



**You are Invited to Attend the long-awaited first Annual Summer Symposium of the CWEA:  
The Spring Mill Civil War Symposium  
August 17-19, 2017**

**at the Spring Mill Inn at Spring Mill State Historic Park in Mitchell, Indiana, with  
Stephen Lee Ritchie, Thomas Y. Cartwright, Stephen Davis, David L. Mowery,  
Michael B. Murphy, Dale K. Phillips, James I. "Bud" Robertson,  
Darryl Smith, Craig L. Symonds, Jeffry D. Wert and Brian Steel Wills**

We thought about creating an event such as this for a long time – a corollary to our annual Sarasota, Florida symposium in January – a program in an appealing place where folks could learn much about Civil War history from top authorities, while making friends, dining well, browsing books, and the like. Sarasota has the warm, white sands of Lido Beach in the throes of winter – and now, at **Spring Mill**, we have shade trees, nature trails and gurgling brooks in the middle of summer.

It took awhile to find the right venue – some resorts were too expensive; others were too rigorous (bring your own sheets and pillows, etc.). And then one day, Steve Ritchie said, "Why don't we hold it at Spring Mill in Indiana? I've stayed there many times and it's great." And that's the story.

Positioned smack dab in the Midwest, our base at the Spring Mill Inn is an easy drive for so many who live in the heartland. It is accessible from three airports: 68 miles from Louisville; 81 miles from Indianapolis; and 124 miles from Cincinnati. The historic 73 room Inn features warm and cozy country decor, with fully modern accommodations including an indoor/outdoor pool, and has full service dining. The nightly **room rate for our attendees is terrific: \$80.99 + tax.**

The **food is hearty** – buffet-style group lunches and Friday dinner will feature such entrees as roast beef, fried chicken, baked fish and eggplant parmesan, with sides and salads, and desserts like cherry cobbler and persimmon pudding (which Steve tells us is delicious?!). Our Saturday night dinner will be an old-fashioned cookout.

On the grounds you can **visit the Limestone Grist Mill** at the restored **Pioneer Village**, dating back to the early 1800's and the **Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom Memorial** which honors America's second man in space. The resort is a haven for lazy summer repose, with plenty of opportunities for recreation – nature hikes, cave tours, mountain biking and the like.

We have assembled an **All-Star Faculty of Presenters** – and they are as excited as we are about this event and its long-term prospects for success. Our 2017 program, at which we expect to host 90-100 of you, will consist of eleven talks on various aspects of Civil War history plus discussions on books led by the good folks from Owens & Ramsey Booksellers of Richmond, VA and from the Indiana Historical Society. **Don't Miss This One!**

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**STEPHEN LEE RITCHIE** is the co-founder and co-director of the Shenandoah Valley Civil War Institute, and the vice-president of the Robert E. Fellowship. He is a frequent speaker before history groups and a veteran leader of Eastern Theater Civil War tours.

**THOMAS Y. CARTWRIGHT**, a leading authority on the Battle of Franklin, is the director of tours for the Lotz House Civil War Museum in Franklin, Tennessee. He is well-known for his television appearances on A & E, Civil War Journal, and the Discovery Channel.

**STEPHEN DAVIS** is the author of more than a hundred articles in such scholarly and popular publications as *Civil War Times Illustrated* and the *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, and writes a regular column, "Critic's Corner," on Civil War bibliography, for *Civil War News*. He is the author of several books including *Atlanta Will Fall: Sherman, Joe Johnston and the Heavy Yankee Battalions*; *What the Yankees Did to Us: Sherman's Bombardment and the Wrecking of Atlanta*; *A Long and Bloody Task: The Atlanta Campaign from Dalton through Kennesaw Mountain to the Chattahoochee, May 5-July 18, 1864* and *All the Fighting They Want: The Atlanta Campaign: From Peach Tree Creek to the Surrender, July 18-September 2, 1864*.

**DAVID L. MOWERY** is the author of *Morgan's Great Raid: the Remarkable Expedition from Kentucky to Ohio*, and the co-author (with Lora Cahill) of *Morgan's Raid Across Ohio: the Civil War Guidebook of the John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail*. As a member of the Ohio Civil War Trail Commission he has helped develop the final design for, and the historical validation of, the entire length of the John Hunt Morgan Heritage Trail of Ohio.

**MICHAEL B. MURPHY** is a senior vice president at Hirons and Company, an Indianapolis advertising and public relations firm. He served as an Indiana State Representative for 16 years and is a member of the Indiana Historical Society Board of Trustees. He is the author of *The Kimberlins Go to War: A Union Family in Copperhead Country*.

**DALE K. PHILLIPS** is Superintendent of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site (NPS) in Springfield, Illinois. Previously he served as Superintendent at the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park (NPS) in Vincennes, Indiana. He is a veteran tour leader and speaker on Civil War, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 themes.

**JAMES I. "BUD" ROBERTSON, Jr.** is emeritus Alumni Distinguished Professor in History at Virginia Tech and is widely regarded as the dean of America's Civil War historians. He is the author of many books including *Stonewall Jackson: The Man, the Soldier, the Legend*; *General A. P. Hill: The Story of a Confederate Warrior*, and *Civil War! America Becomes One Nation*.

**DARRYL SMITH** is the founder and director of *Walking With History LLC* which sponsors tours of Perryville, Cynthiana and other battlefields and history sites in the Kentucky/Ohio areas. He is the organizer of the Miami Rivers Chapter of the Buckeye Trail Assoc., and the Activities Chair for the Cincinnati Civil War Round Table

**CRAIG L. SYMONDS** is professor emeritus at the U.S. Naval Academy where he taught naval and Civil War history for 30 years. He serves on the board of Directors of the Admiral Nimitz Foundation. He is the author of many books including *Lincoln and His Admirals*; *Decision at Sea: Five Naval Battles That Shaped American History*; *The Battle of Midway*; and *Neptune: The Allied Invasion of Europe and the D-Day Landings*.

**JEFFRY D. WERT** is the author of many books including *Mosby's Rangers*; *Brotherhood of Valor: The Common Soldiers of the Stonewall Brigade, CSA and the Iron Brigade, USA*; *Cavalryman of the Lost Cause: A Biography of J. E. B. Stuart*; *The Sword of Lincoln: The Army of the Potomac*; and most recently, *A Glorious Army: Robert E. Lee's Triumph, 1862-1863*.

**BRIAN STEEL WILLS** is the Director of the Center for the Study of the Civil War Era and Professor of History at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. He is the author of numerous works relating to the American Civil War including *The River Was Dyed with Blood: Nathan Bedford Forrest and Fort Pillow*; *A Battle From the Start: The Life of Nathan Bedford Forrest*; *The War in Southeastern Virginia and George Henry Thomas: As True as Steel*.

**Thursday, August 17**

7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Welcome Reception – Cash Bar - and Civil War Book Display and Sale – **Owens & Ramsey Booksellers** and the **Indiana Historical Society**

**Friday, August 18**

8:30 AM-9:00 AM

Symposium Overview, Faculty Introductions and Meet our Book Vendors

9:00 AM-10:00 AM

*Lincoln and His Admirals* – **Craig L. Symonds**

10:15 AM-11:15 AM

*The Battles of Cynthiana, 1862 & 1864* – **Darryl Smith**

11:30 AM-12:30 PM

*Lee and Longstreet and the Gettysburg Controversy* – **Jeffrey D. Wert**

12:30 PM- 1:30 PM

Buffet Lunch

1:30 PM-2:30 PM

*The Northwest Conspiracy, Copperheads and Southern Indiana during the War* – **Michael B. Murphy**

2:45 PM- 3:45 PM

*Neither Great Nor Genius: Gen. John Bell Hood in 1864* – **Stephen Davis**

3:45 PM

Free Time to Visit the historic mill, walk the park grounds, cave rides, etc.

6:00 PM

Cash Bar

6:30 PM

Buffet Dinner

7:30 PM

*At What Point Did the South Lose the War?* – **James I. “Bud” Robertson**

**Saturday, August 19**

8:30 AM-9:30 AM

*The Capture of New Orleans in 1862* – **Dale K. Phillips**

9:45 AM-10:45 AM

*The Christian Faith of Lee and Jackson* – **Stephen Lee Ritchie**

11:00 AM-12:00 N

*The Rock that Failed to Roll: George Thomas and Kennesaw Mountain* – **Brian Steel Wills**

12:00 N-1:00 PM

Buffet Lunch

1:15 PM-2:15 PM

*John Hunt Morgan’s Great Raid: The Best Stories of Soldiers and Civilians* – **David L. Mowery**

2:30 PM-3:30 PM

*Patrick Cleburne and His Gallant Division* – **Thomas Y. Cartwright**

5:00 PM-8:00 PM

Cash Bar and Dinner Cookout

**Registration Fee: \$395** – includes Thursday PM reception, Friday and Saturday lunches, Friday dinner, Saturday PM cookout.

We will be based at the **Spring Mill Inn**, 3333 State Road 60-E, Mitchell, IN 47446 where we have reserved rooms at the discounted nightly rates of **\$80.99+ tax – Single or Double**. **Call 812-849-4508** and identify yourself as a registrant for the **CWEA conference**.

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