, "The Road to Piedmont," at the Port Republic Museum in Port Republic. 4-8 pm. Free. 540-740-4545.
- 31 **VA** Living history, special Civil War programs at Harrisonburg's annual Court and Market Days. Theme is "1864 in the Valley" for the downtown festival. 10 am-3 pm. 540-879-2616.
- 31 **VA** Conference, "The American Civil War in a Global Context," the annual Virginia Signature event at George Mason University in Fairfax. \$15. More info, registration: [virginiacivilwar.org](http://virginiacivilwar.org)
- 31 **VA** Car-caravan tour, Brandy Station battlefield (Beverly Ford and St. James Church). Begins at the Graffiti House visitor center in Brandy Station. 10 am-noon. \$10/adult. [brandystationfoundation.com](http://brandystationfoundation.com)
- 31- June 1 **PA** Reenactment, "Civil War Reunion, at Pennypacker Mills, 5 Haldeman Road, Schwenksville. Camps and demonstrations open 10 am-5 pm Saturday, 10 am-4 pm Sunday. Battles each day. [civilwarreunion.org](http://civilwarreunion.org)
- 31- June 1 **PA** Reenactment, "Civil War Days," at White Hall Park, Church Street, in Whitehall. Camps, demonstrations and battles each day. Saturday evening candlelight concert. 9 am-9:30 pm Saturday, 9 am-3 pm Sunday. Free. [campgeiger.org/](http://campgeiger.org/)
- 31- June 3 **VA** Anniversary activities, "Battle of Cold Harbor," near Richmond. NPS tours, living history, talks, music and more. [nps.gov/rich/planyourvisit/150th1864.htm](http://nps.gov/rich/planyourvisit/150th1864.htm)

### Jeanette "Bobbie" Babbitt

Found this when looking through obituaries. So sorry to hear it, Bobbie was a very active member of our group, and was instrumental in us obtaining our non profit status. She will be missed.

BABBITT, JEANNETTE ROBERTA "BOBBIE", 82, of Dennisville, passed away on Friday, October 18, 2013 at Crest Haven Nursing Home. Born in Philadelphia to the late Elmer and Florence (Bandel) Cassidy, she moved here 47 years ago from Vineland.

Mrs. Babbitt was a teacher at the Richard M. Teitelman Middle School and Lower Cape May Regional High School. She was also Assistant Principal and Principal at Richard M. Teitelman Middle School. She retired after serving 25 years in the district. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in South Dennis and of the NJEA.

Mrs. Babbitt was an avid historian of Cape May County. She was volunteer curator of the Dennis Township Museum and History Center. She was a breeder of Portuguese Water Dogs and loved to show them.

Mrs. Babbitt is survived by her husband of 65 years, Howard C. "Pete" Babbitt; her sons, Brion Babbitt and Scott Babbitt; and her grandson, Scott A. Babbitt.

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**1864 & 2014: THEN & NOW**

### April 2014 = from [civilwartraveler.com](http://civilwartraveler.com)

#### 150 years ago this month...

A doomed Union offensive in Louisiana and Arkansas fizzled as commanders elsewhere planned for the decisive spring campaigns.

#### Park Day is April 5

Support your local Civil War site with cleanup and preservation activities during the annual Park Day sponsored in part by the Civil War Trust. For a list of participating sites, see [civilwar.org/aboutus/events/park-day](http://civilwar.org/aboutus/events/park-day)

#### Civil War Day in Richmond

Walking tours, living history, talks and open houses highlight the annual "Civil War and Emancipation Day" April 12 in Richmond (VA). Free shuttle transportation connects more

than 25 participating sites.  
civilwar.emancipationday.net

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### Battlefield hikes continue at Antietam

Spring hikes continue in April at the Antietam National Battlefield (Sharpsburg MD.) Topics for the two-hour ranger-guided afternoon walks are "Sunken Road" April 6, "Burnside Bridge" April 20 and "Final Attack" April 27.  
nps.gov/anti

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### Living history returns to Gettysburg

Popular living history weekends at the Gettysburg NMP begin April 5. Camps and demonstrations are set up through the fall at several locations in the park.  
nps.gov/gett

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### Civil War Opera in Northern Virginia

Performances of "Norton, A Civil War Opera," are scheduled April 4-13 at the Franklin Park Arts Center in Purcellville (VA). The story focuses on the true story of a Civil War soldier.  
Ticket info: loudounlyricopera.com

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### Exhibits

- The Civil War Seen Through the Eyes of German-American Caricaturists Thomas Nast and Adalbert Volck (April 8-June 28) at Historic Blenheim in Fairfax (VA)  
fairfaxva.gov/government/historic-resources/civil-war-interpretive-center
- "Bringing the War to our Doorsteps: Rediscovering Alexander Gardner's Antietam Photographs," continues through May 18 at the Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office in Washington (DC).  
waronourdoorsteps.net



## Murphy's Laws of Combat – from the Rainbow Division Reveille Newsletter, January 2008

1. You are not a superman.
2. It it's stupid but works, it isn't stupid.
3. Don't look conspicuous – it draws fire. (This is why aircraft carriers are called 'bomb magnets')
4. When in doubt, empty your magazine.
5. Never share a foxhole with someone braver than you are.
6. Never forget that your weapon was made by the lowest bidder.
7. If your attack is going really well, it's an ambush.
8. No plan survives the first contact intact.
9. All five-second grenade fuses will burn down in three seconds.
10. Try to look unimportant because the bad guys may be low on ammo.
11. If you are forward of your position, the artillery will fall short.
12. The enemy diversion you are ignoring will be the main attack.
13. The important things are always simple.
14. The simple things are always hard.
15. The easy way is always mined.
16. If you are short of everything except enemy, you are in combat.
17. When you have secured an area, don't forget to tell the enemy.
18. Incoming fire has the right of way.
19. Friendly fire isn't.
20. If the enemy is in range, so are you.
21. No combat ready unit has ever passed inspection.
22. Thing that must be together to work, usually can't be shipped together.
23. Radios will fail as soon as you really need fire support.
24. Anything you do can get you shot – including doing nothing.
25. Tracers work both ways.
26. The only thing more accurate than incoming fire is incoming friendly fire.
27. Make it tough for the enemy to get in and you can't get out.
28. If you take more than your fair share of objectives, you will have more than your fair share of objectives to take.
29. When both sides are convinced they are about to lose, they are both right.
30. Professional soldiers are predictable, but the world is full of amateurs.
31. Murphy was a dogface.





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