

**Civil War Fortification Study Group  
2008 Annual Meeting  
April 16 – 20**

***Fortification in the Lower Mississippi Valley  
West Tennessee, North Mississippi, and Eastern Arkansas***

**Daily Activity Schedule**  
*(Subject to minor revision)*

16 April: Rendezvous for lodging at the Comfort Inn in Olive Branch, Mississippi  
Evening Registration (Time and Location TBA)

17 April: 8:00 a.m. Depart Hotel & travel to Fort Pillow State Historic Park

9:30 a.m. Tour Fort Pillow with Park Ranger Thomas E. Parson, Shiloh  
National Military Park and State Ranger (TBA)

Picnic lunch provided by CWFSG

1:30 p.m. Travel to Memphis

2:30 p.m. Tour remains of Fort Pickering on the Mississippi

3:00 p.m. Journey to Germantown and Collierville to view remains of Union  
fortifications guarding these depots along Memphis & Charleston R.R.

4:00 p.m. Return to Hotel

5:00 p.m. Business Meeting (Hospitality Room)

Dinner on your own

8:00 p.m. (or slightly later) Hospitality Room open

18 April: 7:30 a.m. Depart Hotel & travel to visit fortifications in Eastern Arkansas

9:00 a.m. Arrive at Helena, Arkansas. Tour Batteries A, B, C, D, & Fort Curtis  
w/ John Darnell & Tony Feaster, then visit Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne's grave.

Picnic lunch provided by CWFSG

1:00 p.m. Journey to the Post of Arkansas

2:00 p.m. Arrive @ Arkansas Post National Memorial & tour Civil War field works with Park Education Coordinator Karla Sigala.

4:30 p.m. Depart Arkansas Post

6:30 p.m. Arrive @ Olive Branch, Mississippi

Dinner on your own

8:30 p.m. (or slightly later) Hospitality Room Open

19 April: 7:30 a.m. Depart Hotel & travel to Grenada, Mississippi

9:30 a.m. Meet with Dr. Sid Bondurant and examine the extant Confederate fortifications which confronted U.S. Grant at the Yalobusha River in the late fall of 1862 during the advance down the Mississippi Central R.R.

Picnic lunch provided by CWFSG

1:00 p.m. Drive to Greenwood, Mississippi, see the Holcombe Line en-route

2:00 p.m. At Greenwood, visit remains of Fort Pemberton and Fort Le Flore with local resident, Henry McCabe.

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Return to Hotel

7:45 p.m. CWFSG Dinner (Location TBA)

9:45 p.m. Hospitality Room Open

20 April: 8:00 a.m. Depart Hotel & travel east to the Hatchie River

9:00 a.m. Visit Davis Bridge Battlefield and then examine Union railroad redoubt at Wray's Bluff, east of Pocahontas, Tennessee, with Tom Parson.

10:30 a.m. Drive to Corinth, Mississippi

11:00 a.m. Tour the Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center, a Unit of Shiloh National Military Park, with Tom Parson & Charlie Spearman.

1:00 p.m. Annual gathering of the Trench Nerds adjourns...

**May You Have a Safe Journey Home to Rejoin Friends and Family.  
Warmest Regards for a Wonderful Year!**