

Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln

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September 2009 Events

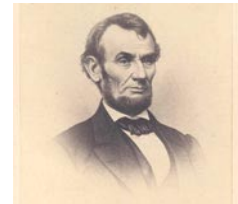
September 2009

Lincoln and the Quakers

Online Exhibit

Swarthmore

In honor of the 2009 Bicentennial celebration of Lincoln's birth, the Friends Historical Library of Swarthmore College has launched "Lincoln and the Quakers", an online exhibit featuring rare correspondence between Lincoln and pro-abolitionist Quakers during the turbulent years of the Civil War. The online exhibit will showcase Lincoln's relationship with Quakers by giving public internet access to primary documents, including an 1863 letter in Lincoln's own handwriting. We aim to show Lincoln's accordance with abolitionists and his push for equal opportunity. For more info contact [Chris Densmore, Curator](#), Friends Historical Library. Visit the exhibit [online](#).



September 11, 2009

Lincoln in 3-D

A Photographic History of the 16th President

7:00pm

Gettysburg

During this bicentennial anniversary year of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, take a unique and fascinating journey through Lincoln's presidency when Civil War photo experts Bob Zeller and John Richter present "Lincoln in 3-D," a photographic history of one of our greatest presidents in stereoscope images. Captured by Gardner, Brady and others, these photos are projected in their original stereoscopic format, delivering an amazing view of history. This rare and unique perspective on President Abraham Lincoln and the American Civil War will be followed by a lecture by Bob Zeller and John Richter on Civil War photography. Tickets for the "Lincoln in 3-D" program can be purchased from the [Gettysburg Foundation](#) or by calling 877-874-2478.

September 17, 2009

Constitution Day at Senator John Heinz History Center

1:00 p.m.

Pittsburgh

Celebrate the birth of American Government at the History Center! Chat with Abraham Lincoln about the constitutional crises facing America during his presidency and explore the challenges facing us today. Activities and self-guides put citizenship in Western Pennsylvania to the test throughout the museum! Be sure to join us at 1 p.m. for the reciting of the Preamble. This program is free with regular History Center admission. For more info, contact Danni Hale by [email](#), by phone 412-454-6373 or visit the Heinz Center website.



September 19, 2009

Lincoln's Enemies

1:00 p.m.

Allentown

Most Americans think Abraham Lincoln was universally loved, but during his Presidency, he had a number of enemies. Among his most vocal critics were Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney and U.S. Congressman Thaddeus Stevens. Hear their story when Malcolm J. Gross, former president of the [Lehigh County Historical Society](#), explains the drama and contention that existed among these historic figures. For more info, visit the Lehigh County Historical Society [website](#) or call (610) 435-1074.



September 26, 2009

Exhibit: Civil War: America at the Crossroads Grand Opening

1:00 p.m.

Allentown

Nationally popular Civil War actor and historian Patrick Falci, best known for his portrayal of Confederate General A.P. Hill in the movie *Gettysburg*, will participate in the opening at 1:00 p.m.

September 26. Dressed in full military uniform as Gen. Hill, Falci will sign autographs and pose for photographs at NO charge. Opening day visitors will also have the opportunity to experience an encampment of Confederate and Union Civil War Reenactors, with special activities for children. The exhibit will explore the Civil War from all perspectives—North, South, and Slave. Learn how the Lehigh Valley contributed to the war to save the Union. This is a rare opportunity to see historic Civil War relics. Presented by the [Lehigh County Historical Society](#). For a listing of events and exhibits, please click [here](#).

September 30, 2009

"Lincoln as Commander-In-Chief"
A presentation by James McPherson
7:00 p.m.
Philadelphia



James McPherson, Ph.D., the George Henry Davis 1886 Professor of American History, Emeritus, at Princeton University, will explore the subject: "Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief." Dr. McPherson's visit is sponsored by the Lore Kephart, '86, Distinguished Historians Lecture Series. This event is the series's inaugural lecture. A reception will follow the lecture. Villanova University Main Campus, Connelly Center, Villanova Room. Contact Mark Gallicchio by [email](#) or call (610) 519-4660. To register, please visit their [website](#).



Save the Date! November 19, 2009 -- Dedication Day in Gettysburg
"The President's Own" United States Marine Band

The United States Marine Band was established by an Act of Congress signed by President John Adams on July 11, 1798, and is the oldest continuously active professional musical organization in our country. The Marine Band is the only musical organization whose primary mission is to provide music for the President of the United States. Today, "The President's Own" is celebrated for its role at the White House and its dynamic public performances. "The President's Own" encompasses the United States Marine Band, Marine Chamber Orchestra, and Marine Chamber Ensembles, and performs regularly at the White House and for more than 500 public performances across the nation each year.

In November 1863, the Marine Band accompanied President Abraham Lincoln on his train ride to Gettysburg and led the procession to Soldiers' National Cemetery where Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address. The night before the dedication, President Lincoln stayed at the home of David R. Wills, a prominent Gettysburg attorney. Excerpt from *The Lincoln Trail in Pennsylvania*, The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2001, by Bradley R. Hoch:

"About 10 a.m. Abraham Lincoln emerged from the Wills House. He was dressed in a black mourning coat and a black hightop hat. So many people crowded around to touch and to speak to him that eventually Lamon, hoping to discourage them, asked the president to mount his horse. The crowd was not deterred. Just before 11 A.M. the procession began to move, with the Marine Band in the lead."* [Note: Ward Hill Lamon was a personal friend and self-appointed bodyguard to Lincoln]

"The President's Own" United States Marine Band will join us in Gettysburg on November 19, 2009 for the 146th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address at Dedication Day ceremony at Soldiers' National Cemetery. For a full schedule of November events, [click here](#).



Sesquicentennial News!
The Civil War Pennsylvania 150th

The CWPA150 Committee has launched its new [website](#). This comprehensive site contains an interactive timeline, a statewide events calendar and many in-depth stories recounting the experiences of real Pennsylvanians during the Civil War.

About the Commission

Based at the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College, the purpose of the Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission is to organize, arrange, and coordinate bicentennial tributes to Abraham Lincoln in Pennsylvania and to coordinate those activities with the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission of the federal government, as well as other interested parties. For more information about the PA ALBC, please visit our website at: <http://www.palincoln.org/>

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Endorsement of your program or event includes listing the event on our webpage, a reciprocal link, and the opportunity to use our logo in all of your publicity. If you would like to have your program endorsed by the PA ALBC see our [endorsement criteria](#) and email your response to albc@gettysburg.edu

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"Human action can be modified to some extent, but human nature cannot be changed."

Abraham Lincoln
Address at Cooper Institute, New York City
February 27, 1860