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“Civil War at Arthritis Center”

The Civil War was responsible for more American deaths than any other war in history. It has been estimated that 120,012 men were killed in action and 64,582 died of their wounds. The greatest danger facing soldiers during the war was not bullets but disease. It is believed that 186,216 soldiers died of a variety of different illnesses during the conflict.

This topic will be the subject of a “mini-reenactment” at the Arthritis and Osteoporosis Center of Maryland on Wednesday, March 28, 2007 at 12:30 PM. Mr. Charles Marvil will speak about the Civil War dressed in period uniform as a Confederate infantry soldier, ca. 1862 with all the gear, and equipment. An artist, Mr. Marvil will also share some of his paintings that were inspired by this era.

Mr. Marvil’s interest in the War of Northern Aggression (Civil War) has led to his involvement in reenactments since 1998. His engaging style and fund of knowledge prompt people to ask questions and to challenge some long held beliefs about this conflict.

Mr. Marvil is also an actor and states, “My enthusiasm for this period in American history has led to my work in some motion pictures and documentaries such as 'Gettysburg' by Turner films in 1993, 'The War that Made America' by PBS in 2006 (French and Indian war era), and a number of documentaries for the National Park Service battlefields. The epic film 'Antietam' is still in post production and should be out this year. It will be one of the most historically accurate films to date.”

The event is FREE for anyone who is interested. Refreshments will be provided.

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