

ESSENTIAL CIVIL WAR CURRICULUM

Charles R. (Charlie) Knight (Bridgewater College) grew up in Richmond, VA, which sparked an interest in history—particularly Civil War history—at an early age. He is a graduate of Bridgewater College in the heart of Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley with a BA in History and is currently completing his MA in Military History through American Military University. Charlie began his museum career as a volunteer at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, then as an intern at New Market Battlefield State Historical Park at New Market, VA. He subsequently was a historical interpreter at New Market Battlefield, and has worked at the MacArthur Memorial—museum, archive, and final resting place of Gen. Douglas MacArthur—in Norfolk, VA, since 2001 serving as its Curator since 2006. Charlie has had articles published in *Blue & Gray*, *Classic Trains*, *Hallowed Ground*, and other history and railroad magazines, and is a book reviewer for the U.S. Army Historical Foundation. His first book, *Valley Thunder: The Battle of New Market*, was published in 2010 by Savas Beatie Publishing, and has two more books under contract with Savas Beatie: a biography of Confederate general and railroad magnate William Mahone, and reference book *Robert E. Lee: Day by Day*. He served as a historical advisor to the 2014 film *Field of Lost Shoes*, (starring Jason Isaacs and David Arquette) about the Battle of New Market. Charlie has been a Civil War re-enactor with both the 44th Virginia Infantry and 25th Ohio Infantry, and also has participated in several WWII reenactments with the 29th Infantry Division. He collects toy trains and is an avid fan of the Baltimore Orioles and Baltimore Ravens. His wife Sara is a middle school teacher and fosters cats for an animal rescue. They have one son, Carter, and a house full of “rescue animals.”

*Starting in mid-July 2014 Charlie will be the new Director of the Arizona Capitol Museum in Phoenix.