

2024 Report of the Vice President of Administration, Sam Small

2025 Annual Meeting in Chattanooga

The 2025 annual meeting 15-17 May in Chattanooga, Tennessee is rapidly approaching. Our headquarters will be in the Embassy Suites, located just off the Shallowford Road exit off Interstate 75 and just four miles from the Chattanooga Regional Airport. The per daily rate is \$140 plus tax and includes ordering breakfast from the kitchen of the Ruth Chris Steak House. All accommodations are two room suites with a choice of either two queen beds or a single King

The Thursday evening reception features hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. James Ogden, Historian at Chattanooga Chickamauga National Battlefield Park, will present us with an overview of The Battle of Chickamauga.

The plenary session will be on Friday. Speakers include Thomas Crawford on artillery ordnance; Gordon Blaker on the evolution of artillery; David Hardin on Camp Thomas in the Span-Am War; Mark Hacala on early enlisted US Navy uniforms; James Kochan on early US Army uniforms, and several more outstanding speakers and topics.

Saturday is Touring Day. Visits to The History Company and Chickamauga Chattanooga National Memorial Visitors Center exhibits with the famous Fuller Firearms Collection, and a tour of the Chickamauga Battlefield highlight the tour. The formal banquet is Saturday evening with three meal selections from which you may choose.

An organized post meeting tour has not been planned, however, there are several self-guided options that we can recommend. We are looking forward to seeing many of you in Chattanooga.

Most recent update from Ron, September 16, 2024: People involved to date are Dan Pomeroy, meeting treasurer; Ken and Ericka Osen, speakers; Myers Brown, adviser.

The contract with Embassy Suites has been signed with a room rate of \$149 plus tax. We have one or two speakers that are tentative depending upon other commitments. At least one will be a backup speaker. I am planning to have a meeting with Dan and Myers next week to decide if we will have lunch at the hotel on Friday or have "lunch on your own." Lunch at the hotel will enable us to add another speaker, but will increase overall costs.

A bank account has been opened at Regions Bank with Mr. Pomeroy and myself as users. Debit cards and checks have been issued with myself holding the checks. It appears that most of our expenses can be paid by debit card. Receipts for purchases are being kept. To date the only expense has been the \$175.00 design fee with Coins For Anything, Inc., leaving a balance of \$825.00 in the account.

A preliminary registration form has been prepared. I have added some additional lines of needed information. Do I need to add hotel registration information at the bottom of the form? A copy of the form is attached.

The challenge coin design has been submitted. The initial design has been reviewed and additions and changes have been returned for reworking of the design. The color has been changed from brushed silver to antique brass. This is the color of the earlier coins and is less expensive.

Bus arrangements have been started with one bid from Nooga Shuttles submitted to date. Other bus companies are being contacted so that we can have some competitive bidding.

John Thillman and Dave Sullivan have provided valuable advice and encouragement. I thank them for their assistance. At this time, I believe that we are at a good point in bringing the meeting together.

2026 Saratoga Springs, Charlie Wheeler

2026 Company of Military Historians Annual Meeting Profile

Hosted at:

Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs
232 Broadway,
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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Guest Room Accommodations

This proposal applies to the following block of rooms and rates:

	Thu 05/07/2026		Fri 05/08/2026		Sat 05/09/2026	
Occupancy	Rooms	Rate	Rooms	Rate	Rooms	Rate
Run of House	80	\$149.00	80	\$239.00	80	\$239.00

Rates are quoted per room per night, based on single or double occupancy, and do not include applicable taxes, currently 13% (subject to change).

Arrival Thursday May 7, Depart Sunday May 10, 2026, Block of 100 Rooms

Thursday: Display Room for an est. 30- 35 - 8” tables (OK to set against wall and back to back in room) This will be secured and in use each day 8AM – 10PM out by 9:30 or 10:00 AM Sunday. Would be nice if one or two 60” rounds could fit in this space as well

Thursday Evening: Opening Cash Bar Reception 90 – 100 guests Light Buffet dinner

Friday: Group leaves property for tours Battlefield or Ft Ticonderoga. Saratoga Battlefield group will require box lunch, Dinner on own

Saturday Possible continental Breakfast 90-100 guests General session all day est. 100 Has been set classroom style in the past Light lunch ... sandwich buffet would work . If Classroom set up is used a buffet line can be set in the same room 90 -100 guests

Saturday Evening: Evening Reception w/Cash bar, Plated Dinner w/ options est. 85-95

Sunday: Depart

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CHAPTERS

***This information is current as of 2023 when Alex DeQuesada was actively keeping up with these chapters. However, we are currently working to update the list on an ongoing basis.**

Listed below is a current list of Chapters and their believed status based on reports sent to the administrator as well as on response or lack of response in communication. Those that are active or even semi-active will be asked to sponsor future meetings. Any updates to their status or contacts would be greatly appreciated.

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*as of April 2020, per Alex DeQuesada's 2023 report

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Britain Chapter is Inactive and trying to regroup.

Defunct chapters: D.C.; Boston.

Report respectfully submitted by:

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