



For Immediate Release

The Kernstown Battlefield Association Announces 2017 Events

March 23, 2017

A big day for the KBA! Not only is this the anniversary of the First Battle of Kernstown, but the Civil War Trust will be turning over 37.4 acres on Sandy Ridge to the KBA! Sandy Ridge, along with the stone wall at Rose Hill, is the site where Confederate and Union forces fought most heavily during the First Battle of Kernstown. Sandy Ridge also is the site where the Confederates placed their artillery, made their last stand and where Colonel Murry of the 84th Pennsylvania was mortally wounded. The KBA is very excited to receive this property and will start interpreting the site during the 2017 season. The Civil War Trust presentation ceremony and reception is at 10:30 am in the Artillery Annex. Free.

The Kernstown Battlefield will be open from, 9 am to 4 pm, for those who wish to commemorate the First Battle of Kernstown on the actual day of the battle. Battlefield and 1854 Pritchard House tours will be available. The Museum, Artillery Annex and Gift Shop also will be open.



March 25 & 26, 2017

The KBA will commemorate the 155th anniversary of the First Battle of Kernstown. On Saturday, March 25th, Gary L. Ecelbarger, author of *"We Are In For It!" The First Battle of Kernstown*, will be giving a guided tour of the Battlefield at 9 am. Meet at the Visitors' Center. Other activities, including tours of the Battlefield, the 1854 Pritchard House, the Museum and the Artillery Annex, will continue throughout the weekend. The Gift Shop also will be open. We will be open at 8:30 am until 4 pm on Saturday.



Gary L. Ecelbarger

On Sunday, our friends from the Cedar Creek & Belle Grove National Park Service in Middletown will join us to do their program *1862 in a Box*. The program will be held at 12 pm and 2 pm. Meet at the Visitors' Center.



The Gettysburg unit of Civil War Historical Impressions will join us for the weekend. General Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson and his personal physician, Dr. Hunter H. McGuire, will be our special guests.

April 1, 2017

Join the KBA for the Civil War Trust sponsored Park Day. Be one of the first people to tour Sandy Ridge as we prepare the new site for interpretation. Please bring your own work gloves and proper shoes. Food, drink and a Civil War Trust t-shirt will be provided. Meet at the Visitors’ Center at 10 am.

April 8, 2017

The KBA and Clan Adrenalin will host a “backyard” Highland games. The backyard game is a smaller one than the one we will host in July, with only the competition taking place. The competition will benefit *Warrior 360*, a veteran sponsored 501(c)(3) that supports veterans with everything from medical care to housing needs. A contingent of wounded warriors will be competing at these games. The

KBA will be on hand to sell refreshments and otherwise support the games. Refreshment proceeds will support the KBA. Please bring your own chairs.

May 6 & 7, 2017

Opening weekend at the Kernstown Battlefield. There will be tours of the Battlefield, the 1854 Pritchard House, the Museum and the Artillery Annex. The Gift Shop also will be open. Other activities to be announced.

Every first Saturday, May through October

Our own Mike Cannane will give battlefield tours every first Saturday of the month at 11 am and 1 pm (5/6, 6/3, 7/1, 8/5, 9/2, 10/7). Please meet at the Visitors' Center. Comfortable clothes and refreshments are advised.

Every second and fourth Saturday, May through October

Our own Steve Riddle will give battlefield tours every second and fourth Saturday of the month at 11 am and 1 pm (5/13 & 27, 6/10 & 24, 7/8 & 22, 8/12 & 26, 9/9 & 23, 10/14 & 28). Please meet at the Visitors' Center. Comfortable clothes and refreshments are advised.

Every third Saturday, May through October

Our own Roger Henderberg will give battlefield tours every third Saturday of the month (5/20, 6/17, 7/15, 8/19, 9/16 and 10/21) at 11 am and 1 pm. Please meet at the Visitors' Center. Comfortable clothes and refreshments are advised.

National Park Service – *1862 in a Box* presentation

A ranger from the Cedar Creek & Belle Grove National Park Service will present the NPS' *1862 in a Box* presentation every second Sunday at 1 pm (5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10 and 10/8.)

May 14, 2017

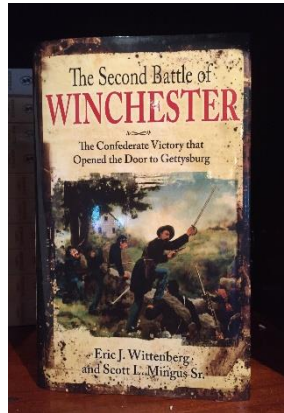
Mrs. Pritchard will be hosting a Mothers' Day tea from 11 am until 2 pm. Enjoy the graciousness of the period while celebrating your Mother. The Gettysburg unit of Civil War Historical Impressions will join us for the tea. General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and his personal physician, Dr. Hunter H. McGuire, will be our special guests. Period or business casual dress is appreciated. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance at the Visitors' Center or by contacting SMGolden@aol.com.



June 13, 2017

The KBA will commemorate the 154th anniversary of the Second Battle of Winchester, which began with a skirmish at Kernstown. Special tours featuring the Second Battle of Winchester will be given all day, as well as tours of the Battlefield, 1854 Pritchard House, Museum

and Artillery Annex. The Gift Shop will be open. We will be open 10 am to 4 pm.



July 8, 2017

The KBA and Clan Adrenalin will host a Highland games competition on our south field. Scottish Highland warriors competed against each other between battles. They used ordinary objects in their competitions: weights, stones, hammers and tree trunks (“cabers”).

This year our July games will be expanding to include other fun activities for the whole family. Come and see these amazing athletes compete and see what other fun things we have in store for you! Refreshments will be available for sale. Please bring your own chairs.



July 22 & 23, 2017

The KBA will commemorate the 153rd anniversary of the Second Battle of Kernstown with a weekend full of special events. In addition to Battlefield, 1854 Pritchard House, Museum and Artillery Annex tours, the KBA will present special events. The Gift Shop will be open. Stay tuned.

August 19 & 20, 2017

The KBA will participate in the Civil War Weekend in the Shenandoah Valley with a range of diverse programs. The Pritchards will host a picnic in front of the Pritchard House on Saturday. We also will be giving Battlefield, 1854 Pritchard House, Museum and Artillery Annex tours all weekend. The Gift Shop also will be open all weekend.



The KBA and Jackson's Headquarters will once again present a one day seminar on Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson on Saturday, August 19th. Each of the sponsoring organizations will give a special tour from 10 am to 11:30 am and again from 2:30 pm to 4 pm. Our guest speakers, Steve French and Jerry Holsworth, both authors and historians, will discuss Jackson's 1862 campaign leading up to and including the First Battle of Kernstown. They will be signing their books at lunch. The lunch is in the KBA conference room, with catering by

Firefly Café and Bakery. Cost is \$20. Contact SMGolden@aol.com for more information.

September 23, 2017

The KBA will host its second annual Civil War Ball from 7 pm until 10 pm. Music will be provided by the Second Virginia Calvary String Band. Dance masters from the Shenandoah Valley Civil War Era Dancers will be on hand to call our dances. Refreshments are provided. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at the Visitors' Center or by contacting SMGolden@aol.com.



November 5, 2017

The KBA will open for a special day honoring our Veterans, Active Duty Military and First Responders. Special tours will be given to our honored guests, and their families. Refreshments will be provided.



November 11, 2017

The KBA and Clan Adrenalin will host its second “backyard” Highland games of the season. This low key event is a perfect family outing. The games benefit prostate cancer research. Refreshments will be for sale by the KBA and all refreshment proceeds will benefit the KBA. Please bring your own chairs.

General Information

The Kernstown Battlefield Association is an all-volunteer, non-profit preservation organization. Most of its almost 400 acres are located at 610 Battle Park Dr., Winchester, VA 22602. The Battlefield is open from the beginning of May until the end of October on Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm and Sundays from 11 am to 4 pm, unless otherwise noted. The Battlefield also is open on Federal holidays and on the actual dates of the First and Second Battles of Kernstown and the Second Battle of Winchester. Tours can be arranged throughout the year by contacting the KBA.

KBA docents give tours of the Battlefield, the 1854 Pritchard House, the Museum and the Artillery Annex collections. The Visitors’ Center has a Gift Shop with diverse items for purchase. The KBA does take checks and credit cards. For those in need, the KBA has a golf cart

to drive visitors around the Battlefield. All of the KBA's programs are by donation, unless otherwise noted. For more information, go to www.kernstownbattle.org or to the KBA Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/Kernstown Battlefield Association. To contact the battlefield call (757) 593-8227 or (202) 302-9129.