



Film to address NC veterans' issues

♣ Imagine devoting formative years of your career to one tireless pursuit — and then everything you've known comes to a halt and you must invent a new path for yourself.

This is the challenge facing veterans of the armed forces, who experience a significant transition when they leave the military.

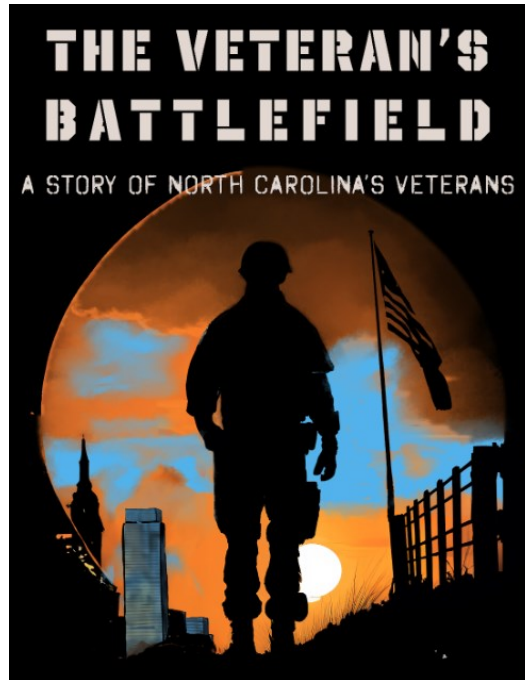
The Veteran's Battlefield: A Story of North Carolina's Veterans, a new film highlighting issues faced by North Carolina veterans and services available to them locally, will debut in Randolph County in three screenings:

Asheboro — 3 p.m. Sunday, January 28, at the Sunset Theatre, 234 Sunset Ave.;

Liberty — 1 p.m. Saturday, February 3, Liberty Public Library, 239 S. Fayetteville St.

Archdale — 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 6, Archdale Public Library, 10433 S. Main St.

Each showing of the 60-minute film will be followed by



a panel discussion featuring Randolph County Veterans Services Officer Elizabeth Wood and local veterans. The screenings are free and the public is invited.

North Carolina is home to about 700,000 veterans, the eighth largest such population in the nation. Some 8,000 call Randolph County home.

The film features interviews with veterans telling their own stories to raise awareness about issues they face. These can range from starting new careers to navigating the benefit process, from shifting mindsets to establishing homes.

The film also showcases support provided by county Veterans Services Offices across the state, of which veterans themselves may not

be aware, and suggests opportunities for local residents to help.

The film is produced by 100 Strong Productions, a division of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners that creates documentaries to raise awareness about issues facing North Carolina counties.

Cat in the Hat to visit Randleman

♣ Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with the funniest, most mischievous cat you've ever met — the Cat In the Hat!

The Dr. Seuss classic, as envisioned by Caleb Sigmon and his troupe, springs off the page and bursts into life at 4 p.m. Thursday, February 29, at the Randleman library.

It's free and the public is invited.

The show features colorful costumes, puppets, exciting

music and circus feats. The interactive, audience-participation event will have viewers on the edge of their seats. Be sure to stick around after the fun, family program for photos and silliness during an exclusive meet-and-greet.



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Fri 9-6; Sat 9-1

Asheboro

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Fax 336-318-6823
201 Worth St.
Mon-Thur 9-9; Fri 9-6;
Sat 9-1

Randolph Room

336-318-6815
Mon-Fri 9-12:30; 1:30-5:30
Sat 9-12:30

Franklinville

336-685-3100
111 Sumner Place
Mon-Thur 10-6; Sun 1-5

Liberty

336-622-4605
Fax 336-622-2665
239 S. Fayetteville St.
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Wed-Fri 9-5
Sat 9-3

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Fax 336-824-2232
1512 S. Main St.
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Sat 9-1

Randleman

336-498-3141
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142 W. Academy St.
Mon-Fri 9-6;
Sat 9-1

Seagrove

336-873-7521
530 Old Plank Rd.
Tues-Fri 10-6; Sat 11-3

Extension Service

336-318-6816 or 336-318-6817; Mon-Fri 9-5

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The Randolph Room's rich website

♣ **Take a deep dive into Randolph County history and genealogy from the comfort of your own home, or other agreeable location, on the Randolph Room's well-stocked website.**

More than just a guide to services that the history and genealogy division of the library offers, the site directs you to all manner of online resources that will help you get your family history search started, or glean interesting tidbits about county history.

On the homepage, find immediate access to locally-created and commercial databases the library makes available, including our magnificent Historic Photograph Collection, HeritageQuest, North Carolina Historical Newspapers, Black Life in America, *The Courier-Tribune* Archive from 2000-present, and more.

You can also link to our exhaustive Obituary Indexes. Since the 1990s, Randolph Room staff have labored to index obituaries from local newspapers starting in 1903 to the present. With many obituaries no longer appearing in newspapers, the staff now are collecting listings from funeral home and cremation service websites.

Another unique resource is the Randolph County Cemeteries page, created by genealogy specialist Kendra Lyons in partnership with the Randolph County GIS/Mapping staff. The page provides interactive access to information about county cemeteries by a name search, or with a quick click on a map.

Each cemetery listing includes a link to

Find-A-Grave, if available, and the exact location via the Randolph County GIS.

If you're just getting started with family history, Lyons has created a page of how-to genealogy videos. These include genealogy basics; learning about DNA; resources and tips for learning about enslaved ancestors and free people of color; using the Randolph County Register of Deeds website; and using the Randolph Room website.

The Digital Randolph page captures as much material about Randolph County history as possible that has been digitized and made available online. It includes links to 14 books or booklets, including the 1979 Randolph County history book and Mac Whatley's architectural history of the county.

The page also includes links to newspapers, high school yearbooks, scrapbooks, newsletters, historical records that have been transcribed or abstracted, and genealogical society journals.

Videos of library oral histories and historical programs also are available. These include John McGlohon on witnessing the atomic bombing of Hiroshima; Katie Snuggs on her experience in Asheboro during the Civil Rights era; an interview with Bryant Headen, Asheboro's first African American police officer; the H. Lee Waters films of Asheboro in the 1940s; my recent Worth Farm talk; and more.

Add in a comprehensive page of links to local and global genealogical resources, and you have an incomparable resource for Randolph County history and genealogy researchers.

Kids — get close up with volcanoes

♣ **Since the dawn of time, volcanoes have filled us with wonder and terror.**

Kids ages 8-12 are invited to learn about them in “Volcanoes: Mountains of Rock and Fire,” an interactive program led by North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences educator Luka Rolleri, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 20, at the Asheboro library.

Due to the hands-on nature of the activities, space is limited, so call 336-318-6804 to sign up.

Volcanic rock has given us tools, countertops and island chains. The fertile

soil has nurtured civilizations, and violent eruptions have ended them.

Using real, hands-on specimens and interactive activities, Rolleri will demonstrate what ancient eruptions can tell us about volcanoes today.

Rolleri has been with the museum for four years, during which time he has developed programs on a variety of topics ranging from dinosaurs to giraffes to the *Titanic*. He holds an undergraduate degree in anthropology, and is passionate about connecting people to the human stories behind science.

Find out how to grow house plants ...and more activities around the county

♣ **Learn how to grow and care for house plants at the Franklinville and Randleman libraries.**

Cody Craddock, agricultural-horticultural extension agent with North Carolina Cooperative Extension, will present a workshop in Franklinville at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 22; and at Randleman, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 27.

Randleman’s class requires registration; call 336-498-3141 or visit tinyurl.com/houseplants to sign up.

3D printing at Asheboro

Learn how to create models on Tinkercard and use 3D pens to craft a design to take home in “3D Printing Basics,” 4:30 p.m. Friday, February 23, in the Asheboro library Children’s Room. Best for ages 8-up; call 336-318-6804 to sign up.

Super Bowl Party

The Randleman library will host “Teen Time: Super Bowl Party” at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 6 for kids ages 11-15, featuring food, games and activities.

Call 336-498-3141 to sign up.

Line dancing in Seagrove

Learn some moves, have fun and get fit with a veteran instructor in “Line Dancing,” a three-week series at the Seagrove library, 1 p.m. Saturdays, February 10, 17 and 24.

Teens: sew your own cloak

Teens at the Asheboro library are invited to “Sew Your Own Cloak” — a medieval fantasy cloak — with renowned seamstress and costume designer Bailey Powell, in two sessions at 4 p.m. Mondays, February 12 and 19.

Space is limited to eight participants; call 336-318-6804 to sign up.

Chat & Craft

Get chatty while you craft at the Asheboro and Randleman libraries. Asheboro will offer Chat & Craft for adults from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, February 14 and 28. Drop in any time and bring your own unfinished craft.

Randleman will host a Chat & Craft for ages 16 and up at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 13. Sew a felt heart; fill it with lavender and cedar. Call 336-498-3141 to sign up.



Book discussions

Asheboro Reads:

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 27.

Archdale Book Break:

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 20.

Franklinville: Snippets

Book Club, 12:30 p.m. Monday, February 19.

Liberty Book Club: *Heaven*

and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 15.

BYO book groups

Talk about books that you’ve read recently.

Archdale: Book Bites,

2 p.m. Tuesday, February 13.

Liberty Readers Meet-Up,

1 p.m. Monday, February 19, Liberty Senior Center.

Ramseur Page Turners,

2 p.m. Tuesday, February 6.

Randleman Readers

Recommend, 3:30 p.m. Friday, February 2.

Seagrove: Un-Book Club, 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 27.

Smallwood talk

Mark your calendars: Dr. Arwin Smallwood will return for his discussion of “North Carolina and Its People on the Eve of and During the Revolution, 1765-1783,” at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7. Look for further details in next month’s newsletter.

Book clubs for kids & teens

Liberty: Kids Club, 4 p.m. Tuesday, February 6. Crafts, snacks, and sharing about what you like to read. Best for ages 6-10.

Liberty: Manga Meet-Up at the Library, 1 p.m. Saturday, February 17, Ages 11 and up.

Crafts, activities, treats and videos related to manga and comic books.

Randleman: Teen Talk Book Club, 3:30 p.m. Friday, February 16, 6th-8th graders. Bring a book you’d like to share with others.

Archdale history talk to focus on Lytle family

♣ On November 28, 1829, 38 enslaved children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of two Lytle sisters were sold in Randolph County.

It was the largest single sale of enslaved people in the county's history.

Randolph Room genealogy librarian Kendra Lyons will delve into the story in "Lytle Family: Largest Family of Slaves Sold in Randolph County," at 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 27, at the Archdale library. Lyons's talk is free and the public is invited.

The story starts with Thomas Lytle, an early Randolph

County citizen who owned a large plantation on Caraway Creek. With an enslaved black woman whose name is not known, he fathered four sons and two daughters.

Lytle died in 1794. In his will, he emancipated his children, but for five of them — including daughters Esther and Pink — freedom did not come until Lytle's wife died in 1816. By 1829, Esther and Pink had children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren — all of whom remained enslaved and were subject to the sale.

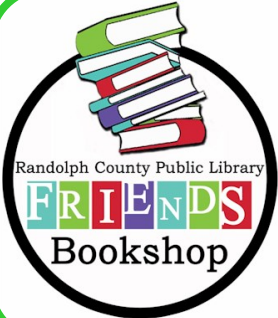
Lytle descendants nationwide — some of whom identify as white and some as black — held a reunion in September at Marlboro Friends Church in Sophia.

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Tech classes to cover basics, self-driving cars

♣ Get computer and Internet basics in Archdale, and learn about self-driving cars in Asheboro, in February tech classes.

In Archdale, "Become More Tech Savvy" at 11 a.m. Monday, February 5, repeated at 2 p.m. the same day.

In the one-hour workshop, Digital Services Librarian Harris Mason will cover computer, email and Internet basics, and special topics as requested in a class

designed for those who are new to computers or need more familiarization.

In Asheboro, Mason will take a "Journey Into the Exciting World of Self-Driving Cars" at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday, February 15 and 1:30 p.m. Friday, February 23. The class will provide a broad understanding of the Artificial Intelligence involved, its benefits and challenges, key players in the industry, and the current state of self-driving cars.