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“HIP” AND “COOL” MUSEUM ATTRACTS VISITORS

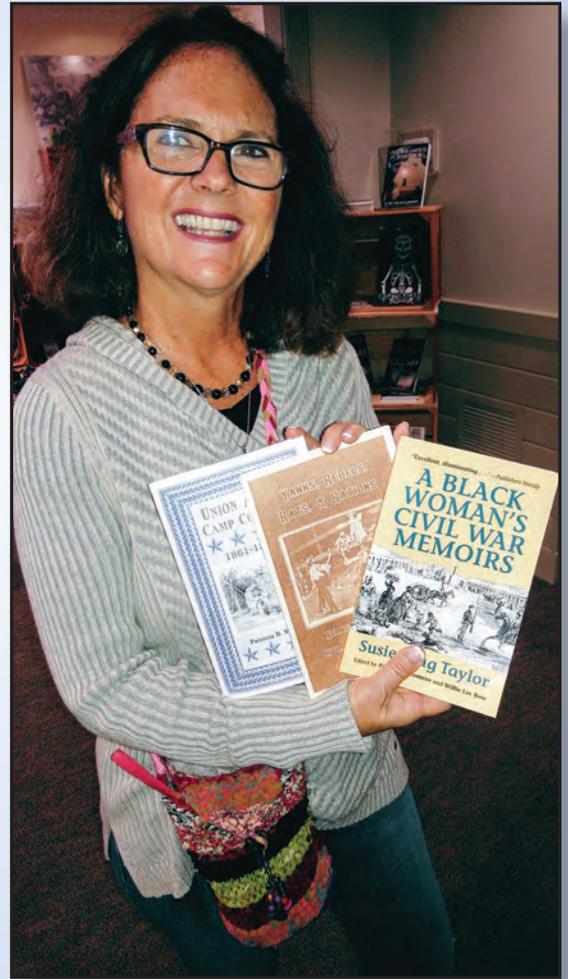
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The NMCWM—a key attraction that significantly contributes to the more than \$1 million visitors spend daily in Frederick—draws a steady stream of people from far and near, with attendance spikes during weekends and on days when schools are closed.

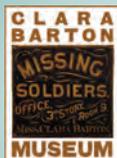
Seventy percent of all leisure travelers are heritage travelers, and they are more likely to spend money shopping and staying overnight in a destination than the average traveler, according to Melissa Joseph Muntz, marketing and communications coordinator for VisitFrederick.org. In 2016, visitors spent \$394.8 million in Frederick County, a growth of 1.4 percent over 2015.

“I enjoy museums where you learn things, and this is that type of museum,” said Northern Virginia resident Morey Greenberg. The unique subject matter offers a slightly different take on the Civil War than a traditional battlefield visit, does an excellent job at dispelling some persistent myths surrounding medicine during the Civil War, and seeks to educate the visitors about ground-breaking methods that were invented during the Civil War that still impact emergency medicine today.

“Frederick is so lucky to have the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. We get visitors from around the world, medical experts, and school kids who learn from what that museum has to share,” said former Mayor Randy McClement. He added, “Frederick is well-known for preserving history, and we point to the museum as a perfect example of how history is relevant, and hip.”



Visitor Cary Gordon, of Long Beach, California, buys several books before leaving the NMCWM.



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FROM THE DIRECTOR

DAVID PRICE

It's a new year and a new phase for the NMCWM. I am proud and relieved to say we have completed an intensive strategic planning process which will guide us for the next five years and beyond. This is the fourth such plan since the museum was established. The process brought board members and staff together to identify and chart the future of the NMCWM.

The plan defines lofty goals and includes annual work plans. It's a useful guide as we encounter more and more opportunities thanks to our growing reputation. Once the document is approved by our board, we will be posting it on our website so you can see our goals and plans for the future. That future depends on people like you—members, volunteers, supporters and visitors. We are proud to tell a compelling story of compassion during conflict, and we strive to inspire people to action when faced with crisis—just like Dr. Jonathan Letterman, Clara Barton and countless other heroes from the Civil War.



OUR ANNUAL APPEAL

With your generous support, we aim to replace every workstation at all three Museum locations. The good news is we are halfway there! Most of our computers are about ten years old, which has resulted in our staff having difficulty accessing and taking advantage of our newly developed digital resources, cloud storage, online collection catalog, and social media audience. While our message can get out into the world instantaneously—24-hours-a-day—our computers have difficulty accessing that brave new world. In short, we must upgrade now in order to keep fulfilling our mission.



So far we have reached half of our goal—thanks to those who have donated—but still have more to raise. Even a small donation will help bring us closer to purchasing our new technology. For more information please visit <http://www.civilwarmed.org/support/2017-annual-appeal/>.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

UPCOMING EVENTS JANUARY - APRIL 2018

January

Saturday, January 27, 11 am

Clara Jones: A Forgotten Civil War Nurse

Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum

Historian John Lustrea will tell the story of forgotten Civil War nurse Clara (Clarissa) Jones at the CBMSO. Jones worked as a volunteer nurse at a hospital in Alexandria, VA, on the hospital ship *State of Maine*, and in the aftermath of Gettysburg. Her fascinating letters detail her Civil War experience.

February

Saturday, February 3, 2:30 pm

African-American Experience at Monocacy National Battlefield

National Museum of Civil War Medicine

Tracy Evans of Monocacy National Battlefield reveals recent scholarship into the history of African Americans on the land that is now incorporated into the park on the southern edge of Frederick, MD.

Thursday, February 15, 6 pm

Section 27 in Arlington National Cemetery

Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office Museum

Researchers Ric Murphy and Tim Stephens will discuss the history of Section 27 at Arlington National Cemetery. One of the most historic areas in the famous cemetery, Section 27 is home to numerous graves of Civil War soldiers and African American refugees who sought shelter within Union lines during the conflict.

Thursday, February 22, 6 pm

Evening with the Director

National Museum of Civil War Medicine

Tour the NMCWM with Executive Director David Price. This member-exclusive tour will explore new research being done at the Museum and provide updates on numerous projects currently underway.

March

Saturday, March 3, 2:30 pm

Flowers to Pharmaceuticals – Civil War Medicinal Gardens

National Museum of Civil War Medicine

Find out more about the natural remedies used to treat illness during the Civil War with NMCWM volunteer Greg Susla.

April

Saturday, April 14, All Day

Bell and History Day

National Museum of Civil War Medicine

Join us for a special living history day at the NMCWM. Members of the Blue and Gray Hospital Association will be on hand describing the medical history of America's bloodiest conflict. Dressed in Civil War attire and armed with period medical equipment, the unit brings a unique perspective to understanding the conflict. This is a "pay-what-you-please" day.

For more information, visit www.civilwarmed.org

HISTORICAL INTERPRETERS WORKSHOP

Saturday,
March 10, 2018
9 am to 5 pm

Our Annual Civil War Medicine Historical Interpreters Workshop is an all-day symposium featuring members of the Blue and Gray Hospital Association and other public historians presenting on Civil War medical topics. The Workshop is geared toward those working with visitors at historical sites, battlefields, and living history events; but it is open to anyone with an interest in the Civil War who are seeking to improve their story-telling abilities.

Stay tuned to
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for more information.



Historical interpreters at work in the Pry House barn.



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HARD CIDER, THE CIVIL WAR AND THE MUSEUM DISPENSARY STORE

You might be wondering what these three have in common. Well, the NMCWM is now carrying a limited supply of hard ciders for sale.

Hard cider in the United States dates to colonial times, with apple trees arriving in the new world with the colonists. The myth of Johnny Appleseed is partially true—he was actually a missionary named Jonathan Chapman who helped plant apple orchards across the mid-west. With issues of sanitation and lack of pasteurization, alcohol was the safest liquid to consume and even children quaffed watered-down hard cider.

At the Museum Dispensary Store you can purchase products from two local cideries: Millstone Cellars of Monkton, MD, and Cobbler Mountain Cellars of Delaplane, VA. Millstone uses oak barrels to age their dry ciders. We carry their Farmgate, Gingerroot and Hopvine 750 ml bottles. Cobbler Mountain produces a number of mouthwatering varieties—we have four-packs of original honey, ginger peach, kickin' cinnamon and wild blackberry for you to try.



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