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DATE: Tuesday, May 20, 2014
PLACE: The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria
TIME: 7:30 PM
SPEAKER: Mary Ann Jung, award-winning actress and creator of History Alive!

“Rosie the Riveter”



Prepare for an exciting World War II-themed evening as the Society presents **Mary Ann Jung**, an award-winning actress and Smithsonian scholar! She will perform the role of **Rosie the Riveter**, a composite sketch of the women who worked in the factories and industries during the 1940s while the men went to war.

Ms. Jung, creator of **History Alive!**, researches and writes her own scripts, and performs in the authentic costumes, accents and attitudes of her characters' eras. Her qualifications are extensive: she has appeared on CNN, the Today Show, Good Morning America and in newspapers around the world as famous women from history. She has been a lead actress and Director of Renaissance History and Shakespearean Language at the Maryland Renaissance Festival for thirty-four years.

Ms. Jung performed with the Florida Renaissance Festival until 2006 and was Director of Street Theater and Family Performances for ArtScape, Baltimore's city arts festival, for ten years. In 2002, her Clara Barton show won top honors for Solo Theatrical Performance from the Maryland State Arts Council. The Smithsonian Museum of Natural History has contracted Ms. Jung to present historical women for teachers' conferences since 2005. She has been featured at the National Theatre of Washington, the Folger Shakespeare Library, Port Discovery Children's Museum and the National Museum of Civil War Medicine. Since her programs are educational as well as entertaining, Ms. Jung appears at schools, libraries and museums.

The evening's performance will be fun, energetic and interactive as well as appropriate for all ages. We encourage you to bring your children and teenagers, who will be invited to join Ms. Jung as supporting characters! Her renditions of famous women and their times encourage a love of history, drama and literature.

The event is free but please arrive early—seating is limited.



WAR OF 1812 LECTURE

“Through the Perilous Fight”

Wednesday—May 28th—The Lyceum – 201 S. Washington St.—7:30 PM

Speaker: Steve Vogel, journalist and former *Washington Post* reporter

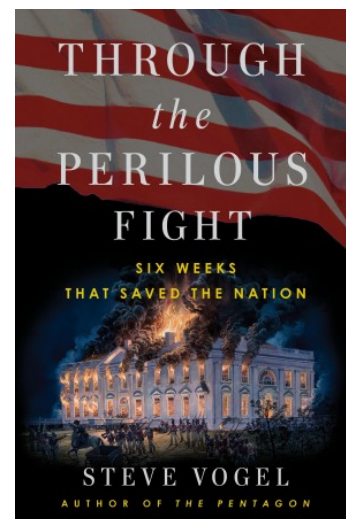


Steve Vogel will discuss his newest book, *“Through the Perilous Fight: Six Weeks That Saved the Nation,”* focusing on the capture and occupation of Alexandria during the War of 1812.

The book is a superbly narrated and rapidly-paced account of the military activities in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, and recreates the events of the War of 1812 that led to the burning of the Capitol, the President’s Mansion (present-day White House) and the subsequent attack on Baltimore and the bombardment of Fort McHenry. Having witnessed the destruction in Washington and facing a

threatening British naval squadron off its shore, Alexandria DC chose to acquiesce to British demands to permit them to seize merchandise and supplies stored in warehouses, thereby averting devastation of the town.

Mr. Vogel has worked as a journalist for more than three decades. The son of Alexandria residents Donald and Jean Vogel, he spent much of his youth in Alexandria, attending George Mason Elementary School, St. Stephen’s and Episcopal High School. Mr. Vogel graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1982 with a B.A. in government, and from Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies in 1998 with a Master of International Public Policy degree. He lives with his family in Montgomery County, Maryland.



He began his journalism career as a reporter for the Alexandria *Port Packet* from 1982 through 1984, covering City Hall, politics, police and courts. He reported from 1984 through 1988 for the Alexandria *Journal*, covering politics and writing an award-winning column. Based overseas from 1989 through 1994 and reporting for *The Washington Post* and *Army Times*, he covered the fall of the Berlin Wall and the first Gulf War as well as military operations in Somalia, Rwanda and the Balkans. Mr. Vogel covered the U.S. war with Iraq in 2003 as an embedded journalist with an Army airborne brigade. His coverage of the U.S. war in Afghanistan was part of a package of *Washington Post* stories selected as a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2002. He covered the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the Pentagon and subsequently reported in depth on the victims of the attack and building’s reconstruction. His book, *“The Pentagon: A History”* was published in 2007 and recounts the history of the building from its creation during World War II through its reconstruction.

This lecture is *free for all* Alexandria Historical Society members and \$5 for all others. Reservations may be made by members online at <http://alexandriahistoricalsociety.org> under “events.” Reserved seating for AHS members will be held until 5 minutes before the lecture begins.

AHS June Lecture

June 25: African Americans of Alexandria, Virginia: Beacons of Light in the 20th Century

Professional genealogist for the Alexandria Legacies Freedmen’s Cemetery Descendants Project Char McCargo Bah, freelance writer and editor Christa Watters, acting director of the Alexandria Black History Museum Audrey Davis, retired government worker Gwendolyn Brown-Henderson and retired attorney James E. Henson, Sr. will discuss the harrowing narratives of African Americans who shaped Alexandria. *Free for all.*

Nominations for the Alexandria Historical Society Board

At the May 28th meeting, Alexandria Historical Society members will vote on the following slate of candidates for AHS officers and open Board of Director seats for the 2014-2015 terms. AHS members may also make nominations from the floor.

Officers:

President	Debbie Ackerman
Vice President	Audrey Davis
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Helen Wirka*	Term to end 2017
Linda Greenberg, <i>Chronicle</i> editor	Term to end 2015
Mark Whatford	Term to end 2017
Mark Hill*	Term to end 2017
Dennis Hensley*	Term to end 2017
James Mackay	Term to end 2017
Julie Randle	Term to end 2016

*Proposed members

Other Events

June 14: Alexandria War of 1812 Commemoration Boat Cruise

Explore Alexandria's War of 1812 history by boat aboard the Potomac Riverboat Company's Miss Christin! The tour includes period-inspired food, accounts of the Battle of the White House at Fort Belvoir and the battle that never happened at Fort Washington, plus costumed characters. The tour is scheduled from 7:00 to 10:00 PM and departs from the Alexandria City Marina at 1 Cameron St. Boarding begins at 6:45 PM. Call 703.746.4242 or visit www.visitalexandria.com/1812 for more information. Admission is \$75 and \$100 as a sponsor. Tickets must be purchased in advance and seating on the boat is limited. All sales are final.

June 19: Confederates in Alexandria's Ivy Hill Cemetery

Who was Turner Ashby and how did the amazing spy Frank Stringfellow end up in Alexandria? Why was Colonel Richard Bland Lee II famous before the Civil War? Donald C. Hakenson, author and historian as well as the Alexandria Historical Society's 2011 Special History Award winner, will explore the stories of these and other significant Confederates buried at Ivy Hill Cemetery. The program is part of a series of events on the American Civil War sponsored by the Historical Alexandria Resources Commission, Alexandria Civil War Sesquicentennial Subcommittee and the Office of Historic Alexandria. The lecture will take place at the Lloyd House on 220 N. Washington St. in Alexandria at 7:30 PM. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis and there will be a short period for questions and light refreshments after the lecture. Call 703.746.4554 for more information. *Free for all.*