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Robert E. L. Krick

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Last May Meeting

John V. Quarstein presented "The Battle of Mobile Bay.". John described the dramatic naval action which featured the confrontation between the Union's Rear Admiral David G. Farragut and Confederate Admiral Franklin Buchanan. This was the battle that is remembered for Admiral Farragut's famous order..."damn the torpedoes...!

John V. Quarstein is an award-winning historian, preservationist, lecturer, and author. He served as historian for the city of Hampton's 400th anniversary. He previously worked for thirty years as the director of the Virginia War Museum and as consultant to The Mariners' Museum's MONITOR Center. Quarstetin is now serving as the Chief Development Officer for the USS MONITOR Foundation at The Mariners' Museum.

Quarstein has been involved in a wide variety of historic preservation initiatives including the creation of Civil War battlefield parks like Redoubt Park in Williamsburg or 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. John Quarstein also serves on several boards and commissions such as Virginia Civil War Trails, Virginia War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Advisory Council and the Newport News Sesquicentennial Commission. Dues for 2016-2017 are due. Dues for the year are \$30 for an individual and \$35 for a family. Please make checks payable to WCWRT. Registration form

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In the spring of 1861, Union military authorities arrested Maryland farmer John Merryman on charges of treason against the United States for burning railroad bridges around Baltimore in an effort to prevent northern soldiers from reaching the federal capital. From his prison cell at Fort McHenry, Merryman petitioned the Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger B. Taney for release through a writ of habeas corpus. Chief Justice Taney issued the writ, but President Lincoln ignored it. In mid-July Merryman was released, only to be indicted for treason a Baltimore federal court. His case, however, never went to trial and federal prosecutors finally dismissed the charges in 1867.

In "Abraham Lincoln and Treason in the Civil War", Jonathan W. White reveals how the arrest and prosecution of this little-known Baltimore farmer had a lasting impact on the Lincoln administration and Congress as they struggled to develop policies to deal with both northern traitors and southern rebels. His work exposes several

perennially controversial legal and constitutional issues in American history, including the nature and extent of presidential war powers, the development of national policies for dealing with disloyalty and treason, and the protection of civil liberties in wartime.

Jonathan W. White, Ph. D. is an Associate Professor and Senior Fellow in the Center for American Studies at Christopher Newport University in Newport News. He admits a particular interest in Abraham Lincoln and U. S. constitutional history. In addition to teaching courses in American Studies at CNU, he also serves as the university's Prelaw Advisor. Jonathan has authored several books, including "Abraham Lincoln and Treason in the Civil War", and "Emancipation, the Union Army, and the Reelection of Abraham Lincoln", as well as numerous scholarly papers and articles. Dr. White is an undergraduate of Penn State, and completed his graduate studies at the University of Maryland.

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Emmanuel Dabney has worked at Petersburg National Battlefield since 2001. After completing high school in Dinwiddie, Emmanuel graduated magna cum laude with an Associates of Arts from Richard Bland College, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Historic Preservation from the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia and completed a Master's degree in Public History at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Emmanuel has given many programs on the issues facing African-Americans in antebellum, wartime, and immediate post-war America as well as how to portray these experiences within professional museum settings. He believes his love of history is embedded in his DNA; having on his maternal grandfather's line, ancestors who were slaveholders and free blacks; on his maternal grandmother's line there are enslaved people and non-slaveholding whites; and on his paternal line more enslaved people.

Last Month

On January 24, 2016 for Dr. White's presented "Lincoln and Civil Liberties". In the spring of 1861, Union military authorities arrested Maryland farmer John Merryman on charges of treason against the United States for burning railroad bridges around Baltimore in an effort to prevent northern soldiers from reaching the federal capital. From his prison cell at Fort McHenry, Merryman petitioned the Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger B. Taney for release through a writ of habeas corpus. Chief Justice Taney issued the writ, but President Lincoln ignored it. In mid-July Merryman was released, only to be indicted for treason a Baltimore federal court. His case, however, never went to trial and federal prosecutors finally dismissed the charges in 1867.

In "Abraham Lincoln and Treason in the Civil War", Jonathan W. White reveals how the arrest and prosecution of this little-known Baltimore farmer had a lasting impact on the Lincoln administration and Congress as they struggled to develop policies to deal with both northern traitors and southern rebels. His work exposes several perennially controversial legal and constitutional issues in American history, including the nature and extent of presidential war powers, the development of national policies for dealing with disloyalty and treason, and the protection of civil liberties in wartime.

Jonathan W. White, Ph. D. is an Associate Professor and Senior Fellow in the Center for American Studies at Christopher Newport University in Newport News. He admits a particular interest in Abraham Lincoln and U. S. constitutional history. In addition to teaching courses in American Studies at CNU, he also serves as the university's Prelaw Advisor. Jonathan has authored several books, including "Abraham Lincoln and Treason in the Civil War", and "Emancipation, the Union Army, and the Reelection of Abraham Lincoln", as well as numerous scholarly papers and articles. Dr. White is an undergraduate of Penn State, and completed his graduate studies at the University of Maryland.

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February 25, 2017 - 2017 Symposium- Lightning Rods for Controversy: Civil War Monuments Past, Present, & Future Sponsored by The American Civil War Museum <u>details</u>

March 4 & 5, 2017 – The Battle of Hampton Roads at the Mariner's Museum. Join us for a weekend full of family-friendly, interactive activities to commemorate the 155th anniversary of the Battle of Hampton Roads. The weekend will celebrate the theme "Minorities in the Civil War." <u>details</u>

March, April, July, September, and December 2017 - Prince William County 2017 History Bus Tours <u>details</u>

2017 \$1000 SCV Essay Contest - Enter the 2017 Lt. Colonel James Harvey Allen Memorial Scholarship Contest (co-sponsored by WCWRT) <u>details</u>

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Kenneth R. Rutherford, PH.D. is the Director of the Center for International Stabilization and Recovery and Professor of Political Science at James Madison University. In his capacity as Director, he leads fundraising and strategic planning for CISR, which is recognized as a global leader in international efforts to combat the effects of landmines and explosive remnants of war, including the rehabilitation of post-conflict societies.

Dr. Rutherford is the author or co-editor of four books related to issues related to the modern banning and removal of landmines. He has testified before Congress and the United Nations, and published more than forty articles in numerous academic and policy journals.

Dr. Rutherford co-founded the Landmine Survivors Network, and is a renowned leader in the Nobel Peace Prize-winning coalition that spearheaded the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty and the global movement that led to the 2008 Cluster Munitions Ban Treaty. He has been the recipient of several awards and honors related to his services related to the removal and banning of landmines.

Dr. Rutherford holds his Ph.D. from Georgetown University, and his B.A. and MBA degrees from the University of Colorado.

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 Battlefield details
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> "Hd grs. Army of N. Va. April 10, 1865

General Orders No. 9

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I need not tell the brave survivors of so many hard fought battles. who have remained steadfast to the last. that I have consented to this result from no distrust of them; but feeling that valor and devotion could accomplish nothing that could compensate for the loss that must have attended the continuance of the contest. I determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their countrymen.

By the terms of the agreement, officers and men can return to their homes and remain until exchanged. You may take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully

performed; and I earnestly pray that a Merciful God will extend to you His blessing and protection.

With an unceasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your Country, and a grateful remembrance of you kind and generous consideration for myself, I bid you all an affectionate farewell.

> (Sgd) R. E. Lee Genl."

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Ernie Price will tell the rest of the story about the journey of the soldiers as they left Appomattox. (Keep in mind, as you read this announcement and when you attend the meeting on April 25, that the many if not most of the soldiers were still making their way home on these particular dates 152 years ago.) Ernie Price is the Chief of Visitor Services and Education at the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. After earning an undergraduate degree in history at Longwood College and a Masters of education at Lynchburg College, Ernie joined the National Park service in 1997. He has been at the Appomattox location since 2008.

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The presentation will explore the battle, its context, and its legacy."

Christopher L. Kolakowski was born and raised in Fredericksburg, Va. He received his BA in History and Mass Communications from Emory & Henry College, and his MA in Public History from the State University of New York at Albany

Chris has spent his career interpreting and preserving American military history with the National Park Service, New York State government, the Rensselaer County (NY) Historical Society, the Civil War Preservation Trust, Kentucky State Parks, and the U.S. Army. He has written and spoken on various aspects of military history from 1775 to the present. He has published two books with the History Press: The Civil War at Perryville: Battling For the Bluegrass and The Stones River and Tullahoma Campaign: This Army Does Not Retreat. In September 2016, the U.S. Army published his volume on the 1862 Virginia Campaigns as part of its sesquicentennial series on the Civil War. He is a contributor to the Emerging Civil War Blog, and his study of the 1941-42 Philippine Campaign titled Last Stand on Bataan is was released by McFarland in late February 2016.

Chris came to Norfolk having served as Director of the General George Patton Museum and Center of Leadership in Fort Knox, KY from 2009 to 2013. He became the MacArthur Memorial Director on September 16, 2013.

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