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**Cedar Creek & Belle Grove**  
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## **Battle of Cedar Creek** **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Real-Time Programs**

**October 19, 2014**

These programs are designed to provide a complete overview of the battle by following the fighting chronologically, and as close to the “real-time” as the actual events took place 150 years ago. There are a total of twelve (12) programs, divided into two sets; seven (7) in the morning and five (5) in the afternoon. Visitors can attend all 12 programs, or simply attend the specific programs of their choosing.

Visitors can either travel on their own between each presentation by following the directions below or use the National Park Service shuttle bus, which they can pick up at the Visitor Contact Station. Those using the shuttle bus, however, must attend all of the programs of that set (morning or afternoon), as the buses will simply drive the route below from program to program (not returning to the Visitor Contact Station until that set concludes). Adequate travel time between stops has been built into the schedule.

**WARNINGS:** The first three programs will take place before sunrise and will involve some walking across wooded and moderate terrain. Therefore **visitors are strongly encouraged to bring flashlights** and sturdy walking shoes.

### **Program Schedule--Morning** (5:00 am – 11:00 am)

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| 1. 5:00 - 5:40  | <b>Surprise Attack!</b>                              |
| 2. 6:00 - 6:30  | <b>The 19<sup>th</sup> Corps</b>                     |
| 3. 6:45 - 7:15  | <b>Stand of the 8<sup>th</sup> Vermont</b>           |
| 4. 7:30 - 8:00  | <b>Belle Grove</b>                                   |
| 5. 8:20- 8:45   | <b>The 6<sup>th</sup> Corps</b>                      |
| 6. 9:00 – 10:15 | <b>Stand on Cemetery Hill &amp; “The Fatal Halt”</b> |
| 7. 10:30-11:00  | <b>The Union Line Rallies &amp; Sheridan’s Ride</b>  |

### **Real-Time Shuttle Buses**

The Real-Time Shuttle Bus picks up at the National Park Service Visitor Contact Station (7712 Main Street, Middletown, VA). **Arrive no later than 4:30 am, as the shuttle buses leave at that time.** There will be two buses, with a total capacity of 110. These buses are free of charge and are first-come, first-served.

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## **Starting Location:**

**Battlefield Station 1: Thoburn's Position/8<sup>th</sup> Corps**

### **Directions to Program 1 at Battlefield Station 1 (from the NPS Visitor Contact Station):**

- Turn left on Route 11 South (Main Street). Drive 2.5 miles.
- Turn left on Water Plant Road. Drive 1.1 miles.
- Turn right on Long Meadow Road. Drive 0.1 mile.
- Turn right on Bowman's Mill Road. Drive 1.3 miles.
- Battlefield Station 1 (Thoburn's Position/8<sup>th</sup> Corps) is on the right.
- Park in the field.

## **Program 1: Surprise Attack! (5:00-5:40)**

Ranger: Eric Campbell

Location: Battlefield Station 1, Thoburn's Position/8<sup>th</sup> Corps

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### **Directions to Program 2 at Battlefield Station 2**

- Proceed back Bowman's Mill Road. Drive 1.3 miles.
- Turn left on Long Meadow Road. Drive 0.1 mile.
- Turn left on Water Plant Road. Drive 1.1 mile.
- Turn right on Route 11 North (Valley Pike).
- Immediately turn left into the 128<sup>th</sup> New York Monument.
- Park around and behind monument.

## **Program 2: The 19<sup>th</sup> Corps (6:00-6:30)**

Ranger: Kyle Rothemich

Location: Battlefield Station 2, 128<sup>th</sup> New York Monument/19<sup>th</sup> Corps

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### **Directions to Program 3 at Battlefield Station 3**

- Turn left out of the New York Monument to Route 11 North (Valley Pike). Drive 0.3 miles.
- Turn right into 8739 Valley Pike. Proceed to the end of the driveway.

## **Program 3: The Stand of the 8<sup>th</sup> Vermont (6:45-7:15)**

Ranger: Shannon Moeck

Location: Battlefield Station 3, 8<sup>th</sup> Vermont Monument

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#### **Directions to Program 4 at Belle Grove**

- Turn right on Route 11 North (Valley Pike). Drive 0.3 mile.
- Turn left onto Belle Grove Road. Drive 0.5 mile.
- Turn right into Belle Grove parking lot.

### **Program 4: Belle Grove (7:30-8:00)**

Ranger: Jeff Driscoll

Location: Belle Grove Plantation

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#### **Directions to Program 5 at Meadow Mills & McCune roads**

- Turn right out of Belle Grove parking lot onto Belle Grove Road. Drive 0.2 mile.
- Turn right at the bottom of the hill at stop sign onto Meadow Mills Road. Drive 0.8 mile.
- Turn left on McCune Road.
- Immediately park off the right side of the road. Do not block traffic.

### **Program 5: The 6<sup>th</sup> Corps (8:20-8:45)**

Ranger: Kyle Rothemich

Location: Intersection of Meadow Mills Road & McCune Road

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#### **Directions to Program 6 at Battlefield Station 4**

- Turn around and proceed to intersection of Meadow Mills Road.
- Turn left onto Meadow Mills Road. Drive 0.1 mile.
- Turn left on Veterans Road. Drive 0.4 mile.
- Turn right onto State Route 635. Drive 0.3 mile. (Follow road as it bears left).
- Park on right side of road adjacent to the Cemetery.

### **Program 6: The Stand on Cemetery Hill & “The Fatal Halt” (9:00-10:15)**

Ranger: Shannon Moeck

Location: Battlefield Station 4

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**Directions to Program 7 at Battlefield Station 5**

- Continue along Route 635. It becomes High Street. Drive 0.3 mile.
- Turn right at the bottom of hill at stop sign onto Chapel Road. Drive 0.4 mile.
- At stoplight turn left onto Route 11 North (Main Street). Drive 1.5 miles.
- Turn left into Rienzi Knoll Lane.
- Drive 0.2 miles on Rienzi Knoll Lane to Battlefield Station near barn.

## **Program 7: The Union Line Rallies & Sheridan's Ride (10:30-11:00)**

Ranger: Jeff Driscoll

Location: Battlefield Station 5, Rienzi Knoll

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### **End Morning Real-Time Programs**

**Directions to return to the Visitor Contact Station**

- Drive 0.2 miles out of Rienzi Knoll Lane.
  - Turn right onto Route 11 South (Valley Pike). Drive 1.4 miles.
  - Visitor Contact Station will be on your left
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## **Program Schedule—Afternoon** (2:00 pm – 6:30 pm)

8. 2:00 – 2:30	<b>Clash of Cavalry</b>
9. 3:00 – 3:40	<b>Sheridan Prepares a Counterattack</b>
10. 4:00 – 4:30	<b>Counterattack!</b>
11. 4:45 – 5:45	<b>Action on the Union Left</b>
12. 6:00- 6:30	<b>The Confederate Route</b>

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### **Starting Location:**

**Hite's Chapel: 150 Chapel Road, Middletown, VA**

#### **Directions to Program 8 at Hite's Chapel (from the NPS Visitor Contact Station):**

- Turn left out onto Route 11 South (Main Street). Drive 0.1 mile.
- Turn right at stop light onto Chapel Road. Drive 1.1 miles and continue on Chapel Road.
- Drive 2.9 miles (Chimney Hills sub-division will be on the left). Continue 0.3 mile.
- Turn left into United Methodist Church (Hite's Chapel) parking lot.

## **Program 8: Clash of Cavalry (2:00-2:30)**

Ranger: Kyle Rothemich

Location: Hite's Chapel, 150 Chapel Road, Middletown, VA

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#### **Directions to Program 9 at Battlefield Station 5**

- Turn right out of United Methodists Church onto Chapel Road. Drive 3.2 miles.
- Turn left on Hites Road. Drive 1.2 miles.
- Turn right onto Kline's Mill Road. Drive 1.5 miles.
- Turn right onto Route 11 South (Valley Pike). Drive 0.3 mile.
- Turn right into Rienzi Knoll Lane. Drive 0.2 miles to Battlefield Station 5.
- Park near barn.

## **Program 9: Sheridan Prepares a Counterattack (3:00-3:45)**

Ranger: Jeff Driscoll

Location: Battlefield Station 5, Rienzi Knoll

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### **Directions to Program 10 at Lord Fairfax Community College, South Parking Lot**

- Drive 0.2 miles on Rienzi Knoll lane back to Route 11 (Valley Pike).
- Turn right on Route 11 South (Valley Pike). Drive 0.9 mile.
- Turn left onto Skirmisher Lane (the 3<sup>rd</sup> entrance into Lord Fairfax CC, opposite Coughill Road on right).
- Park in parking lot.

## **Program 10: Counterattack! (4:00-4:30)**

Ranger: Kyle Rothemich

Location: Lord Fairfax Community College-South Parking Lot

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### **Directions to Program 11 at Thorndale Farm**

- Exit parking lot. Turn left on Route 11 South (Valley Pike). Drive 0.2 mile.
- Turn left onto Reliance Road (State Route 627, right before 7-11). Drive 0.5 mile.
- Turn left onto North Buckton Road (immediately after I-81 Interchange). Drive 1.0 mile.
- Enter Thorndale Farm lane.

## **Program 11: Action on the Union Left (4:45-5:45)**

Ranger: Shannon Moeck

Location: Thorndale Farm, 652 North Buckton Road, Middletown, VA

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### **Directions to Program 12 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church**

- Exit Thorndale Farm and backtrack on North Buckton Road. Drive 1.0 mile.
- Turn right at stop sign onto Reliance Road. Drive 0.2 mile.
- Turn left on Carolyn Avenue (immediately following Liberty gas station). Drive 0.3 mile.
- Turn right at stop sign onto First Street (3-way stop). Drive 0.2 mile.
- Turn left onto Church Street. Drive 0.1 mile.
- St. Thomas Church will be on your left, park along the right side of road.
- ??Additional parking available behind the Middletown Town Office on right??

## **Program 12: The Confederate Route (6:00-6:30)**

Ranger: Jeff Driscoll

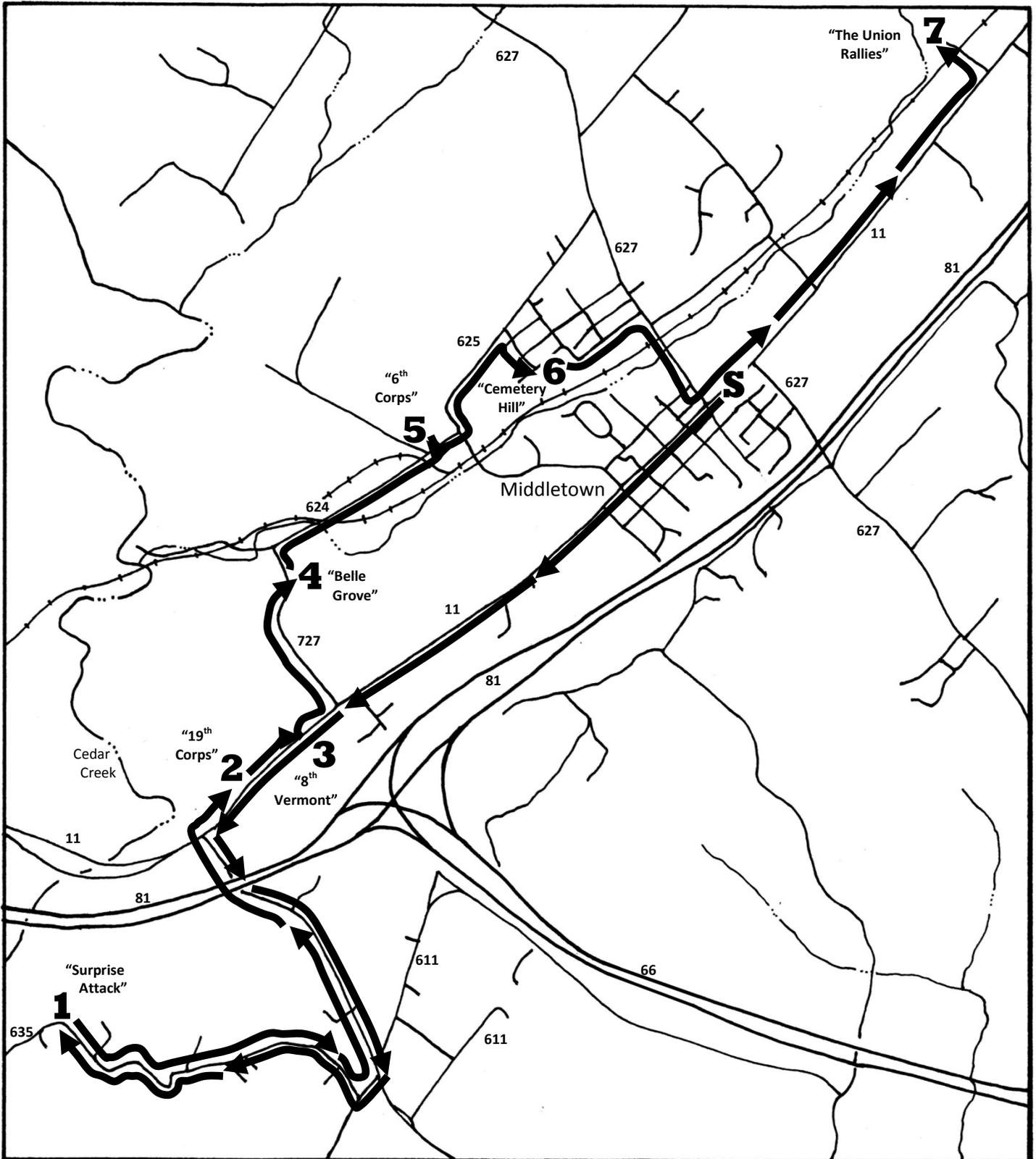
Location: St. Thomas Chapel, Church Street & Shawn Drive, Middletown, VA

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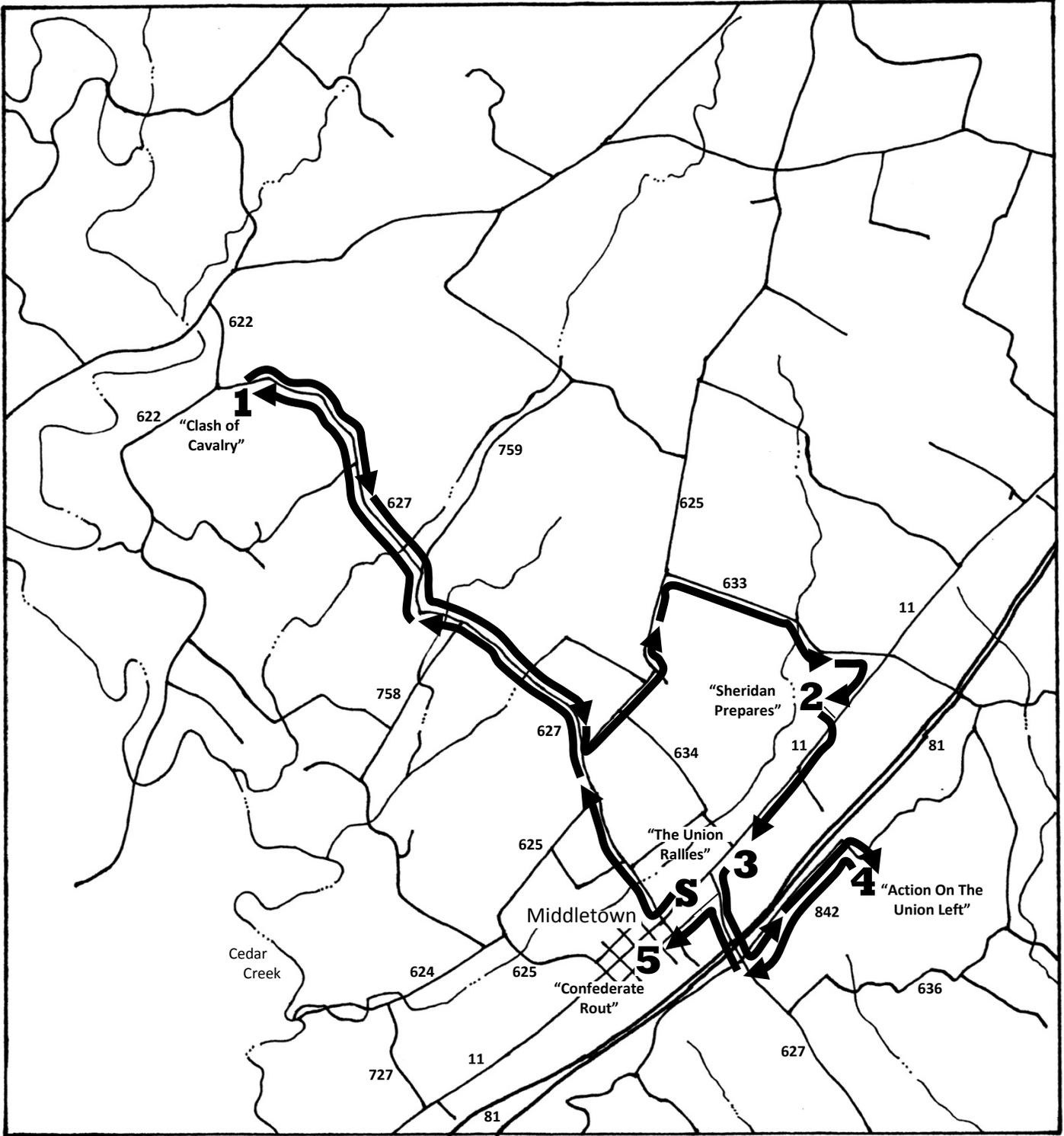
## **End Afternoon Real-Time Programs**

### **Directions to return to the Visitor Contact Station (7712 Main Street)**

- Continue on Church Street (south) 0.1 mile.
  - Turn right on Third Street. Drive 0.1 mile.
  - Turn right on Main Street (Route 11 North). Drive 0.3 miles
  - Visitor Contact Station will be on right.
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