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"James Monroe at War," An Online Presentation by director Scott Harris

Visit the museum's YouTube channel to see an 8-minute online presentation by director Scott Harris examining Monroe's service in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. James Monroe saw combat in the American Revolution and was a key leader during the War of 1812. Throughout his public service career, he advocated a strong national defense and an assertive foreign policy (best expressed in the Monroe Doctrine).

Then, visit the museum to see some of the objects related to Monroe's war service, such as the telescope through which he viewed the advance of the British troops towards Washington in 1814, and the flintlock rifle he may have carried with him as a young soldier in the Continental Army.

Black History Month Lecture, Thursday, 6 February, "Mapping the Trail to Freedom"

The museum is pleased to be co-sponsoring the following lecture in honor of Black History Month with the UMW James Farmer Multicultural Center.

Tramia Jackson, Director of Education and Public Programs for the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center, and Eric Powell, Civil War
historian and Instructional Coordinator for Post Oak Middle School, will present on the "Trail to Freedom" project, which documents the history and personal stories of more than 10,000 slaves who passed through Fredericksburg City, Spotsylvania County, and Stafford County between April and September 1862 to journey to free states.

The lecture will take place at 7 p.m. in Lee Hall, Room 411, on the UMW Fredericksburg campus. It is free and open to the public.

President's Day

We will be offering FREE admission to the museum on President's Day (Monday, February 17)!

See what other local museums are celebrating President's Day.

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Gender Trouble, and Public Outrage in the American 1820s." 7 p.m. in Lee Hall, Room 411, UMW. Free. Visit our website for more information about these events.

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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.