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Skip Tucker to make 1,500-mile road trip to promote paper edition of Civil War novel *Pale Blue Light*

MONTGOMERY, AL—Alabama author Skip Tucker is to leave April 29 on a 1,500-mile drive to Chancellorsville, Va., for an 11am, May 4 news conference at the Chancellorsville Battlefield, where he will promote the national paperback release of his historical adventure novel, *Pale Blue Light*.

“Pale Blue Light” is a lesser-known nickname for Gen. Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson, a central figure in the book, and a particular hero to Tucker. It’s said Jackson’s pale blue eyes shone with light before a battle when his adrenaline began to flow.

May 2 marks the 150th anniversary of Jackson’s mortal wounding by “friendly fire” at Chancellorsville, where each year Spotsylvania County holds a three-day battle re-enactment. 30,000 people are expected to attend this year. Tucker will hold his news conference at the Spotsylvania County Museum at the Chancellorsville Battlefield.

It will be the first stop on a national tour that will include Atlanta on May 6 at the Georgia Capitol Museum, and New Orleans on May 9 at Confederate Memorial Hall. Tucker will also hold news conferences and book-signings at historic battle sites where Stonewall Jackson fought including at Front Royal, Luray, Warren, Winchester, and Fredericksburg.

“*Pale Blue Light* is not a work of history, but historical fiction, and I intended it to bring to people a living, breathing Jackson,” Tucker said. “It’s actually a spy thriller. It questions whether Jackson was wounded by friendly fire or whether there might’ve been something more sinister in play.”

NewSouth Books decided to release the paperback edition nationally following the hardback release, strong first reviews, and numerous sell-out book signings, including several at Costco stores.

“This is really an exciting time for me,” said Tucker. “I intend to rough-camp along the way and follow the trail, sometimes, that Jackson took in his historic campaign through the Shenandoah Valley.

“I've read just about everything I could find about Stonewall. I feel I know him. He's a hero for all ages and all seasons.”

Tucker, 66, lives in Montgomery with his wife, Lissa, and son, Jeb. He has recently completed the first draft of a second novel.

He can be contacted at montgomery.tucker@gmail.com

Tucker's itinerary is:

Press conference May 4 at 11am:
Spotsylvania County Museum at Chancellorsville Battlefield
Spotsylvania Courthouse Village
Merchant Square Building
9019 Old Battlefield Boulevard, 1st Floor
Spotsylvania, VA 22553
Contact: Terry Dougherty
Ph: 540-507-7278

Press conference May 6 at 2pm:
Georgia Capitol Museum
206 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334
Contact: Nancy Negris
Ph: 404-657-7407

Press conference May 9 at 11am:
Confederate Memorial Hall
929 Camp St.
New Orleans, LA 70130
Contact: Pat Ricci
Ph: 504-523-4522

Pale Blue Light is available through your favorite local or online retailer, or from NewSouth Books, 334-834-3556, www.newsouthbooks.com/palebluelight, ISBN: 978-1-60306-310-4, Trade paper, \$19.95.