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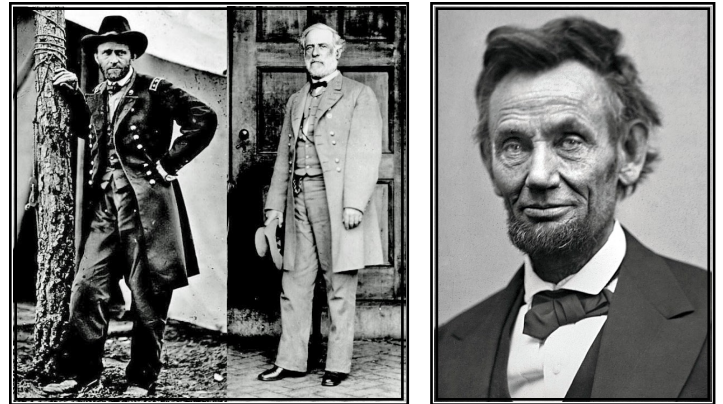
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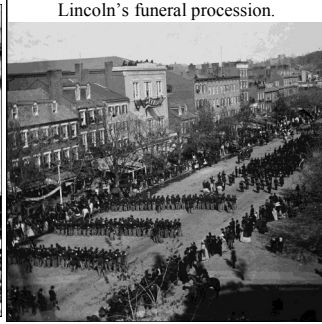
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Lincoln's 2nd inaugural address.



Lincoln's funeral procession.

The People's University

The Civil War 1865 & the Lincoln Legacy

Full Schedule (All classes start at 7 PM)

MARCH 3 THE BEGINNING OF THE END

The Beginning of the End – The Fall of Fort Fisher and the Meeting at Hampton Roads. This class will include a recap of the Civil War in 1864 and the first significant events of 1865, including the Second Battle of Fort Fisher in January and the Hampton Roads Peace Conference in early February.

Instructor: Kris White

MARCH 10 SHERMAN IN THE CAROLINAS

“Nothing Was Held Sacred” - Sherman in the Carolinas
Most are familiar with General William T. Sherman's ‘March to the Sea.’ This class will examine Sherman's turn to the north to the Carolina's, culminating in the battles of Averasboro and Bentonville.

Instructor: Mark A. Smith

MARCH 17: LINCOLN'S SECOND INAUGURAL

“To Bind Up The Nation's Wounds” - Lincoln's Second Inaugural.
This class will examine the 1864 presidential election as well as Lincoln's second inaugural, recognized today as one of the finest speeches in American history. The class will also cover the ratification of the 13th Amendment and a look at Lincoln's final months before the assassination.

Instructor: Rea Redd

MARCH 24: PETERSBURG TO RICHMOND

“Richmond Must be Evacuated this Evening” – The Fall of Petersburg and Evacuation of Richmond. This class will cover the closing battles in the siege of Petersburg, Robert E. Lee's subsequent withdrawal from the trenches, the evacuation and subsequent burning of the Capital of the Confederacy, and the flight of the Confederate government.

Instructor: Kris White

MARCH 31: APPOMATTOX & SURRENDER

“If the Thing is Pressed, I Think That Lee Will Surrender” – Appomattox & Surrender. This class will cover the battles and movements of “the final campaign,” resulting the Confederate surrender at Appomattox Court House.

Instructor: Patrick A. Schroeder

APRIL 7: PHIL SHERIDAN REEXAMINED

“Five Feet Four Will Do In a Pinch” – A Reassessment of Phil Sheridan. This class will examine the successes, failures and questionable character of General Phil Sheridan, focusing on his involvement in the closing days of the Civil War.

Instructor: Eric J. Wittenberg

APRIL 14: LINCOLN'S DEATH & LEGACY

When the Bells Told – Lincoln's Death & Legacy. This class will examine the final days and assassination of Abraham Lincoln, the chase and trial of the conspirators, the controversy and conspiracies surrounding the assassination and the ultimate legacy of our 16th President.

Instructor: Tom Clemens

APRIL 21: VETERANS AFTER THE WAR

Fraternity, Charity, Loyalty – Veterans After the War. A look at how Civil War veterans struggled to readjust to life after the war, having to face the realization that they stood as unwelcome reminders to an America eager to heal and forget.

Instructor: Brian Matthew Jordan

FACULTY

Tom Clemens is a history professor emeritus at Hagerstown Community College and a longtime NPS volunteer interpreter and living history presenter. He is a founding member of Save Historic Antietam Foundation and has been its President since 1989. He is the editor of Ezra Carman's *The Maryland Campaign of September, 1862: Volume I, South Mountain, and Vol. II, Antietam*. Vol. III is due out in September. His essay on General Joseph K. F. Mansfield is included in the newly released *Corps Commanders in Blue*.



Brian Matthew Jordan is the author of *Marching Home: Union Veterans and Their Unending Civil War* (2015). He holds a PhD in history from Yale University and is lecturer of Civil War Era studies at Gettysburg College. He lives with his wife in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, a stone's throw from the battlefield.



Rea Andrew Redd earned an MA in history at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and an MLS at the University of Pittsburgh. He is Director of Eberly Library, Waynesburg University where he also serves as an instructor of American history. Since 1993, he has reenacted the American Civil War as a Federal infantryman, a Federal Medical Service Captain and as President Abraham Lincoln. He is the author of *Gettysburg Campaign Study Guide, Volume 1*.



Patrick A. Schroeder earned a B.S. in Historical Park Administration from Shepherd College and an M.A. in Civil War History from Virginia Tech. He worked as a seasonal living history interpreter at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park and full-time at the Patrick Henry National Memorial. He is now the full-time Historian of Appomattox Court House National Historical Park.



Mark A. Smith is a U. S. Army veteran (Major, ret.) with 21 years of service. He holds a BS from Slippery Rock University and a MA of Military Studies – Civil War from American Military University. An avid Civil War historian, Smith has co-authored with Wade Sokoloski, *No Such Army since the Days of Julius Caesar: Sherman's Carolinas Campaign from Fayetteville to Averasboro*. Smith has conducted several battlefield tours at Averasboro and has been a guest speaker at several CWRTs.



Kristopher White earned his MA in Military History from Norwich University. He is a former staff military historian at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. He is the co-author of *Chancellorsville's Forgotten Second Front: The Second Battle of Fredericksburg*, and *Simply Murder: The Battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862*.



Eric J. Wittenberg has a BA from Dickinson College and an MA and JD from the University of Pittsburgh. An attorney and Civil War historian, he is the author of 16 books and numerous articles on Civil War cavalry operations. His articles have appeared in *North & South*, *Blue & Gray* and many other journals. Eric regularly travels the country to lecture on the war, and he is frequently asked to lead Civil War battlefield tours. Battlefield preservation work is very important to him and he maintains a well-regarded blog, “Rantings of a Civil War Historian.”

