



Cape May County Civil War Round Table Newsletter October 2017

Meeting Dates for 2017

19 October: Eddy O'Malley, long time member of the Round Table, will be speaking on the subject of Rose Greenhow, Confederate spy. **Refreshments:** Donna Matalucci

16 November: Refreshments: Lou Bishop
There will be no meetings in December, January, or February.

Cape May County Historical Society & Museum

The County Historical Society and Museum would like us to add that they are looking for volunteers to help with many aspects of their work – from helping in the library, working in the gardens, to acting as tour guides/docents in the museum. They also have lost a huge amount of funding from the county; please support their fund raising efforts!! They are also always ready to welcome new members as well.

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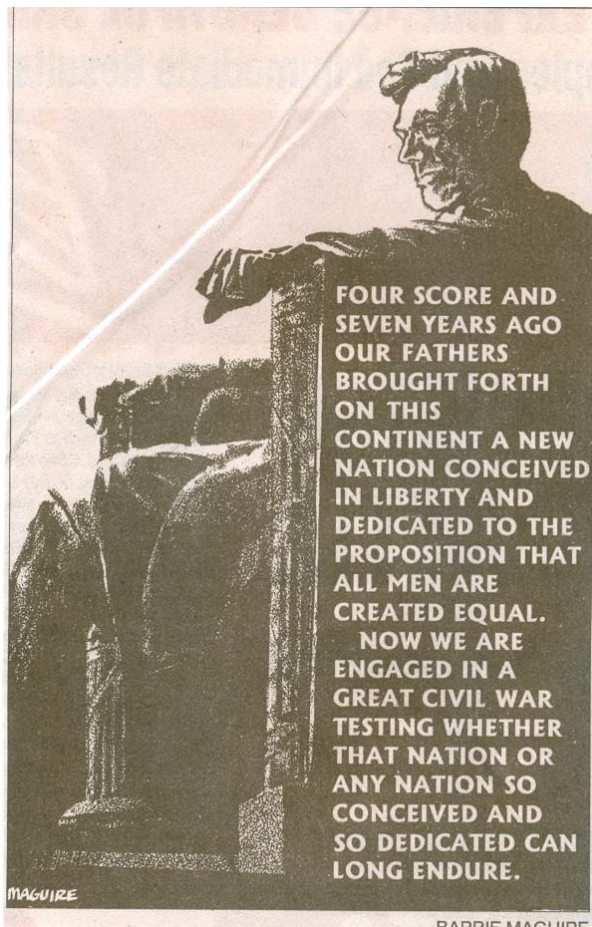
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your secretary is going to be undergoing chemotherapy over the next few months and is not going to be able to make meetings. I can manage the newsletter, but I would appreciate it if someone would take notes at meetings and send them to me so I can use them to write up our minutes.

Thank you,
Pat Munson-Siter

Historical Civil War Events in November

	1860
November 6	Lincoln elected to Presidency
	1861
November 6	Jefferson Davis elected to 6 year term as president of the Confederacy
	1862
	Nothing of note happened
	1863
November 6	Battle of Droop Mountain, WV
November 19	Lincoln delivers Gettysburg Address
November 23-25	Battles for Chattanooga, TN (Lookout Mountain & Missionary Ridge)
	1864
November 8	Lincoln elected for 2 nd term
November 15	Gen. Sherman begins his "March to the Sea"



Civil War Related Events in November 2017

2 **VA** Lecture, “Hallowed Places: Remembering and Forgetting and a Nation Moving Forward,” at the Rappahannock Regional Library, 1201 Caroline St, Fredericksburg. 7 pm. Free. nps.gov/frsp

3 **VA** Book talk, *Death of an Assassin: The True Story of the German Murderer Who Died Defending Robert E. Lee*, at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. Noon. Free with admission.

acwm.org **BUY BOOK**

4 **MD** Open house, “Thomas Farm,” Monocacy battlefield landmark, at the Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick. House open 10 am-4 pm. Programs in house 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm. Landscape tours 10 am, noon and 2 pm. Campfire program 6 pm. Free. nps.gov/mono

4 **VA** Lecture, “Railroad Tourism & Battlefield Commemoration,” at the Chimborazo Visitor Center, 3215 E Broad St, Richmond. 2 pm. Free. nps.gov/rich

4 **VA** Walking tour, “Virginia Central Trail and Idlewild,” ranger-led “fit-history” choice of 2.3 or 4.7-mile hike begins at Alum Spring Park, 1 Greenbrier Drive, Fredericksburg. 10 am. Free. nps.gov/frsp

9 **VA** Lecture/reception, “Second-place trophies: Contexts for Making Sense of Monument Avenue,” at the American Civil War Museum in Appomattox. 6:30 pm reception, 7 pm lecture. \$10/adult. acwm.org

10 **VA** Living history, “A Civil War Soldier’s Campfire,” at Ben Lomond Historic Site in Manassas. 6-7:30 pm. \$5. Reservations: 703-366-3049.

11 **MD** Lecture, “Clara Barton and Andersonville,” at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick. 2:30 pm. Free with admission. civilwarmed.org

11 **MD** Lecture, “The Death of Abraham Lincoln: Reactions from a Divided Nation,” at the Surratt House Museum in Clinton. 4 pm. Free. surrattmuseum.org

11 **VA** House tour, “This Tide of Wounded,” the Lee-Fendall House (614 Oronoco St, Alexandria) as a Civil War Hospital. 10 am. \$10 at door. Discount at website: leefendallhouse.org

11 **VA** Luminary/living history, Veteran’s Day programs at Sailor’s Creek Battlefield State Park near Crewe. Includes nighttime guided hike. 6 pm. Free. dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/sailors-creek#general_information

11 **VA** Candlelight tour at the Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park in Bristow. 6-8 pm. \$5 suggested donation. 703-366-3049.

11-12 **VA** Civil War Show at the Richmond Raceway Complex, 600 E Laburnum Ave, Richmond. 9 am-3 pm Sunday. \$10/adult. mkshows.com/cgi-bin/show_display.asp?83

12 **VA** Living history, “Union Artillery Demonstration,” at the Petersburg National Battlefield. 1-4 pm. Free with park admission. nps.gov/pete

13 **VA** Lecture, “Second-place trophies: Contexts for Making Sense of Monument Avenue,” at the Capital Ale House, 623 E Main St, Richmond. 6:30 pm. Free. acwm.org

14 **VA** Lecture, “The Notorious Miss Doctor Mary E. Walker,” at Charley’s, 707 Graves Mill Road, Lynchburg. 6:30 pm. Free. acwm.org

16 **VA** Lecture and reception, “Civil War, Indian Wars, and Tribal Sovereignty,” at the Historic Tredegar in Richmond. \$10. 6 pm reception, 6:45 lecture. acwm.org

17 **PA** “Evening with the Painting,” special tour of the Battle of Gettysburg Cyclorama at the Gettysburg NMP visitor center. 5-6:30 pm. \$20/adult. gettysburgfoundation.org

18 **VA** Lecture, “CSS *Manassas*,” at the Mariners’ Museum in Newport News. 2:30 pm. Free with admission. marinersmuseum.org

18 **PA** Living history, “Remembrance Day Parade the Ceremonies,” in Gettysburg. Free. suvcw.org

18 **PA** Open house at the David Wills House in Gettysburg. Special interpretive programs on the anniversary of the Lincoln visit. 6-8 pm. gettysburgfoundation.org

18 **PA** Evening Illumination at the Soldiers National Cemetery in Gettysburg. Details: gettysburgfoundation.org

18 **PA** Living history, “Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital,” at Christ Lutheran Church, 30 Chambersburg St, Gettysburg. 7:30 pm. Free. christgettysburg.org/songs-and-stories-of-a-civil-war-hospital

19 **PA** Speech commemorating the anniversary of Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address at the Soldiers National Cemetery in Gettysburg. lincolnfellowship.org

19 **VA** Living history, “Confederate Artillery Demonstration,” at the Petersburg National Battlefield. 1-4 pm. Free with park admission. nps.gov/pete

In Memory of Carol Ruhl

Carol was a long time Civil War student, re-enactor, and member of the Civil War Round Table. I will miss her willingness to share her knowledge of Civil War period dress and stories of the re-enactments and events she attended over the years.

From the South Jersey Times:

Carol G. Ruhl Woodstown, N.J. Carol G. Ruhl, nee Gaun, age 77, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away on Sunday, September 10, 2017. Born and raised in Woodstown, Carol was a 1957 graduate of Woodstown High School. Her mother, Anna Duffy Gaun, also graduated from Woodstown High in 1920. According to her Senior yearbook, Carol was willing to help anyone, enjoyed dancing, worked on and edited the yearbook, *The Woodstonian*, served on the Library Council, and sang in Chorus and Glee Club. Carol graduated from Goldy Beacom College and became a legal secretary for several Salem County lawyers. She married G. Howard Ruhl, Jr., WHS class of 1955, and they were married for 57 years. They have three children, Susie (Rich), Ward (Sandy), and Melanie (Ken); eight grandchildren, Rich Jr., Caitlin (Nathan), Cheriah (Jimmy), Geo, Jordan, Isabelle, Sophia, and Julia; and four great-grandchildren, Anthony, Kembell, Levi, and Willa. She is also survived by her sister, Anna, and many nephews and nieces. Carol was predeceased by her parents, Charles and Anna (Duffy) Gaun; her sisters, Millie, Mary Ann, and Dorothy "Patsy", and her brother, Jimmy. Carol enjoyed being with her family and friends, especially celebrating special occasions and relaxing on Stone Harbor Beach. One of Carol's favorite past times, was collecting and visiting lighthouses all up and down the coast from Texas to Maine. She only missed a couple of lighthouses in her adventures. Her

favorite lighthouse is Sandy Hook at Highlands/Sandy Hook, NJ. In her middle years, you would find Carol square dancing and round dancing with her husband, Howard, and many other close friends with the Hoedowners, the Rainbow Squares, and the Salem County Stompers. She danced at many Civil War balls (annually at Gettysburg) and made her own Civil War ball gowns and Howard's uniforms. Carol helped cook many meals and perpetuated living history Civil War battle encampments for the learning experience of the public. Many of her children and grandchildren benefitted with new outfits, accessories, and huggable pets that Mom-Mom's beautiful skills sewed and crocheted. Her love of music showed, serving as the church organist (she taught herself to play the piano) and singing alto in the St. Luke's Church Choir. She was active with her children and grandchildren, leading a girl scout troop, leading 4-H Square Dance Club (they went to Flemington Championships), driving to and

attending activities such as football, soccer, dance recitals, concerts, baseball and softball, to name a few. Every day one could find Carol reading books and working crossword puzzles. Carol will be greatly missed and her beautiful memory will live on in her family and friends. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Friday, September 15th in the H.T. Layton Funeral Home, 102 S. Main St., Woodstown, where friends are invited to visit from 9 AM until the time of service. Burial will follow the funeral service in Lawnside Cemetery in Pilesgrove. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Sandy Hook Foundation, 84 Mercer Rd., Highland, NJ 07732. Please visit www.htlayton.com to leave a note of condolence to the family. Arrangements are by the H.T. Layton Funeral Home & Cremation Service. H.T. Layton Funeral Home & Cremation Services 102 S. Main St. Woodstown, NJ 08098 856-769-1515

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