Genealogical research on many of these service veterans presents some unique challenges. On July 12, 1973 a fire at the National Records Center in Overland, Missouri destroyed 16 to 18 million personnel records for the U.S. Army (service years 1912 to 1960) and the U.S. Air Force (service years 1947 to 1964).

The webinar will provide guidance on how you can reconstruct your ancestor's service using draft registration cards and enlistments, the U.S. census, discharge papers, unit histories, and more.

For those CCGS members who are unable to attend the meeting on February 21, you may use the following link to register and view the webinar at home.
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/246118361060498178

Come at 9:30 for coffee, tea, donuts and socializing.
Please use the door directly entering the auditorium as the rest of the library is not open.
On our Program Calendar, which we have distributed widely, our February presenter is listed as being Jake Fletcher, who would be speaking about the resources at the National Archives. However, before the holidays, he accepted a new job, which meant relocating to Salt Lake City, and he had to cancel all commitments previously made.

I am happy to say that this turned out to have a “silver lining,” because when Ralph Ryall, our Program Chair, searched for a replacement, an offer was extended by the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) to present a webinar at our February meeting.

This type of presentation would be available to ALL our membership, not only to those who live in the Cape Cod area and are available to attend a meeting on a Tuesday morning. As a “membership society,” it is important that we continually look for benefits that will be available to all, not just a limited number of individuals.

As I write this article, I do not know how all of this will work, but my understanding is that non-local members may be able to view the presentation at the time that it is given. Also, the presentation will be taped and a video will be distributed to us, to be used for future viewing. More information will be passed on to you as we approach the date of our next meeting, Tuesday, February 21.

This is another example of technological changes that have occurred within the Society, to serve the needs of our members. In the past five years, we have reached out to you on social media, via our blog, website, Facebook, and even Twitter; we have presented two Skype sessions (one, with James Beidler, sponsored by the German SIG, and the second was our monthly program with Maureen Taylor, last spring.); we are working to provide our Journal, to those of you who prefer, in an electronic edition.

It is a slow process, but we are committed to serve your needs. Please share with us your comments about how successful we are. joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org

Joan
Volunteers Needed

Once again, we have to turn to our membership and ask that they share their expertise. If you have experience setting up and using Quick Books, you could be very helpful as CCGS upgrades from the online QuickBooks system to having our own system on a computer. If this is something you would be willing to help with, the Board would be very appreciative. Anyone willing to help, please contact the president, Joan Frederici at joan.frederici@capecodgenealogy.org or the volunteer coordinator, Suzanne Walton at SEWalton@capecodgenealogy.org.

Let’s Ride the Bus!

We need someone to coordinate the CCGS annual research trip to Boston. This involves making arrangements for the visit with NEHGS, reserving transportation, working with CCGS Publicity to advertise the trip, collecting responses and payments, and going along yourself for a fun day. Interested? Contact Suzanne Walton, Volunteer Coordinator SEWalton@capecodgenealogy.org.

New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) 2017

While many think of “NERGC” as a Conference, it is really much more. Originally formed over twenty years ago, NERGC is an association of genealogical societies seeking to bring affordable, cutting edge, National quality genealogical education within the reach of New England genealogists and family historians at an affordable regional price.

Our 2017 Conference will be held April 26-29 at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA. Wednesday will be filled with special tracks and events. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will be the featured days of the conference with many presentations, a large exhibit hall, meals, networking, and plenty of ‘cousin finding’!
Special Interest Groups are informal member gatherings for the purpose of sharing information, research techniques, data and references, regarding specific topics or geographical areas. For more information, see the society’s website at capecodgenealogy.org.

Cape Cod Families – 4th Tuesday
Next: 2/28, Sturgis Library

**Computer Users – 4nd Tuesday,
Next: 2/28, 10 AM, Dennis Public Lib

German – 1st Tuesday; 10 AM – 12 Noon
Next: 2/7, *BLL

Irish - 4th Mon; 10 AM
Next: 2/27, Dennis Public Library

Writing Family History – 3rd Friday;
Next 2/17, 10 AM, BLL*

*BLL is Brewster Ladies Library
**note change of date

Donations

We continue to be able to keep our membership fees low because some of our members add a donation when they renew. In future issues, we will continue thanking members who have donated to the Society.

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