

Finding the Civil War

Knox Alumni in Richmond and Gettysburg with George Eaton



Pamplin Museum

Join Knox alumnus and distinguished military historian George Eaton '80 as we explore the great conflict which tore apart the United States from 1861–1865. We will be based in two key towns, Richmond and Gettysburg and their surroundings, where Lt. Col. Eaton and other historians will lead you across famous battlefield sites, through historic antebellum homes and museums and memorials dedicated to the war, while explaining this seminal event in American history.

In lovely Richmond, Virginia, Jefferson Davis formed the Confederate capitol and the articles to secede from the Union were written. From Richmond, we will also visit Petersburg Battlefield, site of a pivotal nine-month siege capped by an important Union victory, and the fascinating Pamplin Museum, which puts you in the shoes of the common soldier of the period. Then we transfer to Gettysburg, the site of the most important battle of the war, when the tide shifted toward the Union, and where Abraham Lincoln delivered a speech heard round the world. From there, we visit Harpers Ferry, where John Brown's plot to blow up an army stockpile and inspire a slave rebellion failed, and the battlefield at Antietam, where both sides suffered huge losses in 1862.

Our lodging is in four-star, historic hotels in both towns, where we'll dine in restaurants that take us back in time. We'll cruise along the James River canal and take a horse and carriage ride in Gettysburg, and enjoy many other adventures exclusive to the group. Commentary by George Eaton and other expert guides all along the way will add fresh insights into this exciting journey into history!

September 11-17, 2017



George Eaton

is an expert on military history and Civil War battlefields. Since 2002, he has been the historian for the US Army

Sustainment Command headquartered on Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois, preserving and writing on the history of the Army's largest provider of logistics. George is also the historian for the Rock Island Arsenal and is well known in the Midwest for his talks relating to the arsenal's impact on the development of the West and logistics support of the Army. He is a specialist in leading battlefield tours as a method of leader development that helps leaders think using historic context.

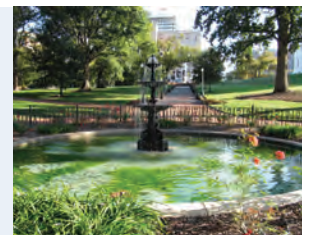
After graduating from Knox George spent 21 years in the Army as a logistician retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. During his active duty career George lived in or was deployed on posts across the United States, Germany, the Republic of Panama, Haiti and Kuwait. During that time he spent three years teaching military history at the United States Military Academy, including topics on the Civil War.

George is a member and regional leader of the Society for Military History. George and his wife, Annette Zemek '81 reside in Davenport, Iowa. He replaces Peter Cozzens as tour lecturer due to unforeseen circumstances.



Tour Highlights

- Private tours of major Civil War sites in Richmond, Petersburg area, Harpers Ferry, Antietam and Gettysburg with expert guides
- Commentary by noted military historian George Eaton
- Lodging at 4-star deluxe hotels in Richmond & Gettysburg
- Private canal cruise on the James River
- Wine tasting at Adams County Winery
- Private air-conditioned motorcoach transportation
- Plenty of free time for relaxing, shopping or taking in additional sites



Tour Cost: \$2,790, double occupancy, ground only. Tour limited to 25 participants, or as hotel space allows.

Finding the Civil War is organized exclusively for Knox Alumni by The Grand Tour, Peterborough, New Hampshire.

Daily Itinerary

Monday, September 11

Arrival in Richmond

After your arrival in the beautiful city of Richmond, Virginia, on your own, you will check-in at the fine Berkeley Hotel in Shockoe Slip, a historic district that has become the town's most elegant shopping and dining neighborhood, with cobblestone streets and alleyways. A **welcome reception** awaits you at The Tobacco Company Restaurant nearby in its period Victorian Lounge. Afterwards, we board a trolley for our gala **Welcome Dinner** presented by Richmond Discoveries. We relive "1862 Richmond" with great food, music and costumes of the period, and narration in what promises to be a grand welcome indeed!

Tuesday, September 12

Richmond and Cold Harbor

Breakfast is served daily at both hotels. We board our private coach for a daylong tour around Richmond and some of its most notable Civil War sites with historian Jim Dupriest: Tredegar Iron Works; Jefferson Davis' Confederate White House and Museum; the historic Virginia State Capitol, designed by Thomas Jefferson; and Hollywood Cemetery. **Lunch** is included. We will also visit the battlefield sites of Cold Harbor and Gaines Mills. Cold Harbor proved to be Robert E. Lee's last major victory in the field and changed the war from one of the maneuver to one of entrenchment. Dinner on your own and evening free.

Wednesday, September 13

Pamplin and Petersburg

Today we travel again with Jim Dupriest first to Petersburg and the Petersburg battlefield, the site of the spring 1864 battle, which proved a turning point for the Union army in the war. Nearby is the excellent Pamplin Civil War Museum, where a tour puts visitors in the shoes of a soldier. We'll partake of a private barbecue **lunch** at historic Hart Farm, site of the winter encampment and breakthrough by the Union army. Our mid-afternoon return to Richmond, via a stop at Old Blandford Church, leaves some free time before our boat cruise along the James River canal with **canapés**.

Thursday, September 14

Gettysburg!

After checking out of the Berkeley, we head to Gettysburg, a magic name in Civil War history! On the way, we stop in the pretty town of Frederick, Maryland, to tour the interesting National Museum of Civil War Medicine, stories of the sick and wounded through artifacts and illustrations. **Lunch** is nearby. On to Gettysburg, where we check in at the charming

Gettysburg Hotel, first established in 1797. Our first glimpse of the village is on a guided walking tour including an exclusive after-hours visit and **reception** at the Schriver House, the restored 1860 home emphasizing the plight of civilians during the battle. Dinner on your own.



Gettysburg

Friday, September 15

Harper's Ferry and Antietam

In the morning we set off for an excursion to Harpers Ferry and a guided tour led by historian Tom Clemens. This is the site of the famed slave rebellion led by abolitionist John Brown. **Lunch** is in the village, with free time to explore the village, preserved by the National Park Service. Then Tom guides us to Antietam Battlefield, the site of the bloodiest battle of the war, September 17, 1862: 23,000 dead from both sides. Besides being a renowned expert on both sites, Dr. Clemens is the founding President of the Save Historic Antietam Foundation. On the way back in to Gettysburg, we enjoy a private **wine tasting** and **light hors d'oeuvres** at Adams County Winery, one of the best local vineyards in a fast-growing wine region. The evening is free and dinner on your own.



Lincoln at Antietam

Saturday, September 16

The Battle of Gettysburg

Our last full day continues in Gettysburg. We'll take an in-depth tour of the great historic Battlefield and National Cemetery, and the site of President Lincoln's address with private guide Dr. Scott Hartwig, renowned Gettysburg scholar and author. Lunch is on your own. Your afternoon is free to take in other sites such as President Eisenhower's last home. A horse and carriage takes you to our **farewell dinner** at Dobbin House, a historic tavern built in 1776 (and arguably the best restaurant in town!).

Sunday, September 17

Departure

After the hotel check-out, our private coach will carry you to Union Station in Washington, D.C., for individual transfers to area airports and flights home.

Itinerary subject to change. Meals in bold included in the price of the tour.



Confederate White House, Richmond

Tour Registration

Tour Cost: \$2,790 per person, ground only, double occupancy.

Single supplement: \$585.

Deposit: \$600 per person first come, first served.

Balance Deadline: Monday, July 31, 2017.
After that date, call for availability.

Contact The Grand Tour to reserve your place on the tour with a credit card deposit, or send a check made payable to The Grand Tour for the deposit amount to: Knox Civil War Tour, The Grand Tour, PO Box 274, Peterborough, NH 03458. Registration materials can be downloaded from www.knox.edu/alumni/alumni-travel

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