

JACKSON'S 1862 VALLEY CAMPAIGN

APRIL 18-21, 2024

BASED IN STAUNTON, VA



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CONFERENCE LOCATION:

HOLIDAY INN CONFERENCE CENTER

152 Fairway Lane
Staunton, VA 24401
540-248-6020

All participants are responsible for arranging hotel accommodations for the seminar, which is not included in tour price. \$139/night double occupancy plus tax.

Pricing includes a full breakfast at the conference center restaurant, which is only for our guests. Special pricing for participants based on room availability.

When making reservations, mention Chambersburg Civil War Seminars to ensure you book with the group. If any issues, ask to speak with Lori Fielding or Tana Mino.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Conference based at Holiday Inn in Staunton, VA
- Full breakfast for Holiday Inn guests each morning.
- Check-In will be in the hotel lobby about 1 hour before the day's activities begin. You only need to check-in once.
- Each participant will receive a packet of tactical maps and a name badge at check-in
- Classroom sessions will be held in the Holiday Inn conference room.
- Bus tours will leave from the Holiday Inn parking lot at the specified time.
- Book Vendor Marc Ramsey with Owens & Ramsey on site Friday!

Thursday, April 18

- Bus leaves from Holiday Inn
- Lunch included
- Return by 6 p.m.
- Dinner on your own

8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Day 1 Bus Tour led by Gary Ecelbarger

Bus Tour Description: We will experience the first phase of the Valley Campaign, from March through April, 1862. We begin with a detailed study of the Battle of Kernstown (March 23), the largest battle fought east of the Alleghenies for 9 months of the war. From there, we head southward, "up" the Valley Pike following Stonewall Jackson's retreating army and its defensive positions, including the scene of the skirmish at Meem's Botton, where Turner Ashby's close call cost him his beautiful horse. Our tour day ends in front of the fifth Stonewall Jackson headquarters house we will view this day, where some of the most momentous decisions were made to set the stage for the rest of the campaign.

Sites to visit:

- Pritchard's Hill
- Rose Hill Park
- Narrow Passage
- Chapman's Landing
- Meems Bottom
- (roll by) Jackson Headquarters at Peale House
- Miller-Kite House

Dinner on your own.

Friday, April 19

8:30 a.m.—12 p.m. Morning Lectures

- Lectures held at Holiday Inn in Staunton's Conference Room
- Book Vendor Marc Ramsey on site

Lectures include:

- **Welcome & Overview of Civil War Preservation Project by Karen Lowry & Lark Kennedy**

"An Overview of the U.S. Army general's adjutant general reports project with specific reference to 1862 campaign" by Michael C. Harris

"In 1864 and again in the 1870s, the U.S. Army's adjutant general's office asked the then living Union generals to submit accounts of their war service. These are now being edited for the first time for publication. Michael Harris will discuss this project and make specific reference to those reports which discuss aspects of the 1862 Shenandoah Valley campaign."

"Jackson's Right Arm: Dick Ewell in the Valley." by Don Pfanz

"Although he initially considered Jackson "crazy," Dick Ewell later became "Stonewall Jackson's most loyal supporter. Jackson, for his part, highly valued Ewell's services, placing more than half of the Valley Army under his command. This odd, but highly successful, partnership that would last until Ewell's wounding at Second Manassas two months."

12 - 2 p.m. Lunch on your own

2—5 p.m. Afternoon Lectures

- Lectures held at Holiday Inn's conference room

"Col. Nathaniel McLean and the Road to McDowell" by Scott Patchan

This talk will trace the saga of the McLean family from the role of Justice John McLean of the United States Supreme Court in the anti-slavery movement to the outbreak of the Civil War and the actions of his son in organizing the 75th Ohio Infantry to his heroism at the battle of McDowell.

"The Liberty Hall Volunteers Return Home: Jackson's College Boys in the Valley." by Frank O'Reilly

"Crossed Signals at Cross Keys" by Bill Miller

At Cross Keys -- a field of battle from an artilleryman's dream -- the two armies brought almost 50 guns into lively play for several hours on June 8, 1862. The battle stands as a near perfect demonstration of how the use, and misuse, of the long arm could determine the results on a Civil War Battlefield.

5 p.m. Dinner included

7 p.m. "The Bridge Blunder Before the Battle: The Shields/Carroll Controversy at Port Republic" by Gary Ecelbarger

"On June 8, 1862, Stonewall Jackson escaped his closest call to capture during the Civil War at the town of Port Republic. Yet, the story behind the Union mission that led to the surprise assault has never been told. Using original documents that haven't seen the light of day for 160 years, Ecelbarger will fill a yawning gap that has limited a more complete understanding of the Shenandoah Valley Campaign."

- Bus leaves from Holiday Inn
- Lunch included
- Return by 6 p.m.
- Dinner on your own

Saturday, April 20

8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Day 2 Bus Tour led by Gary Ecelbarger

Bus Tour Description: We will relive the Heart of the Valley Campaign by traversing the beautiful Luray Valley, following the footprints of Stonewall Jackson's "foot cavalry" on its clandestine trip to Front Royal. Then it is an action packed morning and afternoon as we attempt to match the

dizzying pace of encounters from May 23-25, and appreciate its impact on opposing War Departments. Our final trek of the day picks up the pursuit of Jackson by elements of two Union armies, culminating at the exact site of the only general to be killed in action in the 1862 Valley Campaign.

Sites to visit:

- Luray Valley
- Asbury Chapel
- Battle of Front Royal
- Cavalry/Infantry Clash at Fairview
- Turner Ashby Monument

Dinner on your own.

- Bus leaves from Holiday Inn
- Lunch on your own
- Return by 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Day 3 Bus Tour led by Gary Ecelbarger

Bus Tour Description: Our final day of touring is a whirlwind of action. We worked

our way to the village of Port Republic to experience the unexpected raid by Union cavalry and artillery upon Stonewall Jackson's HQ on the morning of June 8, 1862. From there it's just a few miles up the historic road for us to relive and analyze the Battle of Cross Keys. Our tour ends during the noon hour with the second battle in consecutive days--the June 9 action at the Wheatfield and Coaling, where over 1,200 men and boys were killed and wounded (with hundreds of others captured) at the Battle of Port Republic.

Sites to visit:

- Port Republic (town)
- Cross Keys Battlefield
- Widow Pence Farm
- Port Republic Battlefield/Coaling

**Conference Completion by 1 p.m.
Thank you for your patronage!**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Payment Policy: Full payment is due prior to seminar.

Cancellation Policy: -Seminar registrations cancelled two weeks before a scheduled seminar are subject to a \$100 per person administrative fee; cancellations received within two weeks will be charged 50% of the registration fee, including partial registrations or \$100 (whichever is greater).

▶ We reserve the right to make changes in the tours where necessary, due to unforeseen circumstances. Please be advised travel plans are made months in advance, and changes may be necessary due to unforeseen circumstances. We do not like to cancel tours but if we must cancel due to insufficient participation or other circumstances, our total obligation will be to refund all monies paid to us for the specific event.

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SPEAKERS & GUIDES

Gary Ecelbarger Gary Ecelbarger is a leading authority of the 1862 Shenandoah Valley Campaign. He has conducted professional tours within this famous corridor for 25 years, has written 15 articles, essays, and monographs about Valley personalities, battles, and events, and has been involved with preservation and interpretation of this campaign since the 1990s. Among the nine books to his credit, three are dedicated to this 1862 campaign, including *Three Days in the Shenandoah: Stonewall Jackson at Front Royal and Winchester* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2008). His future works will include a book dedicated to the final three weeks of this campaign.

Michael C. Harris is a graduate of the University of Mary Washington and the American Military University. He has worked for the National Park Service, New Jersey State Parks and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. His *Brandywine: A Military History of the Battle that Lost Philadelphia but Saved America*, from which his article in *Hallowed Ground* magazine adapted, is available from Savas Beatie publishers.

Bill Miller is an award-winning author who has been researching, writing, speaking and preserving Civil War history for more than 40 years. A retired teacher, he now focuses on Shenandoah Valley history and leads public and private tours of the Valley's battlefields.

Frank O'Reilly is a Historian for the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial National Military Park with eight videos in the C-SPAN Video Library.

A life-long student of military history, **Scott C. Patchan** is a graduate of James Madison University in the Shenandoah Valley. He is the author of many articles and books, including *The Forgotten Fury: The Battle of Piedmont* (1996), *Shenandoah Summer: The 1864 Valley Campaign* (2007), and *Second Manassas: Longstreet's Attack and the Struggle for Chinn Ridge* (2011) His book "The Last Battle of Winchester," was published in 2013. He most recent work is "Worthy of a Higher Rank: The 1864 Journal of Colonel Joseph Thoburn," 2021. Patchan has served as a Director on the board of the Kernstown Battlefield Association in Winchester, Virginia, and as a member of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation's Resource Protection Committee. He was twice president of Bull Run Civil War Round Table and is active with the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation in many capacities.

Don Pfanz is a staff historian at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. A native of Gettysburg, Pa., Pfanz graduated from the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg in 1980, then joined the National Park Service. Prior to joining the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park staff, Don served at Petersburg National Battlefield and Fort Sumter National Monument. He has written two books: *Abraham Lincoln at City Point* and *Richard S. Ewell: A Soldier's Life*.

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ABOUT US

Chambersburg Civil War Seminars & Tours was co-founded in 1988 with Ted Alexander and the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has been hosting Civil War Tours for more than 30 years.

MEET OUR TEAM

Lark Kennedy started with the Chamber in 2013, and Karen Lowry joined our Civil War Seminars team in 2019. We are here to help you have a fantastic tour experiencing our local Civil War history. Please remember to fill out the evaluation sheets so we can improve! *Don't forget to stop by the raffle table *winkwink**



Karen Lowry pictured presenting a \$500 to check to Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission to support the restoration of Duffields Depot.



Lark Kennedy helping with the Silent Auction/Raffles during a Civil War conference.

PRICING & REGISTRATION

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Chambersburg, Pa 17201

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Please note lodging is not included in tour price. Registration includes packet of maps, name tag, meals as described, and cold bottled water during bus tours.

Seminar registration fee schedule:

____ \$775 Members Conference Package (Entire program)

____ \$815 Non-Members Conference Package (Entire Program)

____ \$225 Thursday Only

____ \$225 Friday Only

____ \$225 Saturday Bus Tour & Evening Mix & Mingle

____ \$190 Sunday Only

Total: ____ - \$30 Early Bird* (Discount for entire program- reserve by February 19) = ____

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