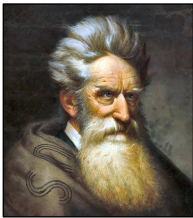


Programme of Activities

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Saturday February 10, 2018 at 3 PM

HARPERS FERRY AT THE HEART OF THE CW

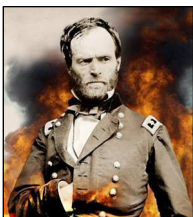
At our temporary Club House, lecture by *Maurice Jaquemyns*: “*Harpers Ferry at the heart of the Civil War*”. Harpers Ferry, a small town at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers in northern Virginia, entered in the history of the United States as a result of two events. On October 10, 1859, a year before the American Civil War, John Brown, a ruthless abolitionist, freed 12 slaves and took their owner hostage. A fierce repression ended the adventure. If the inhabitants of the city were relieved, they could not envisage that this episode which crystallized the strong tensions between the North and the South, announced as a harbinger the bloody conflict to come. On September 15, 1862, General White signed the surrender of the 12,419 men in the city, who were caught in the subtle maneuvers of Thomas Jonathan Stonewall Jackson. One had to wait until the Second World War and the fall of Bataan on April 9, 1942, to see the capitulation of a large American garrison. Harpers Ferry is at the heart of the American Civil War: symbolically, John Brown’s expedition brought together the opposing forces tearing the United States apart, which would unleash with a rare violence from 1861 to 1865; and militarily, the surrender of General White branded the US Army. Henceforth, following the humiliation of Harpers Ferry, the military doctrine came down to a simple concept: every enemy army must unconditionally capitulate in the field.



Sunday March 11, 2018 at 3 PM

FROM MOCCASINS TO HEADDRESS

Private visit of the remarkable collection of outfits worn by the group of Lakota Sioux Indians during the 1935 exhibition in Brussels. Visit commented by its owner *François Chladiuk* who will exceptionally open his private museum for the CHAB. Rendezvous at 3 PM sharp at the *Western Shop* located 79 Boulevard Adolphe Max, 1000 Brussels.



Saturday April 14, 2018 at 3 PM

SHERMAN AND THE DEPORTATION TRAIN OF THE 400 WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF ROSWELL

At our temporary Club House, lecture by *Daniel Frankignoul*: “*General Sherman and the deportation train of the 400 women and children of Roswell*”. In May 1864,

Sherman launched his Atlanta military campaign. On July 6, at the head of the 3rd Ohio Cavalry, General Kenner Garrard captured the small town of Roswell north of Atlanta and burned down the cotton factories and mills that provided hospital sheets and uniforms for the Confederate army. He reported to General Sherman who replied: “*You will arrest all those you find and charge them with treason. Let the women take their children and the clothes they can carry. You will send them to Marietta under escort. From there, I will have them board a train and deport them to the North.*” More than 400 girls, women and children were loaded into freight cars and embarked on a dramatic 500-mile journey to Indiana. Garrard and General George Thomas were so shocked that they asked Sherman to confirm his orders. The *Patriot & Union* newspaper from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, printed: “*It is hard to imagine that an officer with the rank of Major General in the United States Army may have forgotten the basic principles of decency and humanity!*”



Saturday May 5, 2018 at 9 AM

ULTIMATE EPISODES OF THE 1815 CAMPAIGN

Outing organized by *Hubert Leroy* on the sites of the 1815 Waterloo campaign. Visit of the battlefield of Quatre-Bras and the Caillou Farm.

Programme

- 9:00 - 9:30 am: assembly of the group at the car park of the restaurant *Le Luxembourg* located at the crossroads of Baisy-Thy on the N5 (direction Charleroi). In case of location difficulty, please contact *Hubert Leroy* by phone at 0477-294978.
- 9:30 am: departure with *Léon Bernard*, well-known lecturer and guide of the battlefields of Ligny and Quatre-Bras, for a commented tour of the latter. It is recommended that participants share their vehicles for this trek. Comfortable walking shoes are advisable.
- 12:00 am - 2:00 pm: lunch at the *Café de la Lanterne* in Genappe.
- 2:30 pm: visit of the Caillou Farm, the last headquarters of Emperor Napoleon (June 17-18, 1815), commented by our member *Maurice Jaquemyns*, professor of history and lecturer. The museum has been completely renovated and redesigned with new collections. Entrance fee of 3 €. Depending on the timing, a hike on the Plancenot battlefield will be possible.

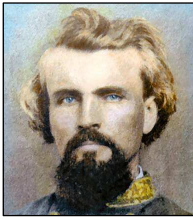
Reservation required by contacting Hubert Leroy by tel. at 02-6331506 or preferably by mail at hb.leroy@skynet.be **before April 25, 2018 at the latest.**



Saturday June 9, 2018 at 6 PM

ANNUAL CHAB BBQ

The annual CHAB barbecue will take place at the club house of the hockey club in Hoegaarden. Our chefs *Dominique De Cleer* and *Hubert Leroy* will be busy behind the grill. The menu will consist of a starter followed by grilled meats, salads, bread and various dressings, and a dessert. Welcome cocktail on the house. Price of the meal (drinks not included) - CHAB members: 35 € - non members: 45 €. Please make reservations with our secretary Dominique De Cleer, either by tel. at 0475-773460 or preferably by e-mail to d.decleer@scarlet.be, and pay the price of your meal to the CHAB bank account BE90 3100 9059 2632 with the mention *BBQ CHAB*, **before June 6, 2018 at the latest.**



Saturday September 8, 2018 at 3 PM

NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST

At our temporary Club House, lecture by *Jean-Claude Janssens*: “*Nathan Bedford Forrest, a general like no other*”. Nathan B. Forrest was not only a remarkable Confederate cavalry general. Praised far less than his colleague JEB Stuart, his results in the field were significantly higher. It is not proven that he ever uttered the famous sentence: “*Git thar fustest with the mostest*”. What is certain is that he often applied that adage. On the other hand, many sources report his connections with the Ku Klux Klan. Legend or reality? There was a Forrest before, during and after the war, three fundamentally different men. Jean-Claude will present the different facets of this fascinating character with period documents and photographs.



Saturday October 13, 2018 at 3 PM

THE FRENCH IN THE CIVIL WAR

At our temporary Club House, lecture by *Farid Ameur*: “*The French in the Civil War*”. Contrary to popular belief, the French were present in the Civil War, a major episode in the history of the United States. At the time of the call to arms, over a hundred thousand of them lived in the shade of the Stars and Stripes. Isolated or in small groups, some of their compatriots, such as the princes of Orleans and Camille de Polignac, did not hesitate to cross the Atlantic Ocean to offer their sword to the cause of their choice and try to renew the feat of La Fayette. Plunged willy-nilly in the adventure of a fratricidal struggle to seal the destinies of a nation of which Alexis de Tocqueville had just predicted the rise, the French were not mere spectators; like other immigrant groups, they were witnesses, actors and victims. In the midst of the clash of arms, the proclamation of neutrality of Napoleon III was hardly taken into account. Geographically dispersed, ideologically divided and hitherto refractory to the American amalgamation, the French gradually broke the moorings that bound them to the motherland to give in to the rising tides of Americanization and became permanently attached to their country of adoption. The experience of the Civil War was a fertile ground for assimilation. Halfway between the independence of the United States and the First World War, the dramatic events that took place from 1861 to 1865 opened an unusual and totally unknown chapter in the history of Franco-American relations.