

Hotel and Program Information



Hotel

Headquarters for the 76th Annual Meeting of the Company of Military Historians is the Embassy Suites located at 2321 Lifestyle Way, just off Interstate 75 at Exit 5 Shallowford Road and about five miles from the Chattanooga Regional Airport. There is no shuttle service, but taxis and Uber are available. Room rate is \$149 per night. This rate is extended to both early arrivals and post meeting guests. Rooms are suites with a choice of two queen beds or a single king. Reservations can best be made online at [Embassy Suites Chattanooga Hamilton Place – Company of Military Historians](#) or by calling (423) 602-5100. Tell them you are with the CMH 2025 for the discounted rate. The deadline is **16 April 2025**.

Program Highlights

Our Friday sessions feature the following speakers and titles:
Chattanooga's Military History by MSG David Harden, USA (retired)
Naval Power on the Inland Sea: The Marine Corps and the Great Lakes Campaigns of the War of 1812 by Paul Westermeyer, Military Historian, Marine Corps University,
The United States' First Saber Contract, 1798 by John H. Thillman
Navy Blue: The Look of the U.S. Sailor; 1797 to Present by HMCM Mark T. Hacala, USN (retired)

The Evolution of Artillery, 1775 to the Present by MAJ Gordan Blaker, USA (retired)
Artillery Ordnance of the Civil War by Capt. Thomas Crawford USMC (retired)
Connecting the Dots: Two Civil War Frocks by COL Ronald Steele USAF (retired)
Linn's Gallery Point Lookout, the Photography Studio on Lookout Mountain by Dr. Anthony Hodges DDS (Alternate Speaker).

Social Activities

A welcoming reception will be held at the hotel on Thursday evening, Hors d'oeuvres and Cash bar. James Ogdon, Historian, Chattanooga Chickamauga National Military Parks will be our featured speaker.

Friday evening reception at **Medal of Honor Heritage Center**, Hors d'oeuvres with beer and wine bar. Transportation from the hotel will be provided.

Tours

Saturday bus tour of Chickamauga with on board tour guides, James Ogdon and Anthony Hodges, will include the Visitors Center and the Fuller Firearms Collection plus a short side trip surprise.

Sunday post meeting tour of Brown's Ferry and Wauhatchie battlefield site. Need a minimum of twenty signups for transportation.

Other post meeting opportunities

Chattanooga has several museums and other attractions that you might want to stay over for. The ***Tennessee Aquarium*** is one of the region's finest facilities of its kind. **The Hunter Museum** offers an excellent collection of art and changing exhibits. **The Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum** offers thematic exhibits and several rail tours that range from two hours to full day excursions. **The National Towing and Recovery Museum** and **Coker Tire Collection** are two more attractions that might entice you to stay an extra day or two. The downtown district has a wide variety of shopping and dining options.