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## Heritage Days Re-enactor Biographies

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### The Chesapeake and Potomac Base Ball Club

The Chesapeake and Potomac Base Ball Club was established in the spring of 2006 with an initial meeting of Jeffrey "Bucket" Turner, Scott "Rhubarb" Rogers, and Ben "Moon" Pauwels at Centennial High School in Columbia, Maryland.

Further organizational meetings and an intensive recruitment drive allowed the Club to field nine players for the inaugural Chesapeake Cup at Historic Elk Landing in Elkton, Maryland in July.



Invitational matches followed throughout summer, culminating with near victories at Easton, Maryland, in October and a final series in Baltimore against the Elkton Eclipse. During the 2006 season, the Club researched local nineteenth century base ball and chose permanent uniforms, to be worn starting in 2007, honoring leading Baltimore and Washington amateur clubs. With reversible shield fronts, the official Club uniform allows members to play split-squad games against one another and even to field two squads, representing Washington and Baltimore individually, at tournaments.

Since 2006 the club has co-hosted a DC Tournament of 19th Century Base Ball Clubs with others from as far as Ohio, New York and North Carolina. The club has grown in membership each year and is continually seeking new ballists and non-playing members to join in its matches and historical presentations of early base ball. For more information visit our website at [www.chesapeakeandpotomac.org](http://www.chesapeakeandpotomac.org).

**Afro Foodways – Michael Twitty**  
**Linking the Past to the Present through Foods**

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Author and Culinary Historian Michael Twitty uses research and experimentation to learn and teach about historic crops, 19th Century open-hearth cooking, and the wild resources and heritage breed livestock our ancestors gathered and prepared as they set about creating new African American cultures through food.

“Our plates are a place where we meld our past with our present and future. Food at its best is about our relationship with Spirit, time, space, our ancestors, the earth and each other. It bridges cultures and connects continents. It embodies our spirits, and tells us about ourselves.”

### **Colonel William Norris Camp – Sons of Confederate Veterans**

With a mission of education, outreach and preservation, the Colonel William Norris Camp of The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) meets the first Tuesday of every month at the VFW John Carter Post 9862 in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Each monthly meeting features a local historian, author or historic re-enactor. SCV members also participate in local parades, patriotic events and Civil War re-enactments. All meetings, functions and events are open to non-members. If you are interested in becoming a member please email [brewer000@comcast.net](mailto:brewer000@comcast.net) or visit our website at [www.mdscv.org/1398](http://www.mdscv.org/1398).

### **Through the Hour Glass – Walter and Valerie Mathers**

Walt Mathers will lead a demonstration of Civil War era communications by flag or homographic code (using handkerchief, hat or hands). Learn code, how to use it, and where and how it served both sides during the Civil War. Visitors will have the opportunity to practice sending and receiving messages.

Valerie Mathers will demonstrate how to pack a barrel to send to the battlefield. See the 19th century counterparts of things that soldiers still hope to receive, or to have on hand. This program permits the audience to choose the direction of discussion. Popular choices include the difference between field medicine and home treatments; pharmaceuticals; food preservation; textile technology; the development of the postal service; and pre-modern transportation.

### **Medical Field Hospital Display – Robert Urban**

Revolutionary and Civil War period re-enactor and Historian Robert Urban will portray a field surgeon and demonstrate how injuries were treated during the Civil War. Learn how Montgomery County was affected and how some of its residents served in the field of medicine during the Antietam and Gettysburg campaigns.

## The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Similar to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), this patriotic and educational organization was founded on November 12, 1881 to carry on the traditions and memory of the GAR. It was incorporated by an Act of Congress on August 20, 1954. The SUVCW is legally recognized as the heir to, and representative of, the GAR, with members who actively participate in parades on Memorial Day, Remembrance Day, Fourth of July, and Flag Day. The registration of the graves of all Civil War soldiers is one of its many projects, and it also assists with the publication of photos of Civil War soldiers and their activities during and after the war on the organization's website, [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org).



The Frederick, Maryland Antietam Camp 3 chapter meets at 2 p.m. on the second Sunday of every other month. For more information contact Commander Kevin Martin at **301-682-7336** or e-mail [martinkr@comcast.net](mailto:martinkr@comcast.net). Additional contacts are Senior Vice Commander Karl Woodcock at [Woody@FrederickMD.com](mailto:Woody@FrederickMD.com), Counselor Charles Odell at **301-253-5650**, and Past Commander Donald Cumberland at **304-263-4196**. Visit the chapter's website at <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzeo8ghe/>.

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