



# Company of Military Historians 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Sheraton Reston Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA  
15-17 April 2010

There's a lot to see in northern VA and DC!

Ball's Bluff Battlefield Regional Park, Leesburg

Chantilly Battlefield Park, Fairfax

Freedom Museum (20<sup>th</sup> century), Manassas

Fort C. F. Smith Historic District, Arlington

Fort Ward, Alexandria

Fort Willard Historic Park, Fairfax

George C. Marshall International Center at Dodona Manor, Leesburg

Manassas National Battlefield Park, Manassas

J. S. Mosby's Home and Museum, Warrenton

Washington's Mount Vernon Museum, home and Grounds

National Museum of the Marine Corps, Triangle

Old Guard Museum, Fort Myer, Arlington

R. E. Lee Mansion, Arlington Cemetery

Ox Hill Battlefield Park, Fairfax

Smithsonian Museums on the Mall, DC

White Oak Civil War Museum, Falmouth

11 January 2010

Dear CMH Member,

We invite you to attend the 61<sup>st</sup> annual meeting of the Company of Military Historians in Reston, Virginia.

Highlights of the 2010 meeting will include the following:

- Ample flea market / exhibit space. Bring your best things to display and sell!
- Thursday evening reception at the NRA's National Firearms Museum. If you haven't been there, you won't want to miss this!
- Talks on a variety of periods of history, from French and Indian War to modern days.
- A single track of talks, all day Friday.
- Saturday afternoon field trip to the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum, the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. See the Enola Gay, Space Shuttle, 1914 – 1990's fighters-more.
- Our family-friendly cadet-track events will include a Fife and Drum Workshop Friday evening and optional trip to the Capitol Mall and the Naval Museum in DC on Sunday.

Our meeting committee has worked very hard to provide the kind of experience you expect and still limit cost increases to those required of a meeting in the National Capitol Region. We have an exceptional reception planned at the NRA Museum on Thursday evening and an educational field trip to the Nations Premier Air and Space museum on Saturday afternoon.

The registration fee includes two breakfasts, Friday lunch, and coffee breaks on Friday morning and in the afternoon with snacks, Saturday morning coffee break and a reception with coffee and snacks as well as a cash bar prior to the dinner on Sat afternoon.

The team has negotiated a special hotel room rate at the Reston Sheraton of \$119 plus tax, and there is no surcharge for having two people in a room. Note: to receive this rate and room guarantee you MUST register with the hotel no later than March 16, as rooms will only be held for us by the hotel until March 16<sup>th</sup> (please reserve your room early). The hotel offers a free shuttle service to and from Dulles Airport.

Contact the Sheraton Reston Hotel directly by calling the 24-hour a day toll-free reservation number: 1-800-561-9186, asking for Company of Military Historians group rate.

Mark your calendar for April 15-17, 2010 to attend the Company's 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting in the beautiful Virginia countryside adjacent to Washington, DC and plan to spend a few extra days – there is a lot to see in Virginia and DC! Register by 31 March 2010 to avoid the \$10 late-registrant fee. Remember, the hotel will guarantee room availability at the rate only until 16 March 2010.

Sincerely,

**John Thilmann**

Meeting Chair Phone: 703-716-5852 - Email: [jhtcav@aol.com](mailto:jhtcav@aol.com)

PS – Check for updates and Company Membership information:  
<http://military-historians.org/company>

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Company of Military Historians - 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting**  
 15-17 April 2010 – Sheraton Reston Hotel, Reston Reston, VA

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, ST, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel reservations:** Sheraton Hotel, Reston Town Center by calling toll- free 1-800-561-9186. Ask for Company of Military Historians group rate. The group rate is available only until 16 March.

**Meeting reservation:** Send completed form with check to John Thillman, Landmark Atlantic, 2700 S. Nelson St., Arlington, VA 22206. Registration must be postmarked by 31 March to avoid paying a late fee. 31 March is also the cutoff date for cancellation and registration refunds.

**Questions:** Contact Juanita Leisch Jensen [juanitaleisch@yahoo.com](mailto:juanitaleisch@yahoo.com).

( ) Indicate here and use space on reverse (or a separate sheet) to explain any special needs.

<b>Awards</b>	( ) DSA	( ) Fellow	
<b>Positions</b>	( ) Officer	( ) Governor	( ) Host Committee
<b>Memberships</b>	( ) Life Member	( ) Family Member	( ) First Time attendee *
<b>Registration Options</b>			<b>Price Qty Total</b>
<b>Full registration</b>			\$215
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thurs.</b> Reception at the NRA Museum (only with full registration),**</li> <li>• <b>Fri-</b> Bkfst, lunch, am &amp; pm coffee breaks, pm break with snacks</li> <li>• <b>Sat-</b> Bkfst, am coffee break, field trip by bus to Air and Space Museum in Chantilly, social hour with hors d'oeuvres, dual entrée banquet***</li> </ul>			
<b>Three day registration with no banquet</b>			\$170
<b>Friday only</b> - Bkfst, lunch, am & pm coffee breaks,			\$80
<b>Saturday only</b> - Bkfst, am coffee break, field trip by bus to Air and Space Museum in Chantilly, snacks, refreshments and cash bar social hour, and banquet with dual entrees**			\$150
<b>Banquet only</b> - cash bar social hour, and banquet with dual entrees**			\$85
<b>Optional Friday evening Fife &amp; Drum Workshop</b>			
• Please provide an instrument for me: ( )-fife or ( )-drumsticks			\$20
• I'm bringing my own instrument: ( )-fife ( )-snare ( )-base drum.			No chg
<b>Optional Sunday field trip</b> - to Mall and/or Naval Museum 10am – 4pm includes motor coach transportation. Minimum 40 people. Space is limited.			\$35
<b>Free Exhibit Tables-</b> (limit three, first two are free, but you must reserve space by indicating number needed)		( )1 ( )2	\$0
<b>Additional Exhibit tables</b> after the first two:			\$50
<b>Chapter Exhibit Tables</b> – Each chapter entering an exhibit for the chapter challenge should designate one person to register for the number of tables needed (up to 3). Please indicate name of chapter: _____		( )1 ( )2	\$0
<b>Flea Market Sales Tables</b> - (Register early to ensure a table limit 3)			\$65
<b>Raffle Ticket</b> – Chance on your choice of a multi-day tour through Stars & Stripes Events, LLC (\$400-\$600 value) See tour selection on separate sheet.			\$10
<b>Late Fee</b> - for registrations post marked after 31 March			\$10
<b>Total enclosed</b>			

\* **First time attendees** may take a 10% discount off their registration total.

\*\***NRA Reception Carpools:** - Please indicate if you ( ) need transportation, and for how many people. \_\_\_ Please indicate if you ( ) can provide transportation, and for how many people. \_\_\_

\*\*\* **Dual-Entrée Banquet** - CMH Mess Rules call for gentlemen to wear dark suits, authorized military uniforms, civilian black tie, or coat and tie minimum.

Please indicate your dinner preference: ( )-chicken & crab cake, ( )-beef & chicken, ( )-chicken & shrimp

<b>Optional Sunday Stars &amp; Stripes One-day Tour</b> - 8am-5pm. "Mosby's Confederacy" led by Horace Mewborn includes motor coach transportation, lunch, beverage and snack breaks, all admissions, maps and materials. <b>Enclose separate check for this event made payable to Stars &amp; Stripes Events, LLC.</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$155		

## **Did you notice that “Raffle Ticket” option on the Registration Form?**

Here's how it works:

1. Purchase Raffle Ticket
2. Win Raffle
3. Select any 2010 Tour listed below (value = \$400-\$600)

# **Stars and Stripes Events, LLC**

## **2010 Tour Calendar**

**Each tour includes motor coach transportation, meals, tips, maps and handouts. You pay only for your transportation to the start/end point, and your overnight accommodations (at pre-negotiated group rate).**

**Daniel Boone: Revolutionary War Hero of Kentucky**—Dave Hinze and Bruce Venter—May 15-17—  
Lexington, KY

**Jess James**—Dave Hinze and Josh Scott—June 4-6—Kansas City, MO

**Drums Along the Mohawk: The Revolutionary War in Upstate New York**—Bruce Venter and  
Dave Hinze—July 21-24—Johnstown, NY

**Custer, Crook and Crazy Horse: The Great Sioux War of 1876 and Red Cloud's War**—Robert  
F. O'Neill with Bruce Venter and Dave Hinze—August 4-7—Sheridan, WY

**Richmond Redeemed: Grant's Fifth Offensive at Petersburg: New Market Heights, Fort  
Harrison, Poplar Grove Church and more**—Dr. Richard J. Sommers—October 7-10—  
Petersburg, VA

**The Bristoe Campaign of 1863: Lee vs. Meade**—Michael Miller, Horace Mewborn and Bruce Venter—  
October 28-30—Culpeper, VA

**Great Commanders Series: Patrick Cleburne vs. George Thomas: Chattanooga to  
Chickamauga**—Thomas Cartwright and Dave Hinze—November 3- 6—Chattanooga, TN

**For more information call: 1-888-399-7874**

Or

**Go to: [www.starsandstripesevents.com](http://www.starsandstripesevents.com)**

# Did you notice that “Mosby Tour” option on the Registration Form?

Here’s how it works:

1. Register for Sunday Tour with separate check made out to Stars & Stripes Events, LLC
2. Board the bus at the hotel on Sunday
3. Enjoy your day in “Mosby Country”

## Stars & Stripes Events, LLC

Presents

### “Mosby’s Confederacy: Fights and Sites of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, Partisan Rangers”

Sunday, April 18, from 8 AM to 5 PM leaving from the Sheraton Reston Hotel

Immortalized with the sobriquet “**The Gray Ghost**” for his legendary hit-and-run tactics during the Civil War, **Colonel John S. Mosby** seemingly controlled a vast region of fertile farmland and small villages in parts of Fairfax, Loudoun, Clarke and Fauquier counties. From 1863 until the end of the war, this area was known as “**Mosby’s Confederacy.**” Union forces expended significant amounts of manpower and treasure attempting to gain the upper hand on Mosby’s partisan rangers. But time and again, the diminutive cavalryman foiled numerous Yankee efforts to defeat him and his guerilla band.

This full-day **Stars and Stripes Events** tour will take you through the heart of “Mosby’s Confederacy.” We will travel to **Mount Zion Church** where Mosby first mustered 15 partisans on January 26, 1863. Next you’ll see **Aldie Mill** where the Gray-clad rangers skirmished with the 1<sup>st</sup> Vermont Cavalry. Then it’s on to the **Rector House** in **Rector’s Cross Roads** where Mosby met with **Major General James Ewell Brown “Jeb” Stuart** shortly before Stuart’s famed ride around the Union army in the opening stages of the Gettysburg campaign. You will also see the **Hathaway House**, site of the legendary story where Mosby escaped out an upper story window onto a tree limb before the Yankees could grab him. The tree still stands. Next we’ll visit **Millwood**, the site where Colonel Mosby disbanded his battalion almost two weeks after Robert E. Lee’s surrender at Appomattox. Lunch will be near **Berryville**.

After lunch we’ll dismount at the site of Mosby’s **Berryville Wagon Train Raid** on August 13, 1864. Then it’s on to one of his most famous exploits, the **Greenback Raid**. Our touring day will conclude at the **Miskell’s Farm** battle site, a fight that nearly ended the burgeoning career of Mosby and his 43<sup>rd</sup> Battalion. Throughout the day, you’ll be introduced to such colorful figures as “**Big Yankee**” **Ames**, “**Dolly**” **Richards**, **Sam Chapman**, **John Mobberly** and more unforgettable characters. While we won’t be able to visit every site and skirmish in “Mosby’s Confederacy,” our expert tour guide, author and historian, **Horace Mewborn** will recount the endless adventures of Mosby’s men as we ride around “Mosby’s Confederacy.”

This **Stars & Stripes Events** tour will take you inside places like **Mount Zion Church** and the **Rector House**, sites not normally opened to the public.

Our Tour Guide/Historian: **Horace Mewborn** is an experienced tour leader of “Mosby’s Confederacy.” He has co-authored the *43<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Virginia Cavalry Mosby’s Command* (1993), edited *From Mosby’s Command: Newspaper Letters & Articles by and about John S. Mosby and his Rangers* (2005), and written three feature issues for *Blue & Gray* magazine on Mosby’s Rangers. Horace has led numerous tours of “Mosby’s Confederacy” and has lectured widely on the partisan leader throughout the country. He is a veteran of the U. S. Special Forces and spent 20 years with the FBI. This is a rare opportunity to hear about John S. Mosby from a nationally recognized expert.

## *Draft Program Schedule*

### **Thursday, April 15, 2010**

- 1200 – 2200 Registration Open, Message Center open
- 1200 – 2200 Hospitality Room Open (Hosted courtesy of Chesapeake Chapter)
- 1500 – 2300 Exhibit & Flea Market/Exhibit Room Open
- 1800 – 2100 **Welcome and Museum Visit:** Cash Bar and Finger Food at the NRA HQ  
11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030,  
Transportation to NRA HQ by car pool (15 minutes from hotel)
- 2100 – 2400 **Governors' Meeting**

### **Friday, April 16, 2010**

- 0700 – 0830 Breakfast: Provided with Registration
- 0800 – 2100 Registration Lobby Area and the Message Center at Flea Market and Exhibit Room
- 0800 – 2200 Exhibit and Flea Market Room Open
- 0800 – 2200 Hospitality Room Open (Hosted by Chesapeake Chapter)
- 0900 -- 0950 Lecture/Presentation:**  
The Lewis and Clark Expedition "Air Rifle" by Philip Schreier, Senior Curator NRA Museum
- 0955- 1045 Lecture Presentation**  
FBI & US Library of Congress on thefts of US Treasures by FBI, NA, LC staff
- 1045- 1100 Coffee Break: Provided with Registration
- 1100 – 11500 Lecture / Presentation:**  
Governor Dunmore's War, a pre Rev War topic by Glenn Williams, Curator US Army Museum Fort Belvoir
- 1200-1400 Lunch
- 1400 – 1450 Lecture / Presentation:**  
"USMC in the Battle of First Manassas" by Roger Martin
- 1455 – 1545 **Lecture / Presentation:**  
"US Army Uniforms" by Walter Bradford, Center of Military History
- 1550 – 1640 Lecture / Presentation:**  
Virginia Manufactory by Craig Bell & Giles Cromwell,
- 1700-1730 **Chapter Meetings** (Tidewater, Chesapeake, and others)  
Dinner on your own.
- 1930-2100 **Hands-on Cadet-Track Fife & Drum Workshop led by Les Jensen**
- Those who have their own instruments are asked to pre-register, indicating their instrument, and selecting the "no charge" option.
  - Those who need an instrument provided to them should select the \$20 fee option, and may elect to receive a (plastic) practice fife or wooden drum sticks (seconds).
  - Observers are welcome ... bring your own ear plugs.
- 1930-2025 **Chilean Military Academy Military History Presentation**  
(Presenter to be announced & Alex de Quesada)

## **Saturday, April 17, 2010**

- 0700 – 0830 Breakfast: Provided with registration
- 0800 – 1200 Registration in Lobby Area.  
Message Center is at the Flea Market and Exhibit Room
- 0800 – 2200 Exhibit and Flea Market Room Open
- 0800 – 2200 Hospitality Room Open (Hosted by the Chesapeake Chapter)
- 0900 – 0950 **Lecture/Presentation**  
“Mr. Lincoln’s Forts” by Wally Owen, Curator Fort Ward Museum and Park (His new Book on all of the forts around Washington during the Civil War)
- 0955 – 1045 **Company Meeting**
- 1045-1100 Coffee Break: Provided with registration
- 1100 – 1150 **Lecture / Presentation:**  
Military ID Disks in the Civil War by Joe Stahl
- 1200 – 1205 First Shift: Board Busses and Leave for Dulles Air and Space Museum
- 1235 – 1245 Second Shift: Board Busses and Leave for Dulles Air and Space Museum
- 1245 – 1250 Third Shift (if numbers require it): Board Busses and Leave for Dulles Air and Space Museum

Lunch is on your own. There are establishments in and near the hotel, and Restaurants at the Museum.

- 1600 First Shift: Board Busses and Leave for Return to Sheraton Hotel
- 1635 Second Shift: Board Busses and Leave for Return to Sheraton Hotel
- 1645 Third Shift (if numbers require it): Board Busses and Leave for Return to Sheraton Hotel
- 1800 – 1900 Reception: coffee, snacks and Cash Bar
- 1900 – 2100 Banquet
- 2100—2200 Flea market Room open for clearing out.

## **Sunday April 18, 2010**

- 0700 – 0900 Remove and clear Exhibit and Flea Market area
- 0700 – 0900 Breakfast on your own
- 0800 – 1000 Registration area and message area open
- 0800 – 1200 Hotel Check out
- 0900 – 1800 Coordinated and on-your-own visits to museums and battlefields.
- Three battlefields are close by: Manassas 30 min, Chantilly 15 min and Balls Bluff 30 min. (maps will be provided at registration desk and car pools will be set up by John DePue)
  - Visit to Downtown DC: Bus will drop off at the Mall, then proceed to the Naval Museum for a tour. Bus will return attendees to hotel around 4:00PM. Patrick Gloyd will coordinate mall visit. John Morris will lead tour of Naval Museum.
  - Tour from Stars & Stripes Events entitled: "Mosby's Confederacy: Fights and Sites of the 43rd Battalion, Partisan Rangers". One-day tour led by Horace Mewborn