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## Lee Surrenders at Appomattox Court House



*Appomattox Court House – AP – April 9, 1865*

**Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his Army of Northern Virginia to Gen. U.S. Grant on April 9, 1865 at the tiny hamlet of Appomattox Court House. Over the past several days since Lee had to evacuate from the Petersburg defenses, the army has dwindled in size due to battle losses such as the battle of Saylor's Creek. Other losses have been due to stragglers (this army has not had rations for several days now) and abandonment of the army.**

# The 5th Annual Sue Knost Memorial Conference Agenda

**Hudson Valley Community College  
Bulmer Telecommunications Center**

<b>Saturday, November 7, 2015</b>	
<b>8:30 – 9:30 am</b>	<b>Registration, coffee, vendors</b>
<b>9:30 - 10:30 am</b>	<b>R. L. Murray – “Letters from New Yorkers in the Civil War – 1865”</b>
<b>10:45 - 11:45 am</b>	<b>Thom Mitten – “Lieutenant John Worden: Captain of the <i>USS Monitor</i>”</b>
<b>12:00 – 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Served Luncheon Patrick Schroeder – Historian at Appomattox NPS “Lee’s Surrender: April 1865”</b>
<b>1:45 – 2:45 pm</b>	<b>Patrick Falci – “He is at Rest: the Death and Three Burials of Gen. A. P. Hill”</b>
<b>3:00 – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>J. David Petruzzi – “The End of the War”</b>
<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Final Comments</b>
	<p><b>Conference costs are \$50 which includes a sit-down lunch of chicken Cordon Bleu, rice, vegetable, salad &amp; dessert. Send your check to:</b></p> <p><b>Fran Mc Cashion</b>    <b>phone 518 459 4209</b>  <b>84 Frederick Ave.</b>  <b>Colonie, NY 12205</b></p> <p><b>Deadline is November 1, 2015</b></p>

## **SPEAKERS**

R. L. Murray has a B.S. in History and an M.A. in Military Studies. He has published more than 20 short books on Civil War topics, on New Yorkers in the Civil War including several on New York Regiments (including the 44<sup>th</sup>, 147<sup>th</sup> and 76<sup>th</sup>) who fought at Gettysburg. His articles have appeared in Gettysburg Magazine and Civil War Times Illustrated. R. L. has taught high school and at Cayuga Community college. He will discuss the attitudes and actions of New York soldiers in 1865.

Captain Thom Mitton is a former Navy Captain and a seasoned professional with more than 25 years' experience. He currently does Civil War Naval Living History. He is a member of the Mariner's Museum/Monitor Center, The Friends of the Hunley, the Gettysburg Foundation, the U. S. Naval Landing Party and the Confederation of Union Generals. Thom will present a first person living history presentation of New Yorker Captain John Worden of the Monitor.

Pat Schroeder is a historian, living historian, re-enactor and book publisher. In 1990 he graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in Historical Park Administration from Shepherd College. He has a M.A. in Civil War History from Virginia Tech. He is currently the full time Historian of Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. His 1993 book Thirty Myths About Lee's Surrender is in its twelfth printing. His fourth book is We Came To Fight: The History of the 5<sup>th</sup> New York Veteran Volunteer Infantry, Duryee's Zouaves (1863-1865). Schroeder Publications has edited, and/or published over 25 titles.

Pat Falci is the consummate Living Historian, historical researcher, historian and actor. For 23 years Pat has been the face of General Ambrose Powell Hill with countless portrayals at Round Tables, historical groups and in the movie Gettysburg. He is the recipient of the Civil War Round Table of New York's Distinguished Service Award. His love of preservation has prompted a lifetime membership in the Civil War Trust. Pat was also the first three time President of the Civil War Round Table of New York.

J. D. Petruzzi is a award winning author from Pennsylvania. He is one of the foremost experts on Civil War cavalry especially at Gettysburg. He has published several books, including a collaboration with Eric Wittenburg titled Plenty of Blame To Go Around on Stuart's Controversial ride to Gettysburg, also One Continuous Fight: The Retreat From Gettysburg and the Pursuit of Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, July 4-14, and with Steven Stanley, The Gettysburg Campaign In Numbers And Losses. A. J. will be discussing cavalry at the end of the war.

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