

Spring 2019

NEWSLETTER OF THE NMCWM

Frederick, MD

#### HEALTH CARE ON THE FRONT LINES

## NEW DOCUMENTARY FEATURING CLARA BARTON

new documentary film, *Health Care on the Front Lines: Past and Present Perspectives* made its debut at the Maryland International Film Festival in Hagerstown, MD, on March 31. The film presents a historical perspective on the issue of health care.

The film was funded by the Delaplaine Foundation and produced in partnership with the NMCWM and Mission of Mercy. It compares the actions of Clara Barton during the Civil War with the present-day work of Mission of Mercy, an organization that provides free health care—no questions asked. By looking to the past, the film offers some unexpected lessons for the present.

This Coronation Media production looks extensively into the role that Mission of Mercy plays in the Frederick community, assisting those in need by ministering to their health—both physical and psychological. It asks these key questions: When the government fails to act, how do private citizens respond in the face of overwhelming moments of crisis? Are there lessons that should be learned from our past?

NMCWM Executive Director David Price added, "Mission of Mercy's work has direct ties to Clara Barton, who worked as an individual to help those impacted by the Civil War. Her humanitarian record offers an inspiration to us today in the face of needs in our local community. Both Mission of Mercy and Clara Barton show what the impact of individuals can do for the advancement of society."

A link to *Health Care on the Front Lines: Past and Present Perspectives* can be found on our website, www.civilwarmed.org.







Scenes from the new documentary film.







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#### FROM THE DIRECTOR

e are pleased to welcome two new staff members to the NMCWM.
Alyssa Watson is a recent graduate of Hood College and will be taking over reservation duties for the Museum. She will spend three days a week at The CBMSO in DC and two days a week in Frederick. This will allow for more coordination and cross-promotion between the sites. Natalie Yeagley has been hired for guest services duties and will also be assisting in the collections department. Natalie is another Hood College graduate and we are glad



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to have both "HOODlums" as part of the NMCWM family.

After nine years Katie Reichard, our Director of Programming, has moved on. Katie is now Guest Services Manager for Visit Frederick, our destination-marketing organization for Frederick, MD. Our loss is their gain. The good news is that her presence will facilitate an even closer relationship between us and Visit Frederick. We will miss her.

We are always looking for enthusiastic and talented people to be volunteers, docents and staff members. So if you know of any great people please send them our way. The strength of a museum is in its people—luckily we are attracting very talented and knowledgeable folks.

#### Save the Date!

## Our 27th Annual Conference

e are pleased to announce that our 27th Annual Conference on Civil War Medicine will be held October 10-13, 2019, at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel in Herndon, Virginia. The Conference will include talks on a wide variety of topics relating to Civil War medicine, and tours of Manassas National Battlefield Park and other local Civil War sites.

For more information on the Conference, contact Joanna Jennings at Joanna.Jennings@civilwarmed.org or call 301-695-1864 (ex. 1002). To register for the conference, visit www.civilwarmed.org.



#### UPCOMING EVENTS APRIL - JUNE 2019

#### **April**

Sunday, April 28 at 2:30 pm

Book Talk - Raising the White Flag: How Surrender Defined the Civil War NMCWM

Join historian David Silkenat as he discusses his new book, *Raising the White Flag*, which examines how surrender defined the American Civil War. Included with admission (NMCWM members free).

### May

Saturday, May 4 at 11 am

**Loss of Innocence: A Connecticut Drummer's Baptism of Fire Pry House Field Hospital Museum** 

In the days preceding the great Battle of Antietam, fourteen-year-old Private Lucien Welles Hubbard sensed an imminent engagement on the horizon. Richard Condon will tell his story. This is a pay-what-you-please event.

Saturday, May 11 at 2:30 pm

Florence Nightingale's Influence on Medicine & Nursing in the United States NMCWM

On May 11, celebrate National Nurses Week and Florence Nightingale's birthday by discovering how she influenced medical care in the US before the Civil War in this presentation by Dr. William Campbell. Included with admission (NMCWM members free).

Saturday, May 18 at 11 am The First Memorial Day

**Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office** 

Dr. Todd Arrington of the James Garfield National Historic Site will be at the MSO to discuss how Memorial Day came into being at Arlington National Cemetery in the wake of the Civil War. This is a pay-what-you-please event.

Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26 Living History Weekend at the NMCWM

Civil War medical care comes to life on Memorial Day weekend. Join us for a special living history event featuring the Blue and Gray Hospital Association. Included with admission (NMCWM members free).

#### June

Thursday, June 13 at 6 pm

The Wound Dresser: Walt Whitman and the Civil War

**Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office** 

Discover the man behind the poetry, as Garrett Peck introduces us to Walt Whitman the poet, the nurse, the brother, the lover, the clerk, the myth, and the man. This is a pay-what-you-please event.

Saturday, June 29 at 11 am

History Lost and Found: The Antietam Diary of C.D.M. Broomhall, 124<sup>th</sup> PA Pry House Field Hospital Museum

From his enlistment in August 1862 to the Battle of Antietam, the story of C.D.M. Broomhall of the 124<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers is truly remarkable. Hear the story from public historian Carolyn Ivanoff. This is a pay-what-you-please event.

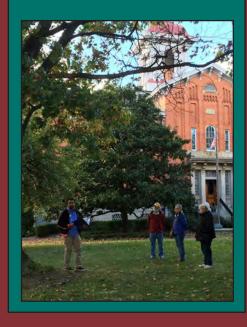
For more information, visit www.civilwarmed.org

# **Walking Tours**

Every
Saturday and Sunday
May to October

he NMCWM is proud to announce the 2019 walking tour schedule. Every Saturday and Sunday from May to October (weather permitting), visitors will be led through historic downtown Frederick and learn about the city's Civil War hospital sites. Tours start at 3:00 pm.

In addition to the regular slate of walking tours, the museum will feature unique tours on First Saturdays, also at 3:00 pm. These programs will cover different aspects of Frederick's Civil War history each month. The first, on May 4, will explore the divided loyalties of Frederick's population during the conflict.





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#### **ABA MARKETPLACE**

Jake Wynn

he NMCWM and CBMSO participated in the 2019 American Bus Association Marketplace in Louisville, KY, this past January. I represented the MSO while Katie Reichard represented the NMCWM.

This year marked the first time that I've attended the conference and I found it to be a fascinating event with many benefits for our institution. We were able to meet with tour planners from across the country that want to bring their customers to Washington, DC, and to Frederick, MD. Meeting with them allows us to build a rapport with these companies and to foster a relationship that brings tour companies back to us and attracts new visitors to our sites.

This year was a highly successful one at ABA, as Katie and I were able to foster these relationships and begin to book some of the groups at all three of our locations. I am looking forward to future conferences and value these events as a tremendous opportunity for the NMCWM brand.



The 2019 ABA Team Maryland.