

**Company of Military Historians
66th Annual Meeting
May 28 – May 31, 2015
Downtown Richmond Omni Hotel
100 South 12th Street, Richmond, VA 23219**

March 2, 2015

Dear CMH Member:

We invite you to attend the 66th annual meeting of the Company of Military Historians in historic Richmond, Virginia. We are convinced you come to Company meetings because you get opportunities to see and do things you cannot get in any other venue . . . and we have loaded this conference with events that are unique to the Company meeting:

- Presentations on several significant civil war battles and events that occurred in the central Virginia theatre of operations.
- Two half-day field trips to visit the Civil War battlefield sites of the Seven Days battles and the Siege of Petersburg.
- Visit two museums on U.S. Army post Fort Lee that depict the history and heritage of the Army's Quartermaster Corps and logistics, and the women who have served in the U.S. Army.
- Optional Field Trip One (pre-meeting) full day battlefield trip on the Victory at Yorktown that will cover a number of battle sites in the Yorktown area. Full details are included in this registration packet.
- Optional Field Trip Two (post-meeting) full day trip covering the retreat from Petersburg to Appomattox with visits to three museums followed by a tour and dinner at Haw Branch Plantation, a historic restored eighteenth century Virginia plantation home. Full details are included herein.

Additional highlights include:

- Ample exhibit display/flea market space. Round-the-clock security coverage provided by professional security guards.
- Continental breakfasts, beverages, and lunches included so you can attend all of the lectures without being hurried to look for places to eat.

We have worked hard to bring you a conference adapted to provide you with the kind of experience you expect and, despite holding the meeting in a major urban area, keep prices at a reasonable level while providing two high quality field trips to accompany the lecture series.

In addition to providing the two field trips and the traditional Saturday banquet, the registration fee includes Friday and Saturday (light continental) breakfasts, a sit down plated lunch on Friday and a boxed lunch on Saturday.

Full Registration Rate for the three-day meeting is \$225.

Optional Full Day Pre-meeting Field Trip to Yorktown is \$145.

Optional Full Day Post-meeting Field Trip to Appomattox sites and eighteenth century Haw Branch Plantation is \$110.

There are numerous other activities and sites within the greater Richmond area if you wish to extend your visit with us either before and/or after our meeting. Popular sites within walking distance of our host Omni Hotel include twenty restaurants, the Thomas Jefferson designed Capitol building, NPS Visitors Center at the Tredegar Iron Works, the American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar, and the Museum of the Confederacy. There is ample parking in the underground parking deck located beneath the hotel. The meeting rooms are large, convenient and immediately adjacent to the room where members may set up their military history themed displays. The Flea Market area is located in a separate adjacent area so displays and sales tables will not be commingled or confusing to our meeting attendees.

We have negotiated a special hotel room rate at the Omni of \$139 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 May 6, 2015, as rooms will only be held for us by the hotel until May 6th (please reserve your room early).

Contact the Omni Hotel directly by calling the 24-hour a day toll-free reservation number 1-800-THE-OMNI, asking for the Company of Military Historians group rate. The local telephone number for the hotel is (804) 344-7000.

Mark your calendar for May 28-31, 2015 to attend the Company's 66th Annual Meeting in historic Richmond, Virginia. Plan to spend a few extra days – there is a lot to see in Richmond. We have negotiated the special hotel rate to cover three days before and after the meeting. Remember, the hotel will guarantee room availability at this rate only until May 6, 2015.

We look forward to seeing you!

Craig D. Bell, Meeting Chair
Phone: (804) 775-1179
Email: cdbell@mcguirewoods.com

**Company of Military Historians – 66th Annual Meeting – May 28-May 31, 2015
Registration Form**

Name _____ Guest Name(s) _____
 Address _____ City, ST, Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Please complete <u>all</u> information (we have new ribbon designs for nametags). Your nametag will have both ribbons (for status) and stars (for tenure). Save the stars for reuse at subsequent meetings; replacement stars will cost \$0.50 each.			Current	Past	# terms	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mtg Chairman or Cmte →	→	__ number of meetings served	President →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	__
<input type="checkbox"/> Charter Member →	→	__ decades of membership	Bd of Governors →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	__
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Member →	→		Officer →	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	__
<input type="checkbox"/> Member, <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member →	→		<input type="checkbox"/> DSA; <input type="checkbox"/> with star			
<input type="checkbox"/> First Time Attendee →	→		<input type="checkbox"/> Fellow			

Hotel reservations: 1-800-THE-OMNI (Ask for the Company of Military Historians group rate.)
General Questions: (Or to confirm your decades of membership) contact Company Administrator Dave Sullivan at dsulli7875@aol.com or Meeting Chair Craig D. Bell at cdbell@mcguirewoods.com or (804) 775-1179.
 Indicate here and use space on reverse (or a sep. sheet) to explain any special needs (i.e., gluten free meals).

	Price	Qty	Total
Full registration includes: Thurs: Cocktail Reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres Fri: Continental Breakfast, 3 lecture sessions, seated lunch, historian led Seven Days Battle tour Sat: Continental Breakfast and Box lunch, 4 lecture sessions, historian led Siege of Petersburg battlefield tour, visit to U.S. Army Quartermaster and Women in the Army museums, cocktail reception, and banquet dinner. Select food entrée below.**	\$225*		
Three day registration with no Saturday Evening Banquet	\$195		
Optional Thursday field trip to Yorktown – see full page description of trip	\$145		
Optional Sunday field trip to Appomattox – see full page description of trip	\$110		
Exhibit Tables (first two are free, but you must reserve space by indicating number needed)	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1, <input type="checkbox"/> 2	
Exhibit Tables after the first two:	\$45		
Flea Market Sales Tables (Register early to ensure a Table)	\$50		
Late Fee for registrations post marked after April 30th	\$75		
Total enclosed			

***First time attendees** may take a 10% discount off their **full** weekend registration fee of \$225.

****Banquet Entrées** Please indicate your dinner preference:
 Beef Chicken

Mail completed Registration Form with check payable to “2015 CMH Annual Meeting” to the following address:

**Craig D. Bell
 McGuireWoods LLP
 Post Office Box 1126
 Richmond, Virginia 23208-1126**

SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 28, 2015

Optional Field Trip One (limited to first 55 attendees. Cost: \$145)

0800-1700 Tour Virginia's major Revolutionary War Campaign. The tour will visit all the major Yorktown battlefield sites; the Fusilier's Redoubt, the Grand French Redoubt, the American and French Siege Lines, Redoubts Nos. 9 and 10, The Moore House, the Surrender Field and the "Cornwallis Cave." The tour will also stop at the little-visited British entrenchments at Gloucester Point, as well as the Green Spring battlefield site near Jamestown. The cost of this field trip includes: motor coach transportation, lunch, beverage, and snacks, all admissions and gratuities, a map and materials packages, and the services of experienced tour guides-historians. Both the American and British side of the campaign will be covered. For more details see full page description of the tour included with this registration package. The tour departs from the lobby of the Omni Hotel.

1300-2200 Registration and Message Center open. Exhibit/Display Room/Flea Market set-up.
(James River Foyer on second floor)

1900-2100 Thursday evening OPENING RECEPTION
(James River Salon C)
Heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, casual dress

2100-2200 Board of Governors' Meeting

Friday, May 29, 2015

0800-1800 Registration, Message Center Open
(James River Foyer)

0800-2200 Exhibit/Display Room/Flea Market Open
(James River Salons A and B)

0845-0940 Lecture Session I
(James River Salon D)
Edward G. Lengel – "Who Won the Battle of Belleau Wood?"

0950-1040 Lecture Session II
(James River Salon D)
Bruce M. Venter – "Kill Jeff Davis: The Kilpatrick-Dahlgren Raid on Richmond in 1864."

- 1050-1140** Lecture Session III
(James River Salon D)
Gerald Roxbury – “Confederate Navy Edged Weapons of the Civil War (1861-1865).”
- 1200-1300** Lunch
(James River Salon C)
- 1300-1730** Board buses for a field trip of the 1862 Seven Days’ Battles between the 100,000 strong Union forces under General George B. McClellan’s army and the Confederate forces of the Army of Northern Virginia, under the commands of Generals Joseph E. Johnston, and Robert E. Lee. The tour will include visits to the battle sites of Beaver Dam Creek, Gaines’ Mill, Glendale and Malvern Hill.
- 1730-1830** Reception at the Museum of the Confederacy or the American Civil War Center at Historic Tredegar Iron Work (tentative – depends on the construction schedules of these two newly-merged museums).

Saturday, May 30, 2015

- 0800-1830** Registration, Message Center Open
(James River Foyer)
- 0800-1830** Exhibit/Display Room/Flea Market Open
- 0845-0920** Lecture Session IV
(James River Salon D)
Bruce Bazelon and Les Jensen – “Conservation and Restoration of the CHM’s Uniform Collecton.”
- 0920-0950** Lecture V
(James River Salon D)
CMH President Stephen M. Henry – “State of the Company” address.
- 1000-1050** Lecture VI
(James River Salon D)
Horace Mewborn – “Colonel John Mosby: Master Partisan.”
- 1100-1150** Lecture VII
(James River Salon D)
John H. Thillmann – “The Golden Age of American Swords (1832-1865).”
- 1200-1230** Lunch – boxed lunches
(James River Salon C)
Pick up your boxed lunch and head down to hotel lobby to board buses for afternoon field trip.

- 1230-1730** Board buses with your boxed lunch for a field trip of The Siege of Petersburg battlefield sites of 1864-1865. Stops will also be made at U.S. Army Fort Lee to visit the Quartermaster Museum which has preserved the history and heritage of the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corp., the Army's oldest logistic branch (1775-present) and the U.S. Army's Women's Museum which is the only museum dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of women in the U.S. Army. Those two museums are located adjacent to each other on the Fort Lee active duty U.S. Army base.
- 1830-1930** Cocktail Reception, cash bar, formal dress
(James River Salon C)
- 1930-2100** Banquet and awards ceremony, formal dress
(James River Salon C)
- 2100-2300** Exhibit/Display Room/Flea Market Open

Sunday, May 31, 2015

- 0700-1030** Remove and clear Exhibits/Displays, Flea Market breakdown

Optional Field Trip Two (limited to first 55 attendees to send in registration with this option marked. Cost: \$110)

- 0900-2100** Enjoy a relaxing day leaving the City of Richmond heading west to follow the troop movements from the breakout from the siege of Petersburg to the surrender at Appomattox. This tour will visit 3 museums (Sailor's Creek, the Museum of the Confederacy's new museum at Appomattox, and the Appomattox Courthouse National Historic Park. Boxed lunches will be provided on the trip towards Appomattox and on the return you will travel to Haw Branch Plantation for a tour of a privately owned 18th century plantation residence. Tours of the historic residence and a southern style "Sunday Supper" will be served on the magnificent back porch of the "big house" before returning to the Omni Hotel in Richmond. The tour includes a morning snack, boxed lunch, and Sunday supper, Museum admission fees, research folder, and the services of Les Jensen, past CMH President who will lead the tour, and David Cardona, resident and owner of Haw Branch Plantation.

OPTIONAL FIELD TRIP ONE

Victory at Yorktown: Pre-meeting Bus Tour

Thursday, May 28, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. Leaving from the Richmond Omni Hotel



America's History's fifth tour for the Company of Military Historians will focus on Virginia's major Revolutionary War campaign: General George Washington's victory over Lt. Gen. Charles Lord Cornwallis's British army at Yorktown in October 1781. We have enlisted an award-winning author and historian as part of our tour team. Edward G. Lengel is editor-in-chief of the *Papers of George Washington Project* at the University of Virginia and

author of three books on Washington, including the highly acclaimed *General George Washington: A Military Biography*. He will be joined by Bill Welsch, an author and popular Revolutionary War tour leader; some members will remember Bill as the leader our Trenton tour in 2011. Bruce Venter, president of America's History, LLC, a Company member and author of *The Battle of Hubbardton: The Rear Guard Action that Saved America* (2015) will provide the British side of the story.

This full-day tour will include a stop at the Green Spring battlefield site near Jamestown, where Cornwallis defeated patriot forces commanded by Maj. Gen. Marquis de Lafayette and Brig. Gen. "Mad Anthony" Wayne three months prior to Yorktown. The Civil War Trust's new **Campaign 1776** to preserve Revolutionary War battlefields has Green Spring on its endangered list. We will, of course, visit all the major Yorktown battlefield sites: the Fusiliers' Redoubt, the Grand French Redoubt, the American and French Siege Lines, Redoubts Nos. 9 and 10, the Moore House, the Surrender Field and the "Cornwallis Cave." We will also stop at the little-visited British entrenchments at Gloucester Point, across the York River from Yorktown.

Tour Cost: \$145. per person

What's included: motor coach transportation, lunch, beverage and snack breaks, all admissions and gratuities, a map and materials package, and the services of experienced tour guides-historians. Tour goes out rain or shine from the lobby of the Omni Hotel.

Questions about the tour may be directed to Bruce Venter by calling 703-785-4373 or via email at bruceventer@aol.com .

OPTIONAL FIELD TRIP TWO

To Appomattox: Post-meeting Bus Tour

Sunday, May 31, 9am–9pm. Leaving from Richmond Omni Hotel

Richmond, VA. Spring, 2015: The perfect opportunity to relive the drama of the last days of the Civil War.

After taking highways from Richmond to Amelia, we'll follow the route of troop movements from Amelia to Appomattox, visit 3 museums, and – on our return trip – experience a proper southern supper at a privately-owned historic plantation. Noted Civil War historian and former Company President, Les Jensen, (Fellow, DSA) will narrate our bus ride highlighting events of the final week of the war.

As we leave Richmond, you'll be issued Confederate rations (water, hardtack and parched corn) for your morning snack. We'll make a brief stop at the Sailor's Creek Visitor Center. Arriving at Appomattox, you will be issued federal rations (box lunch), and we will visit the new facilities of the Museum of the Confederacy at Appomattox. In mid afternoon we will shuttle over to Appomattox Courthouse National Historical Park.

In late afternoon, we'll travel to Haw Branch Plantation for an exclusive event at an extraordinary plantation that remains a private residence. Owner David Cardona will present house tours highlighting artifacts and ephemera related to family members and their service in the House of Burgesses, in every War from the Revolution to the Civil War, service as Secretary of the Navy and Minister to France, and art and artifacts purchased by a family member who served on Perry's expedition to Japan. Sunday Supper (southern style, with 2 starches, 2 vegetables, 2 entrees, and dessert) will be served on the magnificent back porch of the "big house."



McLean House - Photo credit: NPS



Haw Branch Plantation Photo credit: John A. Rooney, Jr.

Trip Schedule

9:00	Leave Hotel
10:30	Arrive Sailor's Creek Visitor Center
12:15	Arrive Appomattox, lunch in pavilion, Visit Museum of the Confederacy
2:30	Arrive Appomattox Court House National Historical Park
5:30	Arrive Haw Branch for Tour, Supper
9:00	Arrive back at Hotel

What's included: Transportation via a full size motor coach (with onboard bathroom), all meals: morning snack, box lunch, and Sunday supper, museum admission fees, research folder, and the services of Les Jensen and David Cardona as our tour guides.

Questions: May be directed to Juanita Leisch Jensen by phone at 845-754-8827 or email at lesandjuanita1@hushmail.com.

Space is limited: Register early to ensure a slot.

Tour Cost: \$110 per person.