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1862: A YEAR OF BATTLES

JARMAN AUDITORIUM
LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY
FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA

Saturday, March 3, 2012

Schedule

Jarman Auditorium
Longwood University
Farmville, VA

- 8:45 a.m. Doors open
- 9:10 a.m. Introduction by Dr. David Coles, Associate Professor
and Chair, Department of History, Political Science, and
Philosophy, Longwood University
- 9:15 a.m. John Quarstein
Richmond Saved: The 1862 Peninsula Campaign
- 10:15 a.m. John Hennessy
Second Manassas: Revisiting Return to Bull Run
- 11:15 p.m. Thomas Clemens
General Ezra Carman and the Maryland Campaign of 1862
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:45 p.m. Thomas McGrath
**Shepherdstown: Last Clash of the Maryland Campaign,
September 19-20, 1862**
- 2:45 p.m. Frank O'Rielly
Fredericksburg: Winter War on the Rappahannock

No reservations necessary. Signs will be posted on the Longwood University Campus. For directions to the campus go to www.longwood.edu. For more information contact Dr. David Coles at 434.395.2220 or Patrick Schroeder at 434.352.8987, Ext. 32.

Participants

TOM CLEMENS

Tom Clemens has a Bachelor's and Masters' degree in history from Salisbury State College, now Salisbury University. He has worked at Hagerstown Community College since 1978, mostly teaching American History. Clemens received his doctorate in 2002 from George Mason University where he studied under Dr. Joseph Harsh, a native of Hagerstown and distinguished scholar of the Maryland Campaign of 1862. Over the years Clemens has written numerous magazine articles and many book reviews for various publications. His edited and annotated edition of Ezra Carman's manuscript, *The Maryland Campaign of September 1862 Vol. I* was published in 2010 and *Vol. II* will be out this year. During his academic career he has been twice nominated to *Who's Who in Higher Education*, and has also taught classes at Johns Hopkins and George Mason University. Clemens has appeared in documentaries including the hour-long film at *Antietam Battlefield, Civil War Journal, Hidden Civil War* and several others.

JOHN HENNESSEY

John Hennessy is a graduate of the State University of New York at Albany. He has worked for the New York State Historic Preservation Office and for the National Park Service at Manassas, Harpers Ferry, and at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. Hennessy served as Assistant Superintendent at the latter park from 1995-2002 and is currently Chief Historian. He is the author of several books, including *First Battle of Manassas: An End to Innocence, July 18-21, 1861*, and *Return to Bull Run: The Campaign and Battle of Manassas*.

THOMAS A. McGRATH

Thomas A. McGrath received his BA in History from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and his MA in Civil War Studies from American Military University. He is currently working on his PhD dissertation at the University at Albany. McGrath teaches History and English at North Country College in Ticonderoga, NY. He served for five years as historian/interpreter at nearby Fort Ticonderoga. McGrath is the author of *Shepherdstown: Last Clash of the Antietam Campaign, September 19-20, 1862*, the only full-length account of the Battle of Shepherdstown. He has also written numerous articles for a variety of publications including *Blue & Gray, Yankee Magazine, Gettysburg Magazine, and Adirondack Life*.

FRANK A. O'REILLY

Frank A. O'Reilly graduated from Washington & Lee University in 1987. He joined the National Park Service at the Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park, then worked briefly at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, before returning to Fredericksburg in 1990 as the permanent historian for the "Stonewall" Jackson Shrine. O'Reilly has also served as an historical consultant for the City of Fredericksburg. His latest book, *The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock*, received a 2003 nomination for the Pulitzer Prize in Letters. It was released by LSU Press in December,

2002, and has won the 2002 Capital District (Albany, NY) Book Award; the 2003 James I. Robertson, Jr. Book Award; the 2004 Daniel Laney Book Award; and the 2004 Richard Barksdale Harwell Book Award.

O'Reilly has written numerous articles on the Civil War and Mexican War, and introductions to several books, including Phil Sheridan's memoirs, William McCarter's *My Life in the Irish Brigade*, and the *History of the 1st Massachusetts Cavalry*. He released a book on the Fredericksburg Campaign titled, *Stonewall Jackson at Fredericksburg*, in 1993. O'Rielly has appeared in quite a few video documentaries, and lectured extensively on military history to audiences around the world. He recently presented in Oxford, United Kingdom, on the Bicentennial of Robert E. Lee's birth; and the Sesquicentennial of the beginning of the war in 1861.

O'Rielly is currently researching a book on the Battle of Malvern Hill and the Seven Days' Campaign.

JOHN V. QUARSTEIN

John V. Quarstein is an award-winning historian, preservationists and author. He previously worked for thirty years as the director of the Virginia War Museum and as consultant to The Mariners' Museum's Monitor Center.

Quarstein has been involved in a variety of historic preservation initiatives such as the creation of Civil War parks like Redoubt Park in Williamsburg and Lee's Mill Park in Newport News as well as historic house museums such as Lee Hall Mansion and Endview Plantation. His current preservation endeavors feature the Rebecca Vaughan House, Lee Hall Depot, Causey's Mill, Big Bethel Battlefield and Fort Monroe. Quarstein also serves on several boards and commissions such as Virginia Civil War Trails, Virginia War of 1812 Bicentennial Advisory Council, Woodrow Wilson Commission Advisory Council, and the Newport News Sesquicentennial Commission.

Quarstein is the author of a dozen books, including *Fort Monroe: The Key to the South*; *A History of Ironclads: The Power of Iron over Wood*; the *Monitor Boys: The Crew of the Union's First Ironclad*. His newest book is *Big Bethel: The First Battle*. He also has produced, narrated and written several PBS documentaries, such as *Jamestown: Foundations of Freedom*, and the film series *Civil War in Hampton Roads*, which was awarded a 2007 Silver Telly. His latest film, *Hampton: From the Sea to the Stars*, is a Bronze Telly winner. His current film projects are *Pirates of the Chesapeake* and *Tread of the Tyrants Heel: Virginia's War of 1812 Experience*.

Quarstein is the recipient of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 1993 President's Award for Historic Preservation; the Civil War Society's Preservation Award in 1996; the United Daughters of the Confederacy's Jefferson Davis Medal in 1999; and the Daughters of the American Revolution Gold Historians Medal in 2009. Besides his lifelong interest in Tidewater Virginia's Civil War experience, Quarstein is an avid duck hunter and decoy collector. He lives on Old Point Comfort in Hampton, Virginia, and on his family's Eastern Shore farm near Chestertown, Maryland.

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Lunch is available at the

Longwood University Dining Hall

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