

Welcome to the 2016 Annual Company of Military Historians Meeting

To make this meeting a great experience for all of us we have done a number of things to make the Meeting special.

We have located an excellent Hilton Hotel with lovely modern rooms and great conference facilities as our meeting venue and base of operations.

The hotel location was picked as it is in a perfect location right near Dulles Airport (very close to the spectacular Smithsonian's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum) so out of towners need not rent a car. It also provides access to the new Silver Line METRO system that takes you to Washington DC., Parking is free, access to the display/sales room is "ground floor" excellent.

Note that the Hilton Hotel room rate is an exceptional \$119.00 per night for a first class room that is normally many times that amount. The room block for the meeting is only being held until March 15. 703-478-2900. "the Company of Military Historians meeting"



The meeting begins on Thursday evening with a reception at the NRA Museum and Book store this is a fantastic venue...for those of you without cars we will have a car pool—ride share sign up in the registration area. But please also indicate that you can give or need a ride on the registration sheet



Friday and Saturday breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks are part of the registration as are two fabulous field trips on Friday. The presentations on Saturday are sure to be of great interest as well.

The program is both exciting and informative...exciting because both of our field trips are unique first time trips and special as both are sites that are National in Scope and Importance and as stated neither have ever been visited by one of our meetings.

- The first is to the first commander in Chiefs' home **The Mount Vernon Estate in Alexandria Virginia**. The Mount Vernon venue is spectacular, the home, buildings, grounds are all open to us and the new visitors center and museum are world class.



- The second field trip is to the never before visited US Army National Museum artifact storage facility where the artifacts for the new National US Army Museum are housed. Either one of these visits would have been sufficient for a wonderful field trip but we will be visiting both for an all-day Friday field Trip.



On Thursday for early those of you that can get to the meeting early there is a separate tour of the Bull Run battlefield which for those of you interested can sign up and reply directly to the organizer Bruce Venter.

Your co-hosts and volunteer team believe that you will have a wonderful time...Co-Chairs Patrick Gloyd and John Thillmann welcomes you to an eventful, interesting meeting!

If you need to contact either Patrick Gloyd or John Thillmann Please put CMH 2016 in the subject line:

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Company of Military Historians 67th Annual Meeting

14 – 17 April 2016

Hilton Dulles Hotel, 13869 Park Center Rd. Herndon, VA

Registration Form

Mail check (CMH 2016) & Registration form to John Thillmann, Landmark, 2700 S. Nelson St Arlington VA 22206

Name _____ Guest Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

First Time attendee – gets 10% discount
 Family Member
 Life Member
 Fellow
 DSA
 Governor
 Officer
 Host Committee volunteer

	Price	Qty	Total
Registration Options			
Full registration Includes: Thurs. reception at the NRA Museum (available only with full registration), Fri- Breakfast and lunch, Sat- Breakfast & lunch, am and pm coffee break, social hour with food and drink, and banquet	\$245		
Three day registration with no Saturday Evening Banquet	\$220		
Friday only Includes: Bkfst, lunch, both Field Trips	\$150		
Saturday only Includes: Bkfst, lunch, am and pm coffee break, social hour, and banquet	\$190		
Banquet only	\$70		
Optional Sunday field trip 6 hrs. Coach trip to DC to the Mall stopping at the Native American Museum, Air and Space, Natural History, Science and Technology (need a minimum of 30 participants) lunch on your own at the Smithsonian	\$35		
Exhibit Tables (first two are free, but you must reserve space by indicating number needed they are 6')	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	
Exhibit tables after the first two:	\$50		
Sales Tables (limited number 6' register early to ensure a table)	\$60		
Late Fee for registrations post marked after March 1 st	\$15		
Total enclosed			
NRA Museum Reception only with full Registration: Please indicate if you are arriving via <input type="checkbox"/> automobile or <input type="checkbox"/> by air Please indicate if you can <input type="checkbox"/> provide or <input type="checkbox"/> will need a ride to the NRA museum on Thursday evening.			
Banquet <i>Please indicate your dinner preference:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Pan Seared Talipia with Dried Tomato Beurre Blanc, <input type="checkbox"/> Steak with Peppercorn Brandy Sauce Tossed green salad, dinner rolls, Desert; Lemon Raspberry Cake, table beverage and wine included (beer or liquor on your own)			

On to Richmond: The First Battle at Manassas

Thursday, April 14, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. leaving from the Hilton Dulles Hotel

Led by Brig. Gen. John “Jack” Mountcastle, U.S. Army (ret.)



America’s History’s bus tour for the Company of Military Historians’ annual meeting will focus on the Civil War’s first major campaign in the East. The call was “On to Richmond” when Union and Confederate armies collided near Manassas Junction, the battle that became known as First Manassas or First Bull Run as it was known in the North. We have enlisted the services of Brig. Gen. Jack Mountcastle, an army historian and very popular tour guide. Jack is a graduate of VMI, a Vietnam veteran with a Ph.D. in history from Duke University and was chief of military history and commander of the U.S. Army Center for Military History at Fort McNair before his retirement.

We have designed this tour so it will not duplicate any other activities planned for the CMH annual meeting.

This tactical tour will include the major sites associated with the battle at First Manassas such as Henry House Hill where Col. Jonathan T. Jackson acquired his immortal sobriquet, “Stonewall,” Matthews Hill where Union artillery blasted away at the Confederates on Henry House Hill, the Stone House which was used as a field hospital for Federal wounded, the famous Stone Bridge over Bull Run where the Yankee withdrawal turned into a rout and other significant sites on the battlefield. We have included in our itinerary the rarely visited Blackburn’s Ford site which saw action on July 18, prior to the main engagement.

The Manassas National Battlefield Park includes sites associated with both the first and second battles of Manassas or Bull Run. This will enable us to include an interpretation of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson’s great victory over John Pope in August 1862. We will make stops at the Brawner Farm where the Union army’s Iron Brigade earned fame for its courage, the “railroad cut” where Jackson’s men fought with rocks when ammunition ran out, the 5th New York Infantry’s stand west of Groveton where

that regiment sustained the highest casualty rate of any Union regiment during the war. We'll end the day at Chinn Ridge where Pope's army made its last stand against the Confederate onslaught under James Longstreet.

As in the past, we will return to the hotel in time for the opening reception.

The tour registration fee is \$145.00. Our Yorktown tour last year was full, so please register early.

This tour is also open to non-Company members who enjoy tours sponsored by America's History, LLC. The headquarters hotel for this tour is the Hilton Washington Dulles Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon, Virginia, 20171. The room rate is an exceptional \$119.00 per night for a first class room. **The room block for the meeting is only being held until March 15. Please call 800-445-8667 for reservations and mention "the Company of Military Historians meeting at the Washington Dulles Hilton."**

What's included: motor coach transportation, lunch, beverage and snack breaks, a map and materials package, all admissions and gratuities, and the services of an experienced tour guide. Tour goes out rain or shine.

To register: Contact **America's History LLC** directly to register for this tour. You may use either the web site or call Bruce Venter at 703-785-4373. Visa, Master Card or Discover are accepted. We're happy to take checks too! Web site is www.AmericasHistoryLLC.com . Postal address is America's History LLC, PO Box 1076, Goochland, VA 23063. We can answer questions by email at bruceventer@aol.com .