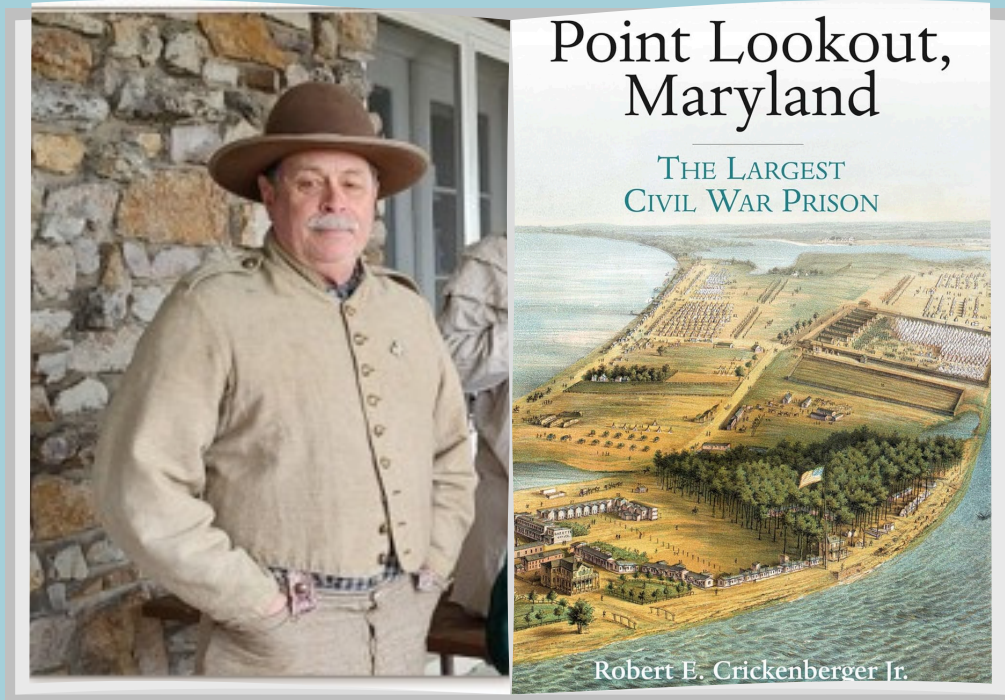


Historic Lecture - Please Join Us!

THE PRESERVATION OF POINT LOOKOUT'S CIVIL WAR SITE



Wednesday, May 20, 2026, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

**Commissioners Meeting Room in the Chesapeake Building
41770 Baldrige St., Leonardtown**

In July 1863, as Northern prisons reached capacity during the Civil War, a new facility opened on the shores of Maryland's Chesapeake Bay: Point Lookout, officially known as Camp Hoffman. The 45-acre compound soon became the largest Union prison camp of the war. By August 1865, more than 52,000 Confederate prisoners had passed through its gates, making it one of the conflict's most significant—and controversial—prison sites.

In his book *Point Lookout, Maryland: The Largest Civil War Prison*, Robert Crickenberger revisits this important chapter of local and national history. Drawing on extensive and previously unpublished research, he explores the daily realities of imprisonment, the experiences of guards and administrators, and the camp's role in the war's final years. Join us for an engaging look at one of the Civil War's most consequential prison camps—right here in Southern Maryland.

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