

2023 CMH Meeting Synopsis of Meeting, Fredericksburg, VA

The 74th Annual CMH Meeting

A heritage-filled annual meeting of the Company was held at The Hampton Inn in Fredericksburg, VA, 27-30 April 2023. Committee Chairman John Thillmann was supported by a dozen volunteers from the Chesapeake Chapter. Several individual and corporate sponsors enabled receptions, event refreshments, battlefield tours, and even lunch and tasting at A. Bowman Distillery, during the meeting. Gathering began on Thursday with a welcome reception, followed by Chapter meetings with VP of Administration, Alejandro de Quesada, and a Board of Governors meeting. Although there was rain on Friday, bus tours of the Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville Battlefields continued with narration by NPS guides. A highlight was stopping at NPS Park HQ, Chatham Manor, an 18th plantation home across the Rappahannock River from the three spires of Fredericksburg, that served Federal commanders and as a field hospital. The tour continued on the Chancellorsville Battlefield with stops along Jackson's flank attack, and where he was mortally wounded. Returning to the hotel, Joe Stahl and Matt Borders presented "Faces of Union Soldiers at Fredericksburg," with engaging images and personal stories of participants. Dinner was provided by the Meeting Committee, as were all meals for the meeting. After dinner displays were up for examination and discussion, and wares for sale in the rooms for those purposes.

Saturday began with six presentations: Don Hakenson & Chuck Mauro began with "The Emergence of John S. Mosby as a Strategic Tactician," followed by Craig Bell discussing aspects of "Pistols of Rappahannock Forge," which included efforts to explore the original site of Hunter's operation. Two rare examples of his pistols were on display, along with several Hunter swords. Jim Kochan was recovering, so in his stead Alan Boyd presented "To the Victor – Spoils... The Battle of Lake Champlain and Plattsburgh". Charles Cureton then discussed the little known (and mercifully short-lived) green uniform of the USMC with "The Old Old Corps: Marine Dress, 1826-1839." Phil Schreier followed with an enlightening "The Pattern 1853 Enfield in Confederate Service," and the presentations were concluded with Pat Gloyd's instructive "The Federal Regulation Horse Equipment for Cavalry During the Civil War, 'Bit by Bit.'" The evening was concluded with a reception and dinner with President Bell presiding. After the pledge and traditional toasts (although the one to the King of England was new), new members were recognized, Chairman John Thillmann given thanks for a perfect meeting, and the plans for the 2024 meeting in Bath, ME were presented. By vote of members attending, the Miller Award for Best Display at an annual meeting was presented by President Bell to Fred Gaede for "Artifacts of the 2nd Seminole War, 1836-1842." There were no new Fellows nominated or elected, nor Founders or DSAs awarded. (Criteria for them can be found on the Company website).

https://www.military-historians.org/documents/Emerson_Awards_article.pdf and nominations for those awards should be sent to Chairman Bill Emerson.) The contributions by members to the vitality of our venerable organization should be recognized, so please make nominations. The meeting concluded with additional gatherings in the display and sale room.

On Sunday a special event was organized by Juanita Leisch Jensen. A special visit to the Winery at Bull Run featured a portion of D.P. Newton. Many members knew D.P., who for many years maintained a significant museum of unique artifacts recovered from the Stafford, VA area by several multi-generational families. The White Oak Museum was dispersed on his death. Some of that collection is now on display at the Winery and members appreciated the owner. Jon Hickox, making the collection available.



Pat Gloyd's instructive "The Federal Regulation Horse Equipment for Cavalry During the Civil War, 'Bit by Bit.'"



Phil Schreier... “The Pattern 1853 Enfield in Confederate Service”



Charles Cureton: "The Old Old Corps: Marine Dress, 1826-1839"



Don Hakenson & Chuck Mauro “The Emergence of John S. Mosby as a Strategic Tactician”.



Chuck Mauro



Stonewall Jackson's memorial on the Chancellorsville battlefield, our second battlefield stop after the Fredericksburg battlefield tour.



Chatham Manor (View of Fredericksburg from the plantation grounds). This overlook from Chatham shows the town of Fredericksburg. It gave Burnside a birds eye view of the overall battle.



Chatham Manor was used as headquarters for General Burnside during the battle of Fredericksburg. This advantageous area gave a bird's eye view of the overall battle for his army. [Chatham Manor - Wikipedia](#)



Chatham Manor



**South Carolina Defense Force
the State Guard**

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Flagstaff Tops of the U.S. Army by Ronn Steele



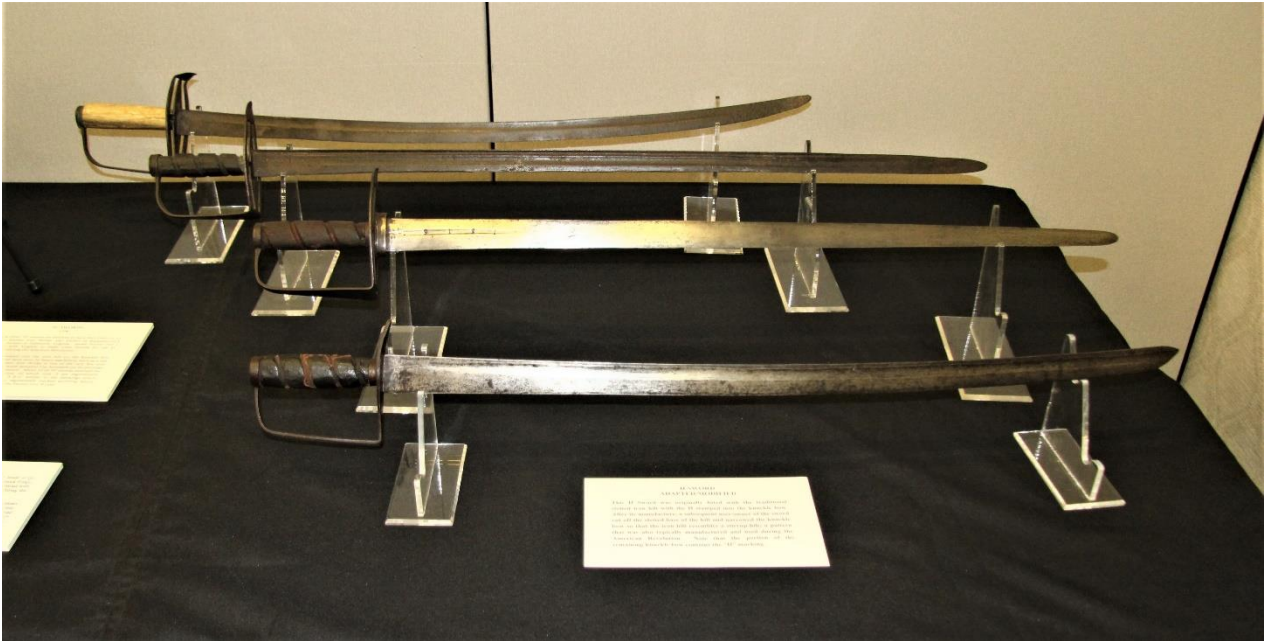
**ARTIFACTS OF THE
2nd SEMINOLE WAR
(1836-1842)**

Artifacts of the 2nd Seminole War (1836-1842) by Fred Gaede (2023 Miller Award Winner)





Massachusetts Militia (MS) 1830-1860 by Mike Osborne



Swords and Pistols from the Rappahannock Forge.....Craig Bell





China Marines 1818 to 1949 by Dirk Salverson



“To the Victor – Spoils... The Battle of Lake Champlain and Plattsburgh” by Alan Boyd



Fred Gaede receiving the 2023 Miller Award





Sam Small receiving a Certificate of Appreciation award



John Thillmann and Karen Pohorylo



John Thillmann giving award to Craig Bell for best display as selected by the Chesapeake Chapter



Meeting Chairman: John Thillmann




Banquet night



President: Craig Bell



Meeting host Committee:  Mike Osborne, Fred Gaede, Patrick Gloyd, Alan Boyd, Ronn Steele, *Phil Schreier *Mike Mancuso, *Karen Pohorylo, *Marguerite Adams and *Mike Rosen, Mike Mancuso Jr. (*not present for this photo).



Karen Pohorylo



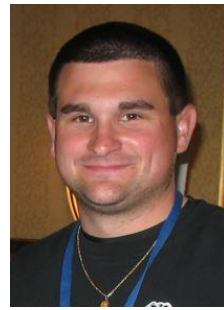
Mike Mancuso



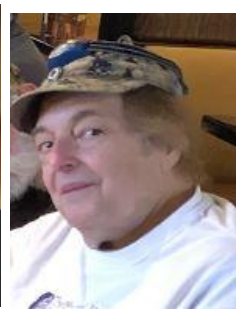
Marguerite Adams



Phil Schreier



Mike Mancuso Jr



Mike Rosen



Mike Mancuso and Ronn Steele. Mike and his son provided security for the display room.



Speakers: Alan Boyd, Phil Schreier, Craig Bell, Patrick Gloyd and Charles Cureton