



E-news from the ALPLM

A NOTE FROM OUR ACTING DIRECTOR

We are all in this together!

In just a few weeks, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum will mark its 15th anniversary – but not in the way we all expected. Instead of throwing a party, we will be closed to help limit the spread of the new coronavirus.



But we want you to know that Team Lincoln is not idle.

Our historians, librarians and educators are preparing fascinating material that we will be sharing in newsletters and on social media. Our facility services and engineering teams are cleaning the buildings and making improvements. Our guest experience staff are planning great events for the rest of the year, including a special welcome for our five millionth visitor, who will walk in the door just days after we reopen.

We look forward to the day we start welcoming guests back to the library and museum. In the meantime, we'll be helping to educate and entertain you and your families. Maybe thinking about a great man like Abraham Lincoln can help us all in this time of uncertainty.

Stay safe until we see you again!

Melissa Coultas, Acting Executive Director

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Stuck At Sea

The COVID-19 pandemic has turned the world upside down. But that hasn't stopped a long time Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum volunteer from spreading the word about her favorite museum.

Right now, Barbara McKean is out to sea on a cruise ship sailing from Auckland, New Zealand to San Diego. Because of California's emergency health and safety restrictions, Barbara's voyage has been extended for about seven days, as the ship awaits permission to come to port.



So how are the crew and passengers passing the time?

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Ever Wonder Why the Museum Seems So Cold?

As part of the library's preservation program, Bonnie Parr, Historical Conservator, provides advice and information resources for issues relating to the preservation of historical materials. The information is available not only for the use of the ALPLM staff, but also for interested organizations and the general public. Occasionally, she gives talks and workshops to colleagues, local history societies, and other groups about conservation treatments, how to care for family history materials, and other preservation-related topics. [Read on to find out why the museum is can seem cold....](#) You can also get a [tour of our Conservation Lab](#) when you have time, it is 75-minutes. Below is a shorter clip of the ALPLM explaining the processes of installing the Gettysburg Address.



A FLASHBACK TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ALPLM

Celebrating 15 years



SPIES, TRAITORS, AND SABOTEURS: FEAR AND FREEDOM IN AMERICA

Opening delayed, but worth the wait

Spies, Traitors, and Saboteurs is a special exhibit housed in the Illinois Gallery that reveals nine major events in history when Americans were threatened by enemies within the United States borders. This exhibit depicts how the government and the public responded, highlighting the evolution of U.S. counterintelligence and homeland security efforts, as well as examining the challenge of securing our nation without compromising the civil liberties upon which it was founded.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Test Your Civil War Knowledge

Simply click on the image below and you be taken to a version that is printable. Enjoy the challenge!

[Puzzle Key](#)



- Across**
1. First battle of the Civil War, resulting from the South Carolina militia's attack on the Union military post (Two words)
 4. Name of the Union General that received Robert Lee's surrender in 1865 (First & Last Name)
 8. Original capital city of the Confederacy
 9. First name of the Lincoln's son who passed away during his father's administration
 11. Location of President Lincoln's assassination (Two Words)
 12. Some of President Lincoln's favorite stories, including 'The Hare and the Tortoise' and 'Belling the Cat' (Two Words)
 13. Commander of the Confederate States Army (First & Last Name)
 19. Event which established the founding of the Confederacy with seven states in February 1862 (Two Words)
 20. 1832 conflict in which Abraham Lincoln served as part of the Illinois militia (Three Words)
 23. President of the Confederate States of America (First & Last Name)
 24. Four acres and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in _____ and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal _____ and Maryland
 25. States exempted from the Emancipation Proclamation, for fear of further secession: Kentucky, Missouri, _____ and Maryland
 26. Holiday which was only intermittently celebrated from Washington's administration until President Lincoln declared it as a national day of celebration
 27. Political Party that President Lincoln and Vice President Johnson ran under in the 1860 election (Two Words)
- Down**
2. Eldest son of Abraham and Mary Todd (Two Words)
 3. Unofficial Anthem of the Confederacy that President Lincoln attempted to turn into a symbol of post-war reconciliation (also a common name for the South)
 6. President of the United States during the Civil War (First & Last Name)
 7. Military Campaign which returned control of the Mississippi River to the Union
 10. Incumbent U.S. Senator from Illinois that Abraham Lincoln challenged in 1858 with a campaign that included 7 head-to-head debates around the state (First & Last Name)
 14. Number of sons had by Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln
 15. Address
 16. State in which Abraham Lincoln was born
 17. Vice President during President Lincoln's first term (First & Last Name)
 18. The First State to leave the Union in December 1860 (Two Words)
 21. This bill was pocket vetoed by President Lincoln due to its harsh requirements for reinstatement of rebellious states into the Union (Two Words)
 22. Mary Todd's hometown



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