



Winchester and Frederick County

CIVIL WAR WEEKEND

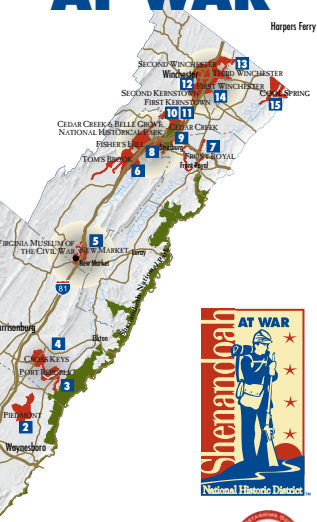
September 24-25, 2011

War on Your Doorstep

Winchester-Frederick County's Civil War Experience

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From soldiers and generals to civilian parents and children—here Americans experienced the full measure of war. The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District includes 15 significant Civil War battlefields and a wide variety of related historic sites. Visitor centers throughout the Valley can help you find your way to the places that tell the region's Civil War story.

For more information and a calendar of events throughout the National Historic District, visit us at www.ShenandoahAtWar.org.



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Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District

"I felt as if a new and terrible existence had begun, as if the old life was over and gone."
— Winchester resident Cornelia McDonald after the First Battle of Kernstown

Timeline

Winter 1861-62
Confederate Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson's winter headquarters in Winchester.

March 1862
Jackson retreats south, up the Valley as Union forces occupy Winchester. Attempting to retake Winchester, he is defeated at the **First Battle of Kernstown** (23 March).

April - May 1862
Jackson moves his army south along the Valley and defeats Union forces at **McDowell** (8 May), in the mountains west of Staunton. Returning northward, Jackson overpowers a Federal garrison at **Front Royal** (23 May). Two days later, he defeats Union Gen. Nathaniel Banks at the **First Battle of Winchester** (25 May) and pursues him towards Harpers Ferry.

June 1862
Returning southward, Jackson narrowly eludes an attempt by Union forces to trap him in the northern Shenandoah Valley. He defeats Federals at **Cross Keys** (8 June) and **Port Republic** (9 June) east of Harrisonburg and joins Lee in front of Richmond.

June 1863
As Robert E. Lee's forces moves north towards Pennsylvania, Confederates overwhelm Union forces at the **Second Battle of Winchester** (13-15 June), clearing the way for Lee's army.

Spring - Summer 1864
Union leadership, newly organized under Ulysses S. Grant, attempts to wrest control of western Virginia from the Confederacy. In response, Lee sends Confederate Gen. Jubal Early to the Valley.

July - August 1864
Early overpowers Union forces at the **Second Battle of Kernstown** (24 July). In August, Union Gen. Philip Sheridan is assigned to clear the Valley of Confederate forces and destroy the region's ability to support the Confederate war effort.

September - October 1864
Sheridan defeats Early at the **Third Battle of Winchester** (19 September). After burning crops and mills and destroying livestock in the central Shenandoah Valley, Sheridan rallies his troops to counter a surprise attack by Early at the **Battle of Cedar Creek** (19 October) south of Winchester. The war is all but over for the Valley.

Winchester and Frederick County's Civil War Story

To the embattled and hard-pressed South, the Shenandoah Valley was a land of plenty during the Civil War—filled with grain, dotted with mills, and linked by road and rail with a main theatre of war across the Blue Ridge. The Valley also offered abundant strategic options to Confederate generals, including its potential use as an "avenue of invasion" into the heart of the north. As a gateway to the Valley, Winchester and Frederick County became a battleground from the very beginning.



Stonewall Jackson at First Winchester (LIBRARY OF CONGRESS)

Despite its great importance—or because of it—Winchester proved impossible to defend. The number of times the town changed hands during the war—perhaps more than 72 times—is today a matter of local pride. While Winchester was in Union hands for much of the war, the prevailing local sentiment remained Confederate. Seven major battles took place in Winchester and Frederick County, including First Kernstown, the only command defeat of Stonewall Jackson's career, and Third Winchester (Opequon), where 55,000 Americans fought one another in the largest battle west of the Blue Ridge.

Experiencing the Story Today

Today, vestiges of the Civil War remain. The voices of wounded and captured soldiers echo through the county courthouse where their graffiti is still visible. The courthouse is now a museum open to the public, as is the house that served as Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters the winter before his famous 1862 Valley Campaign.

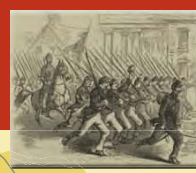
"In the vestibule lay thirteen dead bodies of United States soldiers and the courtroom was filled to its capacity with wounded..."

— David Hunter Strother, Union officer, Frederick County Courthouse, March 1862

Visitors can walk the battlefields at Kernstown and Cedar Creek and Winchester and learn how Jackson, Robert E. Lee and Philip Sheridan shaped the course of the war. Scattered throughout the region are the stories of the war's effect on the Valley's civilian population—how these families survived the personal and economic devastation that war brought.

Civil War Weekend is a special annual event that offers rare opportunities to see many of these sites as they may have looked at the time of the war. This year, Civil War sites throughout the Winchester and Frederick County area will once again join together to provide unique opportunities to experience the area's remarkable wartime story. From military, civilian, and medical living history demonstrations, to youth activities such as Civil War-era games and an overnight camp-out with reenactors, to battlefield, cemetery, and historic building tours, Winchester and Frederick County's Civil War story will come to life in unforgettable ways.

Civil War Weekend Sites in Winchester and Frederick County



Partner Organizations



The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation is the non-profit manager of the eight-county Shenandoah Valley Battlefields National Historic District, created by Congress to protect, interpret, and promote the Valley's Civil War battlefields and related historic sites. www.ShenandoahAtWar.org.



Belle Grove Plantation was used as a headquarters by Union Gen. Phillip Sheridan and was at the center of the Battle of Cedar Creek. Belle Grove is a National Trust for Historic Preservation site and a centerpiece of Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park. www.bellegrove.org



Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park is a "partnership park" that works with key partners to preserve and manage the park and its resources. NPS ranger programs are offered during the summer. Self-guided tour and other interpretive materials are also available. www.nps.gov/cebe



The Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation is a non-profit organization that works to preserve the grounds of the historic battle, operates a battlefield orientation center and Hupp's Hill Civil War Park, and sponsors an annual reenactment of the pivotal 1864 clash. www.cedarcreekbattlefield.org



The Civil War Trust is America's largest non-profit organization devoted to the preservation of endangered Civil War battlefields. The Trust also promotes educational programs and heritage tourism initiatives to inform the public of the war's history and the conflicts that sparked it. www.civilwar.org



The Kernstown Battlefield Association owns and operates the Pritchard-Grim Farm on the Kernstown Battlefield. The KBA is an all-volunteer non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve and interpret this Civil War battlefield for the benefit of future generations. www.kernstownbattle.org



Mount Hebron Cemetery has been Winchester's burying ground from the city's inception. Among those buried are Civil War soldiers, generals, governors, patriots, and humble citizens from every age. The Stonewall Cemetery is the resting place for 2,575 Confederate soldiers. www.mthebroncemetery.org



The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley interprets the art, history, and culture of the great valley for which it is named. This museum complex includes the Glen Burnie Historic House, spectacular gardens, and a museum designed by architect Michael Graves. The Museum also manages the Rose Hill Farm on the First Kernstown Battlefield. www.ShenandoahMuseum.org



The Newtown History Center interprets the history of this 250-year old town: frontier settlement and growth, wagon industry and craftsmen, and Civil War conflicts. The center is maintained by the Stone House Foundation, which focuses on the history and culture of the lower Shenandoah Valley. www.newtownhistorycenter.org



The Old Court House Civil War Museum is located in the old Frederick County Courthouse, built in 1840 and now renovated for use as a museum. Located in historic downtown Winchester, the courthouse served as a prison throughout the war and occasionally as a hospital - the graffiti of its soldier inhabitants can still be seen on its walls today. www.civilwarmuseum.org



The non-profit Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society manages Abram's Delight, George Washington's Headquarters, and Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters. The society is dedicated to the preservation and expansion of knowledge of the historical and cultural heritage of the region, with a focus on Winchester and Frederick County. www.winchesterhistory.org



The Winchester-Frederick County Convention & Visitors Bureau fosters the area's economy by marketing the community as a destination, enhancing the visitor's experience, and supporting product development. The CVB was created by the City of Winchester and Frederick County as the official tourism authority for the Winchester-Frederick County area. www.visitwinchesterv.com

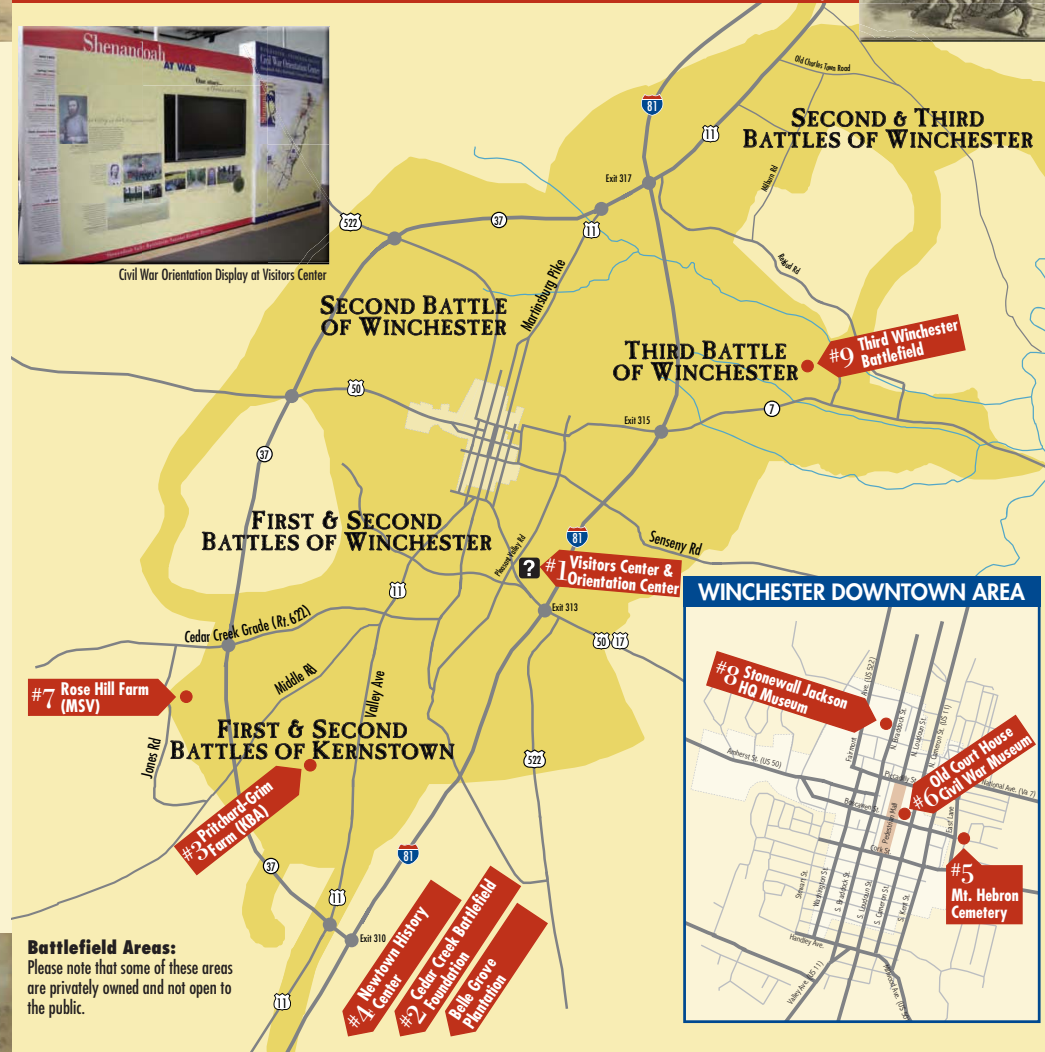
Winchester, 1862

SCHEDULE FOR Civil War Weekend

Events and Locations		Saturday Sept. 24	Sunday Sept. 25
#1	Winchester-Frederick County Visitors Center and Civil War Orientation Center	9 am-5 pm (Book Signing 11am-1pm)	9 am-5 pm
#2	Guided Tour of the Trenches, Military Demonstrations and Civil War Camping Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation	10 am-3 pm (Overnight camp begins 5-8 pm)	1-3 pm
#3	Kernstown Battlefield Tours and Civil War Medical Program Pritchard-Grim Farm on the Kernstown Battlefield	Times Vary (see other side)	Times Vary (see other side)
#4	Home-front Fashion Newtown History Center	10 am-4 pm Keynote 1 pm	1-5 pm
#5	Walking Tour of Stonewall Cemetery Mount Hebron Cemetery	5 pm	No Program on Sunday
#6	Confederate Drill and Civil War Medical Program Old Court House Civil War Museum	10 am-5 pm	1-5 pm (Medical Program Only)
#7	A Saturday Social at Rose Hill Rose Hill Farm (MSV)	10 am-4 pm	No Program on Sunday
#8	Open House and Exhibits Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters Museum	10 am-4 pm	1-4 pm
#9	"That Basin of Hell": Third Winchester Third Winchester Battlefield	9-11 am	No Program on Sunday



Civil War Orientation Display at Visitors Center



Battlefield Areas:

Please note that some of these areas are privately owned and not open to the public.

Third Battle of Winchester

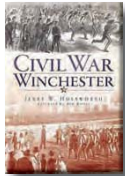
#1 Winchester-Frederick County Visitors Center

Visitor Information, Civil War Orientation, and Book Signing

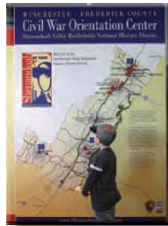
Visitor Information – Attractions, Lodging, Dining, and More

Civil War Orientation – Overview of the Area's Civil War Story

Book Signing – Jerry Holsworth, author of *Civil War Winchester* (Sat., Sept. 24, 11am-1pm only)



The Visitors Center, operated by the Winchester-Frederick County Convention & Visitors Bureau, has information about the many attractions, lodgings, and dining opportunities in Winchester and Frederick County. The facility also hosts the Civil War Orientation Center for the region, featuring maps, a timeline, photos, dramatic quotations, an interactive kiosk, and a moving video presentation on the area's Civil War history. In addition, Jerry Holsworth, author of *Civil War Winchester*, will be at the Visitors Center to sign copies of his book from 11 am – 1 pm on Saturday.



Open: 9 am – 5 pm daily (Book signing 11am-1pm, Sat. only)

Location: 1400 S. Pleasant Valley Rd., Winchester

For more information or a free visitors guide:

(540) 542-1326, info@visitwinchesterva.com, or www.VisitWinchesterVA.com



#2 Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation

NPS Guided Tour, Military Demonstrations, and Overnight Youth Camp

NPS Guided Tour of the Trenches at Cedar Creek

Saturday, September 24, 1-3 pm

Artillery and Cavalry Demonstrations

Saturday, September 24, 10am-3 pm

Youth-Parent Overnight Camp

Saturday-Sunday (overnight; arrive 5-8 pm on Saturday, Sept. 24)

Guided Tours of the Trenches (Sat, 1 pm): This popular and educational National Park Service-guided tour will walk you through the XIX Corps earthworks (trenches) constructed and used during the battle of Cedar Creek. (2 hr tour)

Artillery & Cavalry Demonstrations (Sat & Sun, 10-3): Hourly artillery and cavalry demonstrations, complete with horses and the firing of cannons.



Youth-Parent Overnight Camp (gather 5-8pm on Sat.): Youth-parent teams will be able to camp overnight with Civil War reenactors, complete with music, campfires, and living history. A parent must accompany children under 18. Campers must supply their own tent (tent camping only), food, and other needed supplies. Firewood, water and restrooms will be provided. The event is free, but campers are asked to consider a \$10 donation to help cover the cost of water and port-a-pottys.

Location: Cedar Creek Headquarters, 8437 Valley Pike, Middletown

Cost: Free. (\$10 donation to cover costs of overnight camp is welcome.)

For more information: Wendy Leckron, (540) 869-2064 or (540) 465-5884 or Wendy.Leckron@ccbf.us

#3 Kernstown Battlefield Pritchard-Grim Farm

Battlefield Tours, Medical Presentations, & Relic Show

Tours of First Kernstown, Second Kernstown, and the Pritchard House
Saturday & Sunday, September 24 and 25 (see times)

Civil War Medicine & Surgery Presentations
Saturday, September 24, 1pm and 3pm

Civil War Relic Show
Saturday & Sunday, September 24 and 25, 10am-4pm

The Kernstown Battlefield Association will offer special **tours of both the First and Second Kernstown Battles**. Additionally, there will be **tours of the Pritchard House**, the 1854 brick home that stood directly in the middle of the conflicts. A husband and wife team will be in the



Kings of Kernstown by John Paul Strain

home portraying Samuel and Helen Pritchard and describing the difficult decisions they had to make prior to and during the Civil War. There will also be a **presentation on Civil War medicine and surgery** by Dr. David Powers (MD). The program will cover tools, artifacts, techniques and survivability. Saturday-only at 1:00pm and 3:00pm. On both Saturday and Sunday there will be **displays of Civil War relics**. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore the 315-acre farm and battle site and see the land much as it appeared to the soldiers 150 years ago.

Times: First and Second Kernstown tours at 10:00 am, 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm on Saturday; 1 pm on Sunday; Pritchard House tours hourly, both Saturday and Sunday, 11 am-3 pm. The relic show will be open both Saturday and Sunday, 10am-4pm. Site open 10am-4pm both days.

Location: Kernstown Battlefield on the Pritchard Grim Farm, 610 Battle Park Drive, Winchester

Presented by: Kernstown Battlefield Association

Cost: Free admission and battlefield tours. \$3 charge to tour Pritchard House.

For more information: (540) 869-2896 or gcfawford@kernstownbattle.org.

#4 Newtown History Center

Home-front Fashion Living History and Presentation

Saturday, September 24, 10 am-4 pm (Keynote presentation at 1 pm)
Sunday, September 25, 1-5 pm



This event will focus on fashions of the Civil War era. Period and modern reproduction women's clothing will be displayed and discussed throughout the weekend, highlighted by a Saturday (1pm) presentation on women's fashion trends and dress patterns of the Civil War period. Speaker Traci Manning will discuss and display the materials used, pattern/print style, stitching method, and other details of how women's clothing was designed and made in the mid-19th century.

Location: Newtown History Center, 5408 Main St., Stephens City

Cost: No cost for activities. Admission to museum is \$2 for adults, \$1 children 6+, \$5 for families

For more information: (540) 869-1700, info@newtownhistorycenter.org, or www.newtownhistory.org

#5 Mount Hebron Cemetery

Tour to Stonewall Cemetery

Saturday, Sept. 24, 5 p.m.

Mount Hebron Cemetery will hold a walking tour of Stonewall Cemetery and the more than 2,500 Confederate soldiers buried there. Five Confederate generals are buried in the cemetery, including Turner Ashby, the "Knight of the Confederacy," and the first monument to unknown war dead in America is found here. Those taking the tour should gather at the "gatehouse" or main entrance on Boscawen Street.



Location: Mount Hebron Cemetery. (main entrance) 305 E. Boscawen Street, Winchester

Cost: No registration or cost.

More Information: Donald Shade, Mt. Hebron, 662-4868

#6 Old Court House Civil War Museum

Confederate Drill and Civil War Medical Program

Living History Program

Saturday, September 24, 10am – 5pm
Sunday, September 25, 1pm – 5pm
(medical program only)



Come see a living history demonstration by the Southern Grays as they portray 1864 Confederates. They will be available for discussions on uniforms, weapons and camp equipment. There will also be drill and live firing demonstrations on the lawn. Inside the court house a Union surgeon will demonstrate and discuss medical practices of the period. Demonstrations will include the most common procedures performed on soldiers and some of the rarer ones. A large display of medical instruments and medicines will be on display. The drill program will be held only on Saturday, the medical program on both Saturday and Sunday

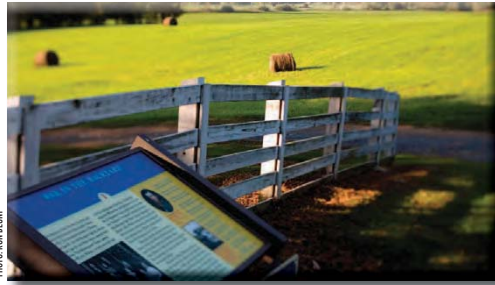
Location: Old Court House Civil War Museum, 20 N. Loudon St., Winchester
Cost: Free
Contact: Maricarol Miller (Museum Manager), 540-542-1145 or courthousemuseum@verizon.net



#7 Rose Hill Farm (Museum of the Shenandoah Valley)

A Saturday Social at Rose Hill

Living History, Youth Activities, Civil War Music, and Self-Guided Tours
Saturday, September 24, 10 am–4 pm
Music at noon, 1 pm, and 2 pm



The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley will open its Rose Hill property for this family-focused day at the site of the First Battle of Kernstown. Throughout the day, visitors may interact with living-history interpreters, play nineteenth-century children's games—including hoop-and-stick and ball-in-a-cup—and explore the battlefield on self-guided tours on the site's walking trail. The Shenandoah Valley band Loose Strings will play Civil War-era music at 12, 1, and 2 p.m., as well.



Visitors are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the grounds. Fought on March 23, 1862, First Kernstown was the first battle in Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson's famous Valley Campaign.
Location: Rose Hill, 1850 Jones Road, Winchester
Cost: Free to MSV Members and children ages 16 & under; all others: free with purchase of MSV gallery admission on September 24, or \$5 for Rose Hill only (\$5 admission payable at Rose Hill)
For more information: Amanda M. Cansler, MSV Education Dept., (540) 662-1473 Ext. 219 or acansler@shenandoahmuseum.org

#8 Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters Museum

Stonewall – The Man, The Christian, The Soldier

Open House and Exhibits
Saturday, September 24, 10 am – 4 pm
Sunday, September 25, Noon – 4 pm

This open house in the home that Confederate Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson used during the winter of 1861-1862, on the eve of his renowned Valley Campaign, will let you explore a number of themes related to one of the Confederacy's greatest commanders. The exhibit "Stonewall Jackson – The Man, The Christian, The Soldier" tells Jackson's story through a wealth of personal items associated with the General. And "They Served with Jackson" presents the story of the men who served under Jackson's command. Visitors will leave with a basic understanding of Jackson's early life, fervent Christian beliefs, and military exploits.



Location: Stonewall Jackson's Headquarters Museum 415 N. Braddock St., Winchester, Virginia
Presented By: Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society
Cost: Free
More information: Cissy Shull, 540-662-6550 or wfchs@verizon.net

Also Open This Weekend: Belle Grove Plantation Historic House and Farm Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25



This 18th century farm and antebellum plantation reveal Shenandoah Valley life during the years prior to the Civil War and was at the center of the climactic Battle of Cedar Creek. Visitors can explore the Manor House, 1815 icehouse and smokehouse, demonstration garden, slave cemetery, and a heritage apple orchard.

Open: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday; 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. on Sunday
Location: 336 Belle Grove Road, Middletown
For more information: (540) 869-2028, www.bellegrove.org

#9 Third Winchester Battlefield

"That Basin of Hell": Third Winchester A Walking Tour of the Third Winchester Battlefield

Saturday, September 24, 9-11 am

The Third Battle of Winchester was the largest and most ferocious battle fought during the Shenandoah Valley campaigns, and the beginning of the end for Confederate efforts in the Valley. Join us for a special tour led by National Park Service Ranger Eric Campbell (Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical



Park) that will incorporate portions of the battlefield owned by both the Civil War Trust and the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, and will include a preview of future interpretive plans on the battlefield. Don't miss this chance to walk this hallowed ground and learn the dramatic history of this titanic, pivotal clash - and the moving personal stories of the individual soldiers caught up in "that basin of hell."

"The veterans of Stonewall Jackson fired amazingly low, so that the grass and earth in front of the Regiment was cut and torn up by a perfect sheet of lead."

— Union Surgeon Harris H. Beecher, 114th New York Infantry
Third Battle of Winchester, September 19, 1864

Be sure to wear comfortable clothes and good walking shoes
Location: Those taking the tour should gather in the Millbrook High School parking lot, at the east end of the CWT walking trail.
Presented By: Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, Civil War Trust, Cedar Creek & Belle Grove National Historical Park (National Park Service)
Cost: Free
For more information, including directions: Terry Heder, 540-740-4545 or theder@svbf.net