

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

John Michael Priest, a retired high school history teacher, has been interested in Civil War history since an early age. He is a graduate of Loyola College in Baltimore and Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, and has written extensively about the Civil War. His many books include *Antietam: The Soldiers' Battle* (1989); *Before Antietam: The Battle for South Mountain* (1992); *Nowhere to Run: The Wilderness, May 4th & 5th, 1864* (1995); *Victory Without Triumph: The Wilderness, May 6th & 7th, 1864* (1996); and *Into the Fight: Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg* (1998). Praised by legendary historian Edwin C. Bearss as the "Ernie Pyle" of the Civil War soldier, Priest appeared on the Discovery Channel's *Unsolved History: Pickett's Charge* (2002), and is one of the historical consultants for the forthcoming miniseries *To Appomattox*. His newest work, *Stand to It and Give Them Hell!* chronicles the fighting on July 2, 1863 from Cemetery Ridge to Little Round Top from the perspectives of the soldiers who fought the battle.