

The ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

VOLUME XXXVIII ISSUE I NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2018

Upcoming Lectures at The Lyceum, 201 S Washington St, Alexandria VA 22314

September 26, 2018, 7:30 PM

Harlem's Rattlers and the Great War: The Undaunted 369th Regiment and the African American Quest for Equality

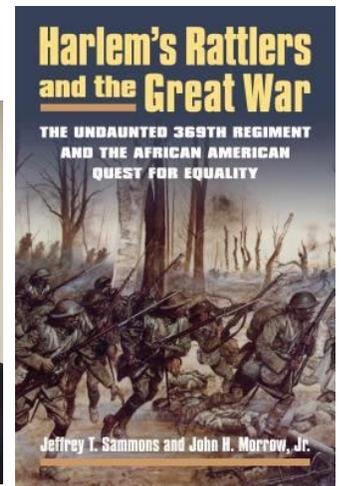
Co-sponsored with the Black Heritage Museum of Arlington, Arlington Historical Society, and the Office of Historic Alexandria

Member Code: Sammons2018

New York University historian and author Jeffrey T. Sammons presents the tragic and heroic tale of the extraordinary African American 369th Infantry, whose soldiers distinguished themselves fighting as part of the French Army during WWI. Professor Sammons will contextualize the highly charged and discriminatory social and political climate confronting the soldiers of the 369th and discuss the groundwork they helped to lay for the long black freedom struggle and the modern Civil Rights Movement.



Jeffrey T. Sammons



Professor Sammons' book, co-authored with John H. Morrow, Jr., will be available for purchase. The book contains a comprehensive and in-depth study of the Harlem Rattlers with photos, notes, and biographical references.

October 24, 2018, 7:30 PM

The Grand Review: Discoveries and Explorations in Civil War Photography

Co-sponsored with the Friends of Fort Ward and the Office of Historic Alexandria

Member Code: Zeller2018

*Bob Zeller, co-founder and president of the Center of Civil War Photography, will present “The Grand Review: Discoveries & Explorations in Civil War Photography.” Mr. Zeller’s presentation includes the opportunity to view Civil War images in 3-D, the way they were originally taken and meant to be seen. **Registration will open in early September for members only** and for the general public in October. Seats are limited!!!*



Courtesy of the Library of Congress

New Website

In August, AHS unveiled its new [website](#) to give members a better overall experience. Many of the features have stayed the same, including access to video-taped presentations, a growing bibliography of literature on northern Virginia, and a robust list of historic sites and repositories relevant to Alexandria. Our newsletter and the *Alexandria Chronicle* are also available in PDF form, with a new index of article titles for our journal once publication is over a year old.

The biggest change on our website is our registration process for lectures. Members and non-members will now use Eventbrite, the same online portal used by the Office of Historic Alexandria. To register for events for free, members will be able to use a member-only code. The codes will be included in our newsletter (see above), promotional postcard, and emails. Make sure to click “Enter Promotional Code” after you click on the green “Tickets” button on the Eventbrite website.

Finally, our updated website has expanded our membership options, including, for the first time, an “auto-renew” option. We have partnered with Paypal for ease of payment as well. Members will receive an emailed receipt plus additional information about AHS when they join or renew. The new website is more user-friendly on mobile devices too!

Society Membership Renewal

Now is the time to renew your membership in the Alexandria Historical Society. We are dependent on your generous support. Through your membership, donations, and endowment, AHS seeks to engage our members and the community at-large in the history of Alexandria. Go to the [website](#) to renew.

Selected History Happenings

For on-line information on WWI, try two local sources:

Visit Archives.gov and search on WWI Centennial: Events and Exhibits or

Visit americanhistory.si.edu/topics/world-war-i

October 1, 11 am

Story Time for Little Historians

Alexandria Black History Museum – Watson Reading Room

Cultural stories and craft activities that introduce world history and folklore. Story time will take place every first Saturday of the month at 11 am in the Watson Reading Room (located next door to the museum). All ages welcome, but most suitable for ages 3 – 6 years old. \$3 admission.

October 6, 10 am – 4 pm

Civil War Artillery Day

Fort Ward Museum + Historic Site

Reenactors from the 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery, a unit stationed at Fort Ward during the Civil War, present firing demonstrations, equipment displays, and recreations of camp life for artillerymen in the defense of Washington, DC.

October 24 – 27, 2018

Smithsonian African American Film Festival

Information can be found at aafilmfest.si.edu

Various locations, see website

This inaugural Smithsonian sponsored film fest is a four day cinematic experience focused on celebrating African American visual culture and film.

November 4, 2018 – February 18, 2019

Gordon Parks: The New Tide, Early Works 1940 – 1950

National Gallery of Art, West Building, Ground Floor

This exhibition chronicles the formative period of Gordon Park's long career in photography, spanning from documenting daily life in 1940s Chicago to shooting glamor photographs for *Ebony*, *Vogue*, *Fortune*, and *Life*.

2018 – 2019 Officers and Directors

Officers

President – Krystyn Moon

Vice President – Audrey P. Davis

Treasurer – Caroline English

Secretary – Catherine Weinraub

Debra P. Ackerman

Francine Bromberg

Erin N. Bush

Katy Cannady

Tal Day

Ginny Hamill

Stephen F. Kimbel

Severiano Ortiz

Elizabeth Peckham

Julia Randle

Directors

ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. NEWSLETTER

201 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

President: Krystyn Moon, alexandriahistoricalociety@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor: Elizabeth Peckham, elizabeth.peckham@gmail.com

The AHS Newsletter is published by the Alexandria Historical Society, Inc., and mailed free to members. To join the Society, submit your check made payable to "Alexandria Historical Society," together with your name, address, and telephone numbers, to the Alexandria Historical Society, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Annual dues are: \$10.00, Student; \$20.00, Single; \$30.00, Couple; \$50.00, Sustaining; and \$100.00, Patron. The membership year is July to June. Dues are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
www.alexandriahistorical.org