

# Washington Stories

The Historical Society of Washington, D.C.



## Wages of War: Bonus Army to Baghdad Exhibit Opens to Rave Reviews

Undeterred by a strong summer storm, over 150 HSW members and distinguished guests came to The Carnegie on Friday, July 27 for the opening of HSW's new exhibit **Wages of War: Bonus Army to Baghdad**. As described in a *Washington Post* article the next week, the "old fashioned" exhibit used powerful images and a comprehensive narrative to tell the stories of the Bonus Army encampment of 1932 in Washington.

Designer for the powerful exhibit was Simonida Uth; Bell Clement curated. Volunteer Dick Evans produced the slideshow and digitized many of images in the exhibit. From HSW partner the National Building Museum, Hank Griffith and his team Allan Sprechter, MaryJane Valade and James Matthews worked to paint the gallery, build and mount the exhibit. Using materials from the HSW collections including the recent gift from Bonus Army authors Paul Dickson and Tom Allen and items loaned by the Metropolitan Police Museum, Theodore Watts and Robert Fratkin, HSW volunteer Eda Offutt produced the ephemera exhibit.

Among many guests, HSW was delighted to welcome Councilmember Tommy Wells; Kerwin Miller, Director of the D.C. Office of



*Councilmember Tommy Wells and Carl Cole, HSW Trustee, Wages of War exhibit opening*

Veterans Affairs, and Ginnie Cooper, Director, DC Public Library.

Saturday, July 28th history fans came to HSW to listen to noted authors Paul Dixon and Thomas Allen's lively discussion of the Bonus Army march and to view the PBS film *The March of the Bonus Army*, created by Robert Uth and Glenn Marcus.

The HSW exhibit was favorably reviewed twice in the Post, on July 29 and August 3rd.

*Wages of War: Bonus Army to Baghdad Exhibit open Tues, Wed and Thursday, 10am–5pm through Veterans Day. Enter the building at the Security Entrance, under the stairs across from the Convention Center.*

### Future Events

September 12

HSW Wednesday Lecture  
Jubal A. Early

September 19

HSW Wednesday Lecture  
Washington Redskins

October 12

Celebrate our Bricks

October 2007 (date TBA)

HSW Wednesday Lecture  
Washington Sculpture

### Save the Date

**34th Annual Washington  
Studies Conference**

**Nov 1–3**

**Here at The Carnegie**

**Registration opens**

**August 31**

Further info on all events at  
[www.historydc.org/calendar](http://www.historydc.org/calendar)

### Hail to the Redskins! Hail Vic-tor-y!

Redskins mania has consumed Washingtonians since the team began in 1937, and it's gotten stronger every year. Author Michael Richman will discuss his book *The Redskins Encyclopedia* on September 19 (6:30pm) at HSW. Amply illustrated with 200 photos, the comprehensive book contains great detail on each of the 75 seasons of the storied franchise. Richman is a veteran journalist who has covered sports for more than two decades and his book provides a game-by-game account that brings readers right into the action!

Richman will recount the many highs and the lows of the team including the 'Skins' three Super Bowl wins as well as the origin of the legendary Redskins–Cowboys rivalry and other fascinating Redskins lore.

After a Q&A session, Richman and Clyde Shugart, a member of the 1942 Redskins championship team and the second-oldest former player, will sign copies of the book! RSVP details on page 2. JOIN US!



HSW Trustees Cindy Aron and Kateri Ellison and others are captivated by exhibit images

## Members & Fundraising News

### We Celebrate our HSW Bricks !

In 2003 HSW launched the *Name a Brick* Campaign to support the renovation of The Carnegie library building, the home of the Society. Over 160 wonderfully generous individuals and organizations purchased bricks in this campaign! The original plan was to install the inscribed bricks into the public sidewalk at the north entrance of the building. Even with great effort it proved impossible to get the District to approve such an installation at that time. So the bricks were installed on HSW grounds, framed by landscaping timbers, near the originally intended spot.

We at the Historical Society cherish these bricks and what they mean to those who donated them. Until we are able to build that sidewalk, we have brought the bricks into the Small Alper Gallery. We are inviting the *Name a Brick* Campaign supporters to an October 12 reception to *Celebrate Our Bricks* and those generous friends of HSW who supported the splendid renovation of The Carnegie!

Please call Leslie White at 202-383-1837 (or email her at [Lwhite@historydc.org](mailto:Lwhite@historydc.org)) with any questions!

**NEW GRANT AWARDS:** We are delighted to report two new grant awards:  
Nancy Peery Marriott Foundation for \$10,000  
Community Foundation for the National Capital Region for \$40,000

### ...Upcoming Events . . . Join Us!!

#### General Jubal A. Early, *Desperate Engagement*

**With author Marc Leepson**

Wednesday, September 12, 2007, 6:30–8:00pm

The little known Battle of Monocacy and Confederate General Jubal A. Early's subsequent march on Washington is the topic of Mark Leepson's new book. Listen as journalist, historian and author Leepson describes how Early sat on his horse outside Ft. Stevens in NW and considered an invasion of the nation's capital and what happened next.

**Please RSVP**

Subject line: EARLY to [RSVP@historydc.org](mailto:RSVP@historydc.org)

#### Hail to the Redskins, *The Redskins Encyclopedia*

**With author Michael Richman and former Redskin Clyde Shugart**

Wednesday, September 19, 6:30–8:00pm

Author talk and book signing, details on page one.

**Please RSVP**

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### New and Renewing Members July 2007

**THANK YOU !**

Brian Albert, Barbara Bates, Lawrence Baume, Murray Belman, Teresh & Sally Boasberg, Rick Bochner, Charles Boice, John Breen, Charles Briggs, William Browder, Marjorie Browne, Charles Carroll Carter, Dana Dalrymple, Farleigh Earhart, Sarah Epstein, Robert Fastov, Ernest Furgurson, Marianne Gill, James Goode, Betty Hall, Maurice Heartfield, Cynthia Hill, Richard Huffine, Kathleen Hunter, George Hutchinson, Jennifer Johnston, Susan Klaus, John Lowe, Alan Lukens, Frank Maiellano, Beth McKinnon & Ann Carper, Irene Melonson, Jeanne-Marie Miller, Richard Nagelhout, Loretta Neumann, Stuart Newberger, William Offutt, Martha Oliphant, Peter Penczer, Barbara Pillote, Anne & John Rollins, Clara Schiffer, William Simons, Sherwood Smith, James Steen, Andrew Sullivan, Duncan Tebow, Denise Terry, Alice Trudgeon, Agnes Wasel, Stanley Watkins, and Douglas Wilson.

*Many thanks to volunteer Bill Brown for all his work with member services!*

To join HSW go to [www.historydc.org](http://www.historydc.org) and click **JOIN NOW!** Call Leslie White at 202-383-1837 with any questions or email her at [Lwhite@historydc.org](mailto:Lwhite@historydc.org).

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### Wanted . . . . . Volunteers

Volunteers are incredibly important to HSW and we need more! We are most interested in volunteers who can commit to a regular schedule; HSW will provide necessary training and support.

Reference Volunteer: Assist Patrons by answering questions in person, in the Reading Room of the Kiplinger Research Library, and by telephone and email

Image Research Volunteer: Assist in image research, reproductions, and photocopying

Catalogue Volunteer: Help to catalogue the extensive collections of books and pamphlets

**How to volunteer in library:** Email your interest to [library@historydc.org](mailto:library@historydc.org) or call the Library at 202-383-1850.