

# MNBF and Monocacy National Battlefield Thank Exhibit Supporters & Donors with Reception and Private Viewing

On Wednesday, August 1, Monocacy National Battlefield Foundation (MNBF) and Monocacy National Battlefield Park hosted a reception and private viewing of the new "Rebels and Ransoms: Confederate Retribution" exhibit for the people and organizations that made the display possible and MNBF donors, park staff, and volunteers.

## "Rebels and Ransoms: Confederate Retribution" New Exhibit at Monocacy Battlefield

Monocacy Battlefield is currently showing a collection of demand



letters and artifacts from the Confederate invasion of the North through the towns of Frederick, Hagerstown and Middletown in Maryland and Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Monocacy Ranger



Tracy Evans (pictured above) curated the exhibit which is located on the second floor of the Visitor Center

Confederate General Jubal Early demanded ransoms be paid by the aforementioned towns or they would face the torch. All but Chambersburg raised and paid the ransoms. True to their word,

the Confederates burned the town of Chambersburg on July 30, 1864.

## **Monocacy Battlefield Foundation Receives Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant**

MNBF received a \$12,500 grant from the NHAA for its "Monocacy Landing-Launch Into History" project to construct a canoe and boat launch and landing at Gambrill Mill. MNBF President, Al Duke, said "This grant will be used for the planning and design phase of the project. The grant is a matching grant and MNBF must provide matching funds. Thanks to several generous donors, I am happy to say we have raised our share." Park Superintendent Chris Stubbs said of the grant and project, "This is great news for the park. The launch and landing facility, when completed, will replace the soft launch at Gambrill Mill and further enhance the experience of our visitors."

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## What is the Monocacy National Battlefield Foundation?

The Monocacy National Battlefield Foundation, Inc. (MNBF), founded in 2016, is the official non-profit partner of Monocacy National Battlefield. Its mission is to assist Monocacy National Battlefield to improve and expand its educational, environmental, and natural resource programs; in acquiring material and equipment suitable for use in its environmental, natural resource, and educational programs; in developing the library and museum; and in preserving the historic, cultural, natural, and environmental resources of the park.



#### **General Lew Wallace Corner**

Following President Lincoln's assassination, Wallace was appointed to the military commission that tried the Lincoln assassination conspirators. The commission dissolved on June 30, 1865, after finding all eight conspirators guilty.



### Meet the Authors Events May 12, 2018

The Monocacy National Battlefield in conjunction with the Monocacy Battlefield Foundation and Eastern National held a Meet the Authors Event at the Thomas Farm on Saturday May 12, 2018. The event was highlighted by keynote speaker Edwin Bearss along with Dr. Franklin Cooling, Gail Stephens, Ryan Quint and Joseph Collins. The speakers provided great information about the Battle of Monocacy as well as information about General Lew Wallace. The speakers also

entertained audience questions and comments. The event was a success and we thank all who organized and volunteered to staff the event.

# Infantry Day October 13, 2018

The Monocacy National Battlefield held Infantry Day at the Park's Headquarters on Saturday October 13, 2018. Old Line Fife and Drum entertained park visitors with Civil War period music.



#### **Upcoming Events**

Museum by Candlelight – Saturday December 8

For more information on upcoming events, visit the Monocacy National Battlefield Events Calendar at: (https://www.nps.gov/mono/planyourvisit/calendar.htm)









