



“The Reunion of Blue & Gray Personified:” Exploring the MacArthur Civil War Ancestors

In 1951, Douglas MacArthur referred to himself as the “reunion of blue and gray personified.” The American Civil War was an immediate and formative experience for both of his parents and their families, and their experiences helped inspire and shape Douglas MacArthur and his older brother Arthur. General MacArthur’s wife, the Tennessee-born Jean Faircloth MacArthur, also had a significant Civil War pedigree. Between them, General and Mrs. MacArthur had ties to virtually every major land campaign east of the Mississippi River.

The MacArthur Memorial and Emerging Civil War are co-sponsoring a symposium with four scholars exploring the Civil War activities of Douglas and Jean MacArthur’s ancestors.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

WHEN: September 28, 2019, 9:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: MacArthur Memorial, 198 Bank Street, Norfolk, VA 23510

COST: FREE, but registration is required. Call 757.441.2965 to reserve a seat or register online: <https://bit.ly/2Jyh3Yy>

PARKING: The MacArthur Center South Parking Deck is across from the MacArthur Memorial on City Hall Avenue. The entrance to this garage is at the intersection of Bank Street and City Hall Avenue. Before 6:00 PM, parking in the South Deck is \$1.

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UNABLE TO ATTEND?

Each presentation will include a Q&A session. If you have a question for one of the presenters, please send it to amanda.williams@norfolk.gov or send a tweet to @MacArthur1880. Time permitting, one of our staff members will ask the question during the Q&A session. Each session will be recorded and turned into a podcast following the symposium. We cannot guarantee your question will be included in the recording, but we will make every effort to have your question answered. All sessions will be available on the MacArthur Memorial's Podcast series in late 2019.

SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS



Charlie Knight

Charlie Knight is Curator of Military History at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh. His first book, *Valley Thunder: The Battle of New Market*, was published in 2010, and his second book, *From Arlington to Appomattox: Robert E. Lee's Civil War, Day by Day*, will be published in late 2019; he is also working on a biography of Confederate General and railroad magnate William Mahone. He is a past member of the Scottsdale (AZ) Civil War Round Table and current member of the Raleigh CWRT and of the Leonidas Polk Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.



Chris Mackowski

Chris Mackowski, Ph.D., is the editor-in-chief and co-founder of Emerging Civil War. He is the series editor of the award-winning *Emerging Civil War Series*, published by Savas Beatie, and the "Engaging the Civil War" Series. Chris is a writing professor in the Jandoli School of Communication at St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, NY, where he also serves as associate dean for undergraduate programs. He has also worked as a historian for the NPS at Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park. He serves on the board of directors for the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust and the advisory board for the Civil War Chaplains Museum.



Daniel Welch

Dan Welch currently serves as a primary and secondary educator with a public school district in northeast Ohio. Previously, Dan was the Education Programs Coordinator for the Gettysburg Foundation, and continues to serve as a seasonal Park Ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park. At Gettysburg, he has led numerous programs on the campaign and battle. Welch received his MA in Military History with a Civil War Era concentration at American Military University. He has also studied under Dr. Allen C. Guelzo as part of the Gettysburg Semester at Gettysburg College.



Brian Steel Wills

Brian Steel Wills is the Director of the Center for the Study of the Civil War Era and Professor of History at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, GA. He is the author of numerous works relating to the American Civil War, including biographies of Confederate generals Nathan Bedford Forrest and William Dorsey Pender, and an award-winning study of Union general George Henry Thomas. He has also written about the Civil War in Virginia and in the movies and has a new book just out on *Noncombat Deaths in the Civil War*. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond and the University of Georgia.

SCHEDULE OF PRESENTATIONS*

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| 8:30 | Doors Open |
| 9:15-9:30 | Welcome |
| 9:30-10:15 | <i>A MacArthur Relative at Gettysburg: William Jarvis Hardy, Jr. and the 1st Richmond Howitzers.</i>
Daniel Welch |
| 10:30-11:15 | <i>No Room for Doubt: Arthur MacArthur and George Thomas</i>
Brian Steel Wills |
| 11:30-1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00-1:45 | <i>Hell Itself: The Battle of the Wilderness</i>
Chris Mackowski |
| 2:00-2:45 | <i>Billy Mahone's Southside Brigade at War</i>
Charles Knight |
| 2:45 | Closing and Book Signings in the Gift Shop. |

*The presentation schedule is subject to change. Please check back for any updates. Presentations include 10 minutes of Q&A.