

# JUNE 2018

at THE FILSON

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## The Filson Historical Society

### Our Mission

To collect, preserve, and tell the significant stories of Kentucky and Ohio Valley history and culture.

# SAVE THE DATE

JULY 25-28

\$325 for members, \$385 for non-members

### The Filson Civil War Field Institute John Hunt Morgan's Great Raid: Rebels Invade the Buckeye State

Join the Filson Historical Society for a four-day tour along John Hunt Morgan's Great Raid path in Ohio. The tour will be led by David L. Mowery and includes two nights in Cincinnati before moving east to Gallipolis, OH. Throughout the four days, participants will stop at various historical sites along the way and study Morgan's raiding tactics and objectives as he traversed Northern territory.

Participants will leave the Filson at 7:00 a.m. on July 25 and travel by coach bus to their destinations. Participants will be walking and standing throughout the tour. The field trip is \$325 for members and \$385 for non-members. This fee includes all admission fees to museums and parks, the chartered bus, four lunches, a reception, and one dinner. All participants are responsible for making their own hotel accommodations at the

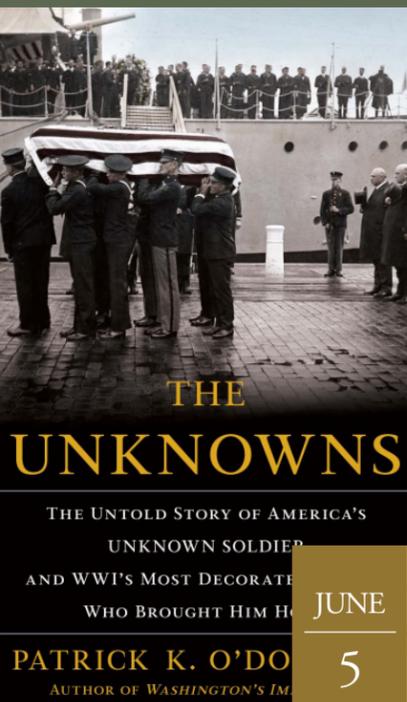
specified hotels for the trip. For more information, including a comprehensive list of stops on the tour and hotel accommodations, please visit [filsonhistorical.org/events](http://filsonhistorical.org/events).

Tour guide David Mowery is a native resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. In 2001, he joined the Ohio Civil War Trail Commission and his role has included developing the final design for, and the historical validation of, the entire length of the John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail of Ohio. He is the author of the recently released and highly acclaimed *Morgan's Great Raid: The Remarkable Expedition from Kentucky to Ohio* and is the co-author (with Lora Cahill) of *Morgan's Raid Across Ohio: The Civil War Guidebook of the John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail*, all proceeds from which go to the Ohio Historical Society for the maintenance of the John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail in Ohio.

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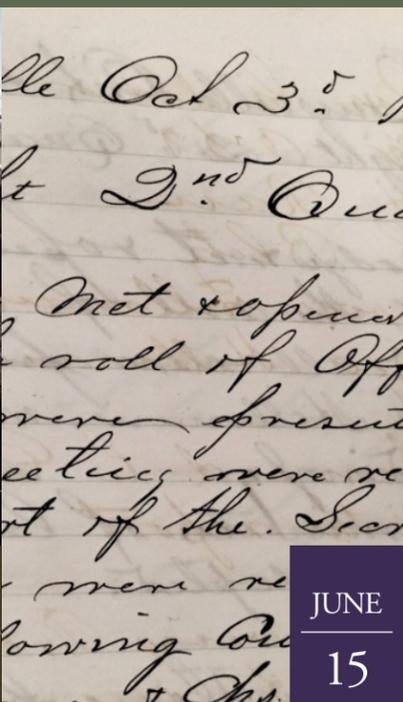
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WHO BROUGHT HIM HOME

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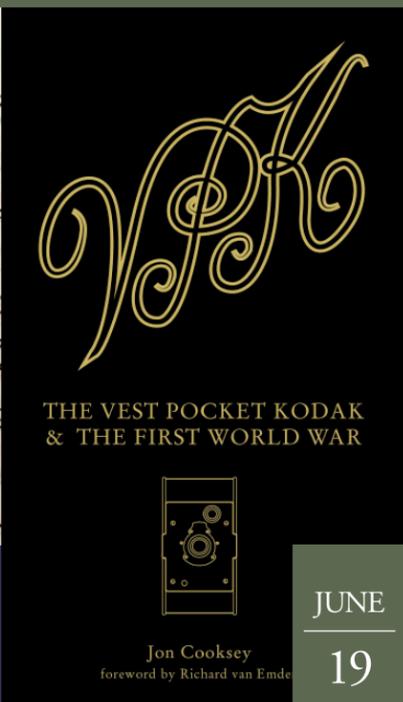
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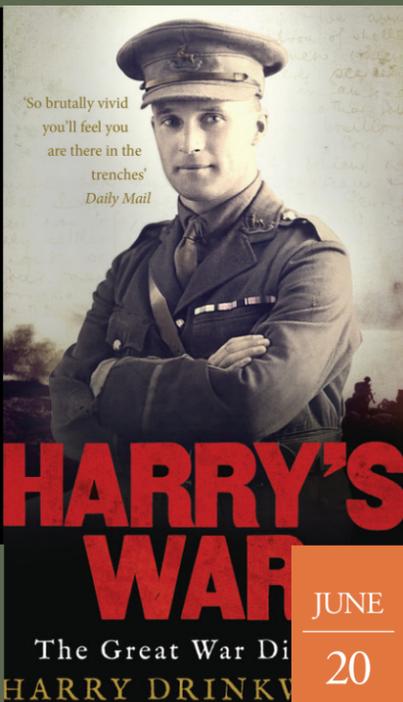
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# JUNE 2018 PROGRAMS

Call The Filson at (502) 635-5083 or register online at [www.filsonhistorical.org/events](http://www.filsonhistorical.org/events) - Reservations are requested to ensure seating for all programs.

All programs are free for Filson members and \$10 for non-members unless otherwise noted.

The Dan and Frances Street Hall and Caperton Hall are equipped with a hearing loop to assist our patrons with hearing devices.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 5

Gallery Open, 5:00 p.m.; Lecture, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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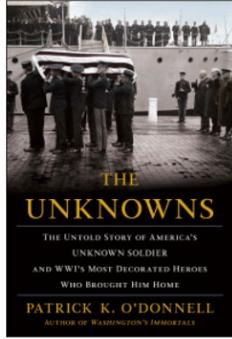
### ***The Unknowns: The Untold Story of America's Unknown Soldier and WWI's Most Decorated Heroes Who Brought Him Home*** Patrick K. O'Donnell

When the Unknown Soldier was laid to rest in Arlington, General John Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in WWI, selected eight of America's most decorated, battle-hardened veterans to serve as Body Bearers. He chose them for their bravery and to tell the larger story of America's role in World War I.

For the first time, O'Donnell cinematically portrays their heroics on the battlefield one hundred years ago. The Body Bearers appropriately spanned America's service branches and specialties. Their ranks included a cowboy who relived the charge of the light brigade, an American Indian who captured more than 60 Germans, and many more heroes, two of whom were from Kentucky. Color Sergeant James W. Dell was born in Henry County, and Sergeant Samuel Woodfill was born in Indiana and later moved to Kentucky.

Combat historian, bestselling author, and public speaker Patrick K. O'Donnell has written ten critically acclaimed books that recount the epic stories of America's wars from the Revolution to Iraq. He is a premier expert on elite and special operations units and irregular warfare.

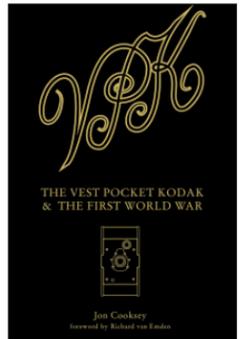
**Filson Historical Society Members are encouraged to bring a friend for free by registering for this program and using promo code *BRINGAFRIEND*.**



He will discuss the commemorative album of images taken with the camera: a remarkable record of a lost generation, and a tragic reflection of the manufacturer's advertising by-line: 'Kodak pictures never let you forget.'

Jon Cooksey is a leading military historian, editor of *Stand To!* magazine and author of over 20 titles. His work has appeared in military magazines and national newspapers, and on television and radio.

This event is sponsored by The Inman Group at UBS Financial Services.



## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

12:00-1:00 p.m. • The Filson Historical Society

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### ***Harry's War: The Great War Diary of Harry Drinkwater***

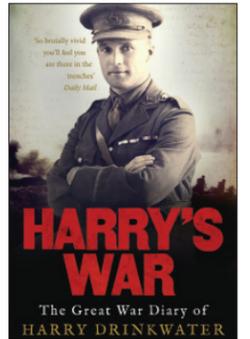
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Harold Drinkwater was not supposed to go to war. He was told he was half an inch too short. But, determined to fight for king and country, he found a battalion that would take him and was soon on his way to the trenches of the Somme. As the war dragged on, Harry saw most of the men he joined up with killed around him. But, somehow, he survived.

Soldiers were forbidden from keeping a diary so Harry wrote his in secret, recording the horrendous conditions and constant fear, as well as his pleasure at receiving his officer's commission, the joy of his men when they escaped the trenches for the Italian Front and the trench raid for which he was awarded the Military Cross. Harry wrote with such immediacy it is easy to forget that a hundred years have passed. He is by turns wry, exhausted, annoyed, resigned and often amazed to be alive. Never before published, *Harry's War* is a moving testament to one man's struggle to keep his humanity in the face of unimaginable violence.

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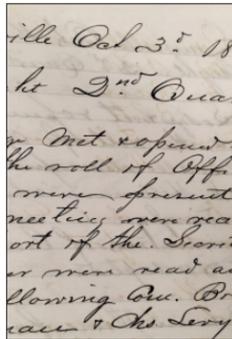
### ***Sons of the Covenant, Brothers of the Lodge: Fraternal Orders and Immigrant Identity in Nineteenth-Century Louisville***

Abigail Glogower

In 1843, German Jewish immigrants in New York founded B'nai B'rith (Sons of the Covenant), a fraternal order that quickly made its way to the Ohio River Valley, establishing a regional center in Cincinnati and two active lodges in Louisville. The Filson's recent acquisition of early Louisville B'nai B'rith lodge materials offers new insights into the social and economic life of this city by illuminating German-Jewish immigrants' scramble for a foothold in their new home. This talk explores the ways a minority population used fraternal bonds to negotiate assimilation within broader American society while simultaneously cultivating religious and ethnic identity.

Dr. Abigail Glogower is the newly appointed Curator of Jewish Collections and the Jewish Community Archive at the Filson Historical Society. Initially trained as an art historian, she recently earned her doctorate in Visual and Cultural studies from the University of Rochester, where her dissertation focused on group identity formation and representation in nineteenth-century America.

This event is sponsored by the Jewish Heritage Fund for Excellence and is part of the *In Focus: Louisville History Through a Jewish Lens* series.



## TUESDAY, JUNE 26

Gallery Open, 5:00 p.m.; Lecture, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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### ***'Why in Heaven's Name Expect Us to Mingle?': Jewish and Christian Soldiers in WWI American Military***

Jessica Cooperman

World War I American military camps, such as Louisville's Camp Zachary Taylor, were far more than training sites. As places where young people from different states, communities, and traditions met and negotiated life together, they served as vast laboratories for testing both

Progressive Era Americanization policies and new ideas about religious pluralism in the United States. This lecture explores the impact of soldiers' welfare services provided through independent religious organizations such as the Protestant YMCA, the Catholic Knights of Columbus, and the Jewish Welfare Board. It considers the goals that these different agencies brought into American military camps, and focuses on the responses of soldiers, particularly Jewish soldiers, as they trained both to fight and to redefine ideas about American religion.

Dr. Jessica Cooperman is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Religion Studies and Director of the Jewish Studies Program at Muhlenberg College. She earned her Ph.D. at New York University's joint degree program in History and Hebrew and Judaic Studies.

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### ***Vest Pocket Kodak & the First World War***

Jon Cooksey

*The Vest Pocket Kodak and the First World War* documents the relationship between conflicts and the iconic cameras that were used to record them. Launched in April 1912, the Vest Pocket Kodak was one of the world's first compact cameras. About the size of an iPhone, it was small enough to fit in the pocket of a military waistcoat (the American 'vest'). The VPK was advertised as the 'Soldier's Kodak' and the pictures the troops took with the camera offer us a remarkably personal viewpoint on the First World War.

Cooksey will share how the Vest Pocket Kodak was developed and advertised, and will tell the story of its significance in creating a unique account of the Great War.