

COLONEL HENRY RYERSON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

FALL TOUR – 2020

Our Fall Tour is On!!!

The South Mountain Battles

Our Fall Tour this year will take place on **Saturday, October 17, at 10 A.M.**
Mark your calendars! Make your room reservations now!

The Maryland Campaign in September of 1862 is considered by many to be the turning point of the Civil War. While most of the attention has been devoted to the battle of Antietam, a series of battles were fought in the South Mountains three days before, which had a profound impact on the remainder of the campaign. With General Robert E. Lee's Special Orders 191 in hand, General McClellan put his army in motion to destroy the dispersed and vulnerable Army of Northern Virginia and save the Harpers Ferry garrison.

This tour will cover the four seminal fights at Turner's Gap, Frosttown Plateau, Fox's Gap, and Crampton's Gap, where vastly outnumbered Confederates desperately attempted to block McClellan's passage through the South Mountain to attack Lee's dispersed forces.

Dr. Brad Gottfried will be our guide. He is a Licensed Antietam Battlefield Guide and author of the *Maps of Antietam*. Brad will provide those who attend the tour with a series of maps and other materials to illustrate the battles.

Our tour will begin at 10 A.M. (promptly) at the Burger King located at 9620 Myersville Road (Route 17), Myersville, Maryland, near the intersection of Interstate 70 (Exit 42). Myersville is about 50 minutes (38 miles) Southwest of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and about 20 minutes (14 miles) Northwest of Frederick, Maryland. FYI – the Burger King opens on Saturday at 7 A.M. for breakfast. Dine-in service and rest rooms are currently available there.

After our tour you may want to continue the adventure on your own to Antietam National Battlefield, Harpers Ferry, the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, and other Civil War locations of interest that are located nearby.

Though the Round Table will pick up the cost for our guide - transportation, meals, and accommodations are on your own. Suggestion: Wear good walking shoes and bring water/drinks/snacks for the tour which should last about 3 hours.

Additionally, under the current circumstances, it will be expected that each participant come with a mask in case we cannot maintain the 6-foot social distancing rule. Our guide will be wearing one. Thanks for your understanding!

So, make your room reservations now and come along and enjoy this sure to be fun filled autumn day with your Civil War enthusiast friends from the Round Table! For more info, please contact Jennifer during the day at 201-320-5989.

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