



VISITOR GUIDE

The commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Chancellorsville



Cannon at site of Chancellor house,
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Union VI Corps troops, on west bank of the Rappahannock River below Fredericksburg, wait to attack R.E. Lee's men.

Chancellorsville was pivotal, bloody battle

BY CLINT SCHEMMER
THE FREE LANCE-STAR

Was the Battle of Chancellorsville Robert E. Lee's greatest victory or a strategic mistake that cost his army thousands of lives it could ill afford to lose?

Without his against-all-odds success in outwitting Union Gen. Joseph Hooker, would Lee's Army of Northern Virginia have invaded Pennsylvania? Would Gettysburg have happened?

And how is it that Chancellorsville's daunting casualties—the second-bloodiest day of the war, perhaps its deadliest five hours—are lost in the popular conception of the battle?

That's the kind of stuff Civil War buffs love to debate, ad infinitum.

"Wars, campaigns and battles never end," notes historian Daniel E. Sutherland, author of "Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania: The Dare Mark Campaign." "They are re-fought time and again, first by their participants and later by historians, in countless arguments about why one side triumphed and the other lost, sometimes even over who won."

But enough with armchair generalship, for now.

It's time to reboot the Battle of Chancellorsville; more than 3,000 re-enactors are waiting to do just that. The Federals' coordinator thinks the final number of registrants for Spotsylvania's May 3-5 event may push 4,000. That's compared to 470 re-enactors in last year's mock battle, the third in a series hosted at Spotsylvania Courthouse.

Yet, 2013's event is but a warm-up, with the Battle of Gettysburg's 150th anniversary this July already creating a vacuum.

Next year, though, will be the year of the Wilderness—the titanic days in May, 150 years earlier, when armies led by Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee first clashed.

That re-enactment should be a big one.

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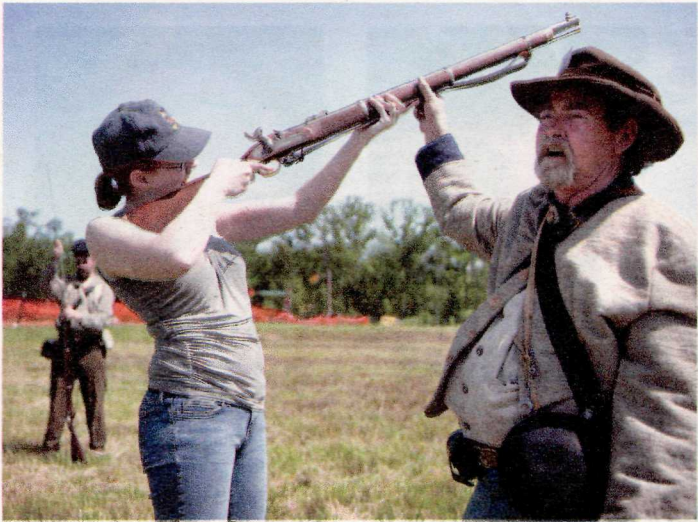
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A re-enactor teaches a Stafford woman how to shoot a rifle during a reenactment at Spotsylvania Courthouse last year.

Step back in time to May 1863 battle

BY CLINT SCHEMMER
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The Battle of Chancellorsville was a sprawling, shocking, sometimes baffling affair—with a front that spread six or seven miles from below Fredericksburg into Spotsylvania's brambly thickets west of Wilderness Church.

So it's logical that either re-creating it in miniature or interpreting it to the traveling public requires thoughtful, hard work.

The county, Civil War re-enactors and the National Park Service are geared up to exert "maximum effort"—as the re-enactors put it—on dual commemorations of the battle's 150th anniversary.

"This large-scale re-enactment shows a heroic effort by sponsors, volunteers, vendors and county staff to honor the battle's heroic sacrifices while balancing the interests—such as authenticity and safety—of re-enactors and spectators," Tom Rumora, economic development director for Spotsylvania, said of the county's May 3-5 event.

"We believe that we have an outstanding weekend planned," said Terry Dougherty, director of the Spotsylvania County Museum. "Our living history lineup is one of the best ever assembled."

On historic ground where the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House was waged, almost a year to the day after Chancellorsville, visitors will get a chance to interact—through believable portrayals—with figures such as Union Gen. Joseph Hooker and the Confederacy's Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, Dougherty said.

At the county's living history weekend and Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park's "A Nation Remembers" program, there will be something for nearly everyone.

THE SOUNDS OF BATTLE

The First Brigade Band of Milwaukee, Wis., will present a series of "circle and play" concerts and two special performances on Saturday and Sunday using original Civil War-period brass instruments.

At dusk on Saturday, the fields around the courthouse area's antebellum Dabney House will echo with "The Sound of the Guns" as artillerymen fire continuously in a rare nighttime attempt to re-create the sounds of May 3, when the battle's bloodshed was at its worst.

In theory, everyone loves to shop, so the anniversary

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WAR'S 150TH >> TIME TRAVEL

Re-enactors unlock our shared past

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With 3,000-plus re-enactors due for the 150th anniversary re-enactment of the Battle of Chancellorsville, Spotsylvania County will soon bristle with 19th-century weaponry and people wearing wool uniforms or gingham skirts.

A big faux fight like this one draws all kinds of fasci-

nating folks, from young to old, portraying humanity in all its colorful mischief.

Here are mini-profiles of just a few of the re-enactors who plan to participate, for a tiny taste of the intriguing personalities and passionate historical interests found at a good re-enactment. Make your own acquaintances!

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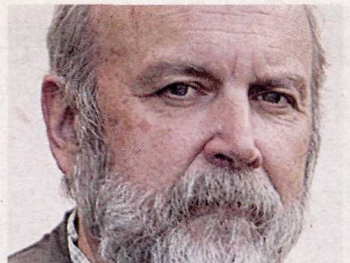
Robert Szabo, a former Stafford County resident, is a magician with a lens, a canvas tent and a bottle of collodion.

One of the deans of today's wet-plate photography, he relies on the same methods and gear wielded by pioneering photographers Carleton Watkins, Mathew Brady, Alexander Gardner and Timothy O'Sullivan (the latter two documented the Fredericksburg area during the war).

One hundred fifty years later, he shares some of his predecessors' hardships. In camp, Szabo sleeps on a wood-and-canvas cot and operates his studio in a canvas tent. His fingertips are stained dark with silver nitrate.

Szabo's creative eye and dedication to craft have earned him respect among re-enactors, art gallery owners, magazine editors and fellow photographers.

A colleague, wet-plate expert Will Dunningway of Corona, Calif., calls Szabo "the best historical photographer of our time—every bit as good as, if not better than, his hero Carleton Watkins."



Re-enactor Rob Hodge of Northern Virginia, the protagonist in Tony Horwitz's best-seller "Confederates in the Attic," says Szabo was key in saving the McLaw's Wedge battlefield on State Route 3, now part of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

Volunteering, he documented 200 re-enactors retracing Civil War troops' route during 1998's Chancellorsville Preservation March (bit.ly/98chancemarch). Their tromp raised nearly \$40,000 for the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust, based in Fredericksburg.

At the Battle of Chancellorsville, Szabo will lead a workshop on wet-plate photography, as well as immortalize some of the scores of re-enactors coming from near and far to re-enact the fight known as Robert E. Lee's greatest victory.



HONORING AERONAUTS

Dr. Jim Green, director of the Planetary Science Division at NASA headquarters, is an Iowa-born expert in magnetospheric physics—whether the sphere in question is Earth or Jupiter.

But he is also, according to his peers in a completely different field, the go-to guy on Civil War ballooning.

Green has been transfixed by the Civil War since he was 12, when his grandmother gave him the brilliantly illustrated "American Heritage Picture History of the Civil War," by Bruce Catton.

Ballooning is a newer interest. The aeronauts' technical and military breakthroughs have intrigued Green for the past 20 years.

But balloons aren't just history to him.

Next fall, when the major comet ISON zips past Earth, Green's agency will put an applied physics laboratory in a high-altitude balloon to take measurements.

"NASA has an outstanding balloon program," he said.

High praise for a scientist who has great regard for the Union Balloon Corps and its charismatic leader, Thaddeus Lowe.

Lowe, with President Lincoln's enthusiastic backing, created the civilian-staffed Balloon Corps from scratch and deployed it in Northern Virginia to protect Washington and break up the Confederacy's Potomac Blockade early in the war.

At Chancellorsville, Green will likely portray James Allen, one of the seasoned aeronauts in Lowe's corps.

James and brother Ezra observed the fighting around Salem Church from the balloon Eagle, tethered near Banks Ford on the Rappahannock River.



TELLING THE WHOLE STORY

Kevin Williams, 47, grew up in Spotsylvania County, and lives there today with his family.

But it wasn't until he'd served in the U.S. military, sailed the seas and returned home that he learned about one of the county's untouched claims to fame: It's the first spot where African-American soldiers butted heads with Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia.

His first hint about that kind of history came aboard ship in 1989, when the movie "Glory" was piped into the TVs on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, his ship.

Williams vividly recalls two white officers who told him that the events depicted in the film—recruitment of black men into the 54th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and their attack on Fort Wagner during the Civil War—"didn't happen."

"After the movie, I told the story of the African-American contributions to our nation after the movie to a packed house," he said. "The movie opened the eyes of lots of people."

His enlightenment about the 23rd, though, didn't come until he visited Spotsylvania's Civil War re-enactment two years ago.

The former lieutenant commander was surprised to find out that men from Central Virginia, who had escaped slavery and headed north, returned south to fight for the Union Army.

Now, he serves in the Spotsylvania-based 23rd, portraying a chief hospital steward or the infantry regiment's sergeant major.

"We share our small snippet of Civil War history: African-Americans' contribution," he said. "The conversation starts from there, and it can be fascinating."

"Two hundred thousand black men serving in the Union Army, fighting 41 major battles from 1862 through 1865—and Grant's Overland Campaign might have been lost without those fresh troops."



LEADING MEN ON THE FIELD

David Childs of Manassas says he's had the Civil War bug "since the day I was born."

A member of the 1st U.S. Volunteers re-enactment group, he's been active in the hobby for 29 years.

Two years ago, he bumped his interest up several notches. He coordinated Union troops at 2011's re-enactment of the Battle of First Manassas/Bull Run, choreographing every minute of the three-hour event—held on the western edge of the Second Manassas battlefield.

Despite stifling heat, that signature sesquicentennial event was widely praised for its largely problem-free execution. It drew more than 8,000 re-enactors from around the globe to the first re-enactment of the fight in Prince William County since the battle's troubled centennial commemoration there.

"This is about the sights, the sounds, the smoke and understanding what our ancestors did as part of the honor that we're giving them," Childs, a retired federal employee, told one newspaper reporter as he braced for the challenge.

At Chancellorsville, he'll be the event's offstage Federal coordinator of infantry, artillery and cavalry. And you might see him on horseback as colonel of the 1st U.S. Volunteers, too.

As of last week, more than 3,100 re-enactors had registered to participate in the two-day mock battle, which also includes events Friday.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 1

9 a.m. to noon: "Mayday Turnabout at Chancellorsville" with Eric Mink and Beth Parnicza. A real-time bus tour of the lead-up to the opening clash at Chancellorsville. \$20. Departs from Gordon Road commuter lot on State Route 3 (Plank Road). Reserve seats at 540/786-0759.

1-1:30 p.m.: Formal Opening: A Nation Remembers Chancellorsville. A brief ceremony marking the commencement of the 150th anniversary of Chancellorsville. First Day at Chancellorsville field, 6159 Plank Road (State Route 3).

1:30-3 p.m.: First Clash at Chancellorsville: A Walking Tour. Follow in the footsteps of soldiers on both sides in the opening clash at Chancellorsville. First Day at Chancellorsville field, owned by the Civil War Trust, 6159 Plank Road.

7-8 p.m.: Final Bivouac: The Cracker-Box Meeting. Join National Park Service historians at dusk on the site of the final bivouac of Lee and Jackson. Real time. Park Tour Stop 5, corner of Old Plank Road (State Route 610) and McLaws Drive. Parking on Furnace Road. Bring a lawn chair and a flashlight.

Thursday, May 2

9 a.m. to noon: "The Generals' Battle: A Bus Tour." with Andrea DeKoter and Beth Parnicza. A real-time tour of the events of May 2, including Jackson's Flank March. \$20. Departs from the Gordon Road commuter lot on State Route 3. Reserve seats at 540/786-0759.

2-3:30 p.m.: Rear-guard Clash: Catharine Furnace to Wellford Farm. A real-time walking tour tracking a small clash that ensured the success of Jackson's march and flank attack. Meet at Catharine Furnace, Tour Stop 6, Furnace and Sickles drives.

5-7 p.m.: Jackson's Flank Attack: A Walking Tour. Follow in the footsteps of Jackson's flank attack in real time. Meet at Tour Stop 8, Plank Road (State Route 3). A challenging walk.

5:30-9 p.m.: Chancellorsville—A Sesquicentennial Examination. Second annual Civil War Symposium at Stevenson Ridge will feature four historians dissecting different aspects of what some call Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's greatest victory. Speakers and topics include Daniel Davis: "Augmenting Their Boldness: Stoneman's Raid and its impact on the Union Cavalry"; Chris Mackowski: "The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson"; Kristopher White: "And Then The Circus Commenced: The Battles of Second Fredericksburg and Salem Church"; John Cummings, event host and organizer: "A Look at Material Culture Regarding the Battle of Chancellorsville." Sponsored by the Friends of the Fredericksburg Area Battlefields. \$20 per person if pre-registered; \$25 at door. Stevenson Ridge Bed and Breakfast, 6901 Meeting St., Spotsylvania 22553; nine miles south of Fredericksburg. stevensonridge.com; 540-/582-6263.

8-10 p.m.: Fateful Volley: Jackson's Wounding. A real-time program of words, sounds and sights at the place of Jackson's mortal wound-



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A postwar print depicts the wounding on May 2, 1863, of T.J. 'Stonewall' Jackson in the Battle of Chancellorsville.



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Dowdall's Tavern, George E. Chancellor's house on Plank Road, headquarters of Union Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard.

ing. Chancellorsville Visitor Center, 9001 Plank Road (State Route 3). Bring a lawn chair and flashlight.

Friday, May 3

9 a.m.-2 p.m.: Student Day at the Battle of Chancellorsville re-enact-

ment at Spotsylvania Courthouse. Students will have the opportunity to tour the camps, hear special presentations and learn about the battle, soldier life, spies, photography, period observation balloons and more. Homeschooled students



Union Pvt. Charles H. Bickford as a boy. Killed May 3, 1863, at Chancellorsville.

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6-8:30 a.m.: Sunrise at Hazel Grove and Fairview: A Walking Tour. In five hours, 18,000 fell in the heaviest fighting of the battle. Meet on Stuart Drive near the Paxton Monument. Real time.

10-11:30 a.m.: Victory at the Crossroads. Follows the footsteps of Confederates as they surged to victory in the Chancellor clearing. Real time. Meet at Chancellorsville

Visitor Center, 9001 Plank Road. Two-mile walk. Folds directly into the 11:30 program, "Ordeal of the Chancellors."

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Historic Salem Church open, 4054 Plank Road.

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Ordeal of the Chancellors: A Walking Tour. Swept up in battle, the Chancellors and a group of refugees huddled amidst the fighting, then fled their burning home. Real time. Meet on Hooker Drive for the short walk to the house site.

1 p.m.: Spotsylvania Courthouse re-enactment site opens to public. Attractions include a craft fair and living history camps. The First Brigade Band will perform. The U.S. Generals will appear.

1:30 p.m.: General Lee's Hopes for the Battle.

2 p.m.: Balloon observation.

2-3:30 p.m.: This Time, the Yankees Win: Second Fredericksburg. A real-time walking tour of the Union diversion at Fredericksburg. Meet at Hurlkamp Park, corner of Prince Edward and George streets, Fredericksburg. 1.5 miles, mostly on city streets.

2:30 p.m.: Medical services, Tent 1: Talk on how Confederate wounded were treated at Chancellorsville.

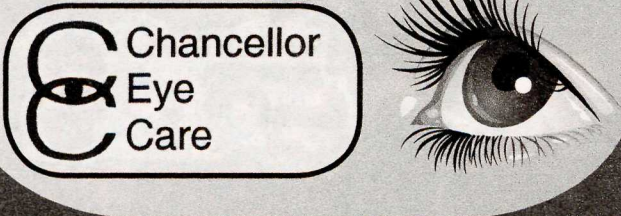
3 p.m. General Jackson Reports.

3:30 pm: Temporary road closures as soldiers march to non-public, tactical maneuvers.

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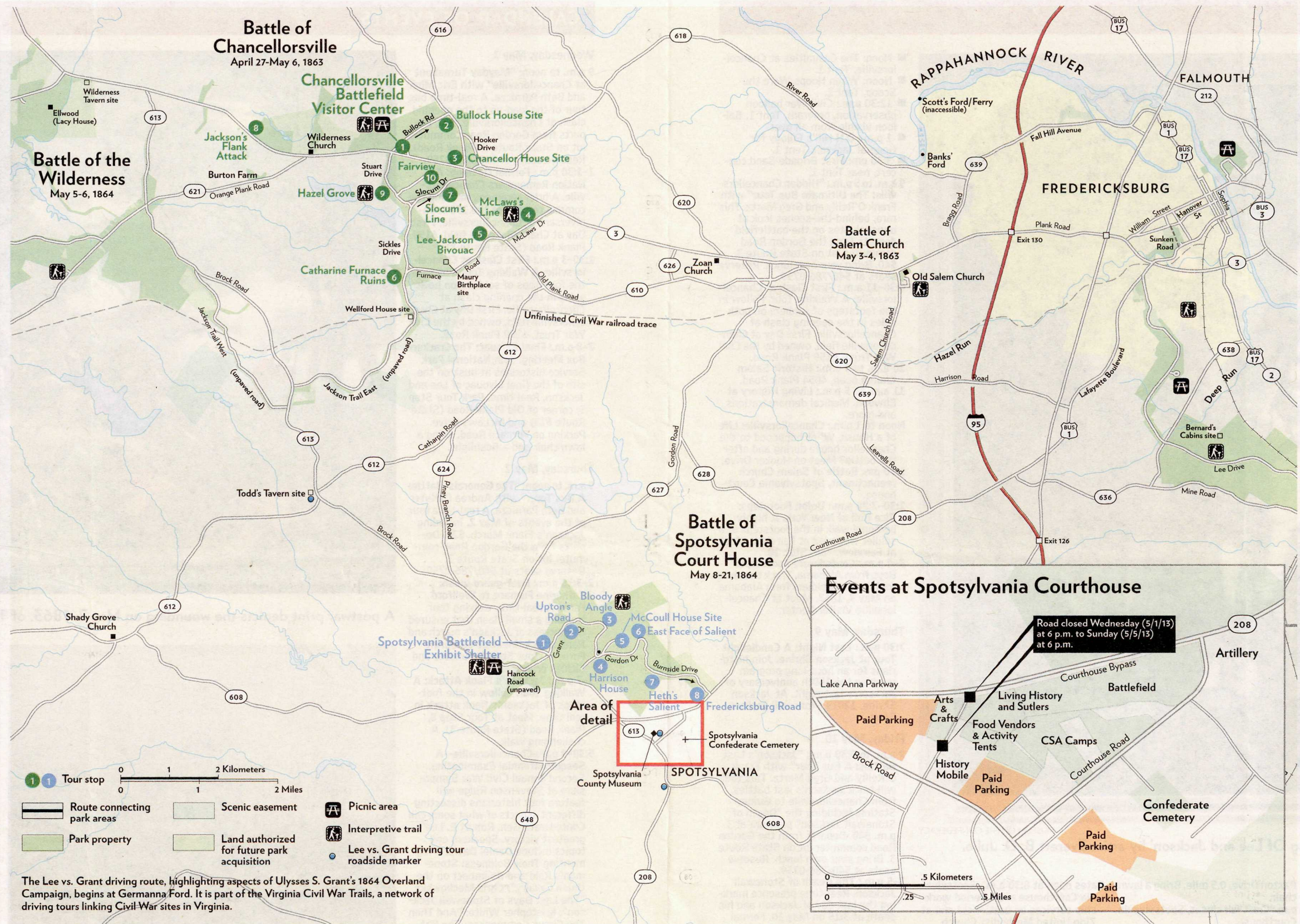
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 May 8-21, 1864

Events at Spotsylvania Courthouse

Road closed Wednesday (5/1/13) at 6 p.m. to Sunday (5/5/13) at 6 p.m.

EVENT DETAILS

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Paid parking
 Limited paid parking at \$5 per vehicle will be available at the event site, at the intersection of Lake Anna Parkway and Courthouse Road.

Free parking and shuttles
 Shuttles will be free for all on Saturday (8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.) and Sunday (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.). Shuttles will depart from parking

lots at Courtland High, Chancellor High, Spotsylvania High School complex and John J. Wright School.

Tickets
 Children 7 and under are admitted free. Two-day tickets for adults are \$25. Two-day adult family tickets (two or more tickets) are \$15 each. Two-day tickets for children (8-13) are \$15. Two-day tickets for two or more children are \$10 each. Single-day (for either Saturday or Sunday) adult tickets are \$15. Single-day

adult family tickets (two or more) are \$10 each. Single-day tickets for children (8-13) are \$10 each. Single-day tickets for two or more children are \$7 each. Limited bleacher seating is available for an extra \$10 per ticket.

Visit battleofchancellorsville.com to buy tickets or the Spotsylvania Visitor's Center in Southpoint or the Treasurer's Office and the Spotsylvania County Museum at Spotsylvania Courthouse.

On the net
battleofchancellorsville.com

PARK SERVICE EVENTS

Admission
 Admission to the Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park is free. There are fees for movies shown at the visitors centers and for the bus tours.

Parking
 Parking will generally be along park roads near program venues. All events will provide accessible parking. Most events and programs are fully accessible, though several walking/hiking tours take place over long distances with uneven and rough terrain. Call 540/786-2880 if you have questions.

Weather and Safety
 Chancellorsville springs are mild, but changeable, with the possibility of rain and storms. Please dress appropriately. Unless otherwise noted, all NPS events are outdoors and will proceed so long as conditions are safe. Prepare for ticks and mosquitoes; beware of snakes.

Seating
 No seating will be provided. For stationary programs (notably events on the evenings of May 1, 2 and 4), visitors are urged to bring easily-carried lawn chairs. Some walking tours cover a considerable distance.

Water and food
 Food will not be available for purchase at any of the National Park-sponsored events. Visitors are encouraged to bring lunches, snacks, and water bottles with them. Water fountains will be available at the Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitor Center.

Pets
 Pets on leashes are allowed within Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, but park buildings and the National Cemetery are off-limits to all pets except service animals.

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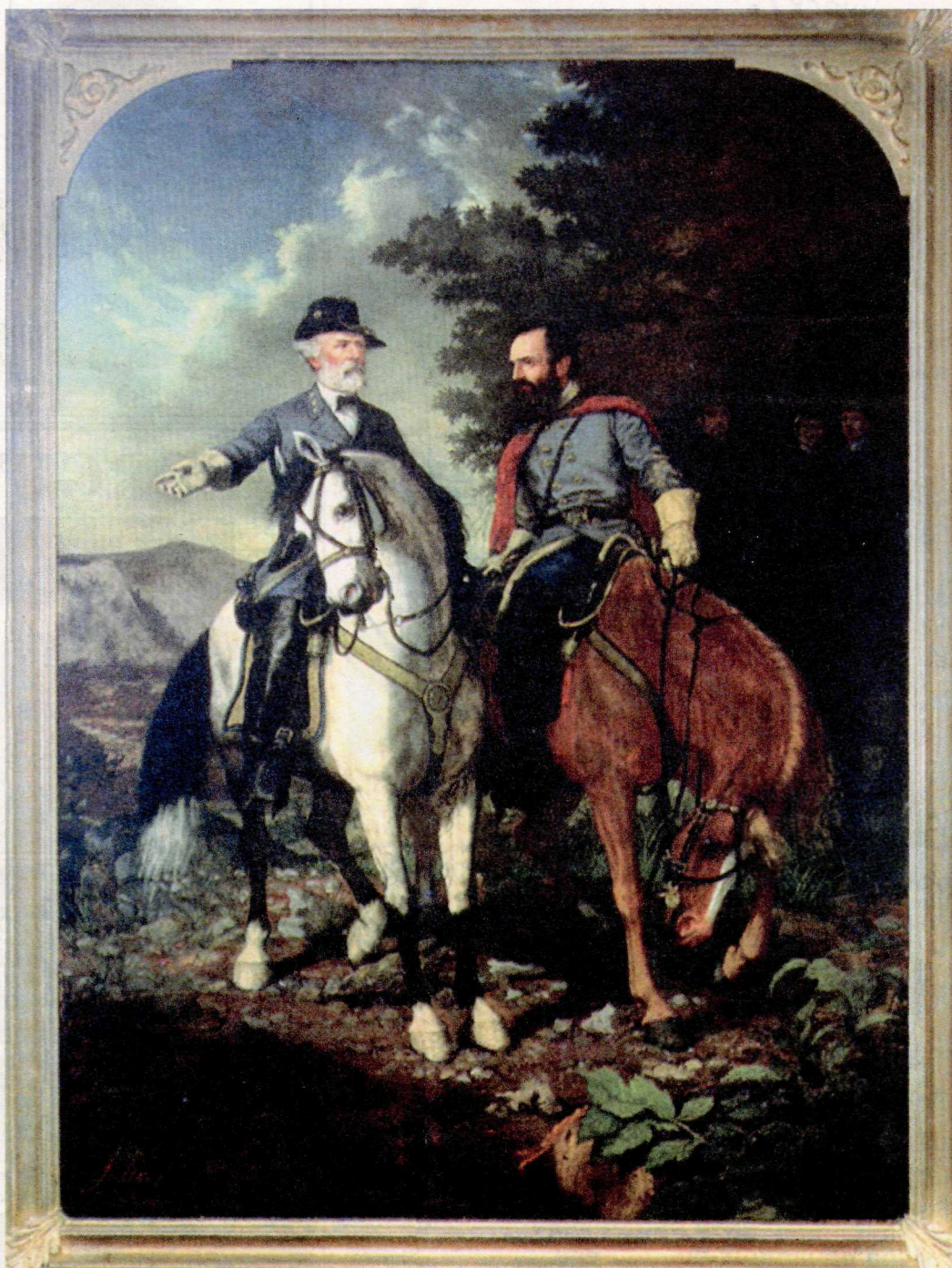
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- 4 p.m. **Fighting Joe Hooker:** Bill Harford as Union general, Tent 1.
- 4:30-5:30 p.m.: **Place of Peace Amidst War: Salem Church.** The congregation of Salem Church recalls the battle that raged there. Real time. Park at New Salem Church, 4044 Plank Road.
- 7 p.m.: **Cockades!** Gazebo at Spotsylvania Courthouse. Heather Sheen on cloth emblems worn on some CSA soldiers' military headgear.
- 8 p.m.: **Wet-plate photography demonstration** by Robert Szabo. At the Gazebo at Spotsylvania Courthouse Village.

Saturday, May 4

- All day: **Living History: Artillery and Infantry** at Fairview. Tour Stop 10, Berry-Paxton Drive.
- All day: **Living History: Civilians at the Chancellor House.** Tour Stop 3.
- All day: **Children's Programs.** Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitor Center.
- Gates open at 8:30 a.m., **Spotsylvania Courthouse area:** Living history, Kid's Camp, sutlers, vendors, arts and crafts, battle at 1:30 p.m., pass and review by Joseph Hooker and Robert E. Lee, Kids' Camp demonstration on battlefield.
- 9 a.m.-12 p.m.: **Continuous presentations** at Activity Tents 1 & 2.
 - 10 a.m.: The Scoop on Hoops (ladies' clothing of the time), Tent 1.
 - 10 a.m.: Dr. Hunter McGuire, Tent 2.
 - 10:30 am: General Lee's Hopes for the Battle, Tent 1.
 - 10:30 a.m.: Oliver Wilcox Norton (The Soldier Who Played Taps), Tent 2.
 - 11 a.m.: Balloon Observation on the Battlefield. Program, Tent 1; View balloon from all sites.
 - 11 a.m.: Jedediah Hotchkiss, Tent 2.
 - 11 a.m.: First Brigade Band.
 - 11:30 a.m.: "Fighting Joe" Hooker, Tent 1.
 - 11:30 a.m.: General Jackson Reports, Tent 2.
 - Noon: A Day at the Courthouse (What the Well- and Not So Well-Dressed Noble Ladies of Spotsylvania Wore), Tent 1.
 - Noon: Cockades!, Tent 2.
- 9-11 a.m.: **"The Red Badge of Courage"** at Chancellorsville: A Walking Tour. Meet at the Chancellorsville Visitor Center to explore the setting of Stephen Crane's novel. 1.5-mile walk.
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: **Historic Salem Church** open, 4054 Plank Road.
- 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: **Living History at Ellwood.** Medical demonstrations and more.
- Noon to 1 p.m.: **Day of Death and Glory: Confederate Artillery at Hazel Grove.** Featuring the firing of multiple cannon. Tour Stop 9, Stuart Drive.
- 12:30-4:30 p.m.: **Danger in the Dark Woods: Jackson's Flank Attack.** First-ever walk of the entire route of Jackson's attack, from the 11th Corps' flank to the Chancellorsville Visitor Center. 4 miles total. Challenging walk. Meet at Tour Stop 8, State Route 3.
- 1:30 p.m.: "Like Chaff Before the Wind"—Jackson's Flank Attack



May 1, 1863: 'The Last Meeting Of Lee and Jackson' by artist Everett B. D. Julio.

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- Re-enactment, battlefield, Spotsylvania Courthouse Village.
- 2-3 p.m.: **Something Frightful: Union Artillery** at Fairview. A program featuring the firing of multiple cannon. Tour Stop 10, Berry-Paxton Drive.
- 3:30-4:30 p.m.: **Ordeal of the Chancellors.** Swept up in battle, the Chancellors and a group of refugees huddled amidst the fighting, then fled their burning home. Meet on Hooker Drive for the short walk to the house site.
- 4 p.m.: **First Brigade Band.** Spotsylvania Courthouse.
- 6-7:30 p.m.: **Footsteps and Reflections: Chancellorsville in Human Terms.** A 30-minute fife-and-drum concert followed by a sunset walk at Fairview, Tour Stop 10, Berry-

- Paxton Drive, 0.5 mile. Bring a lawn chair.
- 6 p.m.: **Craft fair** closes, Spotsylvania Courthouse.
- 7 p.m. **Wounded Jackson returns to camp,** Spotsylvania Courthouse.
- 8 p.m.: **Sound of the Guns** nighttime artillery firing, Spotsylvania Courthouse.
- 8 p.m.: **Luminaria,** Confederate Cemetery, Spotsylvania Courthouse.
- 8 p.m.: **Military Ball (period dress only)** with **First Brigade Band,** Spotsylvania Courthouse. Spectators may view the ball.
- Sunday, May 5**
- All day: **Children's Programs.** Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitor Center.

- Gates open at 8:30 a.m., **Spotsylvania Courthouse area:** Period workshop services on battlefield and at Zion United Methodist Church, living history, Kids' Camp, sutlers, vendors, big battle at 1:30 p.m., concerts at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Various programs will be held in the Activity Tents:
 - 9:30 pm: First Brigade Band concert, near Tent 1.
 - 9:30 a.m.: General Longstreet and his staff, Tent 1.
 - 9:30 a.m.: Fighting Joe Hooker, Tent 2: Bill Harford as general.
 - 10 a.m.: A Slave in Spotsylvania, Tent 1.
 - 10 a.m.: Movers and Shakers: Spotsylvania at War, Tent 2.
 - 10 a.m.: Battle of Hazel Grove re-enactment.

- Noon: The Casualties at Chancellorsville, Tent 1.
- Noon: **When Hoops Were the Scoop,** Tent 2.
- 12:30 p.m.: **Civil War balloon** observation, program, Tent 1. Balloon visible from all over.
- 1 p.m.: D.H Hill's Eulogy for General Jackson, Tent 1.
- 3:30 pm: **First Brigade Band** concert, near Tent 1.
- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.: **"Hidden Chancellorsville: The Ultimate Bus Tour"** with Frank O'Reilly and Greg Mertz. This rare, behind-the-scenes look at unusual sites on the battlefield departs from the Gordon Road commuter lot on State Route 3. \$40. Bring your own lunch. Reserve seats at 540/786-0759.
- 9:30-11 a.m.: **First Clash at Chancellorsville: A Walking Tour.** Follow in the footsteps of soldiers on both sides in the opening clash at Chancellorsville. First Day at Chancellorsville field, owned by the Civil War Trust, 6159 Plank Road.
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: **Historic Salem Church** open, 4054 Plank Road.
- 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: **Living History at Ellwood.** Medical demonstrations and more.
- Noon to 1 p.m.: **Chancellorsville: Life of a House.** What happened to the Chancellor house during and after the battle? Meet on Hooker Drive.
- 1:30 pm: **Battle of Salem Church** reenactment, Spotsylvania Courthouse.
- 1:30-2:30 p.m.: **Union Footsteps: Rice Bull of New York.** A highly personal walk in the footsteps of a soldier wounded at Fairview. Meet at Fairview, Tour Stop 10.
- 3-4 p.m.: **Confederate Footsteps: Boys from Alabama.** Track the vivid footsteps of soldiers from Alabama on May 3, 1863. Meet at Chancellorsville Visitor Center.
- Thursday, May 9**
- 7:30 p.m.: **Last Night: A Candlelight Tour** at Jackson Shrine. Join historians for an hour-long program marking the 150th anniversary of Jackson's last night. At Jackson Shrine, 12019 Stonewall Jackson Road.

Friday, May 10

- 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.: **"Jackson's Last Battles: A Bus Tour"** with Frank O'Reilly and Greg Mertz. This tour will track Jackson's last battles, from Chancellorsville to Guiney Station, including the "Death of Stonewall Jackson" program at 3 p.m. \$40. Departs from the Gordon Road commuter lot on State Route 3. Bring your own lunch. Reserve seats at 540/786-0759.
- 3-5 p.m.: **The Death of Stonewall Jackson.** Real-time presence marking the last day of Jackson and his death at 3:15 on May 10. Formal program at 3:30. At Jackson Shrine, 12019 Stonewall Jackson Road.

Saturday, May 11

- 8 p.m.: **Rappahannock Choral Society: "Remembrance of the Civil War,"** \$8, ages 60 and over and children/students free. Chancellor High School, 6300 Harrison Road. rappahannock-choral-society.org.

Sunday, May 12

- 3 p.m.: **Rappahannock Choral Society: "Remembrance of the Civil War,"** \$8, ages 60 and over and children/students free. Chancellor High School, 6300 Harrison Road. rappahannock-choral-society.org.

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Union Capt. Andrew J. Russell, a pioneering army photographer, shot the Sunken Road on May 3, 1863, 20 minutes after Union troops seized it in the Battle of Second Fredericksburg. Laying in the road is one of Gen. William Barksdale's Mississippi soldiers.



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

In 1884, people visit Salem Church, site of fierce fighting. Confederate Maj. Gen. Lafayette McLaws' division defensed the church's ridge on May 3, 1863. Today, the old church is part of the national park, but development has obliterated the battlefield.

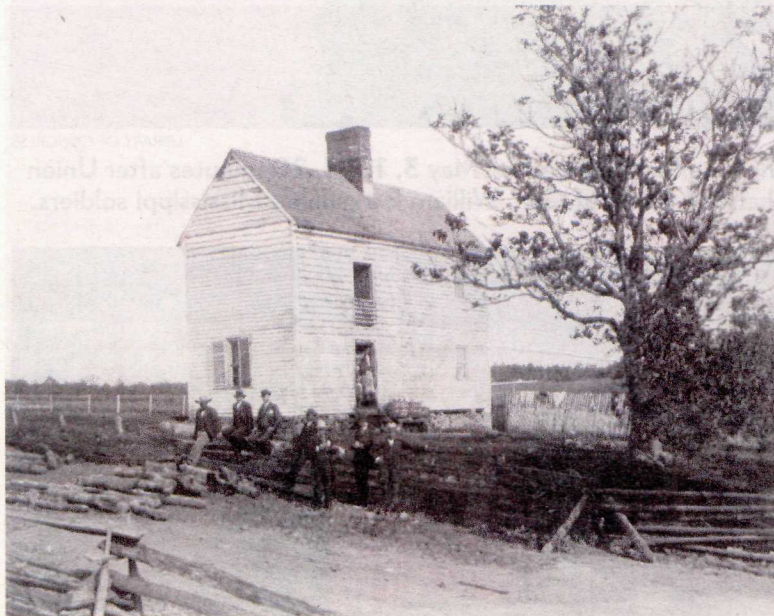


NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Early 20th-century Plank Road looking east toward Fredericksburg; James Power Smith's Battle of Salem Church marker is at right. Today, it's the corner of Route 3 and Salem Church Road. 15th N.J. Monument is past Powell's Furniture on left; church to the right.



Wilderness Church, where Union's 11th Corps realized 'Stonewall' Jackson's troops were attacking its rear, panicking wildlife. A National Park Service tour stop lies to the west. The Civil War Trust's Wagner Tract, site of the Buschbeck Line, is just to the east.



Wilderness Tavern, near the Confederate 2nd Corps hospital where 'Stonewall' Jackson's arm was amputated on May 3, 1863. The chimney base (right) is what's left of it south of Route 3; Central Virginia Battlefields Trust has preserved land flanking its site.



Union Gen. Daniel Sickles (minus leg) and other veterans of the battle visit the Chancellor house, perhaps for a 1900 reunion. May 3, 1863, was R.E. Lee's 'supreme moment' here. Today, the ruins (see stone steps in both photos) are an iconic stop for visitors.

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RICHARD SCHLECHT, FOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Union guns fire at Fairview, scene of what may be the Civil War's bloodiest five hours; 18,000 men fell on May 3, 1863.

How much do you know?

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The two historians who are—independently of each other—leading the Civil War sesquicentennial's largest programs commemorating the Battle of Chancellorsville have kindly shared some of their favorite facts about the epic 1863 battle—and we've tossed in a few of our own.

Terry Dougherty, director of the Spotsylvania County Museum, has lived in the county for 25 years. A former National Park Service employee, he rose to become director of the U.S. Army's museums—a system of sites and some 875,000 artifacts. He is a native of Rutherford County, Tenn.

John J. Hennessy, chief historian and chief of interpretation at Fredericks-

burg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, began his career with the National Park Service in 1981. The author of three books, including "Return to Bull Run: The Campaign and Battle of Second Manassas" and "Fighting With the 18th Massachusetts: The Civil War Memoir of Thomas H. Mann," he hails from Albany, N.Y.

HENNESSY'S BITS

- Union Gen. Joseph Hooker is a case study in not proclaiming success before you've actually achieved it. On April 30, he declared that "Lee must ingloriously fly" or fight on ground of Hooker's choosing. Lee did neither. Hooker lost.
- The Chancellor family of Spotsylvania took shelter in their basement during the battle, only to see their house turned into a headquarters and hospital and then consumed by fire. Several of the sisters went on to serve as nurses in Confederate hospitals in Charlottesville.
- Also at the Chancellor house were several refugees who had fled Fredericksburg in fear of the battle, only to find themselves caught up in it.
- The five hours of fighting on the morning of May 3 might have been the bloodiest five hours of combat of the entire Civil War.

- "Union artilleryman John Chase won a Medal of Honor for his attempts to defend his battery at the Chancellor intersection. We have his medal," Hennessy said. "Chase went on to Gettysburg and there was grievously wounded when a shell exploded just feet from him—inflicting 48 wounds. And he survived. We expect Chase's family to be in attendance at the 150th."
- Chancellorsville featured a rare night attack—by cavalry, no less. The 8th Pennsylvania Cavalry helped stop the advance of Jackson's men after nightfall . . . and certainly helped set the stage for Jackson's wounding.
- Jackson's left arm was amputated at the Wilderness Tavern field hospital, thought to be on property bought this year by the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust. The next morning, his chaplain buried his arm in the cemetery at his brother's house, Ellwood.

DOUGHERTY'S BITS

- Lt. Bryan Hutton of the 5th Alabama studied ancient languages and matriculated at the University of Virginia. He is buried in the Confederate Cemetery at Spotsylvania Courthouse.
- The literary society at the University of North Carolina lost five club members in the Battle of Chancellorsville.
- The younger brother of Confederate Brig. Gen. John Brown Gordon, Lt. Col. Augustus Manly, was killed at Chancellorsville. He was 21.
- Several of the families living along the Valley and Plank Road (today's State Route 3) were pro-Union, including Absalom Magee, who fled after the war for damage that he said Federal troops did to his property.
- Sue Chancellor, who left a

- great account of the scene at the Chancellor house (at today's State Route 3 and Elys Ford Road) during the battle, had a pet lamb. After the war, she would marry her cousin.
- Local resident Isaac Silver claimed to be a Union spy. His abandoned home still stands today.
- Standing 6-foot-7, Col. Young Royston was the tallest officer in Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. He was permanently disabled from wounds received in the battle at Salem Church.
- Touring of the Fredericksburg area's battlefields started in the late 1860s as friends returned to look for loved ones or to reminisce about what had occurred here.

OTHER BITS

- Joseph Hooker's nickname, which he disliked, came from deletion of a dash in the headline of a New York dispatch about the Peninsula Campaign in Virginia. The error mangled the entry "Fighting—Joe Hooker Attacks Rebels," and the name stuck. "People will think I am a highwayman or a bandit," Hooker griped.
- Occasionally, Robert E. Lee referred to his foe as "Mr. F.J. Hooker"—a slight jab.
- In 1891, the Chancellorsville Battlefield Association was established to buy historic property. The group acquired hundreds of acres, but later lost control of the property.
- Not until 1927 was a national park established to commemorate the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House.
- The federal government purchased little battlefield land at first, but by 1940 had acquired about 2,200 acres.
- Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park has used eminent domain only once since the 1950s. That was in the early 1970s when a company wanted to build an asphalt plant at the Chancellorsville intersection.
- Today, the park measures about 7,500 acres and can still buy or be given another 1,100 acres within its authorized boundary.
- In 1940, annual park visitation was 7,190. By the 1950s, that number had risen to about 20,000. Today, about 180,000 people visit the park's visitor centers. Another 300,000 people walk or drive into the park each year.
- Each year, 800,000 park visitors spend about \$50 million in the city and four counties encompassing the park, supporting about 600 jobs in the local economy, according to the most recent estimate by Michigan State University.
- The full name of the preserve is Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields Memorial National Military Park—the second-longest moniker of any national park. The name leaves out the fact that it includes historic sites in Stafford, Orange and Caroline counties.

GUIDE: Spotsylvania County and National Park Service offer programs throughout the weekend

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weekend will host some 40 sutlers—the kind of private entrepreneurs who supplied soldiers with everything the armies didn't.

These traveling merchants will offer a variety of merchandise, from military items to clothing for all ages to accessories.

Bob Szabo, a masterful view-camera lensman whose work graces National Geographic and Smithsonian magazines as well as many a re-enactor's home, will present a special program Friday evening on wet-plate photography. For that event, folks are urged to bring old, tintype photos from home.

And so that families can have Civil War-style tintype photos taken, Szabo and colleague Todd Harrington will record their likenesses in much the same way that Mathew Brady did.

For the ladies, the Battle of Chancellorsville will hold two programs on Victorian fashion presented by Vanna Lewis. She will reveal what



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A female re-enactor styles the hair of another re-enactor during the 2012 re-enactment at Spotsylvania Courthouse.

the well-dressed and not-so-well-dressed noble ladies of Spotsylvania wore to court.

Members of the 23rd Regiment, U.S. Colored Troops, who saw action in 1864's Battle of Spotsylvania Court House—the first time that African-American troops engaged Lee's Army of Northern Virginia in "direct-

ed combat"—will share their unit's proud past Friday through Sunday.

Ray Sheen will do a presentation on mapmaking—the specialty of Jackson's top cartographer, Jedediah Hotchkiss, and Fauquier County mapmaker James Keith Boswell, killed by the same volley that felled his

commanding general.

Food vendors, some selling Civil War-period refreshments, will keep folks fed. There will also be pony rides for children and a free arts and crafts show.

'A NATION REMEMBERS'

For the National Park Service, the battle's sesquicentennial is in some ways more straightforward. Being able to discuss historical events where they actually happened, smack on a big anniversary of those consequence-filled minutes, works its own charm.

"The great magic of the Chancellorsville 150th will be the proximity of place and time," said John Hennessy, chief historian and chief of interpretation for the local park. "I am always amazed at the power of places when the barriers are removed.

"Something as simple as being on a site at a precise moment, 150 years later can add immense power and meaning to people. Our purpose is to give people that opportunity constantly be-

tween May 1 and May 10.

"We also will offer a lot of different ways for people to engage the story, from traditional walking tours, to sunset programs, to living history ... and a kids' tent," Hennessy said.

Highlights will include a sunset program at Chancellorsville Visitor Center at the precise anniversary of Jackson's mortal wounding; a sunrise program on Friday, May 3, that will track the fighting around Hazel Grove and Fairview—two Chancellor family farms that became pivotal artillery positions—in real time; and a first-ever hike of the entire length of Jackson's flank attack, to be held on the afternoon of Saturday, May 4.

Also notable is what likely will be the last public program by staff historian Donald C. Pfanz, who plans to retire next month after 32 years with the Park Service, Hennessy said.

On Sunday, May 5, Pfanz will lead the Rice Bull Tour at 1:30 p.m.



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