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DATE: Wednesday, May 24, 2017
PLACE: The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria, VA
TIME: 7:30 PM
SPEAKER: Mark Tooley, Writer and Civil War Buff

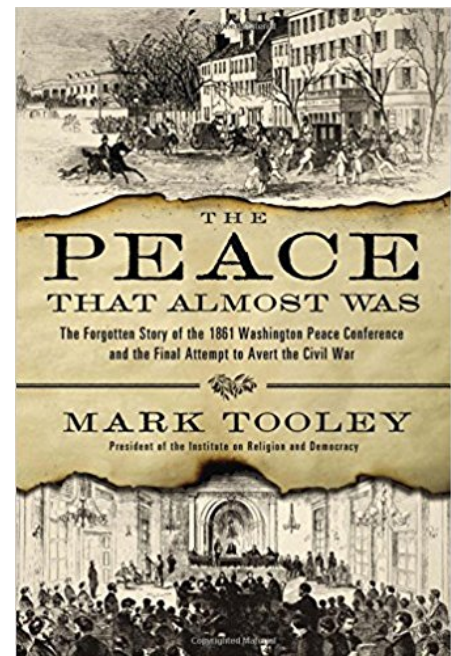
LECTURE

The Peace That Almost Was: The Forgotten Story of the 1861 Washington Peace Conference and the Final Attempt to Avert the Civil War

Could the Civil War have been avoided? It's a reasonable question, one that has been asked many times, and only just recently. Mark Tooley will examine how close we came to doing just that, when he discusses his new book on Wednesday night, May 24th, at The Lyceum. *The Peace That Almost Was: The Forgotten Story of the 1861 Washington Peace Conference and the Final Attempt to Avert the Civil War* is Mr. Tooley's third book, and examines in detail this little-known last attempt to avoid the bloodshed that took the lives of nearly three quarters of a million Americans, and left other deep scars across American society.

Mark Tooley is president of the Institute on Religion & Democracy in Washington, DC, a think-tank organization that studies issues of religion and politics, where he has worked for twenty-two years. He's also editor of *Providence: A Journal of Christianity & American Foreign Policy*. A graduate of Georgetown University, he previously worked for the Central Intelligence Agency, and is both a lifelong Northern Virginian and Civil War buff. His articles on history, religion and politics have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Detroit News*, *Newsweek*, *Weekly Standard*, *Washington Examiner* and other publications.

Doors open at 7:00 PM, and Mr. Tooley will sign a limited number of copies of the book following his remarks. The program is free for Alexandria Historical Society members, and there is a nominal charge of \$5 per person for non-members. A membership table on-site will give people a chance to





join the Society that night. Parking is extremely limited at The Lyceum, but there are garages and street parking nearby. To learn more about the Alexandria Historical Society, please visit <http://alexandriahistorical.org>.

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Alexandria Historical Society Officers and Board of Directors for 2017-2018 (beginning July 1st)

There will be a vote on next year's AHS Board of Directors at the May 24th meeting. The slate was published in the April 2017 newsletter, but we would like to present the candidates again.

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Julia Randle	Term to end 2019	(AHS History Awards chair)
Mark Whatford	Term to end 2020	(Membership chair)

Proposed Amendment to Society By-Laws

The Alexandria Historical Society proposes adding a new Section 5 to Article II of the Society By-Laws:

"In the event that a Board Member or Officer should for any reason be unable to serve the respective full term of incumbency, the Board may appoint a successor to fill the vacancy created. The person appointed shall serve the remainder of the term of the Officer or Board Member in which the vacancy has arisen." A vote will take place at the June 28th meeting.

AHS June 2017 Lecture

June 28th: African American Churches and the Fort Ward Community. Adrienne Washington, journalist and independent historian, will lecture on African American churches and the "Fort Community." An African American community of former slaves was established at Fort Ward in the nineteenth century, developing a rich history through shared kinship, marriage, church and work. Ms. Washington, an Alexandria native and member of Fort Ward's Historic African American community, will provide insight into this "Seminary" community.

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The purpose of the Society shall be to promote an active interest in American history and particularly in the history of Alexandria and of Virginia.
The Society is organized exclusively for educational purposes.

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