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- **130th anniversary of bloody Homestead Steel Strike commemorated July 6**
 - **Speakers offer insights on lasting legacy of America's pivotal labor conflict**
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WHAT: [Battle of Homestead Foundation](http://www.battleofhomestead.org) marks the 130th anniversary of the 1892 Homestead Steel Strike

WHEN: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 from 9:30 a.m.-noon / in-person, free, public

WHERE: The Pump House, 880 E. Waterfront Drive, Munhall PA 15120

INFO: www.battleofhomestead.org

HOMESTEAD, PENNSYLVANIA — Of the many violent conflicts between American labor and management that erupted in the late 1800s, the Homestead Steel Strike of 1892 still retains its capacity to shock, awe and teach.

Frustrated by the thriving, multi-ethnic union that had made Homestead Steel Works one of the most productive mills in the world, owner Andrew Carnegie hired a private paramilitary force to disperse strikers and re-open the mill with non-union workers.

The resulting mayhem on the morning of July 6, 1892, as strikebreakers landed ashore at the mill's Pump House, left 12 dead, hundreds wounded and drew international attention from the contemporary press, who dubbed it the "Battle of Homestead".

On Wednesday, July 6, 2022, from 9:30 a.m.-noon, the [Battle of Homestead Foundation](http://www.battleofhomestead.org) presents an in-person program marking the battle's 130th anniversary and linking the strike's buildup and aftermath to current issues involving U.S. worker rights in healthcare, retail, agriculture, industry and public service.

The event takes place at the Pump House, 880 E. Waterfront Drive in Munhall. The program is free and open to the public.

"The 1892 steel strike was a defining event in America's ongoing struggle to ensure workplace rights," says Battle of Homestead Foundation president **John Haer**. "Observing the anniversary lets us reflect on the role of organized labor in fighting the extreme economic inequality endangering our nation in 2022."


The [Pump House](#) today is a fully restored event facility that serves as a trailhead for the popular [Great Allegheny Passage](#) and hosts year-round history events and tours administered by [Rivers of Steel Heritage Corporation](#).

An educational nonprofit with 200+ members, the Battle of Homestead Foundation began in 1989 with informal breakfast meetings among Pittsburgh-area historians and union officials seeking to bring attention to the 1892 strike's impact on early 1900s labor rights and connect its activist legacy with current issues involving economics, environment, healthcare, racism and other social concerns.

The Foundation maintains a historical archive, produces a podcast on future work trends and presents a diverse array of labor-themed cultural programs throughout the year.

"Besides the dollars-and-cents economic issues that drove 1892," notes Battle of Homestead Foundation board member **Rosemary Trump**, "the strikers established the fundamental principle that worker rights are human rights. That principle is still being contested in our day, and what happened 130 years ago in Homestead can show us important insights on how to move forward."

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**880 East
Waterfront Drive
Munhall PA.**

**130th Anniversary
Commemoration**

**The Battle of
Homestead, 1892**

AT THE PUMP HOUSE