

2026 Field Trip

Cleveland Civil War Roundtable

Stonewall Jackson's 1862 Valley Campaign

17-20 September, 2026

Employing audacity and rapid, unpredictable movements on interior lines, Stonewall Jackson's 17,000 men marched 646 miles in 48 days and won several minor battles as they successfully engaged three Union armies (52,000 men), preventing them from reinforcing McClellan's Union offensive against Richmond in his Peninsula Campaign. Join us as we explore the ground on which the 1862 Valley Campaign took place in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Travel: We will once again rent a fifteen-passenger van to drive down to the hotel in Harrisonburg, VA for the groups' use on the tour. Attendees of the field trip are welcome to travel down to Harrisonburg and back to Cleveland in this van. The cost per seat for each rider in the van will be \$80 roundtrip which will cover the gas and part of the rental cost. There is room for fifteen passengers and luggage on the way down and returning. Seats will be reserved on a first come first served basis. If the demand is great enough, we will look into reserving a second van. The van(s) will depart Cleveland at 9:00 a.m. on September 17, 2026 and will depart the hotel in Harrisonburg, VA at 9:00 a.m. on September 20, 2026.

If you are not traveling in the above van, you must make your own travel arrangements to and from Harrisonburg, VA at your own expense.

Additional sightseeing can be done on your own prior to your arrival at the hotel, or after departure from the hotel after the conclusion of the field trip, (See Appendix A – Optional Additional Sightseeing), for some ideas of sights in the area.

Accommodations: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Home2 Suites by Hilton¹ in Harrisonburg, VA. The address is as follows:

Home2 Suites by Hilton
3000 Evelyn Byrd Avenue
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
Phone: (540)705-1100
Check-in time: 3:00pm
Check-out time: 11:00pm

¹ A block of 25 rooms has been reserved. Rooms: Double Queen Studio Suite.

Group rates are as follows:

9/17/2026	\$139.00 plus 12.3% tax of \$17.10 for a total cost of \$156.10
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	<u>\$417.00</u> plus 12.3% tax of <u>\$51.30</u> for a total cost of <u>\$468.30</u>

Let them know you're with the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable when making your reservation. Complimentary parking and breakfast are included with your room.

4:00 p.m. - Optional Visit to The McDowell Battlefield. – The fifteen-passenger van will depart the hotel at 4:00pm for those interested in visiting the McDowell Battlefield which is a little over an hour from the hotel. We won't have time to do this on the Friday or Saturday tour.

Dinner: You're on your own for dinner. There are restaurants within walking distance from the hotel.

7:00 p.m. – Presentation in meeting room of the Home2 Suites
Topic: Introduction to the 1862 Valley Campaign
Presenter: Gary Ecelbarger

Our Guide – Gary Ecelbarger will be our guide. See Appendix C for a brief bio for Gary.

Friday, September 18, 2026

Depart the hotel at 8:00 A.M.

8:00 – 9:00 A.M. Drive North on 81 to Kernstown Battlefield Association

9:00 A.M. – 9:45 A.M. - **STOP 1 Pritchard's Hill/Kernstown Battlefield**

9:45 – 10:00 A.M. Travel to Rose Hill Park

10:00 – 12:00 P.M. **STOP 2 Stone Wall fight/Kernstown Battlefield**

12:00 to 12:30 P.M. **Box Lunches at Rose Hill Park Pavilion**

12:30 - 1:00 P.M. Travel to Asbury United Methodist Church, 123 Windy Meadows Ct., Front Royal

1:00 – 1:15 P.M. - **STOP 3 Front Royal "Five-Hour Halt"**

1:15 – 1:30 P.M. Travel to Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 7145 Browntown Rd., Front Royal

1:30 - 1:45 P.M. STOP 4 Front Royal, Jackson's approach/Belle Boyd

1:45 to 2:00 P.M. Travel through historic Front Royal to parking lot, 221 N Commerce Ave

2:00 to 2:15 P.M. **STOP 5 Battle of Front Royal**

2:15 to 2:30 P.M. Travel to McKay House, Cedarville Heights (100 yards north of Toray Rd.)

2:30 to 2:45 P.M. **STOP 6 Tale of Two Cavalry Attacks**

2:45 – 3:30 P.M. Follow Jackson's route to Winchester -- Handley High School

3:30 – 3:45 P.M. **STOP 7 Battle of Winchester**

3:45 – 4:45 P.M. Travel to Mt. Jackson via I-81, bathroom stop at Sheetz off the exit, then travel through Mt. Jackson to original Valley Pike bed at 7349 Old Valley Pike, Mt. Jackson

4:45 – 5:15 P.M. **STOP 8 Meems Bottom/ North Branch Shenandoah Bridge**

5:15 – 5:45 P.M. travel to Ashby Monument

5:45 – 6:15 P.M. **STOP 9 Turner Ashby Monument**

6:15 P.M. Return to Hotel

Dinner: You're on your own for dinner. There are restaurants within walking distance from the hotel.

Saturday, September 19, 2026

8:00 - 8:45 A.M. Depart Hotel for Luray Valley

8:45 – 9:15 A.M. **STOP 1 White House Bridge**

9:15 – 9:30 A.M. Travel to VDGIF Boat Ramp in Alma

9:30 – 10:00 A.M. STOP 2 Columbia Bridge/Shields's Plan

10:00 – 10:30 A.M. Travel by historic route to 310 E Rockingham St., Elkton

10:30 – 10:45 A.M. STOP 3 the Argabright House

10:45 – 11:15 A.M. Travel to Port Republic town

11:15 – 11:45 A.M. **STOP 4 Federal Calvary Raid Through Port Republic & Confederate Response**

11:45 – 12:00 P.M. Drive to Cross Keys Battlefield

12:00 - 12:30 P.M. **Box Lunches at Millcreek Church**

12:30 – 2:30 P.M. STOP 5 & 6 Cross Keys Battlefield

2:30 - 2:45 P.M. Drive to Port Republic and Coaling Battlefield Sites

2:45 - 4:30 P.M. **STOP 7 Wheatfield - Walk the 7th Indiana Line**

STOP 8 Coaling

4:30 – 4:40 P.M. Drive to Brown's Gap

4:40 - 5:00 P.M. **STOP 9 Valley Campaign Wrap Up**

5:00 - 5:30 P.M. Return to Hotel

Dinner: Rocktown Kitchen 6:15-6:30 P.M.
217 S. Liberty St.
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
540-217-2425

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Travel: Return home. The van will depart the hotel at 9:00 a.m..

Additional sightseeing can be done on your own prior to your arrival at the hotel, or after departure from the hotel after the conclusion of the field trip, (See Appendix A – Optional Additional Sightseeing), for some ideas of sights in the area.

Cost: Lodging is at your own expense. Free breakfast is included with your hotel room. Box lunches are included in the trip fee. Dinners are at your own expense. The cost for guides and any entrance fees are included in the trip fee. **The trip fee is \$140 per person based on 35 attendees and is payable to The Cleveland Civil War Roundtable. You can mail checks or cash to:**

**Gary Taylor
24960 Wildwood Drive
Westlake, OH 44145**

If you are interested in attending, please send an email to clecwrtr@gmail.com with your name, email address and mobile number so that we can keep you updated on the trip.

See Appendix D for suggested reading in preparation for the battle.

Appendix A - Thursday and Friday Evening Dinner Choices:

Ridge Room

1884 Evelyn Bird Avenue
540-442-3966

Local Chop and Grill Room

56 West Gay Street
540-801-0505

Rocktown Kitchen

217 South Liberty Street
540-217-2425

Jimmy Madison's

121 South Main Street #3602
540-432-1000

Capital Ale House

41-A Court Square
540-564-2537

O'Neills Grill

221 University Blvd.
540-574-4267

Appendix B – Box Lunch Order Form

Your Name: _____

Box Lunches – Please email your Lunch Order Form to clecwr@gmail.com no later than September 1st, 2024.	Fri 9/18	Sat 9/19
1x Regular Chips (Choose one for each day)		
Lays Classic		
Miss Vickie’s BBQ		
Miss Vickie’s Jalapeno		
Flamin Hot Cool Ranch Doritos		
1x Regular Cookie		
Chocolate Chip Cookie		
Sandwich Option (Choose one for each day)		
#2 Jersey Shore’ Favorite – Provolone, ham and cappacuolo		
#3 Ham and Provolone – Provolone and ham		
#14 The Veggie – Swiss, provolone, & green bell peppers		
#5 The Super Sub – Provolone, ham, prosciuttini, and cappacuolo		
#7 Turkey and Provolone – Provolone and Turkey		
#10 Tuna Fish – Freshly made on premises		
#6 Roast Beef and Provolone – All natural oven roasted top rounds!		
#13 The Original Italian – Provolone, ham, prosciuttini, cappacuolo, salami, and pepperoni		
#8 Club Sub – Turkey, ham provolone, applewood smoked bacon & mayo		
#9 Club Supreme – Roast beef, turkey, swiss, applewood smoked bacon and mayo		
#1 BLT – Bacon, lettuce and tomato		
#4 The Number Four – Provolone, prosciuttini, and cappacuolo		
#11 Stickball Special – Provolone, ham and salami		
#12 Cancro Special – All natural oven roasted top rounds and provolone, perfectly complemented with a layer of pepperoni		

Bread (Choose one for each day)		
White Bread		
Wheat Bread		
Rosemary Parmesan Bread		
Gluten Free Bread		
Toppings		
Onion		
Lettuce		
Tomatoes		
Red Wine Vinegar		
Mayonnaise		
Olive Oil Blend		
Oregano		
Salt		

Jersey Mike's Subs (Friday Order)
1855 S. Pleasant Valley Road
Winchester, VA, 22601
540-773-0100

Jersey Mike's Subs (Saturday Order)
563 University Blvd, Suite 146
Harrisonburg, VA, 22801
540-217-2426

Appendix C – Our Guide – Gary Ecelbarger bio.

Gary Ecelbarger is the award-winning author of seven books on the Civil War era, including *The Day Dixie Died: The Battle of Atlanta* and *Three Days in the Shenandoah: Stonewall Jackson at Front Royal and Winchester*, and is coauthor of three others. He has served as a historical consultant for battlefield interpretation in the Shenandoah Valley and has worked for twenty years as a symposium speaker and historical tour guide throughout the country.

Appendix D – 1862 Shenandoah Valley Campaign Field Trip Suggested Reading

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