



THE AMERICAN
CIVIL WAR CENTER
At Historic Tredegar

2008 SPECIAL EVENTS

January 19

The Fox & the Statue: Portrayals of Robert E. Lee, 1865 – 2008

Was Robert E. Lee one of the great captains of American history or a bumbling practitioner of old-fashioned warfare? Join American Civil War Center educator Jimmy Price as he surveys the writings of authors who both deified and vilified the military career of the Confederacy's most renowned general.

2 p.m.

February 10

Liberty's Father: George Washington and the American Civil War

By the early 19th century, George Washington had achieved iconic status in the United States as a soldier, statesman, and politician. Heralded as a hero in the fight for independence during the American Revolution, Washington became a symbol of freedom for both Union and Confederate causes during the Civil War. Using images and personal accounts from the Civil War era, this 30 minute program will explore how Washington's legacy was embraced by North and South to promote their respective visions of liberty. 1 p.m.

Liberty's Son: the Presidential Legacy of Abraham Lincoln – Hero or tyrant? Savior of the Union or slayer of state rights? Join American Civil War Center educator Jimmy Price for a revealing look at how authors and historians have viewed our nation's 16th president. 3 p.m.

February 23

Harriet Tubman: The Chosen One

Harriet Tubman is perhaps the most well-known of all the Underground Railroad's "conductors." During a ten-year span she made 19 trips into the South and escorted over 300 slaves to freedom. And, as she once proudly pointed out to Frederick Douglass, in all of her journeys she "never lost a single passenger." Professional actress and historian Gwendolyn Briley-Strand brings to life the courageous story of Harriet Tubman in a stirring 45-minute performance. 2 p.m.

March 15

Women's Roles in Civil War History

During the antebellum period, industrialization flourished in the northern states defining new roles for women in America. Ely Whitney's invention of the cotton gin caused a direct impact on increased cotton production in the south. While northern women labored in the textile mills, southern slaves harvested cotton. Women played leading roles during the Civil War as spies, nurses, surgeons, and abolitionists. This 30-minute tour through the exhibit "In the Cause of Liberty" by ACWC educator Jenny Didas will explore the lives of eight women who impacted history: Harriet Beecher Stowe, Louisa May Alcott, Clara Barton, Mary Edmonds Walker, Belle Boyd, Harriet Tubman, Cady Elizabeth Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. 2 p.m.



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April 5

Civil War Day at Historic Tredegar

Cannon firing and period music are just a few of the highlights of the Eleventh Annual Civil War Days at Tredegar Ironworks. Artillery and musket firing demonstrations are scheduled throughout the day. Young people can play 19th century children's games, learn to drill like Civil War soldiers and talk one-on-one with the living history interpreters as they tour the camps. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

April 6

Lincoln in Richmond

Re-live the occasion of Abraham Lincoln's only visit to Richmond in April of 1865 and learn how historians have interpreted the impact of this historic event. This program will be held at the Lincoln monument in front of the Richmond National Battlefield Visitor Center. 2 p.m.

May 8

America's Civil War Legacy: The Tuskegee Airmen

The U.S. Army became a proving ground for African Americans during the Civil War with nearly 180,000 black men serving in the Union army. The legacy of their service was realized by the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of dedicated soldiers who became America's first black military aviators during World War Two.

Hear the stories of these celebrated patriots from members of the Virginia chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen. 10:30 a.m.

December 7

3rd Annual Holiday Happenings at Historic Tredegar

Celebrate the holidays at ACWC with reduced admission, holiday displays, period music, children's activities, and light refreshments. 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.