

About the Speakers
(Speakers subject to change)

GARY ECELBARGER

Gary Ecelbarger is a 25 year veteran of American history symposia and tours. He is the author of 7 books and numerous articles on Civil War history. He is also the co-author of 2 Time Life books. His book, 'The Battle of Atlanta: The Day Dixie Died' has won much positive acclaim. He is often called upon to give tours of the battlefields of the Atlanta Campaign.

CHRIS MACKOWSKI

Chris Mackowski is the editor and co-founder of the 'Emerging Civil War Series' which is an award-winning overview on Civil War Battles and history. He is a professor of journalism at St. Bonaventure University in New York and is the historian in residence at Stevenson's Ridge, a historic site on the Spotsylvania Battlefield. He serves on the board of the Central Virginia Battlefield Trust.

FRANK A. O'REILLY

Frank O'Reilly works as a historian on the Fredericksburg area battlefields. He is also the award-winning author of, 'The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock'. He has been seen on many documentaries, on CSPAN, and has lectured extensively across the country. Frank will be a guide with us on the Sunday tour.

SCOTT PATCHAN

Scott Patchan is a leading scholar and battlefield guide on the Shenandoah Valley in the Civil War. He has written five books on the region and dozens of articles in 'Blue and Gray', 'North and South' and 'Civil War Times'.

GORDON RHEA

Gordon Rhea has written seven award winning volumes on the 1864 Overland Campaign. He received his B.A. in history from Indiana University, his M.A. in history from Harvard University and his law degree from Stanford University Law School. He is considered an authority on the Overland Campaign and is in great demand as a speaker and tour guide. He also serves on the board of the Central Virginia Battlefield Trust. Gordon will be a guide with us on Sunday.

JEFFRY WERT

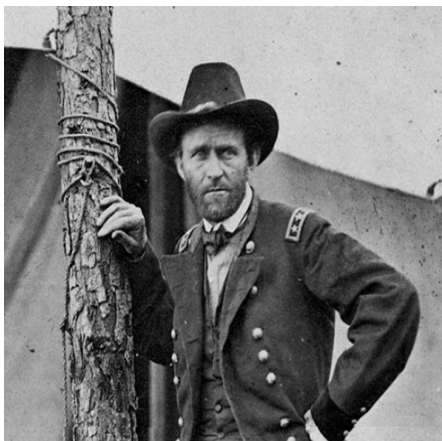
Jeff is an American historian and author specializing in the history of the American Civil War. He is the author of over ten titles and has contributed numerous articles for the Blue and Gray and the Civil War Times.

ERIC WITTENBERG

Eric Wittenberg is an award-winning Civil War historian and author or co-author of over 25 volumes on the Civil War. His work is focused on the Cavalry Corps of the Army of the Potomac. He serves on the board of The Central Virginia Battlefield Trust and on the Little Big Horn Associates. Educated at Dickinson College and the University of Pittsburgh Law School, he is an attorney in private practice in Columbus, Ohio.

25th ANNUAL

Conference on the Art of Command in the Civil War



Grant Takes Command

October 6 - 8, 2023

Middleburg Community Center
300 West Washington Street
Middleburg, Virginia

Presented by
The Virginia Piedmont Heritage Area



Virginia Piedmont Heritage Area
Post Office Box 1497
Middleburg, Virginia 20118

Register by May 31st and take \$50 off total registration!

Conference Schedule

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Friday, October 6

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Registration, Reception and Book Browsing

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Speaker: Chris Mackowski

"The Army of Northern Virginia's B Team:
Robert E. Lee's Second String in the
Overland Campaign"

6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Speaker: Gordon Rhea

"Grant Versus Lee in the Overland
Campaign: Myth Versus Reality"

Dinner on your own

Saturday, October 7

8:00 am - 8:30 am

Registration, Coffee and Snacks

8:30 am - 9:30 am

Speaker: Gary Ecelbarger

"He Stood By Me When I Was Crazy':
William Tecumseh Sherman Takes Over
the Military Division of the Mississippi"

9:45 am - 10:45 am

Speaker: Frank O'Reilly

"Dogged Pertinacity" on the Clock: Lincoln
and Grant at War"

11:00 am - 12 noon

Speaker: Scott Patchan

"Holding a Leg': U. S. Grant's 1864
Campaign in Western Virginia and the
Shenandoah Valley"

12:00 noon - 12:30 pm

Lunch Served

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Speaker: Jeff Wert

"I'll Be Damned if I'll Cooperate': Leadership
of the Army of the Potomac at Spotsylvania"

1:45 pm - 2:45 pm

Speaker: Gordon Rhea

"The Odd Couple: Grant and Meade in the
Overland Campaign"

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Speaker: Eric Wittenberg

"Little Phil Versus JEB: Cavalry Actions in the
Overland Campaign, Part One"

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Panel Discussion

5:00 pm - 6:15 pm

Happy Hour on your own at local
Middleburg businesses

6:15 pm - 7:00 pm

Bar opens at the Middleburg Community Center

7:00 pm

Banquet Dinner at the Middleburg Community
Center

Sunday, October 8

8:00 am

Bus departs behind the
Middleburg Community Center for the
Wilderness and Spotsylvania Battlefields.
(Box lunches will be served.)



For further information, contact VPHA at 540-687-6681
or info@piedmontheritage.org.

For updates or to register online, visit our website:
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**Register by May 31 and take \$50 off
registration fee.**

Name: _____

(Please provide the names of all attending)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Full Registration - All Activities \$475

Number attending _____

Friday & Saturday Lectures Only \$275

(includes lunch, not dinner)

Number attending _____

Additional tickets to Saturday's dinner available upon
request

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Education. Angel - \$100 donation

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Exp. Date: _____ CVV Number: _____

Mail registration information to:

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P.O. Box 1497, Middleburg, VA 20118

*Full payment is required upon registration. If you cancel in
writing before September 1, 2022, 80% of your registration fee will
be refunded. After this date there will be no refund, but another
person may be substituted without penalty.