

# The Billet

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**Photos, from left:** CBS News Correspondent Mo Rocca interviews Hayes Presidential Historian Dustin McLochlin on Saturday, Sept. 29, the verandah of the Hayes Home. The segment will air on "CBS Sunday Morning." An air date has not been set. Curator of Manuscripts Julie Mayle and local historian Mike Gilbert give the History Roundtable program online. The program is online-only this year due to COVID-19. #LilHayes hangs out with Birchard Public Library's squirrel mascots during Kids Days @ Hayes on Saturday, Sept. 12. Hayes Presidential partnered with the library to offer a story walk with the book "Those Darn Squirrels" and craft activity.

## Outdoor Civil War Winter Camp events offered Oct. 24

Experience what life was like for President Rutherford B. Hayes' Civil War regiment while it camped for the winter with events taking place Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums.

Kids can participate in Civil War camp life and learn to march with reenactors during Kids Days @ Hayes. In the afternoon, Civil War reenactors will give free infantry demonstrations on the Hayes Presidential grounds, called Spiegel Grove. They also will offer afternoon and evening lantern tours of a Civil War winter camp based on the winter camps of President Hayes' regiment, the 23rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Tours require purchasing tickets.

Tours will be limited to eight people, and participants must wear face coverings and keep a distance of 6 feet between their household group and other attendees. Hayes Presidential and volunteers have built huts like those used in winter camp at the back of the Spiegel Grove for this event.

**The schedule for the day, event descriptions and pricing are as follows:**

- **11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Kids Days @ Hayes.** Kids can participate in military drills and camp life. Cost is \$3 for kids and grandkids of Hayes Presidential members at the major level and higher and \$5 for non-member kids. Event sponsor is Mosser Construction. Tickets can be purchased online at [rbhayes.org/events/2020/10/24/events/kids-days-hayes-civil-war-camp/](https://rbhayes.org/events/2020/10/24/events/kids-days-hayes-civil-war-camp/).
- **12:30 p.m. – Civil War reenactors will give an infantry demonstration on the grounds.**
- **1 – 3:30 p.m. – Tours of the Civil War Winter Camp** will take place every half hour with the last afternoon tour leaving at 3:30 p.m. Tours last about 50 minutes. Cost is \$8 for Hayes Presidential members and \$10 for non-members and can be purchased online at [rbhayes.org/events/2020/10/24/events/civil-war-winter-camp/](https://rbhayes.org/events/2020/10/24/events/civil-war-winter-camp/). Advance tickets are recommended. Tickets also will be sold the day of the event at the museum front desk, subject to availability.
- **4:30 p.m. – Civil War reenactors will give an infantry demonstration on the grounds.**
- **6 – 8 p.m. – Evening lantern tours of the Civil War Winter Camp** will take place every half hour with the last tour leaving at 8 p.m. Cost is \$8 for Hayes Presidential members and \$10 for non-members and can be purchased online at [rbhayes.org/events/2020/10/24/events/civil-war-winter-camp/](https://rbhayes.org/events/2020/10/24/events/civil-war-winter-camp/). Advance tickets are recommended. Tickets also will be sold the day of the event at the museum front desk, subject to availability.

**Civil War Winter Camp is sponsored by Dr. Carlos A. DeCarvalho and Mrs. Carol L. Greenberg.** *Additional funding by The Andersons and VFW, Fremont Post 2947.*

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## Enjoy ghost tales, lantern walk at Spirit Stories

Hear frightful local and regional ghost stories as you walk through the grounds of the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums at night by lantern light during Spirit Stories at Spiegel Grove on Friday, Oct. 30. This year, the guided lantern walks will also make two stops in the historic Hayes Home, where visitors will learn about the Victorian era, the time when President Rutherford and First Lady Lucy Hayes lived, and its interest in death. Victorians, the "rock stars of death culture," sometimes took pictures of the dead, conducted seances and participated in other practices that might seem creepy today.

The event is from 7 to 10 p.m. with tours lasting one hour. There will be a campfire and popcorn, cider and hot chocolate. Take your picture with "ghosts" at the spirit photography station. Tours are limited to 10 people per time slot, and attendees must wear face coverings. Tours are offered throughout the evening, with the last tour leaving at 9 p.m.

Tickets are required and cost \$10 for Hayes Presidential members and \$15 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased online at [rbhayes.org/events/2020/10/30/events/spirit-stories-at-spiegel-grove/](https://rbhayes.org/events/2020/10/30/events/spirit-stories-at-spiegel-grove/). Advance tickets are recommended. Tickets will be sold the night of the event at the museum front desk, pending availability. **Spirit Stories at Spiegel Grove is sponsored by KF Construction.**



# Welcome, August new members!

Bill & Beth Boyd of Fremont, OH; Wendy Carn of Tiffin, OH; David Chaudoir of Granger, IN; Bill & Kathy Duncan of Fremont, OH; Kathleen Hallorann of Phoenix, AZ; Rose P. Hollingsworth of Strongsville, OH; Christine Michael of Fremont, OH; Doug & Becky Ricci of Oak Harbor, OH; Anita Selvey of Port Clinton, OH; Amy Stinehelfer of Dundee, MI; M/M Scott Tinman of Findlay, OH; Larry & Carol VanDyne of Fremont, OH; Kathleen Webb of Vickery, OH

## Wreath-laying at President Hayes' tomb

Celebrate President Rutherford B. Hayes' 198th birthday by attending a wreath-laying by members of the U.S. military on Sunday, Oct. 4, at Hayes' tomb at Spiegel Grove. The ceremony is at 1 p.m. at Hayes' grave, located at Spiegel Grove, the Hayes estate and grounds of the Hayes Presidential. Admission is free. Physical distancing will be observed, and attendees are asked to wear face coverings.

Brigadier Gen. John C. Hafley and Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Vicente Cepeda of the 88th Readiness Division of the U.S. Army Reserve at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, and Christie Weininger, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums executive director, will speak during the ceremony.

Members of the 88th Readiness Division will place a wreath at Hayes' tomb. The ceremony will include a salute with rifles by the color guard, composed of members of the following local veterans' organizations: Fremont VFW Post 2947, Fremont American Legion Post 608, Sandusky County AMVETS Post 67, PFC Russell Mook Detachment Marine Corps League, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 33 and Clyde VFW Post 3343. Bugler Sgt. Marty Maggart of the 338 Army Band will play "Taps." Joan Eckermann, Hayes Presidential special events and volunteer coordinator, will sing "Amazing Grace."

## Volunteer Notes (Joan Eckermann, special events/volunteer coordinator, 419-332-2081, ext. 245; [jeckermann@rbhayes.org](mailto:jeckermann@rbhayes.org))

### Volunteer opportunities

We need guides for night-time lantern tours for two events in October. This involves carrying a battery-operated lantern and leading groups of people to presenters located in specific areas on the grounds. You'll be on your feet for several hours, so comfortable shoes and weather-appropriate clothing are a must. Please contact Joan Eckermann if you're interested in volunteering.

1. **Civil War Winter Camp** – Saturday, Oct., 24, from 6 to 9 p.m.
2. **Spirit Stories at Spiegel Grove** – Friday, Oct. 30, from 7 to 10 p.m.

### Volunteer Birthdays in October

We wish a very happy birthday to Kathy Brough, Martha Camden, Ruth Hill, Sara Kaltenbach, Kay Miranda, Pamela Smith and Rose Swaisgood.