

UPCOMING EVENT LIST

**Prepared by Companion Andy Waskie for Events of Note
where PA-MOLLUS Companions are encouraged to
participate**

Annual General Meade Birthday Celebration

Sunday, December 31, 2017 will mark the annual anniversary of the birth of General George G. Meade, heroic commander of the victorious Union army at the Battle of Gettysburg. MOLLUS is a co-sponsor and places a wreath at his grave site.

The General Meade Society of Philadelphia will celebrate his birthday at Historic Laurel Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge Ave., Philadelphia where the noble hero is interred. The military parade and ceremony will commence at 12 noon. Military and Civilian Living Historians are encouraged to participate! Visitors and participants are asked to gather at the Gatehouse of Laurel Hill at 11:30AM. The parade of Civil War reenactment units, civilians in period attire, heritage groups, and participants will process to the final resting place of the Victor of Gettysburg and memorialize his services to the nation.

A champagne toast and reception will follow the program. A tour of the historic cemetery will be offered (weather permitting). This year marks the 26th anniversary of the Meade birthday celebration by the General Meade Society.

For directions, call: [215-228-8200](tel:215-228-8200) Laurel Hill Cemetery. For information and registration call Dr. Andy Waskie at [215-204-5452](tel:215-204-5452) or awaskie@temple.edu

Nb. The PA-Commandery will make appropriate remarks and place a wreath during these ceremonies.

G.A.R. Museum & Library Open House Program

Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 1:30pm

'Holiday Band Concert' FREE & Open to the public! (Donations accepted)

by the 28th Pennsylvania Volunteers Regimental Band 'Geary's Own'

The 28th Pennsylvania Regiment Band will be performing a concert of "Music from the Middle of the War". Following the tradition of reliving the war in five year cycles, the 28th PV Band will present music that would have been played by Union Army bands in 1863. Band Master Ken Cavender will be leading the band and giving a short history of each piece played.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MUSEUM & LIBRARY

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Annual Gen. Meade Society – Deluxe Champagne Brunch & Awards Ceremony ... 11am -2 PM Sunday, January 21, 2018

Join the Gen. Meade Society of Philadelphia to Celebrate the new year and toast the hero of Gettysburg!

Cannstatter Volksfest Verein

9130 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114, 215-332-0121

<http://www.cvvphilly.com/directions.html>

Cost: \$45. Per person; \$85. Per couple

To reserve: contact Gerry McCormick at: 215-848-7753 OR gedwinmc@msn.com

Reservations should be made at least one week prior to the Brunch!

Go to the Meade Society web site for further details:

www.generalmeadesociety.org

<http://generalmeadesociety.org/schedule.html>

Annual Lincoln Birthday Celebration Parade and Ceremonies

Monday, February 12, 2018 sponsored by the Union League of Philadelphia.

Civil War military units, civilians, and heritage groups are welcome and encouraged to march in the parade through Philadelphia to Independence Hall to honor President Lincoln on his birthday. Participants will gather at the Union League, 140 S. Broad St. by 10am.

Convenient **FREE** parking available for participants near the Union League, but arrival must be prior to 10:00am. RSVP required. Pick up a ticket at the Sansom St. garage; proceed to next intersection, cross 15th St and park in garage on the right.

Color Guards, Firing Party, music, and wreaths are appreciated. There will be a complimentary lunch for the participants at 12 noon. After the parade ALL are invited to return to the Union League via coach for refreshments and entertainment in the historic League House. To register: Contact: Dr. Andy Waskie. 215-204-5452 or awaskie@temple.edu

Nb. The PA-Commandery will march as a unit in the parade and place a wreath during these ceremonies.

Annual Major Octavius V. Catto Honor Ceremony

Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 11am

OV Catto Memorial at the S.W. corner of City Hall - Honoring the great Black equal rights and military leader

Wreath-Laying ceremony. All military units, period civilians, veterans and heritage groups are encouraged to participate. Colors, wreaths and music encouraged.

PA National Guard Award Luncheon & Ceremony to follow at 12:30pm in the Union League for the 'Major Catto Medal' Award Ceremony.

Information: Dr. Andy Waskie 215-204-5452 or awaskie@temple.edu

Nb. The PA-Commandery will make appropriate remarks and place a wreath during these ceremonies.

Annual Temple University Black History Conference **Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

'The Underground Railroad in Pennsylvania'

Civil War & Emancipation Studies at Temple University (CWEST) sponsors the 15th annual Black History Conference at 1:00pm in Walk Auditorium, Ritter Hall on 13th St & Cecil B. Moore Ave on Main Campus of Temple University. Free & Open to the public. Speakers; books; discussion; displays

RSVP. To register: awaskie@temple.edu 215-204-5452

Annual Grand Army Museum Preservation Luncheon **Saturday, March 24, 2018**

Cannstatter Volksfest Verein

9130 Academy Rd. Philadelphia, PA 19114

(215) 332-0121

Cost: \$35 per person - \$65 per couple. Choice of Beef, Chicken, or Salmon

11am open for book browsing, and signings; 12 noon cocktails; 1pm luncheon

2pm presentation: "'LINCOLN'S GAMBLE: Six Months That Changed America' by Historian Todd Brewster.

Presentation of the 'Grand Army Award' for preservation efforts. Fundraiser raffle of prints; door prizes; books; entertainment; fun!

To reserve contact: garmuslib@verizon.net; or call: 215-289-6484

Deadline to reserve: March 16, 2018

19th Annual Meade Society Symposium: **Sunday, April 8, 2018 12 Noon – 5PM**

"America in the Spanish-American War of 1898 and Becomes a World Power"

Featuring noted historians and speakers, and authors on the US in the Spanish-American War, as well as books, prints and raffles.

Conservatory at West Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bala Cynwyd, PA

<http://www.forever-care.com/contact.php>

Cost: \$40 per person including registration; luncheon & refreshments

Contact: Jerry McCormick 215-848-7753 / gedwinmc@msn.com

**Annual Memorial Day Observed at Historic Laurel Hill Cemetery,
Philadelphia, PA. Sunday, May 27, 2018.**

Recreating the Original G.A.R. Decoration Day Service of 1868: The traditional Decoration Day service of the Grand Army Meade Post #1 will be recreated at Historic Laurel Hill Cemetery, 3822 Ridge Ave. Philadelphia on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 12 noon. All are welcome to attend and participate in the ceremony.

Laurel Hill is the site of the first Memorial Day Observance in Philadelphia on this date in 1868. Special bronze veterans' markers will be dedicated at the graves of veterans. Speakers, ceremonies and pageant will highlight this special ceremony. Afterwards the entourage will gather at the grave of General Meade, hero of Gettysburg to perform the traditional service to honor all veterans who fell defending the Nation. Wreath-laying, speeches, music and honor guards will enhance the ceremony.

Keynote Speaker:

Historical groups, veterans, and citizens are urged to participate. Wreaths, military contingents, color guards, music and period civilians are encouraged to participate.

Refreshments served after the ceremony. Tours of the historic cemetery available.

Co-sponsored by the General Meade Society of Philadelphia; Friends of Laurel Hill; American Legion Post #405; **MOLLUS**, Union League; Sons of Union Veterans. For information, call: [215-228-8200](tel:215-228-8200)

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**Special Memorial Day Observance at Christ Church Burial
Ground at 5th & Arch St.**

Monday, May 28, 2018 at 1PM –

The final resting place of five (5) Signers of the Declaration of Independence, including Benjamin Franklin and many military veterans of all eras! The Benjamin Franklin American Legion Post #405 of the Union League will place a wreath representing the American Legion Post, commemorating the services of all veterans!

ALL are welcome!