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June 2015 E-Newsletter

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Blue Star Museum



The Blue Star Museum program kicked off on Memorial Day! All active-duty military personnel and their families receive free admission to the Museum now through Labor Day. JMM has participated in this

program since its inception, and we're proud to be a part of it again this year!

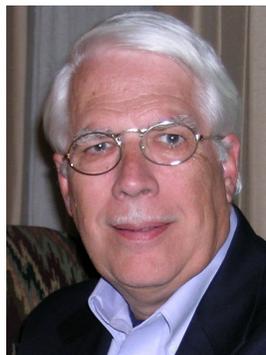
Learn more about the program [here](#).

First Friday Trivia Night: Friday, June 5

June's Celebrity Quizmaster is G. Scott Walker, director of [Hallowed Ground Tours](#). Join us to test your knowledge of Colonial and Revolutionary War history!

Admission and participation are **free!** Light snacks will be available as well as a **cash bar**. Prizes are awarded for first, second, and last place. We look forward to seeing you there.

[Download](#) the 2015 Trivia Night Flyer to see who the other Celebrity Quizmasters are.



G. Scott Walker

Afternoon Tea in Honor of Elizabeth Monroe

Come and celebrate the June 30th birthday of Mrs. Monroe with an elegant afternoon tea on **Sunday, June 28, at 2 p.m.** We'll enjoy tasty treats and a conversation with Mrs. Monroe's good friend Rosalie Stier

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Upcoming Events

Friday, 5 June: First Friday History Trivia Night.

History quiz night hosted by celebrity guests! Cash bar, snacks, and raffle. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and last place. **6-8 p.m. Free.**

Sun., 28 June: Elizabeth Monroe's Birthday Tea.

2 p.m. in the Museum garden. \$25/person (\$22/Friends of JMM).

Mon-Tue, 6-7 July: Major Monroe's



Rosalie Calvert

Calvert (portrayed by [Mary Ann Jung](#)). Rosalie will share her experience of domestic life in the Federal period and her friendship with the Monroe family.

Tickets are \$25/person (\$22/Friends of JMM). Call 540/654-1043 or e-mail auphaus@umw.edu to purchase tickets.

History Camp.

Two-day, hands on history camp for children ages 7-12. \$40/child.

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"Major Monroe's History Camp" July 6-7

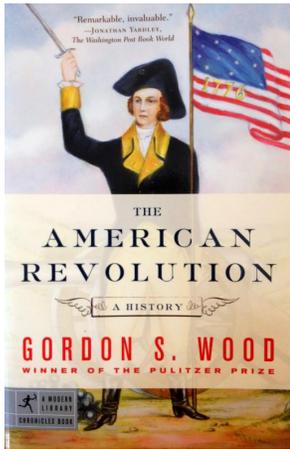
Enlist now in this two-day hands-on history camp for boys and girls ages 7-12, now in its third year! The camp features games, crafts, demonstrations, and tours that introduce children to life during the late 18th and early 19th centuries, including the American Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Light refreshments will be served (no lunch).



A camper having fun at "Major Monroe's History Camp" last year.

To register your child, [e-mail](#) curator Jarod Kearney or call 540/654-2112. Cost is \$40/child.

What's In Store?



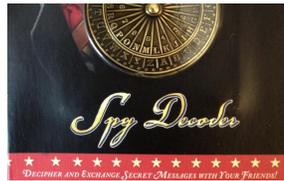
Are you looking for some quality summer reading material? We have a wide selection of books to choose from at The James Monroe Museum Store. Our featured book for June is one that is new to our Store, **The American Revolution: A History**, by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Gordon S. Wood. It comes highly recommended by our Director, Scott Harris. Here's a snippet of a review from the *Los Angeles Times* Book Review, "This slim book tells a big story: one that invites the reader to contemplate the relationships between liberty, power, rights and the unpredictable outcomes of

human action." Wood's book gives an overview not just of the Revolutionary War, but also of the events that preceded and followed the war, creating a new nation. Come by the Store and pick up a copy!

Also new to the Store are two items the children in your life can use on trips this summer. Instead of playing "I Spy" on the road this year, your kids can write each other coded messages using the **Revolutionary War Secret Message Spy**



Decoder (\$9.50)! It's a fun and easy way to share secret messages, and it's small and lightweight making it perfect for traveling. For the artist in your family, we have a new **Revolutionary War themed colored pencil set** (\$7.90). When the pencils are aligned they create the image of a Revolutionary War soldier and cannon.



If you're looking for a fun way to add some history to your summer travels, pick up our **Fandex Family Field Guides** for both the Presidents and the First Ladies (\$10.95) so you can quiz each other on presidential trivia while you're on the road! Then, when you return, your whole family will be ready for First Friday History Trivia Nights in the Museum Garden!

We hope to see you soon at the Store!

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The James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library, located in historic downtown Fredericksburg, Virginia, is the largest repository in the country for artifacts and documents related to the fifth president of the United States. The museum was first opened in 1927 by Monroe descendants as a place to house their own personal collections, which had been handed down through generations of the family. Eventually, the museum and its extensive collections were turned over to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the museum is now administered by the University of Mary Washington.

The museum belongs to the American Association of Museums, the American Association for State and Local History, and the Virginia Association of Museums. It is also on the National Register of Historic Places and is a National Historic Landmark.



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