

LECTURE Series

Friday, May 21, 2027

7 pm Eastern / 4 pm Pacific

With FRANK O'REILLY

RETREAT FROM VICTORY: The Battle of Malvern Hill & the End of the Seven Days

O'Reilly examines the singular struggle at Malvern Hill in depth and from a wide variety of perspectives, including its implications for the war, the armies, the opposing governments, the people, and slavery. He pieces together the tactical movements of troops on the battlefield and the intentions of leaders on the front lines and in the halls of government in Washington, D.C., and Richmond, Virginia. Above all, he gives voice to the soldiers, sharing their experiences in combat and on campaign.

This climactic Civil War battle elevated General Lee's career and marked the beginning of the end of General McClellan's. It was a watershed moment when the Civil War transformed from a rebellion into a revolution. The conflict grew exponentially larger and more brutal, and ultimately doomed slavery in America. O'Reilly's *Retreat from Victory* provides a definitive account of the Battle of Malvern Hill and sets a standard that will endure for the foreseeable future.



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