

Newsletter, July 2009

Headquarters for the PA Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission



CWI 2009



Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College
The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln and The Life of Mary Todd Lincoln
June 21 - 27, 2009

Thanks to all who made the Civil War Institute 2009 such a success. The week started with the premiere of a great concert, **For the People**. The Oratorio was written and directed by John William Jones in celebration of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial. Old friends were reacquainted and new participants were welcomed. The week ended with a tribute to Gabor Boritt via teleconference to Johns Hopkins Hospital. In between we heard great speakers and went on tours to expand our knowledge of Lincoln and Gettysburg.

Gabor Boritt Update

Those of you who attended the CWI 2009 know that Gabor received a kidney transplant on June 22, the first night of the seminar. His surgery went very well and his recovery continues at a pace only Gabor could achieve. His transition as Director to Director Emeritus and Michael Birkner's transition to Interim Director is going very smoothly. We wish Gabor good health and relaxation in his retirement and welcome Michael to our CWI family.

CWI Theme Announced June 27 - July 3, 2010



The Union Must and Shall Be Preserved
Library of Congress c1860

The theme for the 2010 Civil War Conference was announced Thursday, June 25th to an eager audience. We will be studying the "[Election of 1860](#)" including the new technology of the day, the "characters" of the time, espionage and other interesting subjects. Our full day tours will include trips to Harpers Ferry with Dennis Frye and Ed Bearss, and other yet to be determined locations. The half day tours will concentrate on Gettysburg. Don't miss this week of scholarly pursuit and fun. To hold your place, send in a [registration form](#) along with a \$50.00 non refundable deposit.

A Message from Major Doug Galuszka

Many of you know Doug from his many years attending the Civil War Institute. We recently received a note from him that we thought you would like to read.

Dear CWI Friends,

I've now completed 8 months of this 12 month tour and I get to start R & R in Germany in 2 days. Things are looking up for me!

My battalion runs medical, dental, and optometry clinics all over Iraq, from Basra in the south, to Mosel in the north. My support operations section does all the medical planning, medical logistics and medical administration for our subordinate units.

I was recently discussing with some comrades what America stood for in the world. After everyone else spoke I, through my most excellent CWI education, trumped everyone with "America stands for every man Living 'The Right to Rise'". Even in Iraq our Civil War Era is applicable. Doug

Lincoln Fellowship Essay Contest Winner

The winner of the 2009 Lincoln Fellowship essay contest is Alycia R. Grant, a 17 year old student from Ocean Township High School in Ocean, New Jersey. Alycia won from over a hundred wonderful essay's titled "What the Gettysburg Address Means to Me". To read her award winning essay [click here](#).

Dedication Day 2009 – November 19th

Save the date! Special events such as the U.S. Marine Band, a Naturalization Program, and the displaying of the flag where Abraham Lincoln rested his head while dying, are scheduled to make the Bicentennial year of Abraham Lincoln's birth very exciting - don't miss this! A [tentative schedule](#) is available.

Lincoln Fellowship Luncheon 2009

Lewis Lehrman is the 2009 Lincoln Fellowship Luncheon Speaker. Mr. Lehrman is a renowned historian, philanthropist, and author. He is also the co-founder of the Lincoln Prize and the Gilder Lehrman Institute, an establishment that funds American history high schools all over the nation. Membership to the Lincoln Fellowship of PA is required to attend the Luncheon. To become a member (a great bargain at only \$25.00 for a regular membership) and for more information on Lewis Lehrman and the Lincoln Fellowship, as well as other activities for November 2009, visit the Civil War Institute [webpage](#).

Fortenbaugh 2009

2009 Robert Fortenbaugh Speaker Michael Burlingame

Michael Burlingame is one of the foremost authorities on Abraham Lincoln. He has thoroughly studied the life and times of Abraham Lincoln, about whom he has published twelve books. His most recent work, *Lincoln: A Life*, brings an encyclopedic knowledge to the subject. Professor Burlingame serves as a member of the board of directors of the Abraham Lincoln Association headquartered in Springfield, IL, as well as at the Abraham Lincoln Institute in Washington D.C. He is also on the board of advisors for the Abraham Lincoln Studies Center at Knox College in Galesburg, IL.



The Fortenbaugh Lecture will take place on November 19th at 8:15 p.m. at the Majestic Theatre and is free and open to the public.

Preceding the Fortenbaugh Lecture at 7:30 p.m. on November 19th will be a musical performance:

For the People which will be dedicated to The Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College in Celebration of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial. This is an Oratorio for brass band, woodwind octet, and soloists and is written and directed by John William Jones, ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers) Professor of Music, Sunderman Conservatory of Music at Gettysburg College. With performances by: The Spires Brass Band, The Sunderman Conservatory of Music Woodwind Octet, Kathleen Sasnett, soprano; Jeffrey Fahnestock, tenor and Roosevelt Credit, bass-baritone.

Places to Visit

Gettysburg Historic Train Station

The Gettysburg Historic Train Station offers free admission. This is the train station that Lincoln used in 1863 and it has been beautifully restored. Open 7 days a week from 10 AM to 4 PM.

The Mordecai Lincoln House of Berks County

The house of Mordecai Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's great-great grandfather, is now open to the public. For more information on this historic attraction, visit the [Lincoln Homestead webpage](#).

David Wills House

The David Wills House in the Gettysburg Town Square has been renovated and opened to the public. Lincoln spent the night here before he delivered his "few appropriate remarks" at Gettysburg's National Soldiers' Cemetery. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Lincoln's Cottage on NPR

Learn about Lincoln's Cottage through an interview on [NPR](#).

New Websites

Lincoln in 3D

Stereoscope, or 3-D photography, was the rage in Civil War America. Bob Zeller from the [Center for Civil War Photography](#) has digitized the images of Civil War photographers Brady, Gardner and others into a stunning presentation that will give participants a new perspective on President Lincoln and the American Civil War.

Farewells

Kenneth Stampp

Kenneth M. Stampp, historian dies at 96 years of age. In 1993 Mr. Stampp was awarded the Lincoln Prize for Lifetime Achievement by the Lincoln and Soldiers Institute. Read the complete obituary in the [New York Times](#).



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