

The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation Presents

“TAR HEELS IN THE VALLEY”

*North Carolinians in the Shenandoah Valley During the Civil War*

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### Speakers

**Dr. Keith Bohannon** is the author of numerous essays and articles related to Civil War history published by academic and popular presses. Most recently he is author of an essay on Confederate General John B. Gordon's Reminiscences that appears in Gary Gallagher and Steve Cushman, eds., *Civil War Writing, 1866-1989: New Perspectives on Primary Texts* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2019). Bohannon is a professor of history at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Ga.

**Jeff Felton** is the Resource Protection Assistant with the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation. A lifelong student of the Civil War and history, Jeff received his B.A. in history from Bridgewater College and his M.A. in history from Virginia Tech. Jeff has had published an article and book review in scholarly journals and is currently working on several projects including a history of Stephen Ramseur's North Carolina Brigade. Jeff has extensive experience in public history. He has been a tour guide in the Shenandoah Valley at Grand Caverns as well as Lee Chapel at Washington & Lee University. Jeff has also been a senior team member for a recent exhibition at the American Civil War Museum at Appomattox. Jeff was also a living historian for 18 years helping to interpret the Civil War at both National and State Battlefield parks. A true native of North Carolina, Jeff has called the Shenandoah Valley home since 2011.

**Michael C. Hardy** has a passion for Confederate history. Over the past three decades, he has written about people, places, and events which are frequently overlooked in the grand, sweeping narratives. Feeding the Army of Northern Virginia (Savas Beatie) is his twenty-fifth book. His articles have appeared in numerous national magazines, and Michael has been featured in the recent *Blood and Fury: America's Civil War* on the American Heroes Channel and on Civil War Talk Radio. In 2010, Michael was named the North Carolina Historian of the Year by the North Carolina Society of Historians. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama, and, since 1995, has called western North Carolina home.

**Scott Mingus** is a retired research scientist and current consultant to the global pulp & paper industry. He holds U. S. patents in self-adhesive postage stamps and bar code labels. The Ohio native graduated from the

Paper Science & Engineering program at Miami University in 1978. While working for Avery Dennison, he was part of the research team that developed the first commercially successful self-adhesive U. S. postage stamps. He has written 22 Civil War and Underground Railroad books. His biography of General William “Extra Billy” Smith won multiple awards, including the Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr. Literary Prize for Confederate History. He has also written several articles for Gettysburg Magazine, as well as for various historical journals. Scott has appeared on C-SPAN, C-SPAN3, PCN, and other TV networks. Mingus and his wife Debi live in Manchester Township north of York. For more than a decade, he has written a popular blog on the Civil War history of York County ([www.yorkblog.com/cannonball](http://www.yorkblog.com/cannonball)). He received the 2013 Heritage Profile Award from the York County History Center for his many contributions to local Civil War history. He also has written six scenario books for Civil War miniature wargaming. His great-great-grandfather was a 15-year-old drummer and rifleman in the 51st Ohio Infantry in the Western Theater, and other family members fought at Antietam and Gettysburg in the 7th West Virginia of the Army of the Potomac.

**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. In addition to leading tours, offering lectures, and conducting programs, Dr. Wills is the award-winning author of numerous works relating to the American Civil War, including biographies of Confederate generals Nathan Bedford Forrest and William Dorsey Pender and Union general George Henry Thomas. He has also written about the Civil War in Virginia and in the movies and has most recently published a volume that focuses on noncombat deaths in the Civil War. A graduate of the University of Richmond, Va., and the University of Georgia, he spends time on his farm in Virginia when not teaching and working in Kennesaw.