

Brigadier General Ty Seidule, U.S. Army (Retired)

Brigadier General Ty Seidule, U.S. Army (Retired) is Professor Emeritus of History and former head of the Department of History at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Ty is now a Visiting Professor of History and Executive Director of Common Ground at Hamilton College in Clinton, NY.

In 2021, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin appointed Ty to the Congressional Naming Commission tasked with redesignating Department of Defense assets which honor Confederates. His fellow commissioners elected him as Vice Chair. The Commission completed its mission in October 2022 on time, under budget, and with all its recommendations accepted and implemented.

Ty's latest book is *Robert E. Lee and Me: A Southerner's Reckoning with the Myth of the Lost Cause*. *The Associated Press* called it "an extraordinary and courageous book, a confessional of America's great sins of slavery and racial oppression, a call to confront our wrongs, reject our mythologized racist past and resolve to create a just future for all." NPR, *Forbes* and others named *Robert E. Lee and Me* as one of the best books of 2021.

Ty is the creator and co-editor of the award-winning, 71-chapter, *West Point History of Warfare*, the largest enhanced digital book in any field. He co-edited the four-volume, award-winning *West Point History of Warfare* series published by Simon and Schuster, including histories of the Civil War, World War II, and the American Revolution.

A leader in digital and public history, he partnered with Apple to create virtual and augmented reality apps as well as Massive Open Online Courses. His short video, "Was the Civil War About Slavery" has 35 million views on social media.

Ty serves as a Presidential Advisor to the National World War II Museum in New Orleans as well as an International Security Fellow at New America. He is also on the Scholar Advisory Board for the Gilder Lehrman Institute for American History.

Over the course of his 36-year army career, Ty served as an armor and cavalry officer in command and staff positions in war and peace all over the world, including Germany, Italy, the Balkans, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Kenya. Ty received a B.A. from Washington and Lee University and a M.A. and Ph.D. from the Ohio State University.