



Dear Friends,

The American Civil War Museum closed its doors on March 15th in accordance with the advice of the CDC and state and federal guidelines to stop the spread of COVID-19. We had hoped to reopen on Saturday, March 28, but the pandemic continues to worsen. Accordingly, we cannot reopen until it is safe to do so.

This extended closure includes all three locations: our principal museum site at historic Tredegar, the White House of the Confederacy in Court End in downtown Richmond, and the American Civil War Museum in Appomattox. All scheduled programs and events have been canceled, postponed, or shifted to a digital format. Please go to acwm.org for any updates.

Although we are officially closed, we are hard at work on your behalf. Behind the scenes, our staff has been developing resources for both children at home from school, and for everyone who likes to engage with history.

Every day, our website, acwm.org offers more opportunities for learning, listening and doing. Please check out the programs in our newly created “Homefront Ed” section (under the learn tab) where our educators are providing content for youngsters. If you are a teacher (or suddenly a home-school teacher!) check our section of teacher resources. If you are looking for some intellectual stimulation while “sheltering at home,” try our book recommendations and a host of programs to view and review. *Check our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages for information about streaming opportunities for our programs and upcoming special events.*

We will be back in person just as soon as we can safely do so—more relevant than ever, now that everyone in the world has experienced how very quickly what seemed like a settled existence can change completely. The trauma and confusion wrought by the current global pandemic oddly illuminates the upheaval of uncertainty that our forefathers experienced more than 150 years ago when suddenly the nation was at war with itself.

One last but very important word: closing our doors has meant that we must forgo much-needed revenue. We need you now more than ever before, so that we can reopen just as soon as possible, strong, resilient and relevant to you. Please take a few moments to reaffirm your commitment to ACWM and make an online donation today at: <https://bit.ly/DonateACWM>

Again, we will post all news about our rescheduled events and online scheduled events on acwm.org, our FaceBook, Instagram, and Twitter pages.

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