



**You are Invited to Attend the 2nd Annual Summer Symposium of the CWEA:  
The Spring Mill Civil War Symposium**

**August 16-18, 2018**

**at the Spring Mill Inn at Spring Mill State Historic Park in Mitchell, Indiana, with**

**Stephen Lee Ritchie, Bruce Allardice, Kent Masterson Brown, Stephen Davis,  
Gary Ecelbarger, Leslie Goddard, Scott C. Patchan,  
Dale K. Phillips, James I. "Bud" Robertson and Brian Steel Wills**

Our inaugural gathering at Spring Mill in August, 2017 was a resounding success. 97 men and women from 15 states attended and liked it so much that many of them have already enrolled for our 2018 gathering at which we expect an attendance of 125. We have again assembled an **All-Star Faculty of Historians**, presenting ten talks on various aspects of Civil War history and an Open Forum Panel Q & A session, and we'll have discussions on books led by the good folks from Owens & Ramsey Booksellers of Richmond, VA. Some of the topics of presentation we can already announce:

- *The Rail-Splitter and the Wigwam – The Nomination of Abraham Lincoln in 1860* – **Gary Ecelbarger**
- *Clara Barton, Civil War Nurse* - by **Leslie Goddard**
- *Lee's Retreat from Gettysburg* – by **Kent Masterson Brown**
- *Philip Sheridan* – by **Scott C. Patchan**

The other talk titles will be announced soon

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 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. 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.

**HURRY & BOOK ROOMS - and 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.

**BRUCE ALLARDICE** is professor of history at South Suburban College (Illinois), and the author or co-author of six books, including *Two Years Before the Paddlewheel: Charles F. Gunther, Mississippi River Confederate*; *More Generals in Gray*; *Confederate Colonels: A Biographical Register* and *Kentuckians in Gray*.

**KENT MASTERSON BROWN** is an attorney based in Lexington, Kentucky. He is the author of many books including *Cushing of Gettysburg: The Story of a Union Artillery Commander*; *The Civil War in Kentucky: Battle for the Bluegrass State*; *Retreat from Gettysburg: Lee, Logistics and the Pennsylvania Campaign*; *One of Morgan's Men: Memoirs of Lieutenant John M. Porter of the Ninth Kentucky Cavalry*, and the newly released *General George Gordon Meade and the Gettysburg Campaign*.

**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*.

**GARY ECELBARGER** has written many books including *We Are In For It!: The First Battle of Kernstown*; *Three Days in the Shenandoah: Stonewall Jackson at Front Royal & Winchester*; *The Great Comeback: How Abraham Lincoln Beat the Odds to Win the 1860 Republican Nomination*; and also biographies of Civil War generals "Black Jack" Logan & Frederick W. Lander.

**LESLIE GODDARD**, based in Chicago, Illinois, is one of America's leading portrayal artists of notable historic women, including Louisa May Alcott, Amelia Earhart and Clara Barton.

**SCOTT C. PATCHAN** is widely regarded as the leading authority and tour guide of the 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign. He is the author of *Shenandoah Summer: The 1864 Valley Campaign*; *Second Manassas: Longstreet's Attack and the Struggle for Chinn Ridge*; *The Battle of Piedmont and Hunter's Campaign for Staunton*; *The Forgotten Fury: The Battle of Piedmont*; and most recently, *The Last Battle of Winchester: Phil Sheridan, Jubal Early, and the Shenandoah Valley Campaign, August 7 - September 19, 1864*.

**DALE K. PHILLIPS** recently retired as 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*.

**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*.

## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

### Thursday, August 16

7:00 PM-8:30 PM Welcome Reception – Cash Bar - and Civil War Book Display and Sale  
– **Owens & Ramsey Booksellers**

### Friday, August 17

8:30 AM-12:00 N Three Talks – to be announced  
12:00 N - 1:00 PM Buffet Lunch in Main Dining Room  
1:15 PM- 3:30 PM Two Talks – to be announced  
6:00 PM Cash Bar  
6:30 PM Buffet Dinner – in Lakeview Room  
7:30 PM Talk – to be announced

### Saturday, August 18

8:30 AM-12:00 N Three Talks – to be announced  
12:00 N-1:00 PM Buffet Lunch in Main Dining Room  
1:15 PM-2:15 PM A Talk – to be announced  
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Open Forum – All Faculty  
5:00 PM-8:00 PM Cash Bar and Dinner Cookout - in

**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**.

To Enroll, **Call 800-298-1861**, or Complete and **Mail in** or **Fax in** the form below:

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Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Ex Date \_\_\_\_\_

Security# (3 digit # on back of VISA, MC or DISC or 4 digit # on front of AMEX) \_\_\_\_\_

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