Join Dr. Richard Sommers, Dr. James “Bud” Robertson, Ed Bearss, Robert E. L. Krick, Lt. Col. Ralph Peters, Chris Calkins, Ted Alexander, and others as we explore 1864 and 1865 battle sites in Richmond, Va.

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Hi Folks,

Welcome to our July 2015 seminar, “The End of the War: Richmond, Petersburg, and Appomattox.” This is one of our must unique seminars ever. We kick it off with a tour of Civil War sites in Richmond. This includes landmarks such as the Lee Monument on Monument Avenue, the exquisite murals at the “Battle Abbey” and a special tour at the Museum of the Confederacy featuring a look at some of the collection that is not on public display.

The official opening of the seminar features an after dinner talk by the “Dean” of Civil War Historians, the great Dr. James “Bud” Robertson. This will be followed by one of our traditional “Insomniacs” sessions with Catherine Wright of the Museum of the Confederacy.

Our bus tours on Thursday and Saturday will be some of the most detailed ever given. Master battlefield trampers Ed Bearss and Robert E. L. Krick will take us to Cold Harbor, where thousands fell in minutes. Dr. Richard Sommers will share with us the years of scholarship that went into his book *Richmond Redeemed*, as we trek the various sites associated with Grant’s Fifth Offensive on Thursday and Saturday afternoon. On Saturday morning, Ed Bearss will take us to Petersburg with a look at the legendary “Crater” as well as other sites.

Friday is devoted to talks. This includes speakers such as Lt. Colonel Ralph Peters, Dr. Richard Sommers, Brig. Gen. John Mountcastle and many others. Friday evening is our annual Preservation Auction, of which many of the proceeds will be donated to preservation projects around the Richmond area.

Our grand event will conclude on Sunday with an optional tour of the Appomattox Campaign. This bus trip will be led by none other than Chris Calkins. He is the leading authority on the Appomattox Campaign, and he has the awards to prove it.

Oh, did I mention all of the good Southern cookin’ that will be served? This includes a barbecue buffet Friday night!

We are looking forward to seeing you for four to five days of education, good fellowship, great food, and fun.

Best wishes,
Ted Alexander
Co-founder and Facilitator
Chambersburg Civil War Seminars
Ted Alexander is the co-founder and host of our seminars. He is the author, editor, or contributor to 10 books on the Civil War and other aspects of American history, and more than 200 book reviews and articles for publications such as Civil War Times and The Washington Times. He currently serves as Chief Historian at Antietam National Battlefield.

Ed Bearss is America’s premier battlefield tour guide and former Marine. He is the Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service and is the author of more than 20 books and numerous articles on the Civil War. He was a commentator on Ken Burn’s PBS documentary The Civil War, the History Channel, and C-SPAN. Ed has been a mainstay of our organization since 1989.

Chris Calkins worked for the National Park Service for 34 years including Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. Calkins has served as park manager of Sailor’s Creek Battlefield Historical State Park for seven years. He has authored 12 publications including Lee’s Retreat driving tour that was featured in Life and Southern Living magazines.

John Coski is the historian and director of library and research at The Museum of the Confederacy. He is the author of The Confederate Battle Flag: America’s Most Embattled Emblem, and other books written for the Museum as well as more than 125 published articles, essays, and book reviews.

Emmanuel Dabney is an interpretive ranger at Petersburg National Battlefield. He holds a degree in historic preservation from Mary Washington University and Master’s from UNC Greensboro. An authority on the role of U.S. Colored Troops at Petersburg, he was a commentator on C-Span.

Mike Gorman is a historian at Richmond National Battlefield and a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute and Virginia Commonwealth University. Mike founded and maintains the Civil War Richmond website. He also served as a historical consultant for the movie Lincoln.

Robert E. L. Krick is one of the leading authorities on the Civil War in and around Richmond. He is an historian at Richmond National Battlefield Park and a 28-year veteran of the NPS serving in places like Little Bighorn Battlefield and Manassas National Battlefield. His latest book is Staff Officers in Gray.

Lt. Colonel Ralph Peters is a retired U.S. Army officer, author and media commentator. He has written 30 works of fiction and non-fiction. Among them are the critically acclaimed Civil War novels Cain at Gettysburg and Hell or Richmond.

Jimmy Price is the historic site manager for Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park and Ben Lomond Historic Site. His first book, The Battle of New Market Heights: Freedom Will Be Theirs by the Sword, was nominated in the nonfiction category for the 15th annual Virginia Literary Awards. He recently released The Battle of First Deep Bottom.

S. Waite Rawls III is the executive director of The Museum and White House of the Confederacy. He has a long career in volunteering for historical and civic organizations such as trustee of the Civil War Preservation Trust. A native of Franklin, Virginia, he received his B.A. at Virginia Military Institute and advance degrees from the University of Virginia.

Dr. Richard Sommers is the Senior Historian Emeritus at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center and an instructor at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa. He has been a commentator on C-Span and The History Channel and recently authored the expanded 150th anniversary edition Richmond Redeemed: The Siege at Petersburg.

Dr. James “Bud” Robertson is one of the most distinguished names in Civil War history. He was the exec. director of the U.S. Civil War Centennial Commission and worked with Presidents Truman, Kennedy, and Johnson. Robertson is a charter member of Virginia’s Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission and is the author/editor of over 20 books. His biography of Gen. Stonewall Jackson won eight national awards and was used for Gods and Generals, which he served as the chief historical consultant.

David Ruth is Superintendent of Richmond National Battlefield Park and has served with the NPS for 42 years at parks such as Manassas National Battlefield Park and Fort Sumter National Monument. He is also active with battlefield preservation.

Ed Sanders has been at Richmond National Battlefield Park for over 30 years. He has been awarded the NPS’ Northeast Region’s Excellence in Interpretation award for his work. Ed also serves as a historic weapons instructor for the NPS focusing on Civil War small arms and artillery.

Brig. Gen. John “Jack” W. Mountcastle was a career soldier, commanding tank units in the US, Vietnam, and Europe. He served as the Army’s Chief of Military History in Washington D.C. and currently teaches Civil War courses at the University of Richmond, lectures at the Virginia Historical Society, and leads tours of Civil War sites.

Jim Dupriest is a native of Richmond and leading authority of its Civil War history. In 1985 he founded Richmond Discoveries that is dedicated to preserving the area’s history. He has also written many tour guide books focused on sites like Hollywood Cemetery. In 2012, he assisted with developing Stuart’s Ride for Virginia Civil War Trails.

Catherine M. Wright is the curator at The American Civil War Museum (formerly the Museum of the Confederacy). She is the editor of Lee’s Last Casualty: The Life and Letters of Sgt. Robert W. Parker, Second Virginia Cavalry.
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**Tour Description:**
- Totopotomoy Creek where Lee's army slowed Grant's advance
- , Haw's Shop, site of cavalry clash May 28, 1864
- Bethesda Church where Lee failed
- Cold Harbor where thousands fell in minutes

**Sites visited include:**
- Museum of the Confederacy
- White House of the Confederacy
- "The Battle Abbey" at Virginia Historical Society
- St. Paul's Church "The Church of the Confederacy"
- Historic Hollywood Cemetery
- Libby Prison Site
- Locations where the movie “Lincoln" was filmed
- Monument Avenue
- Southern-style lunch at historic 6th Mt. Zion Church
- And more!

**Optional bus tour ($150):**
- Breakfast Homewood Suites (avail. 6 – 9 a.m.)
- Tour of Richmond 1864 and 1865 Battle Sites - Bus tour led by Ed Bearss, Robert E.L. Krick, and Dr. Richard Sommers
- Bus leaves from Homewood Suites
- Buffet lunch included
- Dinner at Homewood Suites

**Complete Weekend Package begins:**
- 7 p.m. - Keynote Speaker: “Whatever Happened to...?" Some Civil War Personalities and their Checkered Careers after the Guns Fell Silent” by Dr. James “Bud" Robertson
- 8:45 p.m. - Insomniacs Session “Mysteries Revealed: the Use of Modern Technology to Research Artifacts” by Catherine Wright

**Wednesday, July 22**
- Breakfast Homewood Suites (avail. 6 – 9 a.m.)
- 7 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. - Early Registration at Homewood Suites
- 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. “Civil War Richmond” - Bus & walking tour led by Jim Dupriest
  - Bus leaves from Homewood Suites
  - Buffet lunch included
  - Buffet dinner included

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...The Battle of Poplar Spring Church, September 29-October 2, 1864. This battle allowed the Yankees to break out from Globe Tavern and seize a key crossroads at Peebles’ Farm, from which they would launch all further offensives against Southern supply lines during the Siege of Petersburg. Yet the combat also enabled the battling Butternuts to beat back Union efforts to cut those supply lines in late September. Our tour will cover combat that surged up and down the Church Road and will include visits to the Squirrel Level Road, Fort Fisher, Fort Welch, Arthur’s Swamp, and Hart’s House.

8:30 p.m. Insomniacs Session “Mr. Lincoln Comes to Richmond: April 1865” by Mike Gorman

Sunday, July 26

Optional bus tour ($195):
Breakfast Homewood Suites (avail. 7 – 10 a.m.)

7:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.
“The Road to Appomattox” bus tour led by Chris Calkins
    ◇ Bus leaves from Homewood Suites
    ◇ Lunch included
    ◇ Dinner included

Sites visited include:
    • Five Forks Battlefield
    • Sailor’s Creek Battlefield
    • Appomattox Court House
    • And more!


** Please note: Bus driver compensation is included with each bus tour and we have eliminated the need for “passing the hat.”