



Spring 2018

NEWSLETTER OF THE NMCWM

Frederick, MD

## SPECIAL EXHIBITION: "WAR ON OUR DOORSTEPS"

In March of 2018, the acclaimed special exhibition "War on Our Doorsteps," created by Bob Kozak, returned to the Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office (CBMSO) in Washington, DC. The exhibit re-creates and explores the original photographs taken in the days after the bloodiest day in American history, the Battle of Antietam. When the photographs were first publicly displayed by Mathew Brady in New York in 1862, they shocked a nation and showed the true nature of warfare—the anonymous dead laying row upon row on an American landscape.

For a limited time, you can relive that sobering experience through this exhibition. The exhibit restages the original photographic images, allowing visitors to experience what viewers did more than 155 years ago. "Mr. Brady has done something to bring home to us the terrible reality and earnestness of war," wrote the *New York Times* after the original exhibition began in October 1862. "If he has not brought bodies and laid them in our dooryards and along the streets, he has done something very like it."

Captured by Washington photographer Alexander Gardner, the images continue to reverberate in our own

era as we grapple with human consequences of the continuing conflicts around the world. Gardner's studio was also an integral part of Clara Barton's everyday life during the Civil War, as it was located one block from Barton's boardinghouse on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Visiting the exhibition is included with admission to the CBMSO and is free for Museum members. The exhibition will be on display



until May 19, 2018.

For more information, contact Jake Wynn at [jake.wynn@civilwarmed.org](mailto:jake.wynn@civilwarmed.org).

The War on Our Doorsteps exhibit at the CBMSO; Antietam photograph courtesy of the Library of Congress.



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# NATIONAL MUSEUM OF CIVIL WAR MEDICINE

## MISSION STATEMENT

The National Museum of Civil War Medicine is the premier center for the preservation and research of the legacy of Civil War medical innovation.

[www.civilwarmed.org](http://www.civilwarmed.org)

## NATIONAL MUSEUM OF CIVIL WAR MEDICINE

Open Seven Days a Week

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

DAVID PRICE

It is with great enthusiasm that I can announce that our strategic planning process is complete, and the NMCWM has its fourth official strategic planning document since its inception. The latest plan is a tool to guide the organization over the next three to five years. It is bold and visionary, as well as practical and realistic. It is intended to be a working document to guide the board and the staff. The plan articulates the museum's reason for existing and the desired impacts on the audiences and communities it serves. The strategic plan will provide a framework for decision making and also includes a blueprint for action. Thanks to the entire board and the staff for contributing to the process and taking valuable time and effort towards this important task. To view the strategic plan, please visit <http://www.civilwarmed.org/about/strategic-plan/>. Your feedback would be greatly appreciated, as this is meant to be a living document.



## DOWNTOWN FREDERICK WALKING TOURS

~ Pay-what-you-please ~

### One Vast Hospital – Frederick in the Aftermath of Antietam Saturday, May 5, at 3 pm

Walk in the footsteps of doctors, nurses, soldiers and civilians who cared for 8,000 wounded soldiers. Join us for a First Saturday walking tour of Downtown Frederick focused on the city's role as a makeshift hospital in the final months of 1862.

### Aftermath: Reconstruction in Downtown Frederick Saturday, July 7, at 3 pm

As soldiers from Union and Confederate armies returned to their homes, they came back to a city wholly changed by war. Slavery had been outlawed, the countryside around Frederick had been raided and ravaged by war, and the city's traditional political system overturned. This tour will tell the story of Frederick during Reconstruction.

### “Not Respectable” - The Enterprising Women of Civil War Frederick Saturday, August 4, at 3 pm

Meet the remarkable women who shaped Frederick during the Civil War era. While soldiers marched off to war, the ladies battled on the home front. Many supported organizations which provided relief for their husbands, brothers, and sons who served in the army. Others entered the realm of politics and business to reshape Frederick forever.

### Faces of the Wounded Saturday, September 1, at 3 pm

The vastness of the Civil War's death toll can make modern day audiences forget how personal the conflict was. “Faces of the Wounded” puts a human face on Civil War casualties. The tour tells the incredible story of several wounded soldiers treated in Frederick. Hear their tales of suffering and triumph in their own words, at the place where it happened.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## UPCOMING EVENTS MAY - JUNE 2018

### May

**Parental Guidance Necessary – Children Experience the Civil War**  
**Thursday, May 3, at 6 pm**

**Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office**

Discover the Civil War as seen through the eyes of the children who experienced it firsthand. Historian Kristen Hunter will illuminate some of the ways children in both the North and the South experienced the war. Admission is “pay-what-you-please.”

**Jewish Americans and the Civil War**

**Thursday, May 10, at 7 pm**

**National Museum of Civil War Medicine**

Mark Jewish American Heritage Month with NMCWM volunteer Brad Stone as he examines the important roles that Jewish Americans played during the Civil War. A “pay-what-you-please” event.

**The Search for McClellan’s Headquarters**

**Saturday, May 12, at 11 am**

**Pry House Field Hospital Museum**

Renowned Antietam historian Dr. Thomas Clemens will discuss his research into the role that Pry House played (or didn’t play) during the bloodiest day in American history. This presentation will be “pay-what-you-please.”

**Memorial Day Living History Weekend**

**Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27, all day**

**National Museum of Civil War Medicine**

Join us on Memorial Day weekend as members of the Blue and Gray Hospital Association will be at the museum describing the medical history of America’s bloodiest conflict. Dressed in Civil War-era attire and armed with period medical equipment, the unit brings a unique perspective to understanding the conflict.

### June

**SawBones Civil War Pub Crawl**

**Sunday, June 3, at 3 pm**

**Downtown Frederick**

Join us in celebrating the re-release of SawBones by Flying Dog Brewery with a historic pub crawl through Downtown Frederick. This tour will explore the seedy underside of Frederick’s Civil War history.

**Civil War Defenses of Washington**

**Thursday, June 28, at 6 pm**

**Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Office**

Steve Phan of the Civil War Defenses of Washington National Historic Park will discuss the ring of fortifications that defended Washington during the American Civil War.

For more information, visit [www.civilwarmed.org](http://www.civilwarmed.org)

## CONFEDERATE VETERAN MAGAZINES



We have a number of bound issues of the *Confederate Veteran* magazines—multiple copies and multiple years—that we are selling to raise money for the NMCWM Research Center.

Two versions are available: the National Historical Society reprint with a blue stripe, and the Broadfoot reprint with a red stripe. Issues date from 1893 to 1932, and are bound by year in hardcover.

Price is \$10 each;  
or \$50 for six.

If anyone is interested,  
please contact Terry at Terry.

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Thank you!



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## HANDS-ON ARTIFACT WAGON

The NMCWM is pleased to announce a new interpretive tool to use in the exhibits, the “Hands-On” Artifact Wagon. Its purpose is to give people a better feel for history. The “artifacts” on the cart are reproductions of the types of items that are in our locked displays. It will be wheeled around by a staff member or docent, who will then have the opportunity to engage the visitors with the physical objects.

For the first phase of the Wagon’s voyage, the racks will contain a reproduction field medical kit, a surgical kit, an ether/chloroform bottle and funnel, a haversack and cartridge box, and encased set of Minié balls and musket balls. The sharp tools and saws in the surgical kit will only be handled by the docent guiding the cart, but everything else can be handled by the visitors. Our goal is to help our visitors have a more impactful interpretation of history while at our museum. We’re not just a place that has cool items on display, but also an institution that hopes to leave visitors with a different, more informed impression of the Civil War.



NMCWM Education Specialist Avery Lentz demonstrates the new Hands-On Artifact Wagon.