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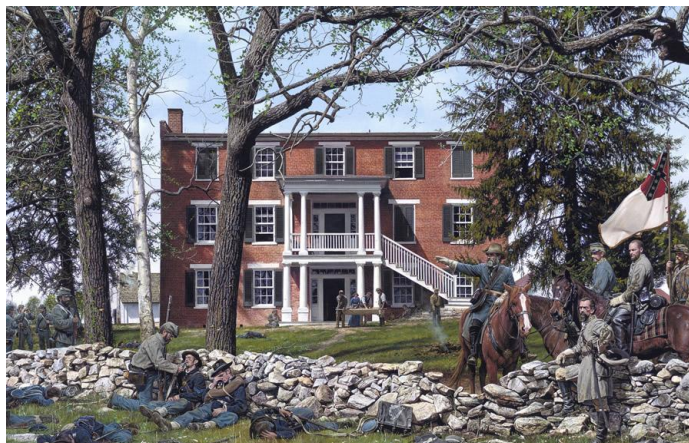
## Shenandoah Summer: The 1864 Valley Campaign from July 15 to August 7

By Scott C. Patchan

After Lt. Gen. Jubal A. Early ended his raid on Washington, D.C., he pulled back to the Shenandoah Valley. With two Union forces closing in on him, Maj. Gen. George Crook's small Army of West Virginia from Harper's Ferry and Maj. Gen. Horatio Wright's Sixth and Nineteenth Corps pursuing Early from Washington. The wily Virginian narrowly escaped into the Valley, where he defeated Wright and Crook in a rear guard action near Snickers Gap called the Battle of Cool Spring on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

However, Maj. Gen. David Hunter, commander of the Dept. of West Virginia, dispatched Brig. Gen. William W. Averell with a small force from Martinsburg to threaten Early's line of retreat at Winchester. This resulted in the battle of Rutherford's Farm, where Averell's small force thrashed Confederate Gen. Stephen D. Ramseur's larger force on July 20. When Horatio Wright turned his troops around and marched back to Washington, Early went back on the offensive, routing Crook's army at the Second Battle of Kernstown, in

what John Worsham of the 21<sup>st</sup> Virginia Infantry called ". . . the most easily won victory of the war." This opened the way for Early to raid the North once more. This incursion resulted in the burning of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania on July 30 at the hands of Brig. Gen. John McCausland and his 3,000 raiders. Retribution was soon at hand, as Averell tracked down McCausland and his men near Moorefield, West Virginia on August 7<sup>th</sup> and routed them, giving Averell his second decision victory over superior forces in less than three weeks.



*The Kings of Kernstown, Shenandoah Summer 1864  
by Paul Strain*

Early's summer campaign in the Valley had thrown the Union high command into panic. No one was sure where Early would land next. In the end, Grant ended up detaching his best combat commander, Maj. Gen. Philip Sheridan and 30,000 men from Grant's operations at Petersburg to quell Early's diversionary actions western Virginia and along the Potomac. Although Sheridan would eventually crush Early, his campaigns allowed Robert E. Lee to hold Richmond and Petersburg throughout the summer of 1864.

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## Winter Weather Policy

As you all know, it's that time of the year again when Mother Nature loves to wreak havoc on our well laid plans. So as a reminder of our winter weather policy, we **WILL NOT** meet if the Montgomery County School system cancel their evening activities. So if the weather looks iffy, listen to news for possible cancellations. We like y'all too much to lose any of you to an accident.

### Speakers for 2012-2013 Season

- February – Don Hakenson: John Singleton Mosby
- March – Peter Cozzens: Cahaba Prison
- April – Ed Bearss: Ball's Bluff
- May – Steve Stanley: Mapping Civil War Battlefields.

### From the Civil War Trust

This year, we have saved more battlefield land than ever before... over 3,000 acres in a single year. With our capital campaign, **Campaign 150: Our Time, Our**

**Legacy**, now in full swing, our goal of preserving an additional 20,000 is well within reach and we are continuing to pave the way in creating exciting Civil War educational opportunities for students and adults across the country. These initiatives will allow future generations an opportunity not only to traverse the battlefields we have saved together, but also to learn about what happened at these historic sites — in some cases without leaving the classroom! While we have already reached a number of milestones in the campaign, there are still hills to climb. **The next three years will be challenging, exciting, and absolutely critical to the success of battlefield preservation.** We cannot thank you enough for your unwavering support.

Please enjoy a short presentation of your accomplishments from 2012. Thank you again for your enthusiastic support of battlefield preservation.

Warmest wishes for this holiday season,

## The Cast of Characters for the 1864 Valley Campaign

### Federals



Maj. Gen. Philip H. Sheridan  
Born: March 6, 1831  
Albany, New York  
Died: August 5, 1888  
Nonquitt, Massachusetts  
Place of burial: Arlington National Cemetery

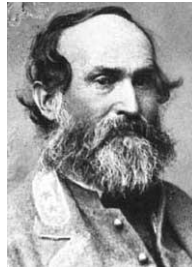


Maj. Gen. Horatio G. Wright  
Born: March 6, 1820  
Clinton, Connecticut  
Died: July 2, 1899  
Washington, DC  
Place of burial: Arlington National Cemetery



Brig. Gen. William W. Averell  
Born: November 5, 1832  
Cameron, New York  
Died: February 3, 1900  
Bath, New York  
Place of burial: Grove Cemetery  
Bath, New York

### Confederates



Lt. Gen. Jubal A. Early  
Born: November 3, 1816  
Franklin County, Virginia  
Died: March 2, 1894  
Lynchburg, Virginia  
Place of Burial: Spring Hill Cemetery  
Lynchburg, Virginia



Brig. Gen. John McCausland, Jr.  
Born: September 13, 1836  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Died: January 22, 1927  
Point Pleasant, West Virginia  
Place of burial: Henderson, West Virginia



Brig. Gen. Stephen Ramseur  
Born: May 31, 1837  
Lincolnton, North Carolina  
Died: October 20, 1864  
Belle Grove Plantation,  
Meadow Mills, Virginia  
Place of burial: St Luke's Episcopal  
Church, Lincolnton, North  
Carolina

## January Civil War Traveler Events

For further events you can go to [www.civilwartraveler.com](http://www.civilwartraveler.com)

**1** <sup>★</sup><sub>150</sub> **DC Special display of the original Emancipation Proclamation** at the National Archives (East Rotunda Gallery) 10 am-5 pm Sunday, 10 am-Noon Monday and 10 am-5pm Tuesday. Free. [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)

**1** <sup>★</sup><sub>150</sub> **DC Dramatic reading of the Emancipation Proclamation** at the National Archives. 9am (limited to first 100 guest in line by 8:15 am) at the National Archives. Family day programs scheduled 11 am-2 pm. [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)

**3** <sup>★</sup><sub>150</sub> **DC Panel Discussion**, “The Impact of the Emancipation Proclamation,” at President Lincoln’s Cottage, Upshur Street and Rock Creek Church Road NW. 3-5 pm. Free. Reservations: [www.lincolncottage.org](http://www.lincolncottage.org)

**5 VA “Celebration of Freedom,”** living history, music, dramatic readings and more commemorating the Emancipation Proclamation, at the Clarke County High School Auditorium, 303 Josephine St., Berryville. 2 pm. Free. **540-955-5512**.

**5 PA Lecture**, “The Vicksburg Campaign, Part 3: The Siege,” at the Gettysburg NMP Visitor Center. 1:30 pm. Free. [www.mps.gov/gett](http://www.mps.gov/gett)

**6 PA Lecture**, “1863 – The Strategic Dilemma,” at the Gettysburg NMP Visitor Center 1:30 pm. Free. [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett)

**6 VA Lecture**, “Women’s Clothing in the Civil War Era,” at the Arlington Central Library, 1015 N Quincy St, Arlington. 5 pm. Free. **703-228-6334**.

**10** <sup>★</sup><sub>150</sub> **VA Lecture**, “Cause and Effect, the Richmond Homefront in 1863,” at the Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Ave, Manassas. 7 pm. Free. **703-792-4754**.

**11** <sup>★</sup><sub>150</sub> **DC Lecture**, “Envisioning Emancipation: Black Americans and the End of Slavery,” at the McGowan Theater in the National Archives. Noon. Free. [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)

**12 PA Lecture**, “Despair, Defeat, Redemption & Determination: The Army of the Potomac in 1863,” at the Gettysburg NMP Visitor Center. 1:30 pm. Free. [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett)

**13 DC Walking tour**, “Fort DeRussy Hike,” begins at the Nature Center, Rock Creek Park. 10 am. Free. [www.nps.gov/rocr](http://www.nps.gov/rocr)

**17 MD Lecture**, “Battle of Chancellorsville,” at the Carroll Community College, 1601 Washington Road, Westminster. 6:30-9:30 pm. \$35. **410-386-8100**.

**19 PA Lecture**, “If These Things Could Talk,” items from the museum at the Gettysburg NMP Visitor Center. 1:30 pm. Free. [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett)

**20 PA Lecture**, “On Campaign with Fighting Joe – Joseph Hooker and the Army of the Potomac in 1863,” at the Gettysburg NMP Visitor Center. 1:30 pm. Free. [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett)

**24** <sup>★</sup><sub>150</sub> **DC Panel Discussion**, “Freedom National: The Destruction of Slavery in the United States, 1861-1865,” at the McGowan Theater in the National Archives. 7 pm. Free [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)

**26** <sup>★</sup><sub>150</sub> **VA Lecture**, “The First Rendezvous: Mosby at Mt. Zion,” on the date and place of the first meeting of Mosby’s Rangers before a raid, at Mt. Zion Church, 40309 John Mosby Highway (Route 50) in Aldie. 11 am. \$5/adult. [www.mosbyheritagearea.org](http://www.mosbyheritagearea.org)

**26 VA Book Talk**, *Civil War in Northern Virginia 1861* by William Connery, 10 am. Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax. **703-591-0560**.

**26 DC Bike tour**, “Civil War Defenses of Washington,” follows off-road trails to remains of the city’s fortifications. Begins at Fort Dupont Park, Fort Dupont Drive SE, Washington. 10 am. Free. Sign up: **202-426-7723**.

**26 PA Lecture**, “Gettysburg Understood Through Etymology, Metaphor and Personification,” at the Gettysburg NMP Visitor Center. 1:30 pm. Free. [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett)

**27 PA Lecture**, “‘We are having a grand time right now!’ The Army of Northern Virginia in 1863” at the Gettysburg NMP Visitor Center. 1:30 pm. Free. [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett)

**30** <sup>★</sup><sub>150</sub> **DC Panel discussion**, “A Declaration of Freedom: Lincoln, the Emancipation Proclamation and Its Legacy of Liberty,” at the McGowan Theater in the National Archives. Noon. Free. [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)



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**Comments, Questions or Suggestions**

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions  
Contact Vivian Eicke at 301-681-6497

**Next Month's Meeting**

Speaker: Don Hakenson  
Topic: John Singleton Mosby  
Date: February 14, 2013

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**Substitute Meals**

If you have dietary restrictions, and require something  
other than what is on the menu, please let Bob know  
when you make your reservations.

**Fifth Regular Meeting of 2012 - 2013 Season**

Date: January 10, 2013

Place: Hilton Hotel

Time: 7:00 p.m. – Dinner  
8:00 p.m. – Speaker

Speaker: Scott Patchan

Topic: Shenandoah Summer: The 1864 Valley Campaign  
From July 15<sup>th</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup>

Dinner: \$25.00

Speaker only: \$5.00

Reservations: Bob Clark  
301-253-3485  
Email: [bobclark3@aol.com](mailto:bobclark3@aol.com)

Reservation Deadline: 9:00 p.m., Monday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Please remember that if you have made a dinner  
reservation and are a no show, then the Round Table  
has to pick up the tab. So help us keep costs to a  
minimum by honoring your reservation. Thank you.



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