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Sunday Morning at the Marxist Library

## Harriet Tubman as a Woman Warrior

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The recent (2019) film, *Harriet*, left many aspects of Harriet Tubman's life and work unexplored. Tubman's military exploits include being head of military intelligence of the Department of the Potomac and her planning, organizing and leading the only amphibious assault by a woman in US history. Also, little known is both her co-planning of John Brown's Raid on Harper's Ferry and furnishing many of John Brown's troops. Additionally, she was an army hospital nurse. Tubman is described in one book as "America's most unsung Civil War general." General Grant regarded Harriet Tubman as "worth many regiments in the Northern forces." John Brown called her "General." While known for her work in the Underground Railroad, little is mentioned about how this prepared her for her later activities with John Brown and during the Civil War. This lecture will cover how each phase of her life groomed her for the next one: from before and during the Underground Railroad, her relationship with John Brown and, finally, her little known Civil War exploits. Tubman's turn to armed revolutionary struggle to abolish slavery in contrast to many, if not most, abolitionists, and its political, moral and religious basis, will be an underlying theme.

Gerald Smith may join us to say a few words from a Black HISTORICAL context.



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