

You Are Invited to Attend the



26th Annual Sarasota Civil War Symposium

January 18–20, 2018 at the Sandcastle Resort on Lido Beach, Sarasota, Florida

with William C. “Jack” Davis, Edwin C. Bearss, Norman Dasinger, Jr.

Joseph T. Glatthaar, Harold Holzer, Robert N. Macomber,

John F. Marszalek, Janice McKay, James I. “Bud” Robertson,

Frank J. Williams and Brian Steel Wills

The **Sarasota Civil War Symposium** is widely considered to be the **premier Civil War conference in the country** - because of its stellar faculty, spirited attendees, comfortable ambiance and alluring location on the warm white sands of Lido Beach. Since its inception in 1993, the symposium has enjoyed robust attendance and hatched many enduring friendships. And there is a good chance that the **2018 edition may be the BEST-EVER!** And we are filling up fast.

Come and hear the top **Civil War authors and historians** deliver thought-provoking presentations on a variety of intriguing Civil War topics. After all talks, you'll be welcome to participate in extended question & answer dialogue with our presenters. First time presenters at Sarasota will be **Norman Dasinger, Jr., Robert N. Macomber, Janice McKay and Brian Steel Wills.**

During the conference, an excellent, comprehensive selection of **Civil War books will be available for sale**, courtesy of **Owens & Ramsey Booksellers** and you will be able to acquire **autographed** books written by our faculty members..

We will again be headquartered at the **Sandcastle Resort on Lido Beach**, 1540 Ben Franklin Drive, Sarasota, FL 34236. The Sandcastle offers 600 feet of private beach, two outdoor pools and a host of other amenities. Our nightly room rates are: Non-View Double: \$144; Courtyard View Double: \$164; Pool View Double: \$183; Gulf Front King or Double: \$204. Our attendees WILL NOT be assessed the Sandcastle's \$25 per day Resort Fee. To Reserve a room **call 800-225-2181** and identify yourself as a registrant for the Civil War Conference.

For attendees not staying at the Sandcastle, **parking is available on the street** - and local **bus service (SCAT - Route 4)** has a stop right across the street from the hotel -call 941-861-5000 for bus schedule.

On the Registration Page, you'll note that you can **enroll for all or any part** of this exciting symposium. You can also easily enroll at **www.cwea.net** - or by calling **800-298-1861.**

We Hope You'll Join us on the warm, white sands of Lido Beach!

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WILLIAM C. "JACK" DAVIS retired in 2013 as Professor of History and Executive Director of the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies at Virginia Tech. He served as the principal historical consultant to the A. & E. television series, *Civil War Journal* and has authored or edited many books including *'A Government of Our Own': The Making of the Confederacy* and *Look Away!: A History of the Confederate States of America*. His most recent book is *Crucible of Command: Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee: The War They Fought, the Peace They Forged*.

EDWIN C. BEARSS, historian emeritus of the National Park Service, is the most well known battlefield guide in America and is acclaimed as one of the stars of Ken Burns' award-winning PBS series, *The Civil War*. While working for the NPS at Vicksburg in 1956, he helped locate and raise the ironclad gunboat *Cairo*, one of the most significant artifacts of the Civil War.

NORMAN DASINGER, JR. is one of the leading experts on Civil War battles and campaigns in Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama, with special emphasis on the lesser-known actions. He has developed and led tours of the Atlanta Campaign, N. B. Forrest versus Abel Streight in Alabama, Chattanooga including Andrews' Raiders and the Great Locomotive Chase, and Selma and Montgomery, Alabama Civil War and Civil Rights history.

JOSEPH T. GLATTHAAR is the Alan Stephenson Distinguished Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is the author of many books including *The March to the Sea and Beyond: Sherman's Troops in the Savannah and Carolinas Campaigns*; and *Partners in Command: Relationships Between Civil War Leaders*. His latest book is *General Lee's Army: from Victory to Collapse*.

HAROLD HOLZER has authored, co-authored and edited 50 books including *Lincoln and the Power of the Press: The War for Public Opinion*, which won the 2015 Gilder-Lehrman Lincoln Prize. Other recent titles include *President Lincoln Assassinated!!*; *Exploring Lincoln*; and *1865*. Holzer serves as chairman of The Lincoln Bicentennial Foundation, and was awarded the National Humanities Medal by President George W. Bush in 2008. In 2013, Holzer wrote an essay on Lincoln for the official program at the re-inauguration of President Barack Obama.

ROBERT N. MACOMBER is a maritime historian, lecturer and award-winning author and TV commentator best known for his novels in the Honor series of naval fiction. The series chronicles the life and times of a fictional American naval officer, Peter Wake, beginning during Civil War, and illustrates the U. S. Navy's critical role in the expansion of America from the mid-19th century to a global power in the 20th century.

JOHN F. MARSZALEK is executive director of the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library at Mississippi State University. He is the author of *Sherman, A Soldier's Passion for Order*; and *Commander of All Lincoln's Armies, A Life of General Henry W. Halleck*. His current writing project is *Lincoln and the Military*.

JANICE McKAY is President of the Genealogical Society of Greater Miami, registrar for the Coral Gables chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and past-president of Colonial Dames XVII.

JAMES I. "BUD" ROBERTSON, Jr. is emeritus Alumni Distinguished Professor in History at Virginia Tech and the author of many books including *Stonewall Jackson: The Man, the Soldier, the Legend*; and *General A. P. Hill: The Story of a Confederate Warrior*. He recently completed an annotated edition of the classic John B. Jones *Rebel War Clerk's Diary*.

FRANK J. WILLIAMS recently retired as Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court. He is the chairman of the Lincoln Forum, and the president of the Ulysses S. Grant Association. He is the author or co-author of a dozen books including *Judging Lincoln*, a collection of his essays, and *The Emancipation Proclamation: Three Views* (with Harold Holzer and Edna Greene Medford).

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*.

2018 Sarasota Civil War Symposium - Schedule of Activities

Thursday, January 18

- 8:00 AM throughout Civil War Books on Sale – Owens & Ramsey Booksellers
- 8:30 AM –9:30 AM *Jeff's Choice: A New Commander of the Army of Tennessee*
- **Richard M. McMurry**
- 9:45 AM-10:45 AM *"Too Vast for Malice:" Abraham Lincoln and the Politics of Forgiveness* - **Harold Holzer**
- 11:00 AM-12:00 N *The Glorious Passages: Non-Combat Mortality in the Civil War-* **Brian Steel Wills**
- 12:00PM - 1:00 PM Group Lunch in Dining Room. (Those not enrolled for the group lunch can dine on their own in the hotel).
- 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM *Florida's Naval Civil War: Blockades, Rebel Smugglers, International Incidents and Amphibious Raiders*
- **Robert N. Macomber**
- 2:30 PM-3:30 PM *About Books* – **various faculty members**
- 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Pool-side Reception – Cash Bar

Friday, January 19

- 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM *Is It Time to Get Rid of Robert E. Lee?*
- **James I. "Bud" Robertson**
- 9:45 AM-10:45 AM *Nathan Bedford Forrest vs Abel Streight and the Lightning Mule Brigade* – **Norman Dasinger, Jr.**
- 11:00 AM-12:00 N *Justice and Injustice after the Civil War* – **Frank J. Williams**
- 12:00 N - 1:00 PM Group Lunch in Dining Room. (Those not enrolled for the group lunch can dine on their own in the hotel).
- 1:15 PM – 2:15 PM *The History of the Grant Memoirs* – **John F. Marszalek**
- 2;30 PM – 3:30 PM *Adventures in Researching Your Ancestors: Some Tales and Tips* -**Janice McKay**

Saturday, January 20

- 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast - Ballroom
- 8:30 AM –9:30 AM *Lee Escapes Across the Potomac After Gettysburg*
– **Edwin C. Bearss**
- 9:45 AM-10:45 AM *The Curious Relationship Between Lincoln and McClellan*
– **Joseph T. Glatthaar**
- 11:00 AM-12:00 N *The Forgotten Flank: The Impact of the West on the Course and Legacy of the Civil War* – **William C. "Jack" Davis**

We reserve the right to change the order and topics of presentations, and to substitute faculty members if necessary.

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

We will be based at the **Sandcastle Resort** on Lido Beach, 1540 Ben Franklin Drive, Sarasota, FL 34236 where we have reserved a block of rooms at the special discounted nightly rates of \$144 - Non View; \$164 - Court View; \$183 - Poolside; and \$204 - Gulf Front. **To reserve a room under our block call 800-225-2181** and identify yourself as a registrant for the **Civil War Conference**. If you would like to arrange lodging elsewhere in the area, call CWEA at 800-298-1861 and we will be happy to assist you.

Our attendees WILL NOT be assessed the Sandcastle's \$25 per day Resort Fee.

To Register for the Sarasota Civil War Symposium, complete the form below and submit as shown:

Registrant A

Registrant B

Name _____ Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

E-mail address _____

For Each Registrant Above, Please Check An Attendance Option Below:

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Program: Thursday, Friday and Saturday - 13 Sessions - includes Thursday Lunch, Thursday PM reception, Friday Lunch and Saturday continental breakfast	\$ 495
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic Program: Thursday, Friday and Saturday- 13 Sessions + Saturday Continental Breakfast - Lunches & Thurs Reception NOT included	425
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday All-Day Only: 5 Sessions - Lunch & Reception NOT included	165
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday Morning Only: 3 Sessions:	100
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday Afternoon Only: 2 Sessions:	65
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday & Friday: 10 Sessions - Lunches & Thurs Reception NOT included	330
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday All-Day Only: 5 Sessions - Lunch NOT included	165
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday Morning Only: 3 Sessions:	100
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday Afternoon Only: 2 Sessions:	65
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday & Saturday: 8 Sessions + Saturday Continental Breakfast - Lunch NOT included	265
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday Morning Only: 3 Sessions + Continental Breakfast	100
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday PM Reception (Cash Bar):	25

Please Note:

- **IF YOU MUST CANCEL, YOUR REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE 100% REFUNDED.**
- **For those not enrolled for group lunches, you can purchase lunch in the hotel coffee shop.**

Enclosed are Fees Totaling \$ _____

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Signature _____

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