

Shenandoah 1862

Location: **Cross Keys and Port Republic Battlefields**

Dates: **June 11-13**

Registration: **\$20 by May 23rd** – you also must send the registration form found at the end of this issue when you register

Type of Event: **Regimental – Maximum Attendance**

Camping Type: **Campaign-Style – Shelter Tents only (No end pieces for the Shelter tent)...there will be two different camps approximately four miles apart...however, there will be a static camp for those that do not wish to take part in the preservation march...one of our officers will be over this group of men...**

Uniform: **CS – Early War Impression**

Commissary: **NO – Campaign Cooking Only – event will provide rations**

of Rounds: **100**

Recommended Reading: *Conquering the Valley: Stonewall Jackson at Port Republic* by Robert Krick

Internet Site: <http://www.shen62.com/index.html>

Directions: From I-81...take Exit # 245 to Highway 276...proceed on SR 659 (about 5 miles southeast)...you will come to the intersection of Battlefield Rd. and Hwy 276...event registration is at this point...

Notes:

- a) The Regiment will travel to historic Shenandoah Valley as we take part in the Shenandoah 1862 event. **(Early-War Impressions)**
- b) This will be our first “Southern Division” event of the year and we need to make a real strong push to fill the ranks at this event.
- c) Fighting on original ground where Stonewall Jackson’s built his reputation does not happen very often.
- d) The event will be providing rations (as they did in 2006 when we last attended.)
- e) This event will be the first event the Southern Division will officially take the field together. We need a strong turnout boys, as we must show our support. I say let’s be the best battalion on the field, Confederate or Federal!!!
- f) Money raised from the event will be used to purchase and preserve more of Shenandoah Valley Battlefields...they raised \$100,000 the last time we helped with this!
- g) There will be a different camp site each night...what a great chance to experience what it was really like for the soldiers to live out of their haversacks and blanket rolls/knapsacks...
- h) There will be a short 4 mile march on Saturday when we move from the Cross Keys battlefield to the Port Republic site...
- i) Boys, let’s set the standard for the Southern Division...to do this we need each of you there...
- j) The event will be over at 12:00 pm (noon) on Sunday!!!
- k) Here are the basic rules and guidelines from the event website...in 2006 we were without a doubt the best battalion in the field and camp...those of us that did the campaign camping did not even set up one piece of canvas! We were a Regiment on the march...let’s do this again...this type of event will give us a better feel for what the men we attempt to portray really went through and if you have never done one of the events before you owe it to yourself to do so...

The Event

Pridgeon's Shenandoah Legion (PSL) and the 10th Virginia (a Legion member unit) are pleased to announce a campaign-style major preservation event to be held on the Cross Keys and Port Republic Battlefields on **June 11-13 2010**. This fundraising event is called "Shenandoah 1862" and will feature a preservation march and scenarios depicting regimental actions from the last two battles in Stonewall Jackson's infamous "Valley Campaign." **Event**

Objectives

A. To bring together 700+ preservation minded reenactors, military, civilian & sutlers, who will attend this event, fight, march, and camp on the original ground of the Valley Campaign of 1862 and help save the Cross Keys/Port Republic Battlefields. All donation checks will be made out to the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation.

B. To further enhance re-enactor rapport with the SVBF, building a partnership so that future re-enactor access to battlefield land they possess in the Valley is a viable option.

C. To further enhance re-enactor rapport with several local historical societies who are members of the Rockingham County cluster of the SVBF so that future mutual cooperative efforts are readily undertaken.

D. To further educate the local residents of Rockingham County about their historical heritage during the time period of the War Between the States and the threat development now poses to that heritage.

Site

The starting point for the event will be the historic Widow Pence Farm, located on the Cross Keys Battlefield, 8 miles East of the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia, and Interstate I-81. As this is a mobile event, the land used will be numerous and varied. It includes portions of both the Cross Keys and Port Republic Battlefields, the town of Port Republic, historic properties such as Madison Hall (Jackson's headquarters), Lynwood (headquarters of Shield's advance guard) and numerous roads that both Shield's and Jackson's commands marched over.

Battle Scenarios

At the Widow Pence Farm the scenario will be the "Slaughter of the Eighth New York." This action will depict on the actual ground the movement of the 8th (Stahel's First Brigade) up a hill where the 21st Georgia (Trimble's Brigade) was waiting, hidden, and unleashed fire so heavy that over 220 men of the 8th fell within five minutes. The action will conclude with the men of Trimble's pursuing the 8th as occurred in the original fight.

At the Port Republic Battlefield the scenario will be "Taylor Advances on the Coaling". This action will take place in the original forest through which Taylor's Brigade fought and advanced to the critical Federal artillery position (The Coaling) that was a key to the battle. (Note*** The Coaling itself has many modern intrusions, so will not be used). Through this woods Taylor advanced four separate times, three times only to be eventually repulsed by gallant counterattacks by Ohio Regiments, especially the Sixty-sixth. Only on the fourth assault and with reinforcement was Taylor finally successful.

Camps

Both Federal and Confederate camps for Friday night will be at the Widow Pence Farm and surrounding properties on the Cross Keys Battlefield. Federal camp for Saturday night will be along the Federal line of march near Lynwood. Confederate camp on Saturday night will be in the town of Port Republic. All aforementioned camps will be strictly campaign and will include the vast majority of participants. For those troops, Federal and Confederate, who have impressions that meet the authenticity guidelines but who like to camp static, using tentage, a site will be available near the town of Port Republic where you can camp. All amenities will be available. An extensive transportation system will be in place that will ferry you to the battles each day, your respective lines of march, etc., then back to your camp at night. At no time will the static camp be visible to the campaign line of march.

Timeline

Participants arrive Friday. Registration will be at the Cross Keys Ruritan Building, with parking across the road in fields owned by a SVBF member. Participants will be transported to their respective camps. Sutlers will be available starting Friday across from registration. Saturday morning the scenario Slaughter of the 8th New York takes place on the Widow Pence farm. Federal forces will begin 7 mile march to an area near Lynwood, marching part of the way Saturday and completing the march Sunday to the battle area. Confederates will embark on 4 mile march to the town of Port Republic after Saturday's battle. Saturday, late afternoon & evening, living history in town of Port Republic (Confederate and Civilians). Sunday morning Federal and Confederate forces complete marches to Port Republic Battlefield. Sunday morning the Confederate force will begin a 3 mile march on a dirt road to the battle area. Thus the weekend total line of march for the Federal column is approximately 8 miles, Confederate column 7 miles. Sunday morning scenario at Port Republic, "Taylor Advances on the Coaling", completed by 11:00 a.m... Participants then transported back to their vehicles.

Registration

The registration fee will be \$20.00, Registration will close 1 June 2010. Walk-ons will be accepted if all event requirements are met with a \$25.00 registration fee. Please wear all of your gear to registration for inspection.

The Team

We have constructed a very experienced team to organize this event. Scott Buffington will be the Federal commander, Kim Stidley the Confederate. They bring to the table experienced staffs.

From the Shenandoah Legion, Jeremy Hilliard, and the 10th Virginia have long had a vision to draw more attention to the battlefields of the Valley and are in charge of logistics. Ethan Hilliard of the 10th Virginia will coordinate military registration and Chris Clarke of the 37th Virginia will be our webmaster. These are but a few of the people playing key roles. The Shenandoah Legion will be bringing all the organizational resources of our battalion to bear.

Pidgeon's Shenandoah Legion, formerly the Fifth Battalion, has a long history of sponsoring successful events. From seven preservation marches in the 1990s, which raised over \$400,000 for the former Association For the Preservation of Civil War Sites, to Third Winchester ('99), Sailor's Creek ('00), and five separate McDowell events, and Shenandoah 1862 where we helped raise over \$100,000. We have a proud history of bringing successful events to our community. We hope you will join us in our latest effort, and please bring funds to help save the Cross Keys and Port Republic battlefields.

Event Rules:

1. Event registration is on an individual basis, not by unit.
2. All participants must register, pay the registration fee, and sign any and all required waivers. Substitutions are allowed, but person attending must sign all waivers. Substitutions are allowed, but person attending must sign all waivers.
3. All participants must abide by the clothing and authenticity guidelines established for their impression (Federal, Confederate or Citizenry).
4. ALL military re-enactors must comply with weapons safety inspections. No exceptions. No civilians may bring firearms unless by specific advance arrangement with the event committee. NO powder or percussion caps are to be stored in civilian areas.
5. All campaign participants must be wearing appropriate period clothing to be shuttled from the parking lot to the Widow Pence Farm on Friday. Those camping in the "static" camp near Port Republic are expected to be in appropriate period clothing immediately after their camp set-up is complete. All participants will stay in period clothing until the close of the event Sunday at noon.
6. The event hosts, organizing committee, respective commanders and appointed provosts reserve the right to ask that anachronistic or inappropriate items be removed, adjusted or replaced. (See list of forbidden items and behaviors, below). We don't want to embarrass anyone, so please read and understand the regulations before the event.
7. All military participants are encouraged to develop first-person impressions appropriate to the event. While the Cross Keys/Port Republic event is not a mandatory immersion experience for military participants, nonetheless many soldier re-enactors will choose to be in character for all or a significant part of the event and most others will wish to maintain a period ambiance. Therefore, please refrain from discussing obviously modern topics like sports, movies, the Internet, "the hobby", etc., within earshot of others. Military re-enactors should be prepared to interact with civilian re-enactors portraying townsfolk.
8. Civilian participation is limited and by invitation.
9. Living history and interacting with the public we come in contact with are emphasized at this event. First person portrayals should be maintained (within reason) around area residents and visitors. No one is expected to be perfect, but honest attempts are required. Be prepared to interact with other re-enactors portraying townsfolk and soldiers and refrain from anachronistic conversation within earshot of others.

10. Mounted impressions at this event are limited in number to just a few staff officers on each respective side. This will be coordinated through the appropriate military command structure (Federal or Confederate). No pets or livestock are permitted unless cleared in advance through the event coordinators.

11. If a woman desires to impersonate a male of the 1860's, she must not be identifiable as a woman. Military Force Commanders will ask any who wish to do such an impression under their command to provide a photograph prior to the event for approval by command and event hosts, or their appointed parties, as this is a specialty impression.

12. Direction of all military scenarios, activity schedules, and enforcement of military authenticity standards are the responsibility of the event hosts and the military coordinators who reserve the right of authoritative oversight in these matters.

13. Direction of all civilian scenarios, activity schedules and authenticity standards are the responsibility of the event hosts and the civilian coordinators who reserve the right of authoritative oversight in these matters.

14. All farm gates opened for the passage of troops, etc., must be closed and latched at the end of their use. Not doing so could exclude us from ever using said property again.

15. This event is made possible through the permission of a number of private and non-profit landowners and the active and enthusiastic cooperation of the local community. It is a privilege to be able to reenact on this hallowed ground and all participants are asked to remember this at all times.

Restrictions:

ALL Participants MUST read and understand the following prohibitions in regard to clothing, equipment, camps and conduct at this event BEFORE you register!!

1. NO digging of unauthorized trenches, erecting of ad-hoc breastworks, et cetera, without specific permission.

2. NO cutting and/or felling of trees without advance warning and approval.

3. NO placement of ANY objects (i.e. rocks, trees, boards, et cetera) in and/or across the North or South Rivers.

4. NO civilians sleeping in military camps or functioning as "tent sitters". No civilians are to be in military camps without passes, unless there is a scenario-related reason for being there without a pass and they are prepared to suffer the consequences.

5. NO campfires anywhere except designated locations.

6. NO women portraying military "laundresses" or cooks traveling with the army, or undocumented vivandiere impressions or prostitute impressions.

7. NO vehicles in camp...ever.

8. The static "garrison" camp is expected to look like an actual military camp of 1862. This means:

- * NO visible coolers in camps;
- * NO camp furniture on company streets;
- * NO non-period cookware, including speckleware;
- * NO plastic bags or plastic flooring;
- * NO candle lanterns on company streets;
- * NO metal campfire sets;
- * NO hay bales used as furniture;
- * NO two piece camp chairs in camps or other anachronistic furnishings.

9. Civilian accommodation arrangements are still being finalized. Separate guidelines will be published in the civilian information section of the site once arrangements have been made.

10. Military uniforms must conform with the published Federal or Confederate impression guidelines.

11. No "dismounted cavalry" impressions.

12. NO visible modern underwear or other visible modern / anachronistic articles of clothing or personal accoutrements / effects. NO obviously modern hairstyles on men (mohawks, dreadlocks, etc), NO modern hairstyles on women whatsoever, or visible makeup or nail polish.

13. NO smoking cigarettes within sight of spectators or other participants.

14. NO non-period snack foods. NO modern food packaging. All items taken out of haversacks must be period when within eyesight of other participants.

15. NO loud, rowdy or inappropriate behavior, especially between taps and reveille.

16. NO obvious intoxication.

17. NO illegal substances or other illegal behavior.

18. NO trash to be taken from your vehicle and left on the parking area. This farm field is part of the Cross Keys Battlefield.

19. NO trash to be left behind at any campsite or rest areas along the line of march.