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**Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee to Meet in West Grove**



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WEST GROVE, Pa. – June 3, 2016 – What happened during the private “Meeting of the Presidents” between Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee in 1869? Visitors will enjoy learning more on Friday, June 17 when they meet Kenneth Serfass and Frank Orlando, living history reenactors. Serfass and Orlando will give their hour-long program at 7 p.m. in Avon Grove Library.

“This is a great opportunity for anyone who loves history,” said Lori Schwabenbauer, director of Avon Grove Library. “I’m excited to bring these two nationally-known performers to West Grove. They have enacted Grant and Lee multiple times, most recently at Arlington Cemetery on Memorial Day, so we’re guaranteed an excellent program.”

Serfass 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.” Orlando and his wife Bonnie have recreated the roles of Robert and Mary Anna Lee ever since moving to Gettysburg in 2008.

This past Memorial Day, Serfass and Orlando performed “The Meeting of the Presidents” at Arlington National Cemetery. The program’s title acknowledges Grant’s role as President of the United States in 1869 as well as Lee’s position as then President of Washington College.

Avon Grove Library is located at 117 Rosehill Avenue in the West Grove Borough Building (610-869-2004, [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org)). The program is free and no registration is required.

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