

Staff Rides

Staff rides serve as an active and effective platform in support of the Chief of Staff of the Army's number one priority: Leader Development. A staff ride is conducted in accordance with a specific methodology consisting of a systematic preliminary study of a selected campaign or battle, an extensive visit to the actual sites associated with that campaign or battle, and an opportunity to integrate the lessons derived from the first two phases combined. A staff ride thus links a historical event, systematic preliminary study, and the actual terrain to produce a battle analysis in three dimensions.

The CSI Staff Ride Team

The team develops and conducts live and virtual staff rides as a leader development and educational tool for Soldiers. By focusing on the timeless and universal aspects of warfighting, staff rides provide important insights into military operations, concepts of leadership, and the human dynamic of battle. The Staff Ride Team also provides information and guidance to US Army units and agencies on how to conduct staff rides for the purpose of developing and educating leaders.

Most Popular

Sioux Wars

A 2-3-day staff ride that provides an overview of frontier warfare through the study of two Sioux War campaigns, emphasizing the role of the U.S. Army in preparation for and the conduct of operations against irregular forces and how the Army adapted (or failed to adapt) to its operating environment.



The Vicksburg Campaign

A 2-3-day staff ride that provides a unique opportunity to study the tactical and operational levels of war on the actual terrain of a decisive U.S. Civil War campaign.



Wanat Virtual Staff Ride

A 4-hour virtual staff ride that examines a coalition Task Force conducting COIN operations in the Waygal valley of Afghanistan, 2007-2008, focusing primarily on an insurgent attack on a small COP occupied by 2^d PLT, C Co, 2-503 Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade.



Other Popular Staff Rides

Operation Anaconda Virtual Staff Ride

A six-hour staff ride that provides a comprehensive understanding of a complex operation involving a dynamic mix of coalition, joint, conventional and special operations forces in the austere environment of the Shahi Kowt Valley, Afghanistan (2002).



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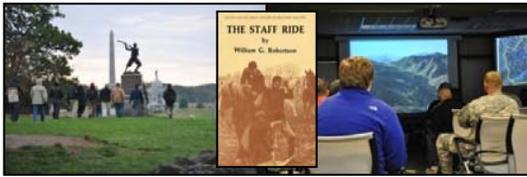
A 2-3 day staff ride that provides a broad understanding of the tactical, operational, and strategic aspects of one of the Civil War's most fierce battles.



The Charleston Campaign

A 2-4 day staff ride that provides an opportunity to study a major Civil War campaign in detail; reflecting on aspects of personality in war, joint operations, and operational art. Incorporates VSR technology to recreate terrain lost to nature as a way of augmenting the field staff ride.

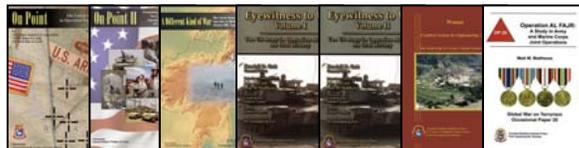




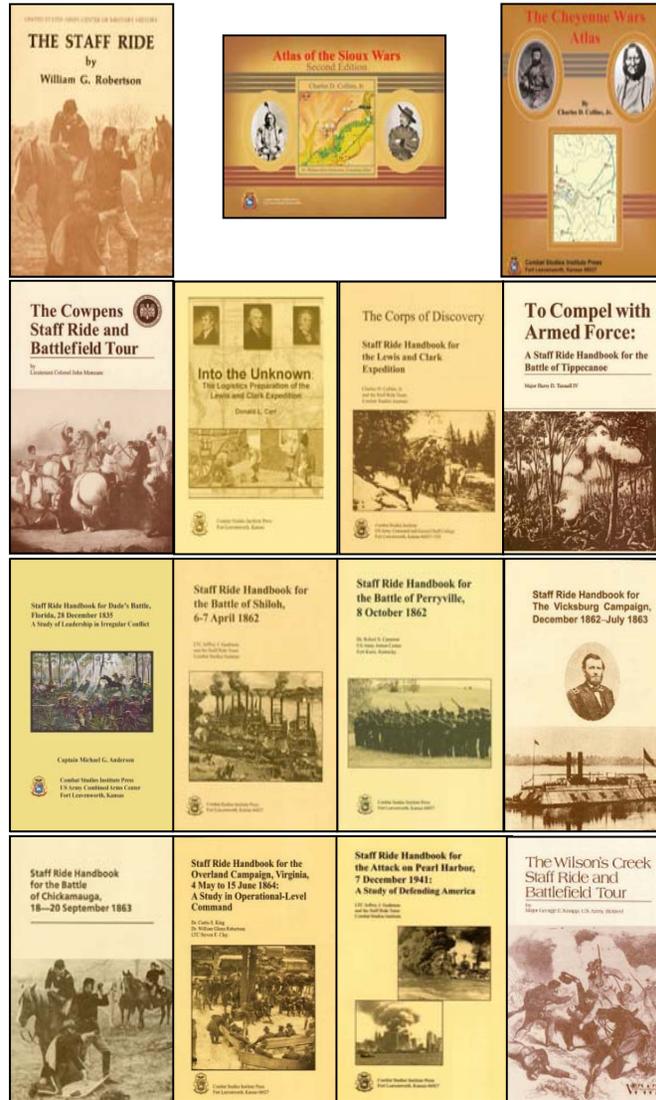
The Virtual Staff Ride (VSR)

Featuring 3D imagery produced largely from satellite imagery, photographs, video, and first-hand accounts from participants, the VSR leverages current technology to conduct an effective staff ride without leaving the classroom. The eight VSRs and wide array of supporting publications currently offered by CSI continue to assist Army units in pre-deployment preparation and universal leader programs. VSRs vary in length from 2 to 16 hours and can be focused on a variety of topics from the tactical to the strategic level. CSI Staff Ride Team instructors actively support Army units and organizations in conducting the following VSR offerings:

- **Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2003-2005**
- **The March on Baghdad, 2003**
- **Fallujah, 2004**
- **Operation Anaconda, 2001**
- **Wanat, 2008**
- **The 507th Maintenance Company, 2003**
- **Check Point 541, 2005**
- **The Palm Sunday Ambush, 2005**



Staff Ride Handbooks and Atlases



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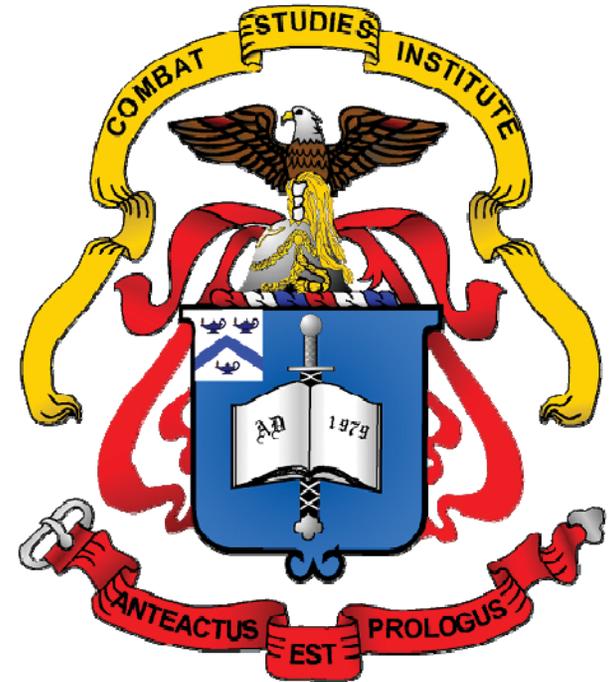
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