

Weston Historical Society
Coley Homestead, Weston Road, Weston, CT 06883

The American Civil War Comes Alive in Weston

**Civil War Exhibit and Encampment of Company F of the
Connecticut 14th Regiment
*September 26, 2015***

Join the Weston Historical Society in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War beginning the weekend of September 25-27.

There will be a special preview for Society members of the exhibit, “Remembering the Civil War,” on September 25, 7 – 9 p.m. at the Weston Historical Society, 104 Weston Road. Then the exhibit opens to the public on Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will run through October 25. The Society is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m. and by appointment (203 226-1804).

On Saturday, September 26, the Society will host the Civil War Encampment of Company F of the Connecticut 14th Regiment re-enactors on the grounds of the Weston Historical Society from 10 – 3 p.m. The day will include cooking demonstrations, camp building and displays of tools, a doctor’s implements, weapons, textiles and period dress. Children will be led in regimental drills and may have their photograph taken by a re-enactor photographer. All are welcome! Attendance - Family \$20, Individual \$5. Food and drinks are available. Handicap accessible, although the ground is uneven. Parking at the Weston Historical Society.

The special exhibit, **Remembering the Civil War**, is both a review through photographs, period lithographs and prints, of the people who lead, fought and served as soldiers, nurses, messengers and possible spies in the Civil War and depictions of battles on land and at sea. In addition, the exhibit tells, through letters, family lore, and historical accounts, family stories and history as told by relatives of Weston residents today.

Highlights include a series of diagramming famous battles and important territory (including Gettysburg), Currier & Ives hand-colored lithographs, and period prints from Harper's Weekly from the collection of the Old Print Shop of New York, photographs of artillery, infantry and cavalry uniforms, and an array of guns from the Civil War era. In addition, there will be commemorative medals and books published in the years immediately following the War, and a statue of two soldiers c. 1870 by John Rogers. A short film by a Weston resident about Robert Mosby, the "Gray Ghost," at the Battle of Gettysburg will be included.

The prints from the Old Print Shop and the Rogers statue are offered for sale, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the educational programming offered by the Weston Historical Society.

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