

## Civil War 150th Commemorative Series

<http://www.cem.va.gov/history/index.asp>

Goals of NCA's Civil War sesquicentennial programs are:

- Demonstrating the Nation's enduring commitment to caring for Veterans and families, honoring their service and sacrifice, by increasing awareness of our mission, the national cemeteries and benefits we provide.
- Educating target audiences about Veterans' service and sacrifice, including the contributions of Civil War soldiers and attracting "cultural tourism" to our historic properties.
- Enhancing employee performance through greater understanding of our history, mission, vision, core values and Sacred Trust.
- Expanding our historical record and recognizing our role as steward of significant cultural resources through historic preservation and education projects.

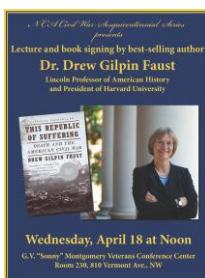
## Past Programs



December 6, 2011

### Conserving/Replacing the Oldest U.S. Civil War Memorial: 32nd Indiana Infantry Monument (or Bloedner Monument)

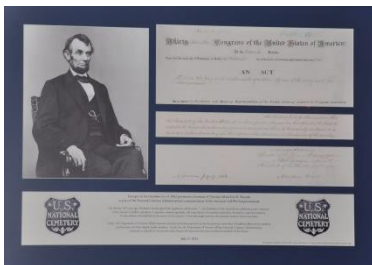
Panel: NCA Senior Historian Sara Amy Leach and NCA Historian Alec Bennett; Justine Bello, conservator, Conservation Solutions Inc.; Nicholas Benson, carver, The John Stevens Shop.



April 18, 2012

### *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War*

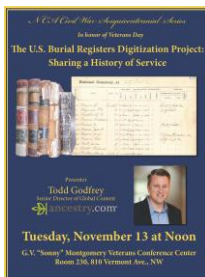
Guest: Dr. Drew Gilpin Faust, author, Harvard University President, and Lincoln Professor of History



July 17, 2012

### 150th Anniversary of Omnibus Act of 1862: Creating the first national cemeteries

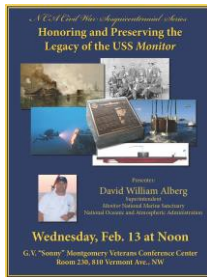
Guests: Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Steve L. Muro and VA Deputy Secretary W. Scott



November 13, 2012

### U.S. Burial Registers Digitization Project: Sharing a History of Service

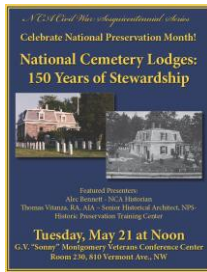
Guest: Todd Godfrey, Senior Director of Global Content, Ancestry.com



**February 13, 2013**

**Honoring & Preserving the Legacy of the USS *Monitor* – and the forthcoming burial of the remains of two sailors in Arlington National Cemetery**

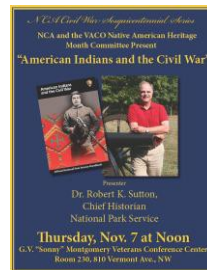
Guest: David W. Alberg, Superintendent, *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary



**May 21, 2013**

**National Cemetery Lodges: 150 Years of Stewardship**  
Dual theme with “May is National Preservation Month”

Guest: Tom Vitanzo, Senior Historical Architect, Historic Preservation Training Center, National Park Service; Sara Amy Leach, NCA Senior Historian, and Alec Bennett, NCA Historian

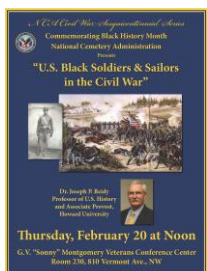


**November 7, 2013**

**American Indians and the Civil War**

Triple theme for Native American Heritage Month and Veterans Day

Guest: Dr. Robert Sutton, Chief Historian, National Park Service

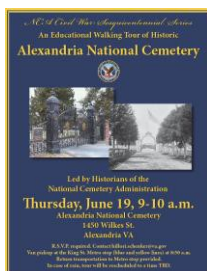


**February 20, 2014**

**Black Soldiers & Sailors in the U.S. Armed Forces During the Civil War**

Dual theme for Black History Month

Guest: Dr. Joseph P. Reidy, U.S. History Professor & Associate Provost, Howard University



**June 19, 2014**

**Educational Walking Tour of Historic Alexandria National Cemetery**  
Commemorating Memorial Day

Tour Leader: Hillori L. Schenker, NCA Historian