



Company of Military Historians 63^d Annual Meeting 19 - 21 April 2012

Tremont Plaza Hotel, 222 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202

December 21, 2011

Dear CMH Member,

We invite you to attend the 63^d annual meeting of the Company of Military Historians in Baltimore's historic inner harbor area. We are convinced you come to Company meetings because you get opportunities to see and do things you can't get in any other venue ... and we believe that the facility and program for this conference have never been equaled.

- **The Tremont Plaza Hotel** – The hotel rooms used to be apartments, so every room is really multiple rooms. If you hate to eat out, you could bring groceries and take advantage of the full kitchen in every room. Attention local members: Our \$129 suite price is so low, it compares favorably to your time, traffic and gas expense if you commute home every night! **The Grand Historic Venue** – The meeting rooms we will be using are in the former Masonic lodge. They are elegant beyond all reason. The flea market and display rooms will make you feel like you're visiting Versailles.
- **USS Constellation** – Our opening reception will be held on board the *USS Constellation*. What could be better for combining history and socializing?

Additional highlights include:

- Ample flea market / exhibit space. Conference chairman Jeff Goodson is giving the flea market and display area separate rooms adjacent to each other (with a solid wall to minimize cross-over noise), to ensure ample space for all!
- A dual track of talks. In many sessions you can choose talks on our "War of 1812" theme or talks on other periods.
- Friday afternoon trip via chartered water taxi to historic Ft. McHenry. Birthplace of the "Star Spangled Banner".
- Saturday afternoon bus tour of the British amphibious landing at North Point, battle and advance upon Baltimore with on – board historian narrators.
- We have had to raise our prices from last year, (but lower than two years ago), while still keeping everything reasonable. Our location is so convenient that you don't even need to drive; the Tremont Hotel is served by the FREE Charm City Circulator bus which will deliver you to the hotel from the Amtrak or Metro station. Every room at the Tremont is a suite that includes a full kitchen, so you can bring groceries, and save on eating out every meal. Our full weekend registration is just \$11 higher than last year's full registration rate.

2012 full registration rate is \$200

In addition to providing the Thursday opening reception, lectures, refreshment breaks on Friday & Saturday, the traditional Saturday field trip and banquet, the registration fee includes a Friday afternoon field trip as well. You can customize other meals to suit your diet and your budget from the hotel's restaurant, café and deli, or from the hundreds of eating establishments within blocks of the Tremont Plaza Hotel., our conference venue. Speaking of the Tremont, please see page three of this mailing to learn more about our conference hotel.

Mark your calendar for 19-21 April 2012 to attend the Company's 63^d Annual Meeting near Baltimore's historic inner harbor area... Be sure to get your registration postmarked by 31 March 2012 to avoid the \$20 late-registrant fee.

Sincerely,

Jeff Goodson,
Meeting Chair,
Phone: 410-391-9123
Email: chief_goodson@yahoo.com

The following list is a sampling of things to see and do in the area surrounding the meeting location. (Bold = Items on meeting agenda:

B&O Railroad Museum

Baltimore Maritime Museum

Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum

Fells Point

Fort McHenry National Monument

Hampton National Historic Site

Maryland Historical Society (Presentation)

Maryland Science Center

Mount Clare Museum House

Museum of Industry

National Aquarium

Oriole Park

Walters Art Museum

National Historic Seaport

USS Constellation

Baltimore Civil War Museum

Liberty Ship *John W. Brown*

Hotel Information

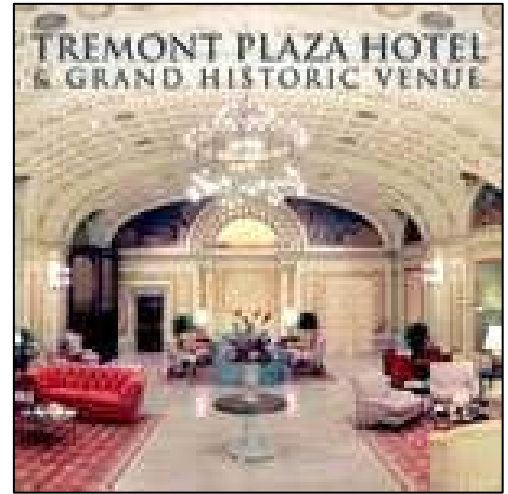
Tremont Plaza Hotel, 222 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202

RESERVATIONS:

We have a block of luxury suites at the conference price of..... **\$129.**

This price includes up to two people per suite. Three or four people per room up would be slightly extra. (\$139.00 & \$149.00 respectively) Please reserve **early** to make sure you get one of the rooms at this special conference price. **The hotel will release our block of rooms on 21 March 2012**, but we expect to fill our block long before then. This special rate covers the period from Wed night, 18 April thru check out on Mon, 23 April 2012.

Make your reservation by calling **1-800-TREMONT (800-873-6668)**
Monday - Friday 8AM – 6PM EST no later than 12AM on 21 March 2012. You may also book you room online at www.tremonts.com and provide the group code “TCMH2012”. The hotel will try to honor our conference rate for people staying any extra nights outside the 18-23 April window, on a case-by-case basis subject to availability.



The Tremont was recently voted the “Best Downtown Hotel in Baltimore” by an independent rating agency.

CHECK IN / CHECK OUT:

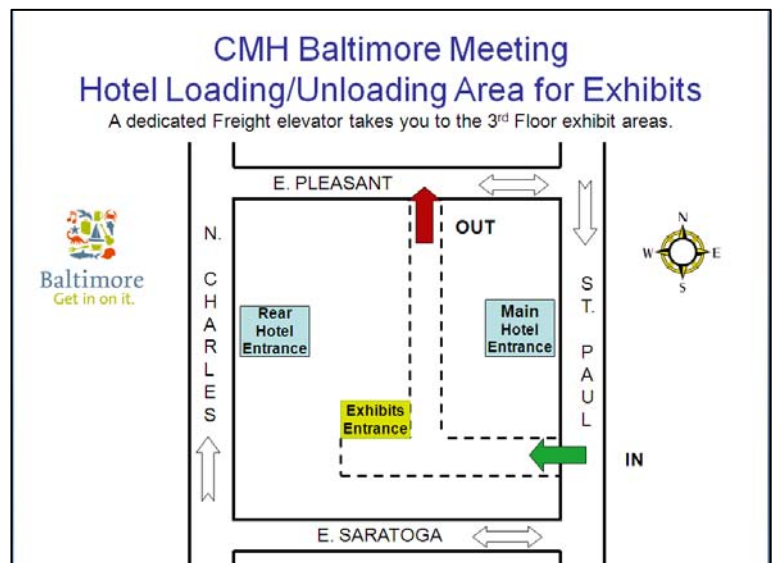
Guest accommodations will be available at 4:00pm on arrival day and reserved until 12:00pm on departure day. Any attendee wishing special consideration for late checkout should inquire at the front desk on the day of departure. The conference committee will have luggage storage space available in the registration area if you arrive before your room is ready for occupation.

Easiest access to our display and flea market rooms are from the St. Paul St. side of the hotel. Please see sketch at lower right quadrant of this page.

PARKING INFORMATION:

If you are an overnight guest at the Tremont Plaza Hotel, two parking options are available:

1. Valet parking is available from the front entrance of the Tremont Plaza Hotel at 222 St. Paul Place. **We offer 24-hour service that includes unlimited in-and-out privileges for \$15 per night** (\$30 for oversized vehicles). The maximum vehicle height clearance is 6'6". Note this is a special negotiated rate for our group.
2. Self parking is available in a city-owned garage adjacent to the hotel, located at 210 St. Paul Place. This automated 13-story garage is managed by PMS Parking in cooperation with the Baltimore Parking Authority. The weekday maximum overnight parking rate is \$15, and on weekends the maximum rate is \$10 per night. The maximum vehicle height clearance is 7'0". **Please note that with the self parking option, you will be charged each time you exit the garage throughout your stay. So if you plan to exit & return during the day we recommend using the hotel valet parking.**



Visit www.tremontplazahotel.com for location, driving directions, and more information on and photos of the hotel.

Draft Program / Schedule

Thursday, 19 April 2012

0800 – 1700 (EXTRA FEE) EVENT: “FORTS, FIGHTS, & FRIGATES, THE WAR OF 1812 IN MARYLAND

(Tour operated by America’s History LLC - Must register directly with them.)

1200 Registration, Message Center, Exhibit and Flea Market Rooms Open for Setup

1830 - 2015 SPECIAL EVENT: OPENING RECEPTION ON THE USS *CONSTELLATION*.

2015 – 2200 Governors’ Meeting (Option is to hold it in the Captain’s quarters onboard the ship.)

Friday, 20 April 2012

0800 Registration Open, Message Center open, Exhibit and Flea Market Rooms Open

0815 – 0905 LECTURE SESSION A

“*The Third Battalion of Royal & Colonial (Black) Marines in the Chesapeake & Georgia 1814-15*” – James L. Kochan.

“*Baltimore in the Civil War*” – NPS Rangers Vince Vaise & Jim Bailey .

0920 – 1010 LECTURE SESSION B

“*The Development of Military Fashion in the Nineteenth Century, using items from the Company uniform collection*”

– Bruce Bazelon & Les Jensen.

“*The 29th Infantry Division at D-day & Normandy 1944*” – Joseph Balkoski.

1030 – 1120 LECTURE SESSION C

“*Defining a Nation, Defending a Home, The War of 1812 in the Chesapeake and the Maryland Historical Society*”

– Burt Kummerow.

“*Naval Forces of the Civil War*” - Larry Bopp.

1300 – 1625 SPECIAL EVENT: FIELD TRIP TO FORT MCHENRY

Saturday, 21 April 2012

0815 – 0905 LECTURE SESSION D

“*Muskets & Bayonets for Maryland: How the State Armed Its Militia for the War of 1812*”

– Fred Gaede & J. Richard (Dick) Marsden.

“*The Patuxent Naval Campaign in the War of 1812: A study in Nineteenth Century Asymmetric Warfare*”

– Donald Shomette

0915 – 0945 Company Meeting Session

1000 – 1050 LECTURE SESSION E

“*New Discoveries and Interpretations of the War on the Chesapeake*” – Ranger Scott Sheads

“*Civil War Vessels that Changed Naval History/Rise of the Ironclads and Civil War Submarines*”

– Captain Thom Mitton.

1230 – 1630 SPECIAL EVENT: FIELD TRIP TO THE BRITISH AMPHIBIOUS LANDING AT NORTH POINT & SUBSEQUENT LAND ATTACK ON BALTIMORE IN SEPTEMBER 1814.

- Led by Ross Kimmel.

1830-2130 Cocktail reception (Live 1812 period music.), Annual Company Banquet & Awards Ceremony

Sunday, 22 April 2012

1200 Hotel Check out (unless you have made arrangements with the hotel for a longer stay.)

0930 – 1330 SPECIAL (EXTRA FEE) EVENT: OPTIONAL FIELD TRIP TO THE B&O MUSEUM “War Came by Train” exhibit for the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

Make it a Family Vacation!

There's so much more to see and do in Baltimore. Bring your family, stay a few extra days enjoying the Tremont's terrific conference rate. The list below is far from complete ... This list includes only the sites you won't see on any of our planned or optional tours. For more information, visit the Baltimore Tourism office at <http://baltimore.org>

Babe Ruth Birthplace Museum

216 Emory Street, Baltimore, MD 21230
Phone: 410-727-1539

Web Site: www.baberuthmuseum.com

A National Historic Site, this museum is the birthplace of Babe Ruth. Located two blocks from Camden Yards.

The Baltimore Museum of Art

10 Art Museum Drive, Baltimore, MD 21218
(at N. Charles and 31st Streets)

Phone: 443-573-1700

Web Site: www.artbma.org

Maryland's largest art museum showcases a collection, ranging from ancient mosaics to contemporary art, plus exhibitions, sculpture gardens, an eclectic museum shop and a scenic restaurant. General admission is free.

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

409 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201
Phone: 410-727-3564

Web Site: www.baltimorebasilica.org

The Baltimore Basilica, built during 1806-1821, and officially known as the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, was the first Roman Catholic cathedral built in the United States, and the first major religious building constructed after the adoption of the U.S. Constitution. It is a National Historic Landmark and National Shrine.

Edgar Allan Poe Museum

203 N. Amity Street, Baltimore, MD 21223
Phone: 410-396-7932

Web Site: www.eapoe.org/balt/poehse.htm

Displays in the house include a lock of Poe's hair, some original china that once belonged to John Allan as well as many other Poe-related images.

Evergreen Museum & Library

4545 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210
(The Johns Hopkins University Museums)
Phone: 410-516-0341

Web Site: www.museums.jhu.edu

A magnificent Gilded Age mansion on 26 landscaped acres. Take a tour of its world-class collections, including Tiffany art glass, post-impressionist paintings and Asian decorative arts, assembled by the BO Railroad's Garrett family.

Fire Museum of Maryland

1301 York Road, Lutherville, MD 21093
Phone: 410-321-7500

Web Site: www.firemuseummd.org

FMM is the third largest fire museum in the world, with 40 antique engines, a reconstructed firehouse, and the Great Baltimore Fire and other fire service history exhibits, and steam engine and apparatus demonstrations.

Frederick Douglass-Isaac Myers Maritime Park Museum

1417 Thames Street, Baltimore, MD 21231
Phone: 410-685-0295

Web Site: www.douglassmyers.org

An African American heritage site, this museum and park recounts the history of Frederick Douglass, Isaac Myers and the first black-owned shipyard in the United States.

Homewood Museum

3400 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218
(The Johns Hopkins University Museums)
Phone: 410-516-5589

Web Site: www.museums.jhu.edu

Carroll, Jr. Tour one of the nation's finest examples of Federal-era architecture, renowned for its elegant proportions and superb collection of American decorative arts.

Irish Shrine and Railroad Workers Museum

918-20 Lemmon Street, Baltimore, MD 21223
Phone: 410-669-8154

Web Site: www.irishshrine.org

Honoring the Irish who came to Baltimore to escape the Great Famine, two restored 1840s rowhomes faithfully re-create a typical Irish railroad worker's home and house a shrine

Jewish Museum of Maryland

15 Lloyd Street, Baltimore, MD 21202
Phone: 410-732-6400

Web Site: www.jewishmuseummd.org

The Jewish Museum of Maryland includes two exhibition galleries, two historic synagogues--Lloyd Street (1845) and Bnai Israel (1876)--a research library and archives, and a gift shop.

The Maryland Zoo In Baltimore

Druid Hill Park, Baltimore, MD 21217
Phone: 410-396-7102

Web Site: www.marylandzoo.org

Baltimore's wildest attraction! The zoo is home to more than 2,000 exotic mammals, birds and reptiles in a wooded, 180-acre setting. Free parking

Mother Seton House & Historic Seminary Chapel

600 N. Paca Street, Baltimore, MD 21201
Phone: 410-728-6464

Web Site: www.stmarysspiritualcenter.org

Visit the Federal-style house, home (1808) to the first American-born Catholic saint, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and the historic chapel of our nation's first Catholic seminary (1791). Free parking; individual tours available daily.

National Museum of Dentistry

31 S. Greene Street, Baltimore, MD 21201
Phone: 410-706-0600

Web Site: www.smile-experience.org

See amazing teeth feats, marvel at George Washington's choppers (they're not made of wood after all!), sing along to vintage toothpaste commercials and discover fascinating hands-on exhibitions about the power of a healthy smile

Phoenix Shot Tower

801 E. Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21202
Phone: 410-605-2964

Web Site: www.carrollmuseums.org

From 1828 to 1892, molten lead was dropped 215 feet to make shot for guns in this Baltimore landmark.

Sports Legends Museum at Camden Yards

301 W. Camden Street, Baltimore, MD 21230
Phone: 410-727-1539

Web Site: www.baberuthmuseum.com

This 22,000-square-foot museum includes exhibits devoted to Johnny Unitas, the Baltimore Orioles and Colts, and Baltimore's Negro Leagues, as well as the Maryland Terrapins and college athletics. The nearby Babe Ruth Birthplace Museum showcases material devoted exclusively to the Sultan of Swat.

The Washington Monument Museum at Mt. Vernon Place

699 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201
Phone: 410-396-1049

Web Site:

www.museumsusa.org/museums/info/1167087

The first U.S. heroic and civic monument was designed by Robert Mills. Call to make arrangements for groups or rental of the facility.

Extra Fee Event on Sunday, 22 April - FIELD TRIP TO THE B&O RAILROAD MUSEUM

Sunday, April 22, 10 AM—1515 PM Leaving from the Baltimore Tremont Hotel – **Event Fee \$25.00**

The Meeting Committee has planned an optional, extra-fee field trip on Sunday. This afternoon tour will include the B&O Railroad Museum, and its sesquicentennial exhibit, "War Came by Train". We will have a guided tour and talk. **"The War Came By Train"** serves as the B&O's primary attraction for the five-year commemoration of the war's sesquicentennial. The museum contains the largest assemblage of Civil War railroad equipment in the world including eight locomotives and cars that served during the war, interpretive signage, video presentations, and life-size historic dioramas. **What's included:** motor coach transportation, parking, and entry to the museum.



Extra Fee Event Thursday, 19 April:

FORTS, FIGHTS & FRIGATES: THE WAR OF 1812 IN MARYLAND

Thursday, 19 April, 8 AM—5 PM Leaving from the Baltimore Tremont Hotel - **Tour Registration Fee \$155.00**

America's History's third annual tour for the Company of Military Historians will focus on the theme of this year's conference: the War of 1812. -- led by Dr. John V. Quarstein

What's included: motor coach transportation, lunch, beverage and snack breaks, a map and materials package, all admissions and gratuities, and the services of an experienced tour guide- historian. Tour participants are responsible for transportation to the Baltimore Tremont Hotel, and for securing a room reservation, if necessary. Tour goes out rain or shine.

This tour will not duplicate other 1812 sites you may be visiting during the conference with the Company. The full-day tour will include: **St. Michael's, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, the Mill Point Battery, the Cannonball House, Georgetown, location of the Kitty Knight House, site of the battle of Caulks Field, Havre de Grace, the site of the battle of Concord Point, and the Flag House and Star-Spangled Banner Museum.**

We will be back for the opening reception aboard the **USS Constellation** in Baltimore Harbor.

To register: Contact **America's History, LLC** directly to register for this tour. You may use either the web site or call our toll-free number. Visa, Master Card and Discover accepted. We take checks too! Website:

www.AmericasHistoryLLC.com Toll-free: 1-855-OUR-HISTORY (687-4478) Email us at:

info@AmericasHistoryLLC.com Postal mail: America's History LLC, P. O. Box 1076, Goochland, VA 23063

2012 America's History Raffle

Our tour-organizing friends are back with ...Another Raffle !!

Raffle Tickets sold on Registration Form will entitle winner to select one of tours below:

America's History, LLC 2012 Tour Calendar

March 23-25	Conference on the American Revolution and Yorktown Battlefield Tour,
April 19	Forts, Fights and Frigates: The War of 1812 in Maryland,
May 31-June 3	Cavaliers in Gray: Stuart's Ride Around McClellan, Hampton's Beefsteak Raid, Haws Shop and Trevilian Station,
June 13-16	Bombs Bursting in Air: The War of 1812 in Virginia and Maryland
June 27-30	Defending the Southern Frontier: The Cherokee War of 1759-61
August 1-4	Jeb Stuart in the Gettysburg Campaign: The Ride, the Battle, the Retreat, the Controversy
August 22-25	Howe vs. Washington: The Philadelphia Campaign of 1777
September 5-8	Nathan Bedford Forrest in Middle Tennessee
September 12-15	Burgoyne's Saratoga Campaign of 1777
October 10-13	Custer in Kansas: Hancock's War of 1867-68 on the Southern Plains
October 24-27	The Vicksburg Campaign,
October 31-Nov 4	Great Commanders Series: Greene vs. Cornwallis: Cowpens, Kings Mountain, Guilford Courthouse

Each tour includes motor coach transportation, lunches, beverage and snack breaks, a map package, all admissions and gratuities and the services of experienced tour guides/historians. You pay only for your transportation to the start point of the tour and your overnight accommodations (at pre-negotiated group rates.)

For details/to register: www.AmericasHistoryLLC.com or call toll-free 1-855-OURHISTORY (687-4478).

Registration Form

Company of Military Historians 63^d Annual Meeting

Name _____ Guest Name(s) _____
 Address _____ City, ST, Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Please complete <u>all</u> information (we have new ribbon designs for nametags)			Current	Past	# terms	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mtg Chairman or Cmte -->	__ number of meetings served	President -->	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	__	
<input type="checkbox"/> Charter Member -->		Bd of Governors -->	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	__	
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Member -->		Officer -->	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	__	
<input type="checkbox"/> Member, <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member --> --> --> --> --> --> -->		__ decades of membership	<input type="checkbox"/> DSA; <input type="checkbox"/> with star			
<input type="checkbox"/> First Time Attendee -->			<input type="checkbox"/> Fellow			

IMPORTANT: It will save the organizing committee time and effort if you bring back your nametag holder from last year. Please check here if you have your 2011 nametag holder (and ribbons) and will bring it with you .

Hotel reservations: See note 1 on reverse.

Meeting registration: See note 2 on reverse.

General Questions: See note 3 on reverse.

Indicate here and use space on reverse (or a sep. sheet) to explain any special needs. **Price Qty Total**

Registration Options	Price	Qty	Total
Full registration Includes: Thurs.: Exhibits, Flea Market, reception on board the <i>Constellation</i> Fri.: Exhibits, Flea Market, Lecture Sessions A, B, C, Trip to Fort McHenry, Movie Night Sat.: - Exhibits and Flea Market, Lecture Sessions D, E, Field Trip to North Point, Cocktail Reception and Banquet	\$200*		
Three day registration with no Saturday Evening Banquet	\$150		
Thursday only: Includes: Exhibits & Flea Market, reception on board the <i>Constellation</i>	\$20		
Friday only Includes: Exhibits & Flea Market, Lecture Sessions A, B, C, Trip to Fort McHenry, Movie Night	\$75		
Saturday only Includes: Exhibits and Flea Market, Lecture Sessions D, E, Trip to North Point	\$75		
Banquet only cocktail reception and banquet with your choice of entrée. See note 4 on reverse.	\$75		
Optional Sunday field trip to B&O Railroad Museum	\$25		
Exhibit Tables (first two are free, but you must reserve space by indicating number needed)	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/> 1, <input type="checkbox"/> 2	
Exhibit Tables after the first two:	\$45		
Flea Market Sales Tables (Register early to ensure a Table)	\$50		
Late Fee for registrations at door or post marked after March 31 st	\$20		
Raffle Ticket – Prize is ticket to multi-day America’s History Tour (\$300-\$500 value)	\$10		
Total enclosed			
<input type="checkbox"/> International attendees have the option of paying at the door without incurring late fees because they exercise this privilege. Check here if this applies to you.			

* **First time attendees** may take a 10% discount off their full weekend registration fee of \$200.

****Banquet Entrées Please indicate your dinner preference:**

Atlantic Salmon Pork Chops Chicken Breast w/ Crabmeat.

NOTE 1: Hotel Reservations:

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NOTE 2: Meeting Registration:

Send completed form with check or international money order for our overseas members made out to “**Chesapeake Chapter CMH 12**” to:

**Jeff Goodson
1219 Bayside Rd
Essex, MD 21221**

Registration must be postmarked by 31 March to avoid paying a late fee. 31 March is also the cutoff date for cancellation and registration refunds.

NOTE 3: General Questions

(Or to confirm your decades of membership) contact Company Administrator Dave Sullivan at cmhhq@aol.com or Meeting Chair Jeff Goodson at chief_goodson@yahoo.com or 410-391-9123.

Note 4: CMH Mess Rules for the Saturday night Banquet:

Gentlemen to wear dark suits, authorized military uniforms, civilian black tie, or coat and tie minimum.

Space for noting special requirements: