

“Clash at Crittenden’s Farm”
Death March X
Aug 22-24, 2008

Sponsored by: The Living History Guild
Potomac Legion Member Unit
Location: New Albany, Pennsylvania

“...I received information that the enemy was preparing a large force to drive back General Pope and attack either Washington or Baltimore.....To facilitate the withdrawal of the Army of the Potomac from the Peninsula and gain time by a demonstration against the enemy, General Pope pushed his forces across the Rappahannock, occupied Culpeper and threatened Gordonsville...”(Extract Report No. 1, Major General Henry W. Halleck, November 25, 1862)

“... While the main body of the army awaited the development of McClellan’s intentions, General Jackson, now reinforced by A.P. Hill, determined to assume the offensive against General Pope, whose army, still superior in numbers lay north of the Rapidan...”(Extract Report No. 26, General Robert E. Lee)

The result of these two commanders’ intent, was a collision that occurred August 9, 1862 on the farm of Mrs. Crittenden. Mrs Crittenden lived in the shadow of a large mountain referred to as Cedar or perhaps more prophetically Slaughter Mountain. Both armies’ cavalry had been in contact and the commanders knew each was in the area, but neither quite sure of the others strength and disposition. The combination of open crop fields and wooded undulating terrain led to some confused infantry fighting , with each side gaining the rear of the other at some point during the battle. The fighting ebbed and flowed through Mrs. Crittenden’s cornfield, with the Confederates ultimately holding the ground by nightfall. The cornfield itself was responsible for the capture of a Union general and an unobserved flank advance by the Confederates. The action closed with an informal truce to bury the dead, following which the Federal army retreated.

This year’s event will focus on the fighting between the Confederate skirmishers and one of the two leading regiments that crossed Mrs. Crittenden’s cornfield. It is our tenth anniversary and we are hoping to have several opportunities built into the event that aren’t often an option to actually execute. New Albany, PA is a rural agricultural area and we will be on the interior acreage with little or no modern intrusions,

The event runs from Friday night, with a shuttle to the bivouac site, finishing by Sunday noon & most likely earlier. Those wishing to arrive Thursday night may do so, just contact us in advance.

Event impressions:

Federal -111th Pennsylvania Infantry, 1st Maine cavalry, Knapp’s Battery E, Pennsylvania Light Artillery
Confederate – 13th Virginia Infantry, 7th Virginia Cavalry, CS artillery TBD

Historical summaries will be published in a separate communication and sent upon registration. A good read for this event is Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain, By Robert K. Krick. Barnes & Noble has it for \$19.95 plus shipping and you can probably find used copies for less.

FEE: \$15.00- covers rations & event insurance (Unfortunately, due to rising insurance premiums we had to bump the fee this year)

Registration Deadline: until filled or Aug 1, 2008 which ever comes first. The hosts reserve the right to freeze registrations to maintain appropriate force ratios.

To register or request invitation info: Email:

US: Doug Oakes oldsoldier51@yahoo.com	Cavalry: Dave Myrick dmyrick@mainecav.org	CS: Charles Heath Heath9999@aol.com	Artillery: Randy Gilbert Randolph_Gilbert@elwyn.org
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In order to maximize your experience & get a preview of what to expect, we ask you read the historical sources provided for your impression. It is the intent of this event to not only provide an opportunity to execute maneuvers, but also other sensory experiences that accompany continuous operations. These include, navigating unfamiliar terrain, discharging routine duties immediately upon completion of a march (i.e. establishing camp, posting pickets etc), crossing ground previously used by cavalry, command and control difficulties involved with night movements and refining your 19th century palate.

Registration Form
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STARTS FRIDAY @ 10 pm
Later arrivals MUST coordinate in advance.
On site cellular service is limited.

Registration is by individual & open to all Potomac Legion member units. Non-PL units or individuals should contact the appropriate US/CS commander PRIOR to registration.

Send registration/checks (\$15.00), by Aug 1, 2008 payable to:

Douglas Oakes-- 2627 Comfort Hill Road, Wellsburg, NY 14894

Last Name	First Name	Telephone	Email
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Mailing Address

Do you belong to a Potomac Legion member unit? YES NO
Have you served in a leadership position before? YES NO
Would you be interested in filling an NCO position if needed YES NO

Home unit affiliation: _____

Event Impression: US Infantry Cavalry Artillery
 CS Infantry Cavalry Artillery
 Civilian (invitation only)

Military participants MUST be over 16 to carry a firearm.
I am over the age of 18. YES NO (If not, then provide the following information)
I am under 18 but over 16 and will be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Name	Relationship	Contact information
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Do you possess any medical training? Yes No If yes, indicate certification: _____

Emergency contact:

First name	Last name	Telephone number
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Address

Event Conditions:

- Make sure you are physically capable.
- August can be extremely humid, be prepared.
- March route includes: Rolling farm fields & lanes, paved & unpaved roads, potentially swampy areas

List any allergies or medical conditions impacted by an extended foot march under the above conditions.

Information will be kept confidential. If you prefer, bring the info in a sealed envelope to the event. Envelopes would only be broken open in case of medical emergencies and will be returned to you unopened at the end of the event if not used.

I understand this event requires good health & can potentially cause injury to me or others and shall hold harmless the Living History Guild and its members from all instances in which any injury should occur. I have faithfully represented the information above & provided necessary personal medical history for use in emergencies.

Printed name	Signature	Date
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