



POWHATAN CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

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COLD HARBOR with Ed Sanders

"I regret this assault more than any other I ever ordered." ~ Ulysses S. Grant

In the summer of 1864, the Union Army under newly appointed Lieutenant General, Ulysses S. Grant doggedly attempted to break through Robert E. Lee's defensive lines around Richmond with little success. After weeks of bloody fighting at The Wilderness, Spotsylvania and the North Anna River, the Union Army continued South in hopes of outflanking the Confederates.

On May 31st, Federal cavalry under the command of General Phil Sheridan captured the crossroads at Cold Harbor, just 10 miles from the Confederate Capital. In response, Lee quickly shifted troops to confront the Yankees and over the next 2 days the armies engaged in deadly skirmishing while reinforcing their positions.

Finally, on the morning of June 3rd the Union army began a series of fatal assaults against heavily outnumbered, but firmly entrenched men in gray. The result was a slaughter so brutal one Confederate officer would claim, "It was not war; it was murder."



You are invited to join us on Thursday, October 21st when we welcome National Park Service Historian and Cold Harbor authority Ed Sanders, who will share with us his insight on one of the deadliest battles of the Civil War.

OCTOBER 21, 2004 ~ 6:30 P.M. ~ THE COUNTY SEAT RESTAURANT ~ POWHATAN
\$14.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES DINNER, SOFT DRINK, DESSERT, TAX & GRATUITY

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