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## Women in the Civil War

By Tracey McIntire

Prior to the 1980's, only a handful of researchers had looked into the elusive and scattered reports of women who hid their femininity, put on a uniform and went to war. It became a very controversial matter when today's modern women began to portray such women at reenactments. There were those who disputed the fact that women even fought during the Civil War.

In her book, *My Story of the War*, Mary Livermore (one of the founders of the Sanitary Commission) estimated about 400 women took up arms and fought as men. If Mrs. Livermore came across 400 women, then the question of how many more among the ranks. How many went undiscovered?

More research is required to find out just what their trials and tribulations would have been. What would it have been like for them trying to hide the fact that they were women? Very few left any personal accounts of their days as soldiers. Beside the stress and strain of daily condition of living a soldier's life, they had the added stress of not being discovered.

There have been several books written on the subject of the Female Soldiers, and they make for quite an interesting read.

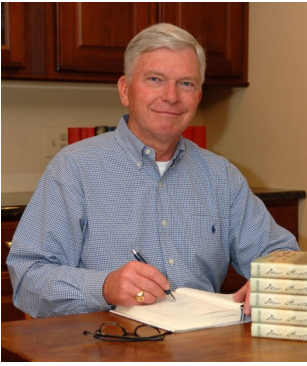


*Our speaker, Tracey McIntire, as a soldier with 6th Wisconsin.*

*Tracey McIntire is a Battlefield Ambassador at Antietam National Battlefield, a volunteer docent with the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, and an active Civil War living historian, where she portrays a woman soldier in various guises.*

*She is a member of the Company of Military Historians, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.*

*Tracey has worked for the Civil War Trust since November of 2009, a true dream job for her.*



## Ooops!!!

Ooops!!! My bad! I forgot to include that our very own Robert Plumb in my overview of J.E.B Stuart's raid on Rockville that took place during Montgomery County Heritage Days back in June. Please forgive me Bob! Bob spoke on *J.E.B. Stuart's "Wild Ride"*

*Through Montgomery County,*

*June 1863, at the Redbrick Courthouse on Courthouse Square in downtown Rockville. To hear what Bob had to say about Gen. Stuart go to <http://rockville.patch.com/groups/around-town/p/the-scene-civil-war-comes-to-rockville>.*

## Upcoming Round Table Speakers 2013-2014

- 14 November: Ed Bonekemper—Lincoln and Grant
- 12 December: Scott Patchan—Shenandoah Summer
- 10 January: Kevin Knapp—Thaddeus Lowe & Civil War Balloons
- 13 February: Ron Beavers—Civil War Railroads
- 13 March: Hari Jones—Emancipation Proclamation
- 10 April: Ben Hawley—History of U.S. Colored Troops
- 8 May: Kim Bernard Holien—First Manassas

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Bob Clark at [BobClark3@aol.com](mailto:BobClark3@aol.com) or Vivian Eicke at [vive01@verizon.net](mailto:vive01@verizon.net) and they'll add you to the email list.

## Don't Forget Our Monthly Dinner!

Don't forget our monthly dinners before our presentations. It's a great time to meet others who are interested in the Civil War era, meet the speaker, and believe it or not some really good food. So come on out and join us for dinner? We'd love to see ya! Reservations for dinner are appreciated so we know how many meals the hotel will need to prepare. To make dinner reservations, contact Bob Clark by email at [BobClark3@aol.com](mailto:BobClark3@aol.com) or at 301-253-3485. Also, it's nice to see new faces at our meetings so invite your spouse, friend, co-worker, or just grab someone of the street and bring them with you.

## What Other Things Would You Like to See in the Newsletter?

We're always looking for ways to make your Round Table experience more enjoyable. Is there anything you would like to see in future newsletters? If there is, please send your suggestions to Vivian Eicke at [vive01@verizon.net](mailto:vive01@verizon.net), and she'll what she can do. Your input is valuable to us to put out the newsletter and programs for our membership.

## Got Photos?

Since we now have a website and a Facebook page, we are looking for photos from our membership from field-trips, meeting and any Civil War related activity you may have attended. Please identify what, where, and who are in your photos so we can give proper credit where credit is due. Our pages would really pop with your photos. You can email your photos to Vivian Eicke at [vive01@verizon.net](mailto:vive01@verizon.net).

## Civil War Book Group

For those of you interested in reading about the Civil War and discussing to books with other interested souls, the Civil War Book Group meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The location is:

Barnes & Noble Bookseller  
Montrose Crossing  
12089 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852

This is the same shopping center as the Sports Authority, Giant and Hudson Trail Outfitters. For more information, contact Bob Jones at 301-299-7053.

## October Civil War Traveler Events

For further events go to [www.civilwartraveler.com](http://www.civilwartraveler.com)

**3 PA "Blue & Gray Gala,"** food and drink and "Journey Through the States" in the galleries of the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg. 6-9 pm. \$75. Register:

[nationalcivilwarmuseum.org](http://nationalcivilwarmuseum.org).

**4-6 PA Seminar and tours,** "Cavalary at Gettysburg," based in Gettysburg. Details, registration:

[civilwarseminars.org](http://civilwarseminars.org)

**4-6 VA Living history,** national live-fire competition with vintage and reproduction weapons at Fort Shenandoah near Winchester. Sponsored by the North-South Skirmish Association. Free to spectators. [n-ssa.org](http://n-ssa.org).

**4-6 VA Conference,** "Art and Command in the Civil War," annual event sponsored by the Mosby Heritage Area, in Middleburg, [mosbyheritagearea.org](http://mosbyheritagearea.org).

**5 VA Bus Tour,** "Bristoe Station Campaign," all-day tour begins in Manassas, \$80 includes lunch. Details, reservations: **703-366-3049**

**5 VA Living history,** "Farm Life Under Wartime Conditions, 1863" at Clermont Farm, 801 E. Main St, Berryville. **540-837-2790**.

**5 VA Living history**, “Artillery Day,” camps and demonstrations at Fort Ward in Alexandria. 10 am-4 pm. Free. [703-746-4848](tel:703-746-4848).

**5-6 MD Living history** and steam engine train ride, “Civil War Steam Days” at the B&O Railroad Museum in Baltimore. Take a ride and see a Civil War camp. 10 am-4 pm Saturday, 11 am-4 pm Sunday. Rides at 11 am, noon, and 1, 2 and 3 pm Saturday; noon, 1, 2 and 3 pm Sunday. [borail.org](http://borail.org)

**5-6 MD Living history**, “Fort Frederick in the Civil War,” camps and demonstrations at Fort Frederick State Park, 11100 Fort Frederick Road, Big Pool. 10 am-3 pm. \$5/carload. [301-842-2155](tel:301-842-2155).

**5-6 PA Living history**, cavalry camp and demonstrations at Pitzer Woods, Gettysburg battlefield. Free.

[Nps.gov/gett](http://Nps.gov/gett).

**12 PA “An Evening with the Painting,”** special two-hour, after-hours view of and talks about the Gettysburg Cyclorama. 6 pm. \$20/adult. Tickets:

[gettysburgfoundation.org](http://gettysburgfoundation.org).

**12 VA Living history**, “Civil War Surgeon,” at Ellwood, near the intersection of Routes 3 and 20 west of Fredericksburg. 11 am-4:30 pm. Free. [fowb.org](http://fowb.org).

**12-13 PA Living history**, sharpshooter camp and demonstration at Little Round Top, Gettysburg battlefield. Free. [nps.gov/gett](http://nps.gov/gett)

**12-13 WV Living history**, “Reacting to the Raid” anniversary of John Brown’s Raid activities at the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. 10 am-4 pm. Free with park admission. [nps.gov/hafe](http://nps.gov/hafe)

**12-13 MD Living history**, “Iron Brigade Weekend,” camp and demonstrations at the Antietam National Battlefield. Free with park admission. [nps.gov/anti](http://nps.gov/anti)

**14 VA Battle of Bristoe Station** anniversary events at the Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park. Includes car-caravan tour (9 am), walking tours (4 and 5 pm), and music (pm). Donations encouraged. [703-366-3049](tel:703-366-3049).

**19 DC Living history walking tour**, “Courage! The Civil War in Washington,” hear the stories, see the downtown sites. Meets at 1001 Pennsylvania Ave NW. 11 am. \$12. [historicstrolls.com](http://historicstrolls.com)

**19 MD Walking tour**, “Civil War Annapolis,” begins at the information booth at the City Dock. 10 am-noon. \$16/adult. [annapolistours.com](http://annapolistours.com)

**19 MD Battlefield Hikes**, two-hour guided tours of the Monocacy National Battlefield near Frederick. 9 am and 11:30 am and 2 pm. Free. [nps.gov/mono](http://nps.gov/mono)

**19 VA, DC, MD Bus tour**, “John Wilkes Booth Escape Route,” from DC to southern Maryland. Begins at Fort Ward Museum in Alexandria VA. 8 am-6 pm. \$95. Register by Oct 7. [703-746-4848](tel:703-746-4848).

**19 VA Living history vignettes**, “Spirits, Suffering and Society: Death in Civil War Alexandria,” at the Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St, Alexandria. 6-9 pm. \$15. [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org)

**19 VA Walking tour**, “Battles of Kernstown,” at the Kernstown Battlefield off Route 11 south of Winchester. 11 am and 1 pm. [kernstownbattle.org](http://kernstownbattle.org)

**19 VA Illumination**, anniversary event at the Ball’s Bluff Battlefield Regional Park near Leesburg. 6:30 pm. Free. [nvrpa.org/park/ballsbluff](http://nvrpa.org/park/ballsbluff)

**19 VA Living history**, “The 17th Mississippi Regiment,” camps and demonstrations at Aldie Mill, 39401 John Mosby Highway, Aldie. Noon-5 pm. Free. [703-327-9777](tel:703-327-9777)

**19-20 VA Reenactment**, “Battle of Cedar Creek,” annual event on the historic battlefield south of Middletown. Camps, demonstration and battles each day. Fee charged. [cedarcreekbattlefield.org](http://cedarcreekbattlefield.org)

**19-20 PA Living history**, infantry, artillery and sharpshooter camps and demonstrations at the Pennsylvania Memorial, Gettysburg battlefield. Free. [nps.gov/gett](http://nps.gov/gett)

**26 VA Walking tour/lunch**, “Battle of Belle Grove or Cedar Creek,” at Belle Grove Plantation on the battlefield south of Middletown. 10 am. \$55. [www.bellegrove.org](http://www.bellegrove.org)

**26 Seminar and tour**, “At Freedom’s Gate: The African American Quest for Freedom During the Civil War,” at Lord Fairfax Community College in Middletown. \$20. [540-868-7021](tel:540-868-7021).

**26 VA Bus tour**, “Brandy Station & Kelly’s Ford,” begins 8 am at the Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road, Franconia. \$100/person includes lunch. [703-971-4984](tel:703-971-4984).

**26 VA Lantern tours**, “Spirits of New Market,” ghost tours at the Virginia museum of the Civil War/New Market Battlefield State Park in New Market. 7-8:45 pm. \$10. [www.vmi.edu/newmarket](http://www.vmi.edu/newmarket)

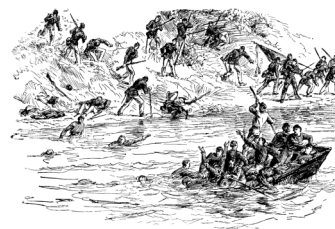
**26-27 PA Living history**, artillery camp and demonstrations at the Pennsylvania Memorial, infantry at Pitzer Woods, Gettysburg battlefield. Free. [nps.gov/gett](http://nps.gov/gett)

**26-27 WV “Under Fire: The Boliver Heights, 1862,”** at the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Demonstrations at 1 and 2 and 3 pm. Free with park admission. [nps.gov/hafe](http://nps.gov/hafe)

**26-27 MD Living history**, camps and weapons firing demonstrations at the Antietam National Battlefield. Free with park admission. [nps.gov/anti](http://nps.gov/anti)

**27 Living history**, “Eyewitness to War,” tours of the Mt. Zion Church and cemetery in Aldie. 1-5 pm. Free, donations welcome. [nvrpa.org/park/mtzion](http://nvrpa.org/park/mtzion)

**30 DC Seminar**, “Chickamauga and Chattanooga: Dual and Decisive Campaigns,” at the Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Drive SW, Washington. 6:45-9 pm. \$42. [smithsonianassociates.org](http://smithsonianassociates.org) click Civil War.



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**Comments, Questions or Suggestions**

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions  
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**Next Month's Meeting**

Speaker: Ed Bonekemper  
Topic: Lincoln and Grant  
Date: November 14, 2013

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**Substitute Meals**

If you have dietary restrictions, and require something  
other than what is on the menu, please let Bob know  
when you make your reservations

**Second Regular Meeting of 2013 - 2014 Season**

Date: October 10, 2013

Place: Hilton Hotel  
620 Perry Parkway  
Gaithersburg, MD

Time: 7:00 p.m. - Dinner  
8:00 p.m. - Speaker

Speaker: Tracey McIntire

Topic: Women in the Civil War

Dinner: \$25.00

Speaker only: \$5.00

Reservations: Bob Clark  
301-253-3485  
Email: [bobclark3@aol.com](mailto:bobclark3@aol.com)

Reservation Deadline: 9:00 p.m., Monday, October 7th.  
Please remember that if you have made a dinner reservation  
and are a no show, then the Round Table has to pick  
up the tab. So help us keep costs to a minimum by honoring  
your reservation. Thank you.



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