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Ulysses S. Grant to Visit West Grove

WEST GROVE, Pa. – July 27, 2015 – What was life like during the Civil War? How did Hiram Grant become Ulysses S. Grant, and why was his name change so important? Adults and children alike will enjoy learning the answers on Tuesday, August 4 when Grant visits West Grove in the person of Kenneth Serfass, historian and retired Marine.

“This is a great opportunity for anyone who loves history,” said Lori Schwabenbauer, director of Avon Grove Library. “I’m excited to bring Ken Serfass here. General Grant has been Ken’s hero since boyhood, so this will be a well-informed and lively presentation. As a public library, Avon Grove is committed to providing appealing and informative events like these to enhance the lives of our customers.”

Ken has been appearing as General Grant since 2009, performing in the History Channel’s 2010 production “Lee & Grant,” and in 2013 for the HBO series “Family Tree.” Last April, he portrayed Grant for the National Park Service at their Arlington commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Lee’s surrender.

Avon Grove Library is located at 117 Rosehill Avenue in the West Grove Borough Building (610-869-2004, www.avongrovelibrary.org). The program will be held in the Public Meeting Room at 7 pm.

Avon Grove Library is a vital educational institution, providing equal opportunity for self-directed learning, research assistance and instruction, and enriching experiences for over 30,000 students of all ages in southern Chester County. The library is a member of the Chester County Library System.