



# Spirit Society of PA.

## A P P A R I T I O N S

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### “ROO’s” BOOS - Notes from Kelly

We are getting closer to fall and I know that makes a lot of you happy! Halloween - our “busy season” is right around the corner. Also we have a Friday the 13th next week. I’ve gathered some information on the superstition to give you the background on how it came to be known as such an unlucky day.

#### Origin of the Fear of Friday the 13th

The Knights Templar rose to prominence in Europe between 1096 and 1307. Their downfall came on Friday 13th October 1307. This date saw the catastrophic destruction of the Knights Templar at the hands of King Philip of France and his puppet Pope Clement V. Some say this event, in which the Templars were burnt at the stake, gave birth to the superstition associated with Friday 13th.

One superstition is that if 13 people sit down to dinner together, all will die within the year. One form of this legend dates back to the Norse god of mischief - Loki. The saga tells of Loki gate-crashing a party bringing the number of guests to 13. To cut a long saga short, Balder the good was killed. For this reason Norwegians believe that 13 at a dinner party is bad luck.

Beware naming your children with 13 letters in their name, they may be cursed. Examples include: Jack the Ripper, John Dillinger, Charles Manson, Albert DeSalvo, Ronald DeFeo Jr, Henry Lee Lucas, John Wayne Gacy, Jeffrey Dahmer, Andrew Cunanan, Osama Bin Laden.

Warning: count your women because there are precisely 13 witches in a coven.

How many loaves are there in a ‘Baker’s Dozen’? It is superstition that prevents this number be mentioned by name, in fact the extra loaf, presumably the runt of the litter, was baked as a special bribe for the devil not to spoil the batch of loaves.

Sportsmen are notoriously superstitious and many teams avoid using number 13 in their squads. Dan Marino broke most of the quarterback’s records; he fearlessly wore number 13 throughout his career with the Miami Dolphins. However, some say his number was his undoing and is responsible for his epithet, ‘The greatest quarterback never to win a Super Bowl’. Fate played it’s part in Super Bowl XIX, where Dan Marino (13) was beaten by his nemesis Joe Montana who preferred number 16 on his back. *(In contrast, here are several multiple Stanley Cup winning NHL players who have worn 13, most recently Paval Datsyuk of the Detroit Red Wings and*

*Bill Guerin of the Pittsburgh Penguins. A real “character”, Robin Burns, wore it on the Hershey Bears 1974 Championship team. In major auto racing, only once did a Formula 1 ever run a Grand Prix with # 13 and no car running # 13 has ever won the Indy 500. Although several NASCAR entries have carried 13, none has ever won a race. Tim Richmond, as good a racer as I’ve ever seen in a stock car, won 13 races in his career, but tragically died of AIDS... on August 13, 1989. - JDW)*

In the Bible, Luke’s Gospel Chapter 22, tells us that there were 13 present at the Last Supper. There is evidence that this Last Supper was held on a Friday, and of course this is when Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus Christ to the Romans.

Some people are so afraid that they refuse to get out of bed, or go to work on Friday 13th. A study in the BMJ [British Medical Journal] in 1993 looked into the relationship between driving and road accidents in the UK on two separate Fridays: the 6th and the 13th. This study was carried out over a period of years. They eventually concluded that, ‘Friday 13th is unlucky for some. The risk of hospital admission as a result of a transport accident may be increased by as much as 52 percent. Staying at home is recommended.’

*Close up of the Michigan Cavalry monument with Moon just before twilight on 7/24/10. Responses to the brigade-sized “Rebel Yell” recording were obtained near this position as well as the 3rd PA Cavalry monument. (EVPs will be shared @ tonite’s SSP meeting)*





# MUFON PA East Coast Conferences

The most informative UFO conferences in Pennsylvania

**PHILADELPHIA**  
**October 9, 2010**  
 Sheraton Bucks Co.  
 400 Oxford Valley Road - Langhorne, PA 19047  
 Time: 8:30am-5pm Admission: \$30

**PITTSBURGH**  
**October 16, 2010**  
 Westmoreland Community College  
 145 Pavilion Lane - Youngwood, PA 15697  
 Time: 10am-6pm Admission: \$20



**October 9 Conference**  
**Richard Dolan:** *National Security State*



**Budd Hopkins:** *Abductions*



**Bill Bimes:** *of UFO Hunters Magazine*



**John Ventre:** *The Case for UFO's*



**Kathleen Marden:**  
*Betty and Barney Hill*



**Jen Stein:** *Crop Circles*

**October 16 Conference**

*Kecksburg Then and Now  
 on the 45th anniversary with  
 Stan Gordon and Leslie Kean*



**Richard Dolan:**  
*National Security State*



**Karyn Dolan:** *UFO mysteries*



**Jen Stein:** *CropCircles*



**Peter Robbins:**  
*An Illustrated History of UFO Literature*



**John Ventre:** *2012 Prophecy*

Fri., Oct. 8 - 6:30 pm  
**BORDERS BOOKS**  
 Rosemont, PA 19010  
 (Phila. suburb)  
 Meet and Greet Panel Discussion  
 Q & A, book signing

For more info:

[www.MainLineMufon.com](http://www.MainLineMufon.com)

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*I've long believed serious Civil War re-enactors may have been called into this "hobby" by echoes from a past life. One I am priveledged to know is Kirk Holland, better known as Gen. J.B. Kershaw, CSA. (Rt) Before moving to Idaho, he shared the following, giving permission to reprint. The emotions it evokes, to me, come from the soul of someone who was in "this cruel war". - JDW*



## "Solitary Song"

The darkness of night slowly fades away, and as dawn breaks over the clearing, the radiant vividness of light composes, revealing the beauty of golden fields, and as the sweet scent of honeysuckle consumes me; I take reminder of the sound of a peaceful sorrowing song of soldier's passed. Bitter-sweet, yet content, momentous... Oh, how I long to respire another battle that I may capture the sound of another solitary song, from either friend or foe. Alienated in essence, this immoral war, marching, once again, to the wrenching cry of falling men; unmoving. The once cleansing waters, at present, flow red; blue and gray, now line the water's edge, recalling battle's, once again, left behind...

The contemptuous sounds of war; thundering cannon burst, crackling musket fire, smoldering flame, smoke filled air; blackened faces. The enduring cry of wounded men, bequeath the horror of battle; the early morning scent of honeysuckle that earlier consumed me, and the stillness of golden field, as far as I could witness, has now gave place to the unpleasant smell of sulfur, and decimated bodies; bereavement, in all its soiled brilliance, and unearthly continuation. A rallying cry, I reluctantly move to the fore, following again, unfurled flag, and countrymen; as occurrence defends...

The passionate devotion of state, marching in column, my brothers' side, moving forward, I observe nameless faces, mystifying places, and as I venture further upon the meadow of battle, I come upon a wounded soldier, I confirm, grasping, tenderly the hand of my trembling foe. I abide no revulsion, as I shall embrace you, until, your body breaths no more, and as your soul departs; I'll await, unwearingly, yearning, the passing of your souls' calm, voiceless, solitary song...

The scornful tear, infected weakness of mind, remembrance of soldiers' passed. The gentleness of nurturing song, devoid of sound, repeating, expressions cannot conceal nor endure, my worst trepidation, and as life, and voiceless song, yet again, bring to the fore, the wretchedness sounds of battle; the darkness of war, and every measurement of this unearthly affliction, which has brought suffering upon us, at this time, brings peace, and again, I long the sound of voiceless, solitary song; forevermore...

The Wars' End...

Kirk A. Holland, 2 June 2010

**Truckin'... To Area 51** Recently, Kelly and I joined one of her clients for lunch at their Gettysburg Campground site. These folks live in the Martinsburg/Falling Waters, WV, area which saw a lot of fighting during the Civil War. They report a lot of activity at their house (which is close to a CW field hospital location); Kelly and I plan to investigate in the near future.

The lady's husband is an independent trucker who hauls loads all across the country. With a high level security clearance, he has delivered all sorts of things (some he can't describe) to many interesting places. When he asked if I knew of Area 51, did my ears ever perk up! *(He has been there numerous times)*

I cannot reveal his name; likewise, he cannot reveal many details, but he did share these: 3 security checkpoints, the furthest 40 miles away on the outer perimeter. Full inspection of cab and trailer, surrender of cell phone (camera) and all personal items except ID. Every bit of his movement from unloading to re-loading is structured. He reports clearly defined "ultra-secure" areas visible throughout the facility, and "knows better than to ask any questions". Given what researchers who approach the perimeter have learned, none of this surprises me. As a MUFON FI, though, speaking to someone who has actually been inside Area 51 was quite an experience! - JDW



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# APPARITIONS

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# MUSINGS OF A GHOST ADVENTURER

BY MELISSA TELESHA

As many SSP members relish visiting historic sites (some of which have tales of hauntings) here is a list of upcoming local history-oriented tours and events for late summer/fall, courtesy of Melissa.

**Fort Hunter Mansion & Park 5300 North Front Street,  
Harrisburg, PA**

**Archaeological Excavation—Free Event**

**September 15 - October 3 \* Mon-Fri . (Plus Sundays, Sept. 19th & October 3) 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m**

Archaeologists from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission continue their search for the 1750s French and Indian War fort. They've also been uncovering ancient Native American objects and artifacts from 1700s-1900s life at the Mansion.

**Fort Hunter Day—Free Event**

**Sunday, September 19 \* 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Autumn festival featuring children's crafts and games, exhibits, farm animals, music, craft show, demonstrations, food and more.

**Pennsylvania Indians Festival--\$3 per person, children 5 & under are free**

**Sunday, October 3 \* 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Curious about how Pennsylvania Indians once lived? Visit a wigwam, learn about the food Indians grew and gathered, how they hunted and made fire. See their tools, dances, music & beadwork. See the clothing, animals and plants they used. Food stand and a specialized museum shop.

**Pine Grove Furnace State Park - 1100 Pine Grove Road  
Gardeners, PA**

**Mountains, Metal, and Men - A Story of Pine Grove Furnace  
Friday, September 17 \* 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

Through pictures and stories, local historian Bill Engle pays tribute to the overseers and workers of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries that built and kept in blast the furnaces of the area. Pine Grove Furnace was an iron "plantation" that was in almost continual "blast" from 1764 to 1895. It utilized a 4 thousand year old "Cold Blast" technology using iron ore and charcoal. The industry was vital to the technological development of Cumberland County. Local farmers and town dwellers alike could not do without the tools, building supplies, stoves, and everyday household goods that the furnace and forges supplied. Please come, hear and see the story of Pine Grove Furnace and individuals such as Colonel Jackson Fuller, ironmaster, Horace Keefer, founder, Peter Ege owner and ironmaster and others who were vital to the development of Cumberland County during the 131 years that the furnace existed. Meet at the campground amphitheater by 7:30 pm.

**Kings Gap Environmental Education Center  
500 Kings Gap Road, Carlisle**

**WWII Secrets of South Mountain--\$5.00 per person. Saturday, October 30 \* 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

Explore the bramble-covered remains of the World War II POW Camp in Michaux State Forest with Kings Gap staff. The former Camp S-51-PA Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was used to interrogate of German and Japanese military officers from 1942 to 1945. Learn about extraordinary measures taken to keep this location a secret from the local population during the war. See the crumbling foundations of mess halls, a guard tower and flag pole, as well as POW and Third Service Command Corps insignia imprints in cement. This leisurely-paced 1.5 mile hike covers brushy, uneven terrain and includes a portion of the Appalachian Trail. Two programs will be offered, at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, for \$5.00 per person. Only 25 participants will be accepted for each program. Registration will close at noon on Friday, Oct. 29. Call (717) 486-5031 to register, or for more information.

**Saturday, November 13, 2010 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

**CAMP MICHAUX WALKING TOUR**

**Veterans Day Weekend**

David Smith will lead the popular Camp Michaux Walking Tour at two different times.

Call 249-7610 for reservations. Cost: \$8 per person; \$12 per nonmember

**Here are some local paranormal-themed events coming this fall:**

**Wed. Sept. 22 - UFOS & ALIENS**

- Presentations by SSP's Tracey Roy and John Weaver, both MUFON Field Investigators, at the Mechanicsburg Mystery Book Shop monthly meeting of the Susquehanna Mysteries Alliance.

Details at [susquehannamysteriesalliance.com](http://susquehannamysteriesalliance.com)

**Sat. Oct. 9 - MUFON PA Philadelphia Conference**

- Presentations by Budd Hopkins, Richard Dolan, Bill Birnes and others (see ad on preceding page)

Details at [www.MainLineMufon.com](http://www.MainLineMufon.com)

**Sat. Oct. 16 - Mechanicsburg Ghost Tours & More**

Civil War & More store, Market St Mechanicsburg. Meet Authors Mark Nesbitt (signing), plus Kelly Weaver & Melissa Telesha (tour guides)

Details at [www.civilwarandmore.com](http://www.civilwarandmore.com)

**Sat. Oct. 23 - 2nd Annual Harrisburg Zombie Walk**

Details on Facebook at **Harrisburg Zombie Walk**