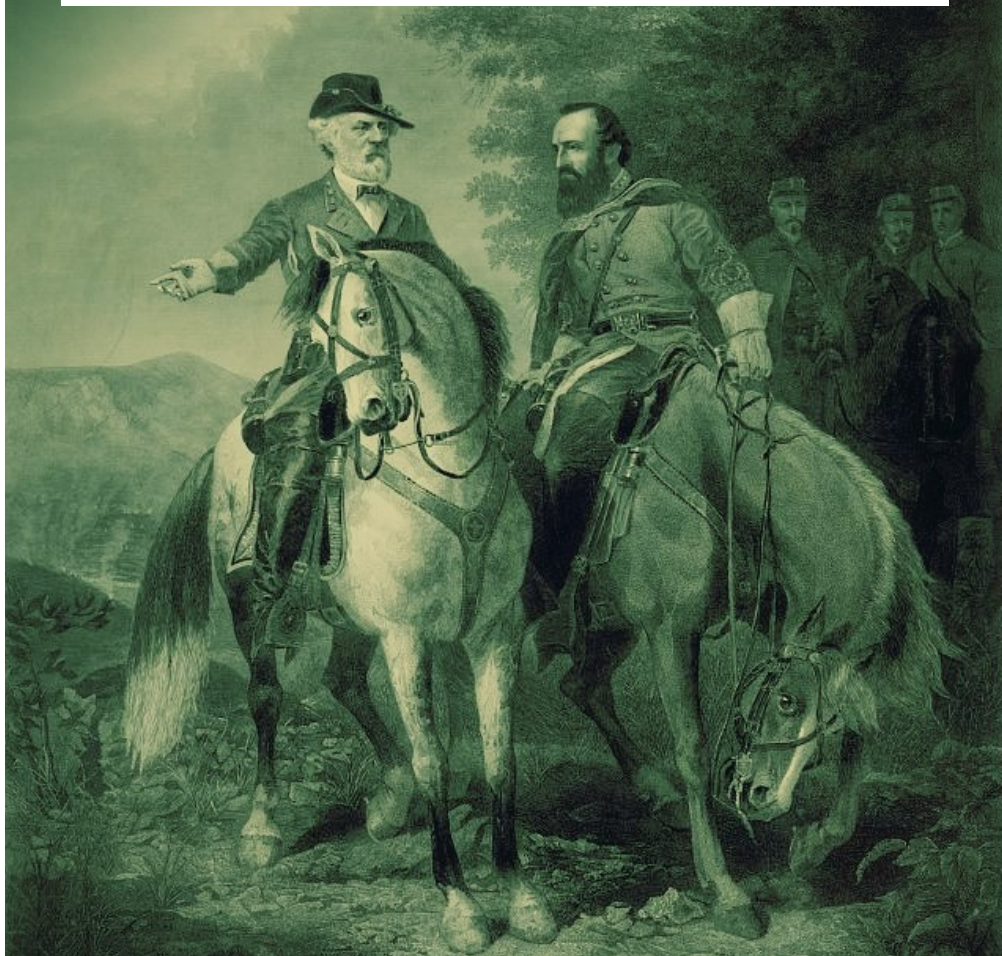


THE BATTLE OF CHANCELLORSVILLE: Lee's Greatest Gamble

JULY 27-31, 2022

Civil War History Conference



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WELCOME FROM OUR PROGRAM COORDINATOR



Welcome to our summer 2022 program, The Battle of Chancellorsville: Lee's Greatest Gamble. We are excited about this program, which will offer one of the deepest dives into this important campaign yet offered. Nobody can truly understand the Gettysburg Campaign without having a solid understanding of Chancellorsville. We have a fantastic array of tours, talks, and panels to present to you featuring the leading experts on this campaign.

Five expert historians and tour guides in the field of Civil War history will cover diverse topics such as command issues facing both the Union and Confederate high commands at Chancellorsville, Stoneman's Raid, Daniel E. Sickles at Hazel Grove, and the fighting on May 3, 1863. We will also have four days of intensive battlefield touring. Our guide will be Greg Mertz, who until 2021, was a historian at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. For those who know Greg, he is an authority on this battle and campaign, and he does a terrific job out on the battlefield.

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Eric Wittenberg
Program Coordinator
Chambersburg Civil War
Seminars & Tours

On the first day, July 27, we will visit the Stafford Civil War Park, Hartwood Church, Kelly's Ford, and Germanna Ford, all of which are sites that most visitors seldom see. Thursday will be our classroom day. Friday, we will visit the Chancellorsville Visitor Center, the Bullock house, Zoan Church Ridge, the May 1 battlefield, the site of the final meeting between

Lee and Jackson, Catherine Furnace, Jackson's flank march, Ellwood (the site where Jackson's arm was buried), abandoned Union works, the site of Stonewall Jackson's wounding, and Ely's Ford. On Saturday, we will cover sites associated with the Second Battle of Fredericksburg, Salem Church, Hazel Grove, Fairview, Slocum's front, Hancock's front, the site of the Chancellor house, and the Hooker's works to the north of the Orange Turnpike. On Sunday, we will conclude with a visit to the Smith Run battlefield and the Stonewall Jackson death site at Guinea Station.

As our long-time attendees know, a major goal of these seminars is to raise money for battlefield preservation and education. To that end, Tom VanWinkle, the president of the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust, and Terry Rensel, the executive director of the CVBT, will come and share with us the good work being done by the premier local battlefield advocacy group. To date, we have raised more than \$225,000, and expect to raise more with this event. We thank you for your support for these efforts. We are proud of our role in preserving our Civil War heritage and look forward to continuing to share it with you.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CONFERENCE LOCATION:

HAMPTON INN

1080 Hospitality Lane
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
540-786-5530

walking tour led by Greg Mertz

Bus Tour Description:

New Federal army commander Joseph Hooker made significant improvements to the army, including enhancing his cavalry, and commenced with some of the most impressive opening maneuvers of any campaign during the war. On this day the tour will visit a Union winter encampment site, see Union cavalry progress on the battlefields of Hartwood Church and Kelly's Ford, and visit Germanna Ford among the landmarks on Hooker's turning movement that would land his army at Chancellorsville.

Sites to visit:

- Stafford Civil War Park
- Hartwood Church
- Kelly's Ford
- Germanna Ford

Dinner on your own.

The rest of the evening is yours to explore the area.

Thursday, July 28

ANNUAL LUHN MEMORIAL SILENT AUCTION

Held during the lecture portion of the conference, historical artifacts and other items will be available for bid throughout the day. The auction will close and winners announced at the end of the day. All proceeds support battlefield preservation. Please help us support the preservation and education of America's history!

8:30 a.m.—12 p.m. Morning Lectures

- Lectures held at Hampton Inn Conference Room
- Book Vendor, Owens & Ramsey Historical Booksellers, onsite

Lectures include:

Wednesday, July 27

- Bus leaves from Hampton Inn
- Lunch included
- Return by 5 p.m.
- Dinner on your own

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. "Hooker Takes Command—actions through April 30, 1863" bus and

Activity Level 3: The only walks will be around the inside of fortifications or optional add-ons during the tour

- **Welcome & Introduction by Eric Wittenberg, program coordinator**
- **Chancellorsville: a Case Study of Confederate Command Relationships and Federal Ethnic Tensions by Dr. Christian B. Keller, Prof. of History, U.S. Army War College.**

The climactic Chancellorsville Campaign of May 1863 witnessed both the apogee of the Lee-Jackson command team and a nadir in Northern German-American morale. The two events were inextricably linked by what happened in the tangled undergrowth of the Virginia wilderness west of Fredericksburg and jointly bore major results for Union and Confederate fortunes in the Eastern Theater, and indeed the entire conflict. This presentation will draw on Dr. Keller's extensive publications about both the Lee-Jackson relationship and the Federal 11th Corps and its ethnically German soldiery, proposing that, for a moment in time, the two topics congealed and charted the course of the Civil War.

- **Stoneman's Raid: A Poor Decision with Far-Reaching Consequences by Eric J. Wittenberg**

Gen. Joseph Hooker contemplated a deep raid to interdict the Confederate lines of communication, supply and retreat by the Army of the Potomac's Cavalry Corps. When terrible weather prevented this raid from commencing as planned, Hooker made the poor decision to proceed anyway, with predictably bad results.

- **The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson by Chris Mackowski**

Jackson's loss has been called one of the major turning points of the war. Follow his last days, from his flank attack at Chancellorsville and his accidental wounding by his own men, to the amputation of his arm and his final journey over the river to rest under the shade of the trees.

12 - 2 p.m. Lunch on your own

2—6 p.m. Afternoon Lectures

- Lectures held at Hampton Inn Conference Room

- **The Crucible of Battle: May 3rd at Chancellorsville by Kristopher White**

May 3rd, 1863, is perhaps the most misunderstood and overlooked phase of the Chancellorsville Campaign. Often overshadowed by Stonewall Jackson's May 2nd flank attack and his subsequent wounding, the fighting on May 3rd was the true battle of Chancellorsville. For more than five hours battle raged near the Chancellorsville Crossroads. At Fredericksburg, Confederate forces were dislodged from their defensive positions, forcing them to fight a desperate delaying action at Salem Church. In the end, the day produced more than 22,000 casualties. Although the Army of the Potomac ultimately lost the battle, many opportunities for victory presented themselves to Joe Hooker on May 3rd at Chancellorsville. Join Kristopher White as he unpacks the many myths, misconceptions, and lost opportunities of "Lee's greatest victory."

- **Negligence on the Right: The Eleventh Corps at Chancellorsville by Donald Pfanz**

"Stonewall" Jackson's May 2, 1863, rout of the Eleventh Corps changed the course of the Battle at Chancellorsville and cast obloquy upon the men of the Eleventh Corps. But were the men of the Eleventh Corps to blame for the disaster or were they simply a convenient scapegoat for the defeat? Historian Donald Pfanz examines the maligned corps's actions during the battle and subsequent efforts by Joe Hooker and others to mask their own shortcomings by throwing responsibility for the defeat on the corps.

- **The May 1863 Battles at Fredericksburg, Salem Church, and Banks' Ford by Erik Nelson**

The Chancellorsville story is a familiar one to students of the Civil War, but a significant part of the campaign has been misunderstood over the years. Part of the problem has been deliberately misleading source material, but a more substantial factor is that much of the related terrain has not been recognizable as a

battlefield. Some of that ground is within the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park (FSNMP), but not interpreted for the events of May 1863. Substantial acreage outside the FSNMP has been altered by development over the past century and a half. Historic ground outside the FSNMP that remains intact is hidden from view in obscure wooded areas that are difficult to get to.

Developing a cohesive narrative of Second Fredericksburg, Salem Church, and Banks' Ford required a thorough knowledge of the altered and sometimes hidden terrain and systematically matching historic source material to the altered ground. The resulting study shows how the Union army that emerged from the winter of 1862-63 had developed the capabilities that would triumph at Gettysburg just two months later.

6 p.m. Dinner provided.

7 p.m. Jackson, his staff and his family at Moss Neck and Belvoir by Gregory Mertz

Immediately following the battle of Fredericksburg, Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and his staff set up headquarters on the grounds of a spacious plantation house called "Moss Neck." The soldiers and their hosts soon developed deep friendships. Jackson, with a daughter he had yet to see, apparently found the household's five-year-old daughter Jane to be a surrogate for the new father. One of Jackson's staff fell in love with the eligible young woman living in the house. As the weather warmed and campaigning became more likely, Jackson shifted headquarters to a home called "Belvoir" to be nearer to Lee. There Jackson was reunited with his wife, met his daughter and enjoyed a nine-day visit interrupted by Union cannon fire inaugurating the Chancellorsville Campaign.

Annual Luhn Memorial Silent Auction closes following the last speaker. An announcement will be made.

Friday, July 29

- Bus leaves from Hampton Inn
- Lunch included

- Return by 5 p.m.
- Dinner on your own

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Confederates Seize the Initiative and Make a Bold Move — May 1-2, 1863" bus and walking tour led by Greg Mertz

Activity Level 2: Practically every stop will be just off of the bus

Bus Tour Description:

On the first day of the battle of Chancellorsville, May 1, Confederate leaders Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson wrestle the initiative away from Hooker and start to fight the battle in their style. Then on the second day of fighting, the badly outnumbered Confederates exploit a weakness in the Federal line, driving back two miles of the Federal position in three hours, only to have Jackson fall from the mistaken fire of his own troops. The tour visits the Day 1 battlefield, the place where Lee and Jackson held their "cracker box conference," landmarks related to Jackson's flank march and attack, and the site of Jackson's wounding.

Sites to visit:

- Visitor Center
- Bullock House
- Zoan Church Ridge
- Lee-Jackson Bivouac
- Catharine Furnace
- Jackson Flank Attack
- Abandoned Union Works
- Jackson Wounding
- Ely's Ford

Dinner on your own.

The rest of the evening is yours to explore the area

Saturday, July 30

- Bus leaves from Hampton Inn
- Lunch included
- Return by 5 p.m.
- Dinner on your own

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. “The Fiercest Fighting of the Battle—May 3, 1863” bus and walking tour led by Greg Mertz

Activity Level 5: Many very short walks

Bus Tour Description:

Both armies commence offensive action on May 3, but from points twelve miles apart. Union forces under John Sedgwick attack at Fredericksburg and unrealistically hoped to surprise Lee’s rear at Chancellorsville, where Lee and J.E.B. Stuart struck the Union forces at dawn to test the degree to which they had recovered from Jackson’s assault the day before. The tour will visit sites of the “second” battle of Fredericksburg, Salem Church, Hazel Grove, Fairview and the Chancellorsville Inn.

Sites to visit:

- Gibbon’s Attack
- Newton and Burnham’s Attack
- Howe’s Attack
- Salem Church
- Chancellorsville Inn
- Union Works north of the turnpike

Dinner on your own.

7 to 9 p.m. Mix and Mingle—informal gathering for tour group guests in the Hampton Inn conference room. Games, music and light refreshments. BYOB. Come and go as you like!

Sunday, July 31

- Bus leaves from Hampton Inn 8:30 a.m.
- Return by 12:30 p.m.
- Lunch **not** included

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. “Confederate Frustration and Despair—May 4-10, 1863” bus and walking tour led by Greg Mertz

Activity Level 4: The only way to see the Smith Run battlefield is to take a walk, the single longest walk of the tour

Bus Tour Description:

Lee planned to mass three Confederate divisions to destroy Sedgwick’s corps, but was disappointed by the job done by his subordinates and felt his troops missed an opportunity on May 4. Over the next week Jackson’s wounds seemed to be healing, but then pneumonia developed and Jackson’s weakened body succumbed. The tour will conclude with visits to what is called the “Smith Run battlefield” and the “Stonewall” Jackson Death Site.

Sites to visit:

- Smith Run Battlefield
- Jackson Death Site

Conference Completion by 12:30 p.m.
Thank you for your patronage!

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SPEAKERS & GUIDES

Greg Mertz has worked for the National Park Service for more than 37 years, holding positions at Gettysburg National Military Park, Eisenhower National Historic Site, and Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. As the supervisory historian for more than two decades at Fredericksburg, he has trained hundreds of seasonal employees, interns, and volunteers in informal interpretation and the conducting of interpretive programs.

Dr. Christian Keller has been Professor of History in the Department of National Security and Strategy at the United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pa. since 2011. He teaches courses for senior leaders on the theory of war and strategy, national security policy and strategy, and the American Civil War. In 2017 he was named the General Dwight D. Eisenhower Chair of National Security and in 2019 became the Director of the Military History Program for the school.

Erik Nelson is a Navy veteran and a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara (BA and MA in History). He was a founding board member of the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust and during his 15-year tenure helped to preserve critical terrain at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and the Wilderness. He spent more than 30 years as a planner in Fredericksburg, VA during which he became intimately familiar with the landscape related to the Second Battle of Fredericksburg.

Donald C. Pfanz was born in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of the College of William and Mary. In his 32-year career with the National Park Service, he worked at three parks: Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial National Military Park, Petersburg National Battlefield, and Fort Sumter National Monument. He is a founding member of the organization of the organization now known as the American Battlefield Trust and has written seven books about the Civil War, including *Richard S. Ewell: A Soldier's Life*, *Clara Barton's Civil War*, and *War So Terrible*:

A Popular History of the Battle of Fredericksburg. He and his wife, Zandra, live in Spotsylvania County.

Chris Mackowski, Ph.D., is the editor-in-chief and co-founder of Emerging Civil War. He is a writing professor in the Jandoli School of Communication at St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, NY. Chris has also worked as a historian for the National Park Service at Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park, where he gives tours at four major Civil War battlefields (Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, and Spotsylvania), as well as at the building where Stonewall Jackson died. Chris has authored or co-authored a dozen books on the Civil War. Chris serves on the board of directors for the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust and the advisory board of the Civil War Roundtable Congress.

Kristopher D. White is the deputy director of education at the American Battlefield Trust. White is a graduate of Norwich University with an M.A. in Military History, as well as a graduate of California University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in History. For nearly five years he served as a ranger-historian at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. White is the co-founder and chief historian of Emerging Civil War and is also the co-creator of the Engaging the Civil War Series, which is a partnership between Southern Illinois University Press and Emerging Civil War. An award-winning speaker and editor, White has authored, co-authored, or edited nearly two-dozen books; and he frequently leads tours in the United States and abroad.

Eric Wittenberg is our program coordinator, an award-winning American Civil War historian and one of the country's foremost experts on the Civil War cavalry. He is the author or co-author of 21 published books including the best-selling *Plenty of Blame to Go Around: Jeb Stuart's Controversial Ride to Gettysburg*. Eric has written more than 30 articles published in national magazines and is an avid Civil War battlefield preservationist. He is a practicing attorney and resides in Ohio with his wife, Susan.

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____ \$780 Members Conference Package (Entire program)

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____ \$225 Wednesday Only

____ \$180 Thursday Only

____ \$225 Friday Only

____ \$225 Saturday Bus Tour & Evening Mix & Mingle

____ \$150 Sunday Only

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Luhn Memorial Silent Auction

Did you know we also raise funds at each of our conferences that are dedicated to preserving America's history? We have raised more than \$225,000 since 1989! These funds have been donated to many non-profits for the education and preservation of American history.

In order to improve the Silent Auction held during the day of sessions, we are actively seeking Civil War artifacts for the auction. We are not accepting the volume of donated books as in years past, but hope this new format with higher quality items will be helpful in refreshing the program.



If you have any historical items that you would like to donate or would prefer to make a monetary donation, your donation is tax deductible through the Greater Chambersburg Chamber Foundation. Contact Lark for details.

General Auction Information:

- Each item is assigned a bid sheet with a minimum starting bid.
- Bidders may write their name and a bid in \$5 increments.
- **Please bid generously.** All proceeds support battlefield preservation. We have raised over \$225,000 to date and have donated to many nonprofits such as Save Historic Antietam Foundation, American Battlefield Trust, National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Monterey Pass Battlefield, etc. Learn more at CivilWarSeminars.org/Battlefield-Preservation
- We accept cash, check or credit card for payment. An announcement will be made about the check-out process during the day of sessions.
- **You do not have to be present to win an auction item.** IF you will miss the end of the auction, please leave your name and phone number with Lark so she can contact you about payment and shipping/pick up options.

2022 CALENDAR

Virtual HISTORYtalks - \$6/session via Zoom

Held on the 15th of the month at 7 p.m. EST

Wednesday, June 15: Antietam Endgame: The Conclusion of Lee's Maryland Invasion, Sept. 18-20, 1862 by Kevin Pawlak

The Maryland Campaign did not conclude with the Battle of Antietam on September 17. Three days of fighting and maneuvering after the bloodiest single day in American history ended Confederate hopes for a victory on Northern soil. The outcome of the campaign still hung much in the balance and sharp fighting at Shepherdstown and Williamsport proved to be the final events that turned one of this nation's most crucial campaigns into a victory for the United States.

Fri., July 15: Civil War Trails, the World's Largest Open Air Museum by Drew Guber

Join Drew Gruber on an exploration of the program's history, insight into how it works, examples of the latest projects, what 'heritage travel' looks like in the post-Sesquicentennial and COVID eras and how you can get involved.

Thurs., Sept. 15: A Miracle of Execution: The Battle of Fishers Hill by Scott Patchan

Scott will analyze the contemporary sources to reveal how the battle developed. This has long been clouded by post war accounts focused on competing claims of credit for Sheridan, Crook and R. B. Hayes.

Sat., Oct. 15: Abraham Lincoln as Ideal Commander-in-Chief: The Strange History of an Idea by Kenneth Noe

Although modern scholars have sifted and judged every other aspect of Abraham Lincoln's life and career, he remains for most of us the model commander-in-chief. His critics on that score are few and largely ignored. The pervasive idea of Lincoln's martial near-perfection, however, is in fact a tangled story that began in the White House, blossomed after World War I thanks to a handful of disenchanted British generals who looked to Lincoln as the perfect military dictator, and finally found permanence after World War II at the hands of a mathematics professor from Indiana.

Thurs., December 15: The Life of Colonel Elmer Ellsworth by Meg Groeling

Colonel Elmer Ellsworth was the first Union officer killed in the American Civil War. When it happened, on May 24, 1861, the entire North was aghast. Ellsworth was a celebrity and had just finished traveling with his famed and entertaining U. S. Zouave Cadets drill team. They had performed at West Point, in New York City, and for President Buchanan before returning home to Chicago. Ellsworth then joined his friend and law mentor Abraham Lincoln in his quest for the presidency. When Lincoln put out the call for troops after Fort Sumter was fired upon, Ellsworth responded. Within days he was able to organize over a thousand New York firefighters into a regiment of volunteers. Was it youthful enthusiasm or a lack of formal training that resulted in his death?

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Latest Happenings

We hosted two in-person conferences and 25 virtual conferences/talks during 2021! Our HISTORYtalks series is now monthly on the 15th of every month. We average more than 100 people per lecture!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in person later this year!



Leaders & Leadership virtual conference in February 2022 with 80+ in attendance. \$1,000 donated for preservation to CVBT,



Strategic level reasons of Confederate Defeat virtual HISTORYtalk with Dr. Chris Keller.



140 people attended Gary Ecelbarger's talk on Stonewall Jackson in February.



Artillery conference with over 70 attendees based in Chambersburg, Pa.



Knapps Battery hosts an artillery demonstration at the Oct. conference.



Gathering at the Sunken Road at Antietam during the Artillery conference..



Great turnout for our Chickamauga & Chattanooga trip in July 2021!



\$500 donation given to Tennessee Civil War Preservation Association.

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