

*A Heritage Filled  
74th Annual Meeting  
27-30 April 2023*



## *Fredericksburg/Chancellorsville*

*Company of Military Historians*

Celebrating the  
160<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries  
of the Battles of  
Fredericksburg  
11-15 Dec, 1862  
and Chancellorsville  
30 April-6 May, 1863





**The Hampton Inn & Conference Center**  
2965 Richmond Hwy | Stafford, VA 22554  
Emergency Number: 540-657-0999



### **Check In/Check Out:**

Guest accommodations will be available at 3:00pm on arrival day and reserved until 11:00am on departure day. Any attendee wishing special consideration for a later checkout time should inquire at the front desk before the day of departure.

The special conference room rate is available from Wednesday, 26 April until Tuesday, 2 May 2023. Our display and presentation rooms are the Augustine Rooms, North and South. The easiest access to it is from the Registration Foyer.

### **Parking Information:**

There is ample free parking around the hotel, with handicap drop off area at the main entrance.

### **Cover photos:**

Upper right is an overview of the apex of the Chancellorsville battlefield, the intersection of the Orange Turnpike and the Orange Plank Road, with the Chancellorsville Tavern. To the right in this image, on the Turnpike, is the Dowdall Tavern (XI Corps HQ), where the stoutest resistance to Jackson's attack would be made at the 'Bushbeck Line.' As reported by Confederate BG Robert E. Rodes, "For a few moments they held this position, but once more my gallant troops dashed at them with a wild shout, and, firing a hasty volley, they continued their headlong flight."

Left shows the exquisite double equestrian statue of the last meeting of Generals Lee and Jackson. It was designed by Laura Gardin Fraser, the first of its type in the U.S. and erected in Baltimore in 1948. It was removed in 2017 and placed in storage.

At lower right is how Fredericksburg appeared to General Hooker as the Army of the Potomac approached the city in December of 1862. The city was bombarded by 150 Federal cannon, as troops rowed to establish a beachhead on the opposite bank of the Rappahannock River, to drive out snipers harassing engineers deploying a series of pontoon bridges. After crossing the river on December 13th, General Burnside's repeated but futile frontal assaults against the Sunken Road and in the Slaughter Pen did not dislodge the Confederates.



## 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Fredericksburg, Virginia

Thank you for attending the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The Company of Military Historians. I extend my personal greeting to each of you, and especially welcome you if this is your first time attending a Company event. We are glad you have joined us in the historic Fredericksburg area of Virginia. There are many historic places and museums in the area that cover all time periods of American military history from the Colonial Period through current events.

Attending the Annual Meeting of The Company is the best way to enjoy your membership in this outstanding organization. I hope you will avail yourself of the opportunities that attendance presents to you by participating fully in the program created by your Host Committee. They have a full schedule of presentations and trips planned to take full advantage of what the area has to offer. Further, there are outstanding displays in the exhibit area, and I encourage you to cast your ballot for the best to be the winner of the Miller Award. The exhibitors are bringing some of the best material from their collections and welcome your questions and interaction. Many treasures await you in the Flea market area, including items being auctioned by HQ for the benefit of The Company.

Our meeting Chairman, John Thillmann and his Committee have planned a wonderful event for us. The field trips will have many educational opportunities as the venues have made special arrangements for attendees' enjoyment and learning. On behalf of the Officers and Board of Governors I wish to especially thank John and the members of his Committee for all their work to make our visit a success. I encourage you to seek out the members listed at the end of this program and note your appreciation as well.

I would also like to request that you make it a point to meet and get to know your Company's Officers and Directors during the meeting. This is your opportunity to directly interact with the leadership of The Company by asking questions, and by sharing your ideas and thoughts on how the Company is operating and what you would like to see us accomplish in the future.

I sincerely hope that you have an outstanding experience while here at the Annual Meeting, and that we see you again at our 2024 Annual Meeting, which Jim Kochan is organizing next year in Bath, Maine.

In Historical Fellowship,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Craig D. Bell".

Craig D. Bell  
President

The Company of Military Historians





## 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Fredericksburg, Virginia

Greetings to each member of the Company of Military Historians attending this historic annual meeting on the 160th anniversary of two major Civil War battles in the Fredericksburg area. The Battle of Fredericksburg was fought on 13-15 December 1862 and the Battle of Chancellorsville just five months later, 2-3 May 1863. That is why this CMH annual meeting venue was chosen for 2023. In addition, the Fredericksburg area is very historic from the earliest Colonial times through the Revolutionary War to the Civil War, replete with many interesting places to visit.

We are pleased to have the meeting at a conference hotel in Stafford 20 minutes from Fredericksburg that gave us a fantastic room rate and provided meeting facilities. However, we had to find our own caterer for our meals, and were successful, so all meals are provided on site. Most of the volunteers for the meeting are Chesapeake Chapter Members of the CMH. We worked very diligently to keep costs down and I think we succeeded. If you need assistance, the yellow ribbons on the awards bar of the registration tags identify the volunteers. We are extremely lucky to have a great working relationship with the US National Park Service, who are assisting us in battlefield interpretation for the Friday bus tours. And we are also extremely lucky to have the A. Smith Bowman Bourbon Distillery in Fredericksburg provide a place for our Friday lunch, plus distillery tours and, probably unique to our meetings, bourbon tastings!

Our presentations include a mix of Revolutionary War and Civil War material culture topics that should interest everyone. As a reminder, the refreshments (water, soft drinks, wine and beer) are at no additional cost during the meeting, including the Thursday and Saturday receptions and at the meals. So no one should need to leave the hotel for lunches or dinner either day.

Your meeting packet has everything you need. It includes your CMH Name & ID Registration on a lanyard, which you will need to wear whenever you are on a bus or in the hotel; the Miller Award ballot and a host of other material, including battlefield maps, Old Town Fredericksburg information, and more on local attractions. Finally, a CMH gift from us to commemorate this meeting is available for all registrants.

Best wishes for an informative and enjoyable meeting!

John H Thillmann,  
Meeting Chairman

# Schedule of Events

## THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2023

- 1200-1700** Registration Open; Message Center Open (Lobby outside Augustine Rooms)
- 1500-2300** Exhibit & Sales Area/Exhibit Room Open: Augustine Rooms  
(Security begins at 1500 and runs 24 hours to 1000 Sunday morning, 30 April)
- 1730-1900** Welcome Reception sponsored by members Karen Pohorylo, John Sexton, & John Thillmann  
Reception in Augustine North Room; Casual attire. Remarks by Craig D. Bell, President.
- 1900-2000** Chapter Meetings with Alejandro M. de Quesada, VP, Administration
- 2000-2200** Governors' Meeting at Hotel

## FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2023

- 0700-0815** Breakfast in Hotel Breakfast Room; Included in Room Registration
- 0800-2300** Exhibit Room Open: Augustine Rooms
- 0815-1130** Board Busses and tour Fredericksburg Battlefield with NPS Guides
- 1200-1330** Lunch at A. Smith Bowman Bourbon Distillery, provided by the Meeting Committee
- 1345-1700** Board Busses and tour Chancellorsville Battlefield with NPS Guides

### **1730-1830 Presentation No. 1: Joseph W. Stahl and Matthew Borders Faces of Union Soldiers at Fredericksburg**

**Joe Stahl** has been a prolific author of numerous articles and books on topics related to the enlisted soldier of the Civil War. He is also involved with battlefield education and preservation. This topic is a follow on to the well-received Faces of Union Soldiers at Antietam. He is a member of the Company and SHAF (Save Historic Antietam Foundation).

**Matthew Borders** has worked for the NPS at the American Battlefield Protection Program and currently at Monocacy Battlefield. He is a certified guide for Antietam, and received SHAF's 'Dr. Joseph Harsh Award' for research. Matt and co-author Joe Stahl have published the Faces series, including Faces of Union Soldiers at Fredericksburg.

- 1730-2300** Exhibit Room Open
- 1900-2000** Dinner provided by the Meeting Committee

# SATURDAY 29 APRIL 2023

**0630-0745** Breakfast in Hotel Breakfast Room; Included in Room Registration

**0800-0900 Presentation No. 2: Donald C. Hakenson, Chuck Mauro**  
**The Emergence of John S. Mosby as a Strategic Tactician**

Having published extensively on Colonel Mosby and his men, and conducted tours for many years over the Fairfax County, VA countryside that they covered, **Don Hakenson** is an acknowledged authority on the subject. He has received numerous awards for his commitment to preserving their story, and is a past president of the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society. He has ancestors who served in the cavalry of the ANV, including several who rode with Mosby's Rangers.

**Chuck Mauro** has also been deeply involved with Mosby's story, having co-produced and directed the documentary *Mosby's Combat Operations in Fairfax County, Va.* He has also published extensively on the subject, and received a lifetime achievement award "for his prolific body of work documenting the history of Fairfax County." Individually and together, Don and Chuck have published a number of tour guides on Mosby's combat operations in Northern Virginia.

*Breaks between presentations with light refreshments.*

**0930-1030 Presentation No. 3: Craig D. Bell**  
**Pistols of Rappahannock Forge**

**Craig Bell** has long been recognized internationally as both a foremost tax attorney and tax litigator, as well as an advanced collector of weapons and accoutrements of the American Revolution, War of 1812, Civil War, as well as 16th & 17th Scottish and European Arms and Armor. Craig served 27 years in the U.S. Army (active and reserve), is a past president of the American Society of Arms Collectors (ASAC) and current president of the ASAC Foundation, and vice president of the Kentucky Rifle Association. Craig is also a member of the NRA Gun Collectors Committee and chair of its National Treasure Weapons subcommittee. He currently serves as president of the Company.

**1100-1200 Presentation No. 4: James L. Kochan**  
**Black and Whites in Redcoats: Colonial and Royal Marines in the 1814 Chesapeake Campaign**

**James L. Kochan** spent nearly 16 years as a museum director and curator, principally with the Army Museum System and the National Park Service, before forming James Kochan Fine Art & Antiques. Professional honors and awards include the Anne S. K. Brown Military History Fellowship at Brown University. Jim is a Fellow and Life Member of the Company and has served as Assoc. Editor of MUIA. The author of 8 books and numerous articles on military material culture and history, he has also served as senior historical advisor for films such as *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World* and A&E Television's *The American Revolution*.

**1200-1300** Lunch provided by the Meeting Committee  
Deadline to cast Ballot for Miller Award; Ballot Box at Meeting Registration desk.



Etching, William H. Shelton (Am., 1840-1932)  
"Going Into Action" at the Battle of Chancellorsville

**1300-1400 Presentation No. 5: Charles H. Cureton, Ph.D.  
The Old Old Corps: Marine Dress, 1826-1839**

**Charles Cureton** was in government service for 42 years, including 28 years of active and reserve duty in the USMC. He was deployed to the Middle East in 1990 as a field historian, documenting Marine operations through the First Gulf War. He has also served as Chief, Museum and Historical Property, Army Museum System, and Acting Chief Curator, TRADOC, overseeing 60 Army museums worldwide. Charles also participated in the development of the National Army Museum, which opened in 2020. He is a Fellow of the Company, and currently serves on its Board of Governors.

**1430-1530 Presentation No. 6: E. Philip Schreier III  
The Pattern 1853 Enfield in Confederate Service**

**Phil Schreier** has served the NRA for 33 years, currently as Director of the NRA Museums, and has been its 'face' on numerous TV and Internet presentations, as well as innumerable public appearances. He was instrumental in creating the National Firearms Museum at the relocated NRA HQ in Fairfax, VA. He has written hundreds of articles for periodicals like Man at Arms, American Rifleman, Military History Illustrated, as well as MC&H. An avid arms collector, Phil is a member of the ASAC and the Company.

**1600-1700 Presentation No. 7: Patrick M. Gloyd  
The Federal Regulation Horse Equipment for Cavalry During the Civil War;  
"Bit by Bit"**

**Patrick Gloyd** has been a student of American material culture for forty years, with a focus on, and publications about, military horse equipment of the Civil War era. He has been a governor and treasurer of the Company, co-chair of the 2016 annual meeting and president of the Chesapeake Chapter.

**1800-1900** Reception sponsored by Craig Bell and McGuire Woods; No cash bar; Formal attire, Mess Dress, Military Uniform, or Business Suit & Tie

**1900-2100** Banquet and Awards Ceremonies

**2100-2300** Exhibit Room open

## **SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2023**

**0800-1000** Remove and Clear Exhibit Room; Security ends

**1100** Hotel Checkout if you have not previously made arrangements to extend your stay

***A very grateful 2023 CMH thanks to the following individuals  
for making this such a successful meeting!***

**Meeting Committee:** Ron Steele and John DePue, Treasurers, for establishing the not for profit bank account and VA not for profit tax; Patrick Gloyd for securing our busses; Fred Gaede, for putting the meeting brochure together and lining up speakers; Mike Osborne for the website updates, name badges and speakers; Juanita Jensen for assisting Mike with the name badges and ribbons; George Franks as our point person with the National Park Service; Mike Rosen MD, handling the registration desk; Karen Pohorylo, reception bartender and bringing in lunches; Alan Boyd for presentation PowerPoint mechanics; Mike Mancuso for coordinating on site security; and Ron Steele for donating the Chesapeake Chapter display award.

**Sponsors:** *Thank you!* to Karen Pohorylo, John Sexton, and John Thillmann, Thursday Reception; McGuire Woods, Saturday Reception; NRA, event refreshments; Peter Magule, US Park Ranger, battlefield on site speaker; Cinthya Martinez, Hampton Inn Manager special facilities; Carrie Browning, A. Smith Bowman Distillery for providing a lunch venue; and Haley Buckland, Tourism Coordinator, City of Fredericksburg Department of Economic Development and Tourism event assistance.





## CMH 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Midcoast Maine 2-5 May 2024

We are pleased to announce that the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Company of Military Historians will be held in the historic shipbuilding town of Bath, Maine. The conference seminars, exhibits/flea market, and annual banquet will be located in the superb conference wing of the Maine Maritime Museum. Lodging is at the downtown Hampton Inn, where we have a block of rooms and hospitality suite reserved at this new waterfront hotel, within a few minutes' walk of restaurants, pubs and shops. This is the first time that the Company has ever had a meeting in Maine and it should not be missed. Following a cocktail reception at the museum on Thursday evening and the formal program of talks on Friday, we will explore 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century sites and collections associated with this state's rich military and naval history on Saturday's bus tour. These will include Fort Edgecomb (the best-preserved, unaltered 2<sup>nd</sup> period coastal fort surviving in the US), the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century fort ruins and lighthouse at Pemaquid Point, the Penobscot Maritime Museum, the Civil War collections of the Joshua Chamberlain museum and much more. Following the banquet on Saturday evening, members will have the opportunity to participate in a Sunday morning cruise of the Kennebec River, which will include viewing "stealth" cruisers or destroyers at the Bath Iron Works under construction or in harbor for a refit, followed by tours of the museum campus. So mark your calendar and book your room reservations as soon as you receive your registration packet next year. This meeting will be great opportunity to renew old friendships and create new ones, while exploring the history and scenic beauty of Midcoast Maine and sampling the food, drink and hospitality of the region.

James L. Kochan  
2024 Meeting Chair

