

# Battle of Antietam 148th Anniversary Programs



Antietam National Battlefield will present a series of programs to commemorate the 148th 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 17, 2010

**Program:** *Morning in the Cornfield Talk*  
**Time:** 7:00 a.m. (Duration 45 minutes)  
**Location:** Tour Stop 4, The Cornfield  
**Description:** An overview of the action that took place on this land through the words of the soldiers.

**Program:** *All Day Hike of the Battlefield, Part I*  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. (Duration 3.5 hours)  
**Location:** Visitor Center Theater  
**Description:** This is the first half of the all day hike of the field. The program begins with a short presentation in the theater, before exploring the fighting that unfolded on the north end of the field.

**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:** *All Day Hike of the Battlefield, Part II*  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m. (Duration 3.5 hours)  
**Location:** Rohrbach Campground Parking Lot, off of Burnside Bridge Rd.  
**Description:** This is the second half of the all day hike of the battlefield. We will focus on the Lower Bridge and final attack towards the town of Sharpsburg.

**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. Louis A. Mercado, Chief Instructor, USMC War College, Quantico, VA will be the speaker for the Commemoration.

Program: **Battle Anniversary Guest Speaker - Tom Clemens**  
Location: Antietam Battlefield Visitor Center  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Description: **Ezra Carman and the Maryland Campaign of 1862** - Tom Clemens – join us for an examination of the life and work of Antietam’s first battlefield historian - Ezra Carman. Tom Clemens is the editor of Carman’s manuscript on the Maryland Campaign. He is a history professor at Hagerstown Community College and is the founder and President of the Save Historic Antietam Foundation – SHAF.