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Speakers and Guides

Gary Ecelbarger is the author/co-author of 10 books with half of them dedicated to the Shenandoah Valley Campaign as well as over a dozen magazine articles and essays focused upon the same theater. His book-length treatments of the battles of Kernstown, Front Royal and Winchester as well as his Blue & Gray Magazine General's Tours of Cross Keys and Port Republic have all been widely acclaimed for thorough research and thought-provoking discoveries. A twenty-year veteran of Shenandoah Valley tours, Ecelbarger is also a charter and former board member of the Kernstown Battlefield Association and has aided in the historical interpretations of several regions of the Valley.

Caroline E. Janney is the John L. Nau III Professor of the American Civil War and Director of the John L. Nau Center for Civil War History at the University of Virginia. She was previously professor of history at Purdue University.

A specialist in the Civil War era, she is the author of *Burying the Dead but Not the Past: Ladies' Memorial Associations and the Lost Cause* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2008) and *Remembering the Civil War: Reunion and the Limits of Reconciliation*, a volume in the Littlefield History of the Civil War Era Series (Littlefield Fund for Southern History and University of North Carolina Press, 2013), which has been selected for the History Book Club and Military Book Club and won the Charles S. Sydnor Award by the Southern Historical Association and the Jefferson Davis Award by the American Civil War Museum.

In addition to her monographs, Janney is the editor of *Petersburg to Appomattox: The End of the War in Virginia* and John Richard Dennett's, *The South As It Is, 1865-66*. She is likewise co-editor with Gary W. Gallagher of *Cold Harbor to the Crater: The End of the Overland Campaign*. She is the author of essays about the Civil War and its aftermath that have appeared in the *Journal of Southern History*, *Civil War History*, the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, *Crucible of the Civil War: Virginia from Secession to Commemoration*, *Virginia's Civil War*, the *Journal of the Civil War Era* and numerous other collections.

An active public speaker, she has given presentations at locations such as the Lincoln Presidential Library, Clinton Presidential Library, Huntington Library, Gettysburg College's Civil War Institute, and has appeared on C-SPAN as well as NPR. She is a speaker with the Organization of American Historians' Distinguished Lectureship program and a recipient of the Kenneth T. Kofmehl Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award from Purdue's College of Liberal Arts. She serves as a co-editor of the University of North Carolina Press's Civil War America Series and is the past president of the Society of Civil War Historians.

Robert K. Krick has lived and worked on east coast battlefields for five decades. For thirty years he was Chief Historian of Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park. Krick is the author of more than two hundred published articles and twenty books, including *Stonewall Jackson at Cedar Mountain*, *Conquering the Valley: Stonewall Jackson at Port Republic*, and *Civil War Weather in Virginia*.

William J. Miller, a former editor of *Civil War Magazine*, has produced nine books on the Civil War, including *Decision at Tom's Brook: George Custer, Thomas Rosser and the Joy of the Fight*, and the award-winning *Mapping for Stonewall: the Civil War Service of Jed Hotchkiss*. He has also written numerous articles and essays such as "Never Has There Been a More Complete Victory: The Cavalry Engagement at Tom's Brook, October 9, 1864," the essay on Tom's Brook included in *The Shenandoah Valley Campaign of 1864* and ones on the battles of McDowell and Tom's Brook in the SVBF's interpretive booklets. As a guide, Bill has led battlefield tours for the University of Virginia, the National Park Service, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, U.S. Marine Corps Combat Development Command, the Civil War Trust, and the Civil War Society, and is the lead guide for Tour Shenandoah Battlefields (tourshenandoahbattlefields.com). Bill taught composition and literature at George Mason University, James Madison University and, most recently, at Stuart Hall School in Staunton, Virginia.

Jonathan A. Noyalas is director of Shenandoah University's McCormick Civil War Institute. Prof. Noyalas is the author or editor of eleven books, including *The Battle of Fisher's Hill: Breaking the Shenandoah Valley's Gibraltar*. He is also the founding editor of the scholarly publication *Journal of the Shenandoah Valley During the Civil War Era*. He has authored more than 100 essays, articles, chapters and review for a variety of scholarly and popular publications including *Civil War History*, *Civil War Times*, *America's Civil War*, *Civil War Monitor*, *Blue & Gray*, *Hallowed Ground*, and *Journal of Illinois History*. He has served as a consultant for a variety of public history projects for organizations such as the National Park Service, Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation, and Civil War Trust (now American Battlefield Trust). He has appeared on C-SPAN's "American History TV," NPR's "With Good Reason," and the Pennsylvania Cable Network. Noyalas is recipient of numerous awards for his teaching, scholarship, and service including the highest honor that can ever be bestowed upon a professor in the Old Dominion, the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia's Outstanding Faculty Award.

Scott C. Patchan is the author of many articles and books, including *The Forgotten Fury: The Battle of Piedmont* (1996), *Shenandoah Summer: The 1864 Valley Campaign* (2007), *Second Manassas: Longstreet's Attack and the Struggle for Chinn Ridge* (2011), *The Battle of Piedmont and Hunter's Raid on Staunton* (2011), and *The Last Battle of Winchester: Phil Sheridan, Jubal Early and the 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign* (2013). He has also written feature essays for *Blue and Gray Magazine* on Cool Spring, Rutherford's Farm and Second Kernstown; *Third Battle of Winchester*, *Fisher's Hill*, *Cedar Creek* and two volumes on *Second Bull Run*. He has also written extensively for *Civil War Magazine*, *North South*, *America's Civil War* and other historical publications. Scott has twice served as President of Bull Run Civil War Round Table, a member of the Kernstown Battlefield Association's board of directors from 2000-2014, and worked extensively on the interpretation of the Third Winchester battlefield for the Shenandoah Valley Battlefield Foundation. He is currently editing the journal of Colonel Joseph Thoburn and continuing his

work on the Valley Campaigns. He is also a much sought tour guide at both Civil War and Revolutionary War era sites from New York to Georgia.

Ralph Peters has been a U.S. Army enlisted man and officer; a journalist and media commentator; a strategic analyst who has published widely on international affairs and security; and a bestselling novelist. His prize-winning, five-book Battle Hymn Cycle follows the Civil War in the east from Gettysburg to Appomattox. *Valley of the Shadow*, the third volume, recounts the Monocacy Campaign and the subsequent confrontation between Sheridan and Early in the Shenandoah Valley. His latest book, *Darkness at Chancellorsville*, will be published in May, 2019.

Nicholas P. Picerno, who is a retired Chief of Police at Bridgewater College, is serving his second term as Chairman of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation's Board of Trustees. A noted historian, especially on the 1864 Campaign in the Valley, Nick serves on the Federal Advisory Commission at the Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historic Park. He also sits on the Boards of the Lee-Jackson Educational Foundation and is a previous trustee of the Museum of the Confederacy.

Keven M. Walker is the Chief Executive Officer of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation (SVBF). Keven came to the Foundation from Antietam National Battlefield, where he served for 11 years as a Ranger, a Cultural Resources Specialist, and the Acting Cultural Resource Program Manager. He is the author of *Antietam: A Guide to the Landscape and Farmsteads*. Under Walker's leadership, the Battlefields Foundation has tackled some of the largest preservation projects in its history; preserved over 600 acres of battlefield land; opened two visitor centers and a 600 acre full service battlefield park; more than tripled its youth development involvement; assumed management of the Shenandoah Valley Civil War Museum; started an annual National Conference; launched new initiatives such as the Shenandoah At War magazine; and strengthened the SVBF's partnerships both in the Valley and nationwide.

Jeffrey D. Wert is the author of ten books on Civil War topics, including the just-published *Civil War Barons: The Tycoons, Entrepreneurs, Inventors, and Visionaries Who Forged Victory and Shaped a Nation*, and his pioneering study, *From Winchester to Cedar Creek: The Shenandoah Campaign of 1864*. His other books include *A Brotherhood of Valor: The Common Soldiers of the Stonewall Brigade, C. S. A. and the Iron Brigade, U. S. A.*, *General James Longstreet: The Confederacy's Most Controversial Soldier*, *Custer: The Controversial Life of George Armstrong Custer*, *Gettysburg - Day Three*, *The Sword of Lincoln, Cavalryman of the Lost Cause: A Biography of J.E.B. Stuart*, *A Glorious Army: Robert E. Lee's Triumph, 1862-1863*, and *Mosby's Rangers*. His articles and essays on the Civil War have appeared in many publications, including *Civil War Times Illustrated*, *American History Illustrated*, and *Blue and Gray*. A former history teacher at Penns Valley High School, he lives in Centre Hall, Pennsylvania, slightly more than one hour from the battlefield at Gettysburg.