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VISIT THE BATTLEFIELDS WHEN YOU CAN...

WHILE YOU CAN

## The Wound Has Never Healed

By

**Ellen DiMaggio**

Ellen DiMaggio presents a stirring 45-minute multi-media program for academic groups, civic and historical organizations, or symposiums. This *Power Point* presentation tells the stories of the women of Arkansas and the hardships they faced during the Civil War. Taken from their own words,



you will see through their eyes the pain and suffering of an entire generation of women and children in Arkansas.

Although born and raised in New Jersey, Ellen has made the South her home for over 20 years. Her study of women's roles began when she stumbled upon the autobiography of Belle Boyd, a Confederate spy, at a junk sale. Between the pages were stuffed several newspaper articles referring to Miss Boyd in the present tense!

Now with many women's stories to be told, her greatest satisfaction is bringing the story of these

women to life. Currently, she is compiling an Honor Roll of women of 1860-1880 who have been forgotten to history. So far, just over 900 ladies and their involvement in the War Between the States has been recorded.

“I love to do presentations to organizations and schools where I bring to life the women who have been great inspirations; the forgotten heroines upon whose shoulders our heritage has been built.”

Ellen makes all of Miss Ellie's costuming. "Creating these ensembles is half of my enjoyment of this business! Each outfit is a work of art as well as authentic. I get my ideas from actual publications of the 1800's."

A former teacher and public library manager, Ellen is the mother of five. In addition, she is a member of the following organizations.

The Society of Women and the Civil War  
- Charter member

Officially recognized by the  
National Association for Interpretation

National Women's History Project

9th Arkansas Volunteer Infantry,  
Reenacting organization

MS Order of the Confederate Rose;  
Ella Palmer Ch. #9

### **\$103 million Gettysburg museum ready to open A place where voices of the Civil War can be heard**

By Cindi Lash, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (PA)  
<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/08104/872899-85.stm#>

GETTYSBURG, Pa. -- The tattered map and painstakingly lettered wooden tag tied to the toe of 19-year-old Lt. William Fisher that enabled his father to find his grave and body ...

The medical case carried by a physician who served at the first battle of the Civil War and, two years

later, at the monumental clash that determined its outcome ...

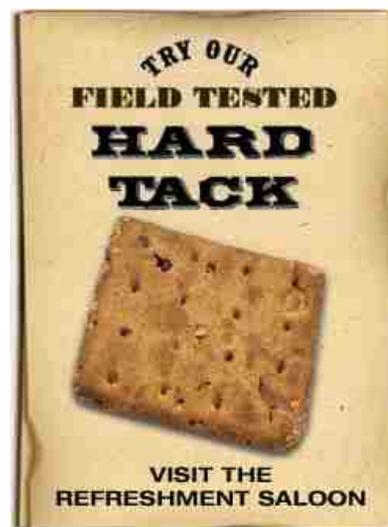
The narrow camp cot and pigeonhole desk used by Gen. Robert E. Lee while he executed the doomed three-day assault on his Northern enemy ...

Each is a surviving, tangible testament to a soldier whose life intersected with thousands of others in July 1863 in this pastoral town near the Maryland border.

By weaving their stories with scores of others drawn from those who fought, died and witnessed at Gettysburg, planners of a new museum and visitors center aim to provide a more personal understanding of the battle's toll and inestimable impact on the nation's future.

Teeming with artifacts, archives, educational and research facilities and interactive exhibits that allow visitors to sample a Civil War soldier's life, the \$103 million center opens tomorrow at the Gettysburg National Military Park in Adams County.

Designed to resemble a Civil War-era red plank barn and stone farmhouse, the 139,000- square-foot complex nestles in a 100-acre glade adjacent to the battlefield.



A joint project of the National Park Service and the private Gettysburg Foundation, the center replaces an 87-year-old facility that lacked space for artifacts and elbow room for nearly 2 million visitors each year.

Moving the center two-thirds of a mile from the old location will permit restoration of land along Cemetery Ridge, where soldiers fought during the three-day clash in which about 50,000 Union and Confederate soldiers were killed, wounded or captured.

The center also will house the "Battle of Gettysburg" Cyclorama painting, which had been displayed in a separate building and had suffered extensive damage before restoration began in 2004. The three-dimensional piece of art, created in 1884 by Paul Philippoteaux and a team of painters, will return to public view Sept. 26.

See: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/08104/872899-85.stm>



Sunset at Gettysburg

## **AFTER ACTION REPORT**

Big thanks to George Davis for his presentation last month on the Battle of Franklin. His presentations are always interesting.

A motion: *The CWRT of Arkansas officially supports the transfer of the ownership of the Dodd monument (commemorating the hanging site) from the UDC to the Little Rock Parks Department; further supporting moving the monument to McArthur Park.*

*(Motion by C.O. Durnett – 2<sup>nd</sup> Lonnie Spikes) passed unanimously.*

President Meadows reminded everyone to think about the clean up and maintenance of the two monuments the CWRT has committed to maintain. In addition, he suggested we sponsor a dinner in January celebrating the birthday of Robert E. Lee.



## **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

April 22 --Miss Ellie  
The Wound Has Never Healed

May 27 – Cal Collier  
TBA

June 24 – Mark Christ  
Recruiting Black Regiments

July 22 -- Brig. Gen. Parker Hills (ret) of  
Clinton, Mississippi.  
Battle of Raymond

August 26 – Dr. Michael B. Dougan  
Christian missionaries and Indians -- slavery  
and related themes

September 23 -- Dr. Ruth Hawkins  
Restoration of the Lakeport Plantation near  
Lake Village

October 28 --

November 25 –

December – No Meeting

**2009**

January 27, 2009 -

February 24, 2009 -

March 24, 2009 -

April 28 2009 - Historian Terry Winschel,  
Vicksburg National Military Park

**We Who Study  
Must Also Strive To Save!**





## **Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park Events – Hundred Years of Heritage 1908-2008 & Arkansas State Parks 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9 am - 2 pm - Heritage Garden  
"Spring Planting" & "Caring for Herbs"  
Workshop**

The park's Heritage Garden teaches about the diversity of foods used in the 1860's during the time of the Civil War. All plant varieties in this garden were grown during that time and are now called "heirloom varieties". Learn about compost methods, building and installing garden structures, bed preparation, planting and germination. Learn about basic herb gardening, how to choose your plants, site preparation, propagation, (division, layering, cuttings), harvesting and most importantly, how to use the herbs you grow! Plant seeds and plant transplants are available for purchase. Enjoy a lunch of beans and cornbread or bring a sack lunch. **Meet at the Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park Heritage Garden. Admission: \$5.00 - Contact the park to register or for more details.**

**Webb Civil War & Antique Collection will be on the following dates from 1 pm - 5 pm:**  
April 13<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, August 24<sup>th</sup>,  
September 28<sup>th</sup>, & October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Webb Civil War & Antique Collection – Dedicated park volunteers Ann and C. W. Webb will display and talk about an array of items from their personal collection of Civil War and antique kitchen ware. **Meet at Hindman Hall Visitor Center. Admission: Free**

**Burgess Civil War Collection will be on the following dates from 1 pm - 5 pm:**  
June 15<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 17<sup>th</sup>, & September 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Burgess Civil War Collection - Local Civil War enthusiast Steve Burgess will display and talk about Civil War items from his personal collection, including bullets, cannonballs, and other items found in northwest Arkansas. **Meet in Hindman Hall Visitor Center. Admission: Free**

**Spinning & Lace Making Demonstrations will be on the following dates from 1 pm - 4 pm:**

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, & August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Spinning & Lace Making Demonstrations - See members of the local Wool and Wheel Handspinners Guild and Dogwood Lace groups demonstrate the ancient art of spinning thread, and discuss the basics of making cloth in the Arkansas Ozarks. **Meet at Hindman Hall Visitor Center. Admission: Free** - The Wool and Wheel Handspinners have their monthly meeting at the park on the first Wednesday of each month.

**TBA - Cannon Firing Demonstrations** - Cannon firing demonstrations are every hour from 10 am to 2 pm. Contact the park for further details. Re-enactors, need to contact the park to register. There will be more Cannon demonstrations by First Arkansas Light Artillery group & Walker's Light Artillery group during the summer TBA

### **Fall & Winter 2008**

**August 30<sup>th</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup> - 57th Annual  
Clothesline Fair**

This event features more than 200 craft booths with artisans demonstrating and selling their wares. Living history, musical entertainment, and square dancing are all important parts of this celebration. Refreshments available through the Prairie Grove Lions Club and other local non-profit organizations. Contact the park for further information. **Admission: Free. Parking is \$4 per vehicle  
October 25<sup>th</sup>, - 7 pm - 10:30 pm Haunted**

**Battlefield Tour - Meet at the park  
Amphitheatre.**

Tour groups will be guided from the Amphitheatre to the front of the historic Borden House along part of the park's walking trail and into the valley where the heaviest fighting occurred during the Battle of Prairie Grove. Chances are good that there will be a few scary surprises along the way. Tours depart every 20 to 30 minutes. The last tour will leave at 10 p.m. Parking is available at the east Borden House entrance. **Admission: \$2 Adults, \$1 Child (3-12).** Passes will be required for specific tour departure times. Passes are available the day of event.



**100th year Anniversary of Battlefield Park (1908-2008) & 75<sup>th</sup> Arkansas State Parks Anniversary**

**December 6<sup>th</sup> - December 7<sup>th</sup> - "Battle of Prairie Grove" Re-enactment**

146<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Prairie Grove will be celebrated with the unveiling of a new original oil painting by Andy Thomas, who will be onsite to sign limited edition prints of the painting that will be for sale. Re-enactors and spectators alike participate in guided tours through the Union, Confederate, and civilian camps; various military drills, cooking, spinning, lace making demonstrations, and living history programs. Battle demonstrations begin at 1 p.m. each day, featuring charges and counter-attacks by Union and Confederate infantry and cavalry on the actual battlefield near the historic Borden House. **Re-enactors contact the park to register. Admission: Free. Parking \$4 per vehicle.**

**THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK**

<http://littlerock.org/CityDepartments/PlanningAndDevelopment/subsection.aspx?PageID=114>

The City of Little Rock has included links to us and provided a copy of the Campaign Brochure on its Heritage Tourism page.

We have always proudly supported Little Rock and hope that the relationship continues for many years to come.

Perhaps we can work a similar deal with the other cities in the area.



You are invited to participate in a weekend dedicated to preserving the History of the Civil War on **June 19-21, 2008.**

This Symposium features two extensive Battlefield Tours: The first tour features the Battle of Franklin and includes Winstead Hill, The Carter House, Fort Granger, Carnton Plantation, and the McGavock Confederate Cemetery. The second tour, which is six hours, features the sites of the Battle of

Thompson's Station, the Battle of Murfreesboro, and Stones River National

Register at:

<http://www.franklinscharge.com/summer-register.html>

**CAL COLLIER UPDATE**

Calvin Collier had a severe stroke Thursday, March 27, 2008 but has made a remarkable improvement. He can recognize people and has his speech according to his daughter, Nancy.

He and his wife had just moved from Maryland to Fredericksburg VA to be in an apartment at a relative's home.

Cal went via medi-vac to a nearby hospital and at present is at Mary Washington University Medical Center, (stroke rehab) at health south rehab hospital,

**UPDATE**

He is still in rehab. She said that he was doing good considering everything.

She said that they were to have conference with doctors and as soon as she knew the outcome and what is to come, she will let us know.

Apparently, when he had this stroke they did not expect him to live, and his recovery to this point has been remarkable.



**SEE YOU TUESDAY NIGHT**

**for Miss Elle**

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**

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