

**Company of Military Historians  
71st Annual Meeting  
October 6 - 8, 2022  
Stoney Creek Inn and Conference Center  
101 18th Street, Moline, IL 61265**

Dear CMH Member:

July 19, 2022

You are invited to the 71st annual meeting of the Company of Military Historians in Moline, Illinois—one of the historic Quad Cities along the banks of the mighty Mississippi River. The Quad Cities include Moline and Rock Island, Illinois as well as Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa.

The Annual Meeting's theme this year is 'Blackhawk, Browning and the Big River.' This is the first meeting in the Midwest in 25 years. You are going to see and do things you cannot get in any other location. The meeting will feature events that are unique to the Midwest:

- Presentations by specialists and authors on topics related to the Civil War, Blackhawk War, WWI, and military music throughout the ages.
- Optional Field Trip One (pre-meeting) full-day visits to two battlefield sites on the War of 1812, where Blackhawk led the Sauk and Fox Nations to two significant victories over the US Army led by Major Zachary Taylor (later US President). **Space is limited to the first 53 registrants.**
- A full-day tour of the US Army Rock Island Arsenal, never before visited at an Annual Meeting.

Highlights include:

- Special briefing and private tour of the Browning Army Museum, including access to archival arms and artifacts not available to the general public.
- Tours of the US and Confederate Cemeteries, First Army Museum, Army Corp of Engineers Lock and Dam #15 Visitor Center, and the Colonel Davenport House.

Additional highlights include:

- Ample exhibit display/flea market space and Silent Auction space for the benefit of the Company. Locked room and security coverage provided by professional security guards.
- Continental breakfasts, beverages, and box lunches included
- Two field trips (including box lunches), buffet lunch on Friday, and the traditional banquet
- Friday evening's highlight is a concert by the First Brigade Band of Watertown, Wisconsin whose performance will feature authentic music from the time period, Civil War uniforms and instruments.

Full registration rate for the three-day meeting (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) is \$300.

Friday and Saturday only is \$200.

Saturday only is \$100.

The banquet is an additional \$65, and includes a dinner of either prime rib, chicken, pulled pork, sausage or vegetarian entrees. Special dietary needs can be accommodated and can be indicated on your registration. Friday evening's highlight is a concert by the First Brigade Band of Watertown, Wisconsin whose performance will feature authentic music from the time period, Civil War uniforms and instruments.

There are numerous other activities and sites within the greater Quad Cities area if you wish to extend your visit either before or after the meeting. The most popular visitor site in the Quad Cities is the John Deere Pavilion, which is within walking distance of the Stoney Creek Inn. There are a variety of sites and activities in the metro area, including the Figge Art Museum (home to art by Grant Wood, Marvin Cone and Thomas Hart Benton and many others). The Putnam Museum and Science Center and the German American Heritage Center are also in the local area. The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum is just 55 miles away in West Branch, Iowa—right off interstate 80.

There is ample free parking in the parking lot adjacent to the hotel. The meeting rooms and hotel rooms are large, convenient and recently remodeled. The displays/Silent Auction and Flea Market area is located in a separate adjacent secured area from all other activities.

We have negotiated a special hotel room rate at the Stony Creek Inn and Conference Center of \$129 plus tax; 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 **September 1, 2022**. (Deadline for registration to the meeting is September 8th. Please reserve your room early. **The group rate will not be honored after September 1.**) The hotel also has a shuttle bus from the Quad Cities airport, so a rental car is not required unless you'd like to do additional sightseeing before or after the conference.

Contact the Stony Creek Inn and Conference Center directly by calling the 24-hour a day reservation number, 309-743-0101, select Option 3, ask for the Company of Military Historians group rate.

Mark your calendar for October 6-8 to attend the Company's 71st Annual Meeting in the heart of the Blackhawk, Browning and Big River Country. Plan to spend a few extra days – there is a lot to see in the greater Quad City Metro Area.

We look forward to seeing you!

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## Company of Military Historians – 71st Annual Meeting – October 6-8, 2022 Registration Form

Name _____	Guest Name(s) _____
Address _____	City, ST, Zip _____
Phone _____	Email _____
Real ID Driver's License* _____	Military ID # * _____
Foreign National's Passport # * _____	

Registration must be received by **8 September** for participation on Rock Island Arsenal (RIA). This is an active military installation and your Real ID (Star ID), Military ID, or Passport will be used to verify your entrance to the installation.\*

**You MUST bring your ID with you when accessing Rock Island Arsenal!**

Please complete <u>all</u> information (we have new ribbon designs for name tags). Your name tag 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	__	
<input type="checkbox"/> Charter Member →	__ decades of membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	__	
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Member →		<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:** 309-743-0101 select Option 3, 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 Kevin Lonergan at cmh2022annualmtg@gmail.com (563) 271-1167

Indicate here and use space on reverse (or a sep. sheet) to explain any special dietary needs (i.e., gluten free meals).

	Price	Qty	Total
<b>Full registration</b> includes: Thurs: All day field trip to Credit and Campbell Islands and Blackhawk Museum followed with cocktail reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres Fri: Continental Breakfast and Buffet lunch, All day lecture series, Banquet dinner and concert. Banquet includes: cash bar cocktail reception, concert by Civil War First Brigade Band from Watertown Wisconsin and banquet dinner. Select food entrée below.** Sat: Continental Breakfast, All day field trip to US Army Arsenal Island, box lunch	\$365		
<b>Three-day registration with no Friday Evening Banquet</b>	\$300		
<b>Friday evening banquet only:</b> Select: <input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Pulled Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Sausage <input type="checkbox"/> Veg	\$65		
<b>Friday and Saturday with no Friday Evening Banquet</b>	\$200		
<b>Friday only with no Friday Evening Banquet</b>	\$100		
<b>Exhibit Tables</b> (first two are free, but you must reserve space by indicating number needed)	\$0	( <input type="checkbox"/> ) <sup>1</sup> , ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) <sup>2</sup>	
Exhibit Tables after the first two:	\$45		
<b>Flea Market Sales Tables</b> (Register early to ensure a table)	\$50		
<b>Late Fee</b> for registrations postmarked after Sept. 8	\$75		
<b>Total enclosed</b>			

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## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **Wednesday, October 5, 2022**

Wednesday check-in required to attend Thursday's events.

### **Thursday, October 6, 2022**

6:00 – 8:00 Check in

8:00 – 8:45 Briefing on Campbell's Island and Credit Island  
Kevin Braadfeldt – Army Sustainment Command, Command Historian  
Hotel General Session Area

8:45- 9:00 Board busses on east side of hotel parking lot

9:00 Leave for Campbell's Island  
There will be walking; wear comfortable walking shoes.

9:15 – 10:45 Kevin Braadfeldt will be our interpreter for the three sites we will be visiting on Campbell Island.

- Battle Site
- Memorial to the U.S. Troops
- Sauk and Fox Memorial

10:45 Load bus for Black Hawk State Historic Site in Rock Island

11:15 Black Hawk Historic Site (Restroom available)  
Historic CCC Room  
Box lunch from 11:30 – 12:15 Staff will give briefing from 11:30 – 12:15

12:15-1:00 Visit the Hauberg Museum at the site and explore at the geographical make-up of the area

1:15-1:30 Bus to Credit Island

1:30 – 3:00 Credit Island Battle Site Kevin Braadfeldt will be our interpreter.  
Museum Gift Shop will be open.

3:00 Load bus to return to hotel

4:30 – 7:00 Mixer, heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar  
Parking lot will feature WWII historic vehicles and jeeps on display from the Quad Cities Military Vehicle Collectors

## **Friday, October 7, 2022**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Friday 8:00 am - 10:00 pm Open to Company members and Company's guests. Exhibits, book signing tables, silent auction for the benefit of the Company.

All day: Speakers in General Assembly Room

Morning break with refreshments. Lunch (included) is served at the hotel

Afternoon Speakers continue

Afternoon break with refreshments

5:30 – 7:30 Cocktails and Drinks available (cash bar). Enjoy a performance by the Civil War First Brigade Band from Watertown Wisconsin – Grand Hall

7:30 – 9:30

Banquet at the Hotel – General Session Area

Master of Ceremonies – Alex de Quesada

Silent Auction winners will be announced at the dinner.

## **Saturday, October 8, 2022**

Breakfast at hotel

8:15 – 8:30 Board the bus. **You must have a State (Star/Real) ID, passport, military, or military retirement ID with you to gain entrance to the Rock Island Arsenal.**

9:00 Rock Island Arsenal Tour

(Check in to the Island may take 15-20 minutes for security verification. Restrooms are available all day.)

- 1) Browning Army Museum
- 2) Army Corps of Engineers Lock and Dam Center
- 3) U.S. Army Cemetery – Command Historian will guide us
- 4) Confederate Cemetery
- 5) First Army Museum
- 6) Colonel Davenport House

4:00 Return to Hotel

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Company of Military Historian Chapter meetings at Hotel

- Central Pennsylvania Chapter
- Central Plain Chapter
- Chesapeake Chapter
- Gettysburg Chapter
- Chilean Chapter
- Greater Atlanta Chapter
- Greater Tidewater Chapter
- Lone Star Chapter
- St. Louis Chapter (Jefferson Barracks Chapter)
- Southwest Chapter
- West Point Chapter

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Board of Governors Meeting in Huck's Board Room

Dinner on your own.

**Friday speakers include:**

Tom Clemens - World renowned expert on the Maryland Campaign of 1862  
**“McClellan’s True Headquarters at Antietam”**

Bruce Gleason - Music professor at St. Thomas University  
**“Military Music through the Ages”**

Michael Goc - Author and editor of over 70 historical books and articles  
**“Hero of the Red River Campaign: The Life and Times of Joseph Bailey”**

Allen Ottens - University Professor and Historian  
**“General John A. Rawlins: No Ordinary Man”**

Dan Weinberg - Owner, Abraham Lincoln Bookshop, Chicago, IL  
**“Artifacts of the Blackhawk War”**

Elizabeth Papp, Apple River Fort State Historic Site Interpreter  
**“Battle of Apple River Fort”**