



Drake Well Museum and Park

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“Drake Well Museum and Park to Host Petroleum Program Series”

On Thursday, March 30, Drake Well Museum and Park and Friends of Drake Well, Inc. will host the fifth installment of the museum’s 2017 Petroleum Program Series. This year’s six part series is scheduled for every Thursday evening in March and the first Thursday in April. Presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. with light refreshments served at 6:00 p.m. Admission to each presentation is \$5.00 for adults (12-64 years), \$4.00 for seniors (65+ years) and Free for youth, veterans and Friends of Drake Well, Inc. members.

This week’s Petroleum Program Series installment will feature a presentation by Major General John E. Stevens, USA, Ret., entitled “The United States Enters the Great War.” The presentation will highlight the German actions that led the United States into the war, including a proposed military alliance between Germany and Mexico and Germany’s resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare in February 1917. Mr. Stevens will also discuss the incredible logistics behind the dramatic mobilization necessary to engage and defeat German forces following the U.S. declaration of war in April 1917.

Mr. Stevens retired from the U.S. Army with the rank of Major General after 36 years commissioned service. He is also an Emeritus Professor of Management at Pennsylvania’s Lehigh University. Mr. Stevens currently serves as the President of the Friends of the Pennsylvania Military Museum Board of Directors.

The 2017 Petroleum Program Series will wrap-up on April 6, with a presentation by Dr. William R. Brice, Emeritus, University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown, entitled “Abraham Gesner: A Pioneer of the Modern Petroleum Industry.”

The 2017 Petroleum Program Series is sponsored by Friends of Drake Well, Inc., American Legion Cleo J. Ross Post #368, VFW Bruce Shorts Post #5958 & the Petroleum History Institute.

Located off Route 8 south of Titusville, Drake Well Museum and Park is open year round. Spring hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m. Drake Well Museum and Park is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in partnership with Friends of Drake Well, Inc. and is part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History® (www.PATrailsofHistory.com).

Additional information about the 2017 Petroleum Program Series and other museum programs is available at www.drakewell.org, by calling (814) 827-2797, or find us on Facebook at Drake Well Museum and Park.

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