National Museum of Civil War Medicine to Open New Museum in D.C.

On November 4, Clara Barton’s Missing Soldiers Office, located at 437 7th Street, Washington, D.C., was opened to the public for an event hosted by the National Museum of Civil War Medicine (NMCWM) and the General Services Administration (GSA).

The third floor, where Clara Barton had her office and living quarters, has been essentially untouched since the time the doors were closed in 1875 until being rediscovered in 1997. Since then, GSA has been in search of a museum partner to bring life to the story hidden within the walls of the Missing Soldiers Office and is elated to have found such a partner with NMCWM.

Visiting individuals were in obvious awe of the office, what had taken place there, and its historical significance. The original wallpaper, many artifacts, and original banister are all intact, leaving visitors with the sense of having walked into a time capsule.

The importance of this building to downtown Washington, D.C. and the history of the area are immeasurable. “This is the place where the Red Cross, in many ways, was born because this is where she first saw the need,” stated George Wunderlich, Executive Director, NMCWM.

“You’re literally touring the place where Clara Barton the woman was made into Clara Barton the legend who became the founder of the Red Cross,”

Huey and Duey, Two Cool Cats Looking to Come in from the Cold

With the weather taking a significant dip even before winter officially begins, a pair of British short-haired, white and gray cats named Huey and Duey are looking for a home or homes. The two warmed the heart of Poolesville resident, Linda Kalski, a while back, and the tale of the two tails has taken a couple twists along the way. After finding shelter at various locations around town, they finally found their way to Linda’s backyard deck. Charmed by their particular beauty, Linda fed the cats and sought a home for them. Linda’s husband’s leukemia prevented her from opening her house to them. Finding a place on a farm didn’t work as the two, clever as they are, eventually found their way back to her house. To meet the requirements of animal control, Linda agreed to have the cats get their shots, had them neutered, and registered them with the county. These two three-year-olds are now looking for a new home. With the cold winter coming soon, they are ready to guard any house from mouse invasion. If Linda could just convince us they hunt and eat stink bugs, we would take them in ourselves. If you might be looking for a cat (or two), give Linda a call at 301-787-3166 The hardest part is having to choose between Huey or Duey.

Hardwick Wins Silver

On December 4, Sam Hardwick was awarded the Silver Medal for Bowling (Ramp Bowling Division) in the Special Olympic State Games of Maryland. The gold medalist had a pin score of 239, Sam had a total pin count of 236—just three pins separated the gold and silver medalists!   
To be eligible or the state games, one must have won a gold medal in the regional finals which were held in Frederick, Maryland last November. Sam won the gold medal in his division at that event. He was also the sole representative from Montgomery County in any of the singles matches held.   
He is now eligible to participate in a lottery later this month to determine if he will attend the National Special Olympic Games held in Reno, Nevada.