

THE CALLING CARD

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The Society for Women and the Civil War



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Happy New Year!

20th Conference on Women and the Civil War.

The Board of Directors have been hard at work organizing an amazing 20th Conference in Williamsburg, and all the exciting details are available on our website! For conference details, click here: <http://www.swcw.org/2019-conference-details.html>. For registration, click here: <http://www.swcw.org/registration.html>. Space is limited, so register now!

The Board has also created an accompanying FAQ for the 20th Conference. For your convenience, it's appended at the end of this e-newsletter.

Calling All Authors!

The Board is compiling a list of publications by Society members, for publication on our website and also in a future issue of *The Calling Card*. If you've written a book, let us know! Please send your information to J-M White at lictress1@aol.com.

Calling All Bloggers and Webmistresses!

Do you have a blog or a website that you want to share with the Society? Please send the url to me at ddblanton@gmail.com, and I will feature your site in a future issue of *The Calling Card*.

Calendar of Events.

The Society website includes a Calendar of Events. If you want to promote an upcoming event relating to women's history and/or the Civil War, just click here: <http://www.swcw.org/swcw-event-calendar.html>.

Members Only.

Have you renewed your membership in the Society? Our membership year runs August – July. Renew here: <http://www.swcw.org/join-the-society.html>. And then check out the Members Only page: <http://www.swcw.org/401/login.php?redirect=/members-page.html>. If you need the password, contact J-M White at licress1@aol.com.

Solicitations.

If you have any news you want to share with the rest of the Society, please send an email to ddblanton@gmail.com. Submissions for the February *Calling Card* must be received by February 15, 2019. The next issue will arrive in your inboxes on or around February 20.

**Society for Women and the Civil War (SWCW) 20th Annual Conference
26-28 July 2019. Williamsburg, Virginia
Answers to Frequently-Asked Questions**

As of: 7 January 2019

Transportation

The closest airports are at Norfolk and Richmond. Each is served by rental car agencies and ground transport. Those flying in may want to consider jointly renting a vehicle or making a joint reservation for ground transportation. If arriving via Richmond, I have personally had good experiences with Groome Transportation. Expect to take about 1 hour to get to Williamsburg from the airport.

Conference Lodging at the College of William & Mary's Ludlow Student Apartments

Each Ludlow apartment has two beds – both extra-long twins.

Each apartment has one full bathroom.

Each apartment has a refrigerator and kitchen sink – no microwave. We believe that there is a cook top, but need to confirm that. No kitchenware or cookware is provided. Attendees who think that it would be useful are encouraged to bring their own disposable picnic-type dishes, cups, flatware and paperware. Attendees may also care to bring a pot in which to heat water for instant coffee, some breakfast foods, soft drinks and snacks.

There are no elevators at the Ludlow Apartments. A limited number of first floor accommodations are available – if needed, this type of room should be quickly requested.

Attendees will receive William & Mary campus parking passes. These are good for the whole campus, including Ludlow and Sadler; they are NOT good for Colonial Williamsburg.

SWCW will host a hospitality suite in one of the Ludlow apartments.

For those who wish to extend their stay with lodging at Ludlow, the conference rates may be extended to up to three (3) days before the conference and two (2) days after the conference.

Colonial Williamsburg

The conference fee DOES NOT include admission to Colonial Williamsburg (CW). Admission to CW can be purchased on line at <https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com> or on site. The conference chair has enquired of CW regarding a possible discount for conference attendees; if that becomes an option, attendees will be so-advised. Check for other available discounts, including for military members, retirees and veterans (with ID). Also check the site for information regarding other regional attractions. Admission tickets are not required to walk around on the grounds of CW.

The CW tavern at which we are dining on Saturday night requires that everyone consume the same entrée. From the limited choice, the conference planners chose roast chicken. If you have a challenge regarding chicken, please contact me via eMail. I'm am working on a possible work-around, such as an extra helping of vegetables to offset not having chicken.

Anyone planning on a non-conference meal at a Colonial Williamsburg tavern or restaurant, or at a restaurant in the town of Williamsburg, is strongly encouraged to make advance reservations.

Conference

General

If you want a table at which you can provide information regarding activities in your local area, please request that table by eMail to conference chair Mary Louise Daley at mlajese@aol.com. If you just have brochures/information to be distributed, please also contact Mary Louise.

We once again solicit donations of items for the Twilight Madness Silent auction, which benefits the scholarship fund.

Sadler Center

Breakfasts and Friday evening activities, to include dinner, will be held at the Sadler Student Center. We believe that it has elevators, but we are confirming this information.

It is not feasible to walk between the Ludlow Apartments and the Sadler Center, so be prepared to drive.

Speakers

The planners have undertaken great effort toward obtaining the highest quality presentations possible.

Of particular note is Mr. Carson O. Hudson, Jr., historian at CW, author of a number of books regarding the Williamsburg area - including coverage of the Civil War-era - and a renowned virtuoso of the 19th Century banjo. His books and CDs may be found for sale on Amazon and eBay.

Speakers and SWCW authors will have tables at the post-dinner Friday events, at which they will have their books for sale.

James River Plantations

Great emphasis is being placed on the James River and the Peninsula Campaign during the Civil War-era, while addressing to a certain extent the 18th Century history of those locations and events which provide context for the Civil War period.

There will be a restroom on the bus used for Saturday's excursion, and there will be restrooms available at the location at which we'll make our lunch stop.

Historic Jamestowne and Yorktown

Admission for Historic Jamestowne is included in the conference registration. Admission to Yorktown is not included. Along with Colonial Williamsburg, these sites are known as the Historic Triangle; tickets may be purchased separately or in a comprehensive multi-site ticket which also includes Colonial Williamsburg. That ticketing is also available at <https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.com> or on site.

Note that Historic Jamestowne will be quite busy at the time of the conference, with celebration or otherwise marking of the 400th anniversaries of the following:

1) First General Assembly - Democracy in America when the men of Jamestowne came together to discuss the need for their own assembly in order for Jamestown to survive.

2) First appearance of slavery in America. Telling the story of the first slaves in Jamestowne.

3) The occasion of women joining the Jamestowne Colony.

Because of these parallel events, if one is considering lodging at accommodations other than the Ludlow Apartments and/or adding a stay at another location in support of visiting other regional attractions, one may want to consider making those lodging reservations as soon as possible - while they are still available.

Registration

When registering, please indicate the following:

If one is staying at William & Mary's Ludlow Apartments, advise if you need a first-floor room because of the lack of elevators at the apartments.

If staying at Ludlow, identify if you want to use a Ludlow-issued pillow, bed linens and towels, for a fee, or to bring your own.

If one is staying at accommodations other than Ludlow, please identify that location.

If one has any food or beverage allergies/issues; mobility or other health issues which impact participation, please identify them.

If you want to share an apartment with a specific person, please identify that person.