

# Battle of Antietam 149th Anniversary Programs



Antietam National Battlefield will present a series of programs to commemorate the 149th Anniversary of the Battle of Antietam. Fought on September 17, 1862, Union and Confederate Armies clashed for twelve hours over the rolling fields outside of Sharpsburg, Maryland. When the sun set, over 23,000 soldiers had been killed or wounded in the bloodiest one-day battle in American History.

## Friday, September 16, 2011

**Program:** Prelude to Battle  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Meet at the National Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. Various locations throughout the battlefield  
**Description:** The morning program will explore the sites from which Lee and McClellan watched the battle, and will include a visit to the Pry House. The afternoon program will begin at the Mumma Farm at 1:00 p.m. with an overview of the events leading up to the Battle of Antietam and will conclude with a hike, two miles, that will focus on the late afternoon and evening of September 16, 1862.

**Program:** Orientation Talk  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. (Duration 30 minutes)  
**Location:** Visitor Center  
**Description:** Join the ranger for an overview of the battle.

**Program:** Aftermath of Battle Talk  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. (Duration 30 minutes)  
**Location:** Visitor Center  
**Description:** Join the ranger for a talk on how the battle affected the local community.

**Program:** Ranger Led Automobile Tour  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m. (Duration 2 ½ hours)  
**Location:** Visitor Center Observation Room  
**Description:** Ranger provides overview at Visitor Center, take your car and follow the Ranger to the Cornfield, Sunken Road & Burnside Bridge.

**Program:** Orientation Talk  
**Time:** 3:00 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)  
**Location:** Visitor Center  
**Description:** Join the ranger for an overview of the battle.

**Program:** Orientation Talk  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m. (Duration 30 minutes)  
**Location:** Visitor Center  
**Description:** Join the ranger for an overview of the battle.

**Program:** Commemoration Ceremony  
**Location:** Antietam Battlefield Visitor Center Theater  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Description:** LtCol. Luis A. Mercado, Chief Instructor, Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School

Program: **Battle Anniversary Speaker - Ted Alexander**

Location: Antietam Battlefield Visitor Center

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Description: Antietam National Battlefield Historian Ted Alexander will speak on “Two American Armies: The Opposing Forces at Antietam” Alexander will examine the two armies that fought in the battle. Topics covered include leadership, unit strength, ethnicity of the soldiers, uniforms, equipment, weapons, artillery, cavalry, and logistics. Alexander is the author of the just released book, *The Battle of Antietam: The Bloodiest Day*. A book signing will follow the presentation.