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Free Civil War History Seminar “Stonewall Jackson's Final Days”

The Lansing/Sunfield, Curtenius Guard Camp #17, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) will be sponsoring the next in its series of -Free- Civil War History Seminars on **Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7pm, at the Brethren Church located at 8436 West Grand Ledge Hwy (M-43), in Sunfield Michigan.** The church is located approx ½ mile west of the four corners (Sunfield Hwy & M-43) where you turn at to go to the village of Sunfield (Note that this is a new location from the previous year's seminars).

The presenter will be Mr. David Finney. Many of you know him as the announcer/narrator of the mock battles held each year in August, at the **Jackson, Michigan Cascades Civil War Muster**, the largest Civil War Reenactment in the Midwest. The topic of Mr. Finney's presentation will be **“Stonewall Jackson's Final Days.”** The presentation will discuss the wounding, death, and funeral of Confederate General Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson.

After Robert E Lee, Stonewall Jackson was one of the best-known Generals of the Confederacy. In 1842, he was accepted to West Point, where he graduated 17th out of 59 students. He then began his career as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Mexican War. In 1851, he accepted a teaching position at Virginia Military Institute (VMI) as a professor of philosophy, where he also taught artillery tactics. Although brilliant at tactics, Jackson was not a popular teacher due to his stern religious nature & eccentric personality.



In 1859, he led a contingent of cadets from VMI to provide security at the hanging of the abolitionist John Brown. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Jackson sided with the Confederacy becoming a drillmaster for the Confederate army. He commanded the now famous “Stonewall Brigade” at the 1st Battle of Bull Run. He received his nickname “Stonewall” during this battle, because he and his unit never retreated but stood as solid as a “Stone Wall” enabling the Confederacy to win the battle.

During the Battle of Chancellorsville, Jackson and his staff were returning to camp when they were mistaken for Union Cavalry by his own troops. Several of his staff were killed. Jackson was shot three times, twice in the left arm and once in the right hand. Due to severe wounds, his left arm had to be amputated. Shortly after, he contracted pneumonia and lay near death. On the night that General Robert E. Lee learned of Jackson's wounding and imminent death, he sent him a message, telling him, *“You have lost your left arm, but I my right”*.

Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson died on May 10, 1863. He is buried at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery in Lexington Virginia. His amputated arm was buried separately by his chaplain, near the field hospital where he was treated for his wounds.

About the Presenter. David Finney retired from North Farmington High School in 2006 as Chairman of the Department of History and Social Studies. He is an adjunct professor of Civil War History at Oakland Community College, and has served as a seasonal historian at both Spotsylvania and Petersburg National Military Parks. Dave is a nationally recognized scholar and lecturer regarding Civil War History. He has written numerous articles on Civil War history that have appeared in *Michigan History Magazine* and other periodicals, as well contributing as an advisor on 10 Civil War documentaries as well as a consultant with the History Channel. Come join Dave Finney as he **brings Civil War history alive** with his presentation on **“Stonewall Jackson's Final Days.”**



Directions and maps to the meeting location can be viewed by visiting the Curtenius Guard, Camp #17, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War website at <http://suvvw.org/mi/017/017home.htm> and clicking on the **Announcement** link.

Maps to Brethren Church, 8436 West Grand Ledge Highway, Sunfield, Michigan

