



Civil War Seminars at HACC Gettysburg Campus

*Including special afternoon sessions on the Battlefield
Presented by Licensed Battlefield Guides*

Saturday, March 27, 2010

Featuring Keynote Speaker Patrick Falci
“The Man in the Red Battle Shirt: The Life of General A.P. Hill”

SCHEDULE	
8-9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9-10:15 a.m.	Patrick Falci
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	Classroom Session
12-1 p.m.	Buffet Lunch
1:30-4 p.m.	Battlefield Session



Classroom Session 10:30 am-12 pm

(choose one of the 6 topics listed below)

1) The Medal of Honor: Gettysburg

The Medal of Honor was born out of the need to recognize the valor exhibited by soldiers in the Civil War, and nowhere were actions of bravery and courage in the war recognized more than at the Battle of Gettysburg. We will begin the classroom session with a discussion of the establishment and history of the Medal of Honor. The Battlefield session will deal with the eight men who were awarded the Medal for action on July 1, 1863. **Roy Frampton**

2) First the Men Fell and Then the Trees Fell: Fighting in the Codori Thicket During the Battle of Gettysburg

One of the more interesting and significant episodes of the fighting during the Battle of Gettysburg occurred in the Codori Thicket on July 2 and July 3, and yet very few people go there. Recently, the Thicket received a much-needed rehabilitation when the National Park Service decided to restore the battlefield to its 1863 appearance. The Codori Thicket was the first area cleared on non-historic foliage. On the tour, we will walk about two miles over uneven terrain just like the soldiers did. **Dr. Charles C. Fennell, Jr.**

3) Sickles at Gettysburg

No single event dictated Gettysburg's flow of fighting more than General Daniel Sickles' advance to the Peach Orchard. This class will conduct a thorough analysis of Sickles' reasons and consequences of his actions. (Suggested reading: the instructor's new book, *Sickles at Gettysburg*.) **James Hessler**

4) Brockenbrough’s Virginia Brigade at Gettysburg: “We stood there to be shot at, and that was about all that we did.”

We will examine a brigade that does not receive a lot of attention, suffers from not only a limited amount of primary sources, but also controversy as to its record in battle. Included will be a review of the origin, makeup, and history of the brigade, its leaders, leadership and controversies prior to the Battle of Gettysburg; its specific role in the battle on July 1 at the McPherson Barn and on July 3 in the assault on the center of the Union line. The field program will include some walking in the area of the McPherson Barn and from Seminary Ridge to the Bliss Farm area. **George Newton**

5) “A Cool Indifference to Danger”: The Iron Brigade’s Odyssey from Henry House Hill to Herbst’s Woods

Without doubt one of the Civil War’s most renowned units, the Iron Brigade was not always “Iron,” or famous. Follow the journey of these young men from Wisconsin, Indiana, and Michigan from their origins as military neophytes through their transformation into hardened veterans with “a cool indifference to danger.” The classroom portion of this program will focus on the early history of the brigade and its long and occasionally awkward evolution into an elite fighting formation. This will be followed with an on-site tour of the brigade’s most famous action, its epic defense of Herbst’s Woods on McPherson’s Ridge – some of the bloodiest acreage in American military history. Clothing & footwear appropriate to cross-country walking is recommended. **Stuart Dempsey**

6) “A Day Late and a Dollar Short” – The Attack and Defense of East Cemetery Hill on July 2

"A Day Late and a Dollar Short" is a reference to the confederate attack on East Cemetery Hill on the evening of July 2, a day later than when, many feel, Lee's army had a much better chance at success there. The "Dollar Short" refers to the failure to support the successful attack of the brigades of Harry Hays and Isaac Avery. This course will analyze the July 2 attack in detail from both federal and confederate perspectives. **James Hueting**

Battlefield Session 1:30-4 p.m.

Continuation of Classroom Session Topic on Battlefield

Cost of the entire program is \$65, and includes continental breakfast, buffet lunch, and two sessions (classroom & battlefield). Registration deadline: March 19, 2010. To register, call (717) 338-1010 and have your VISA or MasterCard handy or forward a completed registration form along with your check, payable to HACC.

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