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CHAMBERSBURG CIVIL WAR SEMINARS & TOURS



ABOUT US

Chambersburg Civil War Seminars & Tours was co-founded in 1988 with Ted Alexander and the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce. We have been hosting Civil War Tours for more than 30 years.

MEET OUR TEAM

Lark Kennedy started with the Chamber in 2013, and Karen Lowry joined our Civil War Seminars team in 2019. We are here to help you have a fantastic tour experiencing our local Civil War history. Please remember to fill out the evaluation sheets so we can improve! *Don't forget to stop by the raffle table *winkwink**



Karen Lowry pictured presenting a \$500 to check to Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission to support the restoration of Duffields Depot.



Lark Kennedy helping with the Silent Auction/Raffles during a Civil War conference.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CONFERENCE LOCATION:

HAMPTON INN

955 Leshler Road
Chambersburg, PA 17202
717-261-9185

All participants are responsible for arranging hotel accommodations for the seminar, which is not included in tour price.

\$110/night double occupancy plus tax. Special pricing for participants based on room availability. When making reservations, mention Chambersburg Civil War Seminars.

Use code CWS online.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Conference based at Hampton Inn at 955 Leshler Rd., Chambersburg, Pa 17202.
- Deluxe continental breakfast for Hampton Inn guests each morning.
- Check-In will be in the hotel lobby about 1 hour before the day's activities begin. You only need to check-in once.
- Each participant will receive a packet of tactical maps and a name badge at check-in
- Classroom sessions will be held in the Hampton Inn conference room.
- Bus tours will leave from the Hampton Inn parking lot at the specified time.
- Civil War & More Book Vendor available during conference selling works by our speakers. Please patronize this local business!

Thursday, Sept. 26

- Bus leaves from Hampton Inn
- Lunch on your own at Lincoln Social
- Return by 7 p.m.
- Dinner at Dobbin House Tavern

8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Bus Tour in Gettysburg with Historians Brad Gottfried, Deb Novotny and Dean Shultz

8:30-11 a.m. Historic Gettysburg: A Detailed Town Tour led by Brad Gottfried

This combination walking/bus tour will cover the highlights of Gettysburg, including its founding, the decisions civilians were forced to make before and during the battle, the fighting in the streets, Lincoln's visit, Eisenhower, and a whole lot more! You know the battlefield, now learn more about the town and its unique history.

11 a.m. -12 p.m. Tour of Evergreen Cemetery led by Deb Novotny

Deb is the leading expert on Evergreen Cemetery and the civilians buried there—you will not want to miss this!

12-1:15 p.m. Lunch on your own at Lincoln Social

1:30 pm The Lost Avenue & more led by legendary Dean Shultz

Neill Avenue (Lost Avenue) is a 40' wide, grass covered, stone fence lined avenue located on Wolf Hill. It is the most isolated area on the GNMP battlefield and only accessible by walking through fields on Dean's property. Many historians consider this the most pristine and least visited area still remaining on the battlefield. Here, on July 3, Gen. Neill's brigade engaged and stopped some of the 2nd Virginians who were making their way toward the Baltimore Pike. There are four regimental Union monuments on the avenue marking the location of the Union troops, and a marker that states "The Far Right of the Infantry of the Army of the Potomac."

Dinner at Dobbin House Tavern

7-9 p.m. Bookseller Civil War & More on site in Hampton Inn Conference Center for shopping. Conference room is open for informal meet & greet

Friday, Sept. 27

8:30 a.m.—12 p.m. Morning Lectures

- Lectures held at Hampton Inn's Conference Room
- Book Vendor Civil War & More on site

Lectures include:

- **Welcome & Overview of Civil War Preservation Project by Karen Lowry**

PART 1: The Gettysburg National Soldiers Cemetery: Its Founding and Dedication by Brad Gottfried PART 1

The Gettysburg National Soldiers Cemetery was one of our nation's earliest national cemeteries. Forming the cemetery has been likened to the "Second Battle of Gettysburg," but good-will prevailed and the cemetery was developed. In this presentation, you will learn about the challenges of getting the cemetery off the ground and planning its dedication.

Lincoln figures mightily in the ceremony and this presentation will cover all of the mysteries surrounding his visit.

***Brad must leave the conference immediately following Part 2 of his talk. Please ask questions and request autographs before the second talk begins.**

PART 2: The Gettysburg National Soldiers Cemetery: Its Founding and Dedication by Brad Gottfried

12 - 1 p.m. Lunch provided at Hampton Inn

1 - 4:30 p.m. Afternoon Lectures at Hampton Inn Conference room

"Civil War Murder Mysteries of York County, PA" by Scott Mingus

Four interesting murder stories from York County, PA – a Louisiana Confederate soldier, a Union courier, a dead man in a field, and the killing of a black Confederate slave. Whodunnit?

"Placing Gettysburg and the Big Battles in Strategic Context: Diplomatic, Economic, and

Informational Reasons for Confederate Defeat" by Dr. Chris Keller

*Why the Confederacy failed in its bid for independence has been a topic of debate since 1865. Generations of historians have argued about lapses in political and military leadership, defeat in key campaigns, the erosion of home front support, and other factors, but few have examined the phenomenon of rebel disaster in its totality at the strategic level of war. Utilizing classical and modern strategic theory as interpretative lenses, Dr. Keller will evaluate the critical diplomatic, economic, informational, and military mistakes that, when coupled with the Union's better strategic acumen and plain old fashioned luck, resulted in the historical outcome. This presentation is largely based on the conclusions he and his contributors arrived at in his most recent book, *Southern Strategies: Why the Confederacy Failed*.*

"The Louisiana Tigers in the Gettysburg Campaign, June-July 1863" by Scott Mingus

The story of one of Robert E. Lee's most feared fighting brigades, the soldiers whose reputation later led to LSU naming their sports teams the Tigers. Colorful, sassy, and brave in battle, the Tigers made a daring night attack on the second day of the battle of Gettysburg.

4:30—7p.m. Dinner on your own

7 p.m. "Soldiers of Fortune and Foreign Fighters at the Battle of Gettysburg" by Wayne Motts

Did you know at least two soldiers fighting in the Battle of Gettysburg were members of the Pope's papal guard? Some men were filibusters in Nicaragua, at least one served in Egypt, while others were professional soldiers from Europe who traveled to the United States to fight in the American Civil War. Join historian and author Wayne Motts as he highlights the fascinating careers and lives of just some of these men who served both in the Union and Confederate armies in the Battle for Gettysburg.

Saturday, Sept. 28

- Bus leaves from Holiday Inn
- Lunch included
- Return by 6 p.m.
- Dinner on your own

8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jubal Early's Expedition to the Susquehanna River by Scott Mingus

Bus Tour Description:

On June 26, 1863, Maj. Gen. Jubal Early's Confederate division chased away almost 1,000 Pennsylvania emergency militia infantry and cavalry from Gettysburg in a series of skirmishes that saw only one militia cavalryman killed and 175 militia infantrymen captured. The next day, Early sent Brig. Gen. John B. Gordon's brigade, fronted by Virginia cavalry, through Gettysburg on the turnpike toward York.

Sites to visit:

- Gettysburg (site of June 26 skirmish)
- Hanover Junction (Lige White's Raid)
- York's Penn ark (site of US Army General Hospital occupied by Avery's CSA brigade)
- Wrightsville (follow Gordon's June 28 March)
- Riverbank (burning of the Columbia bridge)
- Zion Hill Cemetery (Black defenders of Wrightsville / 54th & 55th MA)

Dinner on your own.

7-9 p.m. Mix & Mingle

Enjoy an informal evening chatting with guests, light refreshments and book shopping with Civil War & More. BYOB

Sunday, Sept. 29

- Bus leaves from Hampton Inn
- Lunch on your own
- Return by 12:30 p.m.

7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Unique Sites of Gettysburg

Bus Tour Description: We will enjoy an early morning tour with Dean Shultz taking us to the Fairfield Cavalry Action site where the 6th U.S. cavalry clashed with Grumble Jones' Virginians on July 3.

We will then venture to Adams County Historical Society's Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum. The museum opened in 2023 and was ranked "Best New Museum" in the country by USA Today. The facility tells the story of ordinary eyewitnesses and their extraordinary experiences before, during and after the Civil War.

Upon arrival at the museum will be the following:

"Debris of Battle" talk by Timothy H. Smith

From bullets to artillery shells, authentic objects found in and around Gettysburg form the backbone of this hands-on program. Participants will have the opportunity to handle original Civil War artifacts and learn about the aftermath of the Battle of Gettysburg, including how area residents faced the dangers of gathering and selling these remarkable artifacts to early tourists."

Following the talk, the group will have free time to explore the museum before returning to Chambersburg.

Conference Completion by 12:30 p.m.

Thank you for your patronage!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Payment Policy: Full payment is due prior to seminar.

Cancellation Policy: -Seminar registrations cancelled two weeks before a scheduled seminar are subject to a \$100 per person administrative fee; cancellations received within two weeks will be charged 50% of the registration fee, including partial registrations or \$100 (whichever is greater).

► We reserve the right to make changes in the tours where necessary, due to unforeseen circumstances. Please be advised travel plans are made months in advance, and changes may be necessary due to unforeseen circumstances. We do not like to cancel tours but if we must cancel due to insufficient participation or other circumstances, our total obligation will be to refund all monies paid to us for the specific event.

► We strive to accommodate all of our seminar participants. If you have ANY dietary restrictions, please tell us during registration so we can make the appropriate arrangements.

SPEAKERS & GUIDES

Anyone who has studied the Civil War is familiar with the books written by **Brad Gottfried**, who will be leading our town tour and will present a program on the National Cemetery. Brad spent 40 years as an education in higher education, retiring as President of the College of Southern Maryland. He continues to write--his 19th book was recently published--and give tours (he is an Antietam Certified Battlefield Guide and a Gettysburg Licensed Town Guide).

Dr. Christian B. Keller is a history professor at the U.S. Army War College. He has taught at numerous civilian institutions including Gettysburg College, Dickinson College and others. His newest book, *Southern Strategies: Why the Confederacy Failed* was published in 2021. Dr. Keller's next project, a new narrative of the Army of Northern Virginia based on dozens of previously unpublished wartime letters written by generals and staff officers, is currently in the final research phases with a prospective publication date in early 2024.

Scott Mingus, a retired scientist and executive in the global pulp & paper industry, holds patents in self-adhesive postage stamps and bar code labels. He has written 28 Civil War and Underground Railroad books. His biography of Confederate General William "Extra Billy" Smith was nominated for or won multiple awards, including the Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr. Literary Prize. His great-great-grandfather was a 15-year-old drummer boy in the 51st Ohio Infantry, and other family members fought in the Army of the Potomac at Antietam and Gettysburg.

Wayne Motts is the President Emeritus and Historian of the Gettysburg Foundation, the non-profit Philanthropic Partner of the

Gettysburg National Military Park, and Eisenhower National Historic Site. He has been a licensed battlefield guide at Gettysburg National Military Park for 36 years and is the author or co-author of two books related to the American Civil War and Gettysburg.

Licensed Battlefield Guide **Deb Novotny** is a retired American History Teacher from Gettysburg High School. She is an expert on Evergreen Cemetery and the civilians buried there. She has been a Licensed Battlefield Guide since 1975.

Dean Shultz is a native of the Gettysburg and by profession a topographical engineer. He is an active preservationist and an expert on the history of the Gettysburg area. He is a co-founder of the Adams County Land Conservancy, which has preserved more than 13,000 acres from development.

Timothy H. Smith has been a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg National Military Park for over 25 years and is Director of Education at the Adams County Historical Society (ACHS). He was also named County Historian in 2023. He has been involved with ACHS since the late 1980s when he began volunteering as a research assistant. Smith is the author of ten books and numerous articles about the Civil War, the Gettysburg Campaign, and a host of other local history topics. He is a historical consultant for the American Battlefield Trust and a frequent lecturer at Civil War Round Tables and Seminars, and appears regularly on the Pennsylvania Cable Network's Battle Walks Series. Tim is recognized as one of the leading experts on the Battle of Gettysburg and all aspects of Adams County history.

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Register by calling 717-264-7101 or send below form with check/credit card info to:
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100 Lincoln Way East, Suite A
Chambersburg, Pa 17201

Questions? Contact Lark Kennedy at 717-264-7101 ext. 206 or civilwarseminars@gmail.com

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Please note lodging is not included in tour price. Registration includes packet of maps, name tag, meals as described, and cold bottled water during bus tours.

Seminar registration fee schedule:

____ \$675 Members Conference Package (Entire program)

____ \$715 Non-Members Conference Package (Entire Program)

____ \$220 Thursday Only

____ \$220 Friday Only

____ \$220 Saturday Bus Tour & Evening Mix & Mingle

____ \$175 Sunday Only

Total: ____ - \$30 Early Bird* (Discount for entire program- reserve by June 26) = ____

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