

# ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

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**Philip M. Cole** was born and raised in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He is one of ten children. The family has a history of military tradition—he is one of seven of nine sons who volunteered, serving as a Russian linguist in the U. S. Navy. In the Civil War, his ancestors were members of the 76<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry, the Keystone Zouaves, and involved in such battles as Fort Wagner and Cold Harbor.

The family is also connected with the battle of Gettysburg and battlefield monumentation. His great, great grandfather, Nicholas Codori, owned the farm that Pickett's division advanced across on July 3, 1863. A great, great uncle, Nicholas' brother George, was one of the handful of civilians taken back with Lee's army to spend a lengthy stay in a North Carolina prisoner of war camp.

Another uncle, Paul Roy, was Executive Secretary for the planning of the 75<sup>th</sup> battle anniversary and dedication of the Eternal Peace Light memorial. After five years, his persistent efforts finally convinced the veterans' leadership from both sides to have one last meeting on the old battleground. Philip's grandmother's horse, Dolly, was used as a model for the 1<sup>st</sup> Massachusetts Cavalry monument near Gen. Sedwick's equestrian statue.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Pennsylvania State University, Philip was a regional control manager for an international corporation, founded a marketing company, and, eventually, a book publishing firm, Colecraft books.