



**SHILOH: THE FIRST GREAT BATTLE OF THE CIVIL WAR:
A Field & Walking Tour - April 19-21, 2018 – based in Corinth, MS
led by **Timothy B. Smith****

156 years after the first great battle of the Civil War, we will assemble in Corinth, Mississippi for a comprehensive tour of the pristine battlefield of **Shiloh** - led by **Timothy B. Smith**, the **leading tour guide of the Shiloh battlefield**. And with the mild weather, the peach blossoms and the hearty Southern home-cooking – it won't get any better than this!

But it wasn't a springtime idyll on **April 6-7, 1862**, when Confederates led by **Albert Sidney Johnston** and Federals led by **Ulysses S. Grant** engaged in a titanic struggle on the fields of western Tennessee. The battle would claim 13,000 Federal and 10,700 Confederate casualties, five times the losses at Bull Run. Johnston, in whom the Confederacy had placed great hope, was killed. His loss, and the lessons that Grant and **William T. Sherman** learned about the risks of underestimating the Confederates, would affect the operations of both sides for the rest of the war. Shiloh gave notice that the war would be destructive beyond imagination, and it would change the course of the Civil War.

On Thursday evening, we will open in **Corinth, Mississippi** at the **Hampton Inn** with a comprehensive orientation of the battle. **On Friday morning**, we'll board our bus and head to **Shiloh National Military Park** and throughout the day on Friday, as well as on Saturday, we will visit the sites in chronological order, covering in-depth both Day One and Day Two of the epic battle.

We will visit the site of the **mortal wounding** of the great Confederate leader Albert Sidney Johnston. We'll learn how **P. G. T. Beauregard**, Sherman and Ulysses S. Grant showed themselves to be novices in waging war, making errors of the first magnitude, either of strategy or tactics. We'll assess the performances of the soldiers, Blue and Gray, many of whom were "seeing the elephant" for the first time, as they fought valiantly at hallowed sites we'll visit such as the **Hornet's Nest**, the **Sunken Road**, the **Peach Orchard** and the **Bloody Pond**.



Throughout the program we'll host you generously:

- on **Friday**, we'll have a **picnic lunch** on the Shiloh battlefield
- on **Friday evening**, our **hospitality suite** will be open for beer, bourbon, sodas and snacks
- **Saturday's lunch** will be on the banks of the Tennessee River at the fabled **Hagy's Catfish Hotel** - enjoy catfish, chicken or country ham - plus hush puppies and some tangy sides

Our bus will be comfortable and air-conditioned, and the **walking involved will not be arduous** – the pace will be sensible and sane. And at any time you can sit out a walk if you wish and hitch a ride ahead in our support vehicle.

Join **Tim Smith** for this comprehensive strategic and tactical study and tour of the epic battle of Shiloh, on the hallowed ground of this most pristine and unspoiled of the major Civil War battlefields. **Attendance is limited** so please register now. We hope to see you in April, when the **temperature is still mild**, and the **flowers and peach blossoms** are in **full bloom!**

Faculty

Timothy B. Smith is widely regarded as the leading tour guide of the battle of Shiloh. He is the author of many books including *Mississippi in the Civil War: The Home Front*; *The Untold Story of Shiloh: The Battle and Battlefield*; *Rethinking Shiloh: Myth and Memory*; *Shiloh: Conquer or Perish*; *The Golden Age of Battlefield Preservation: The Decade of the 1890s and the Establishment of America's First Five Military Parks*; and *Corinth 1862: Siege, Battle, Occupation*.

Thursday, April 19

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Welcome Reception & Overview - at the Hampton Inn Corinth, MS

Friday, April 20

8:00 AM Bus Departs on Tour
12:00 N Picnic Lunch at Shiloh Battlefield
5:00 PM Arrive Back at Hampton Inn Corinth
5:30 PM -9:00 PM Hospitality Suite Open

Saturday, April 21

8:15 AM Bus Departs on Tour
12:00 N Buffet Lunch at Hagy's Catfish Hotel
4:30 PM Arrive Back at Hampton Inn Corinth

What is Included in Your Registration:

- the services of an expert historian chosen for his knowledge and experience
- air-conditioned bus transportation to sites as described
- Friday picnic lunch on the Shiloh battlefield

- Friday evening hospitality suite with drinks and snacks
- Saturday buffet lunch at Hagy's Catfish Hotel Restaurant
- refreshments and snacks during the tours
- map & information package

Base Location & Lodging: Our program will be based at the **Hampton Inn Corinth**, 2107 Highway 72 West, Corinth, Mississippi where we have reserved a block of rooms at the special rate of **\$104.00 + tax per night** which includes a complimentary breakfast. To reserve a room under our block, **call 662-286-5949** and identify yourself as a registrant for the **CWEA group**.

TRAVELING TO CORINTH, MISSISSIPPI BY AIR:

Memphis International Airport is the closet airport.

- located about 90 miles from Corinth
- you will need a rental car to get to and from Corinth

Please complete this portion and return to us as shown below - Shiloh, April 19-21, 2018

Name _____ Name _____
 (as desired on name badge) (as desired on name badge)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone (____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Registration Fee: \$325

If You Must Cancel we will refund 100% of your fees paid within 30 days of your notice.

To ENROLL:

- Call 800-298-1861, or
- Fax this completed form to 800-550-1347, or
- Mail to CWEA, Box 78, Winchester, VA 22604

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