

“A Scottish Evening at the Battlefield” with the Winchester Pipes & Drums ~ a Preservation Fundraising Event Benefitting the KBA ~

September 14, 2024 • 6:00 – 7:30pm

by Gary Crawford

This fall there will be a new but historic sound heard over the Kernstown Battlefield: the eerie sound of Scottish pipes and drums echoing over the hills of this historic land. In honor of William and Barbara Hoge, the original Scottish immigrant settlers of this farm, we will celebrate with a “Scottish Evening at the Battlefield”.

Perhaps previously (or perhaps not) there may have been the distinctive sound of a Scottish bagpiper on this historic site but never before has there been the thrilling sound of the entire Winchester Pipes and Drums band as they present the music that is so distinctly “Scotland”.

The “pipes and drums” evoke so many emotions, even for “non-Scots”, as the audience will sense the history, the pageantry, the national pride, the military drill and, indeed, the joys and sorrows experienced by the Scottish people over the centuries. During breaks in the performance there will be opportunities to mingle and talk with the pipers and drummers.

The Hoge’s left Scotland in the early 1700’s and settled in this new land. Actually, they didn’t meet until on board ship and didn’t marry until several years after arrival and having gone their separate ways. We don’t know precisely

why they emigrated but it may have to do with the religious turmoil happening in Scotland at that time. Or it may simply have been for greater economic opportunities as land was in short supply in Scotland. After obtaining the farm land in 1735 in what later became Kernstown, the Hoge’s donated land for the construction of the Opequon

Presbyterian Church that remains to this day adjacent to the KBA land.

This evening event begins at 6:00pm but plan on coming an hour or so early to tour the antebellum Pritchard House that was a close-up and personal witness to the numerous major and minor actions that occurred here during the Civil War. The house served as a field hospital during

those events even as the Pritchard family continued to live there. Visit the replicated field hospital on the ground floor of the house or simply take the opportunity to explore the museum in the Visitor Center or the battlefield via its well-marked trails.

This KBA fundraising evening is truly a unique opportunity to enjoy the rousing music of the Winchester Pipes and Drums Band while enjoying a glass of wine or beer, compliments of the our neighbor at Kernstown Commons, The Crush Wine Bar.



Registration Details

This event will be held on the lawn in front of the Artillery Building.
(In case of rain the event will move inside the building)

We ask that you bring your own lawn chair.

Your first wine or beer is complimentary. Additional may be purchased.

Cost per person is \$48

Tickets may be purchased in the Visitor Center at the battlefield or go to our website at www.kernstownbattle.org. Scroll down on the home page to find the registration link.



from Gary Sheppard ...

The President's Corner

Winter is winding down and spring is just around the corner. Since closing out our 2023 Season, we've been busy. We made a decision to produce three editions of the Gazette this year, instead of two as in the past. The editions, starting with this Spring Edition, will be shorter in pages, but packed with seasonal Kernstown Battlefield events.

Our KBA Executive Committee was elected – Gary Sheppard, President; Larry Turner, Vice President; Charles Hagan, Secretary; and Steve Cantu, Treasurer. We've also nominated and approved three new Board Directors – Susi Weston; Rich Walsh; and Yale Lewis.

We will start our 2024 Season on April 12, 2024. If you look at the calendar, you'll notice the 12th is a Friday. The KBA Board voted to open on Fridays this year from 10am-4pm. This will give our visitors more opportunities to explore the history of this wonderful property. Based on staffing for Fridays, we may not be able to open all buildings or conduct multiple tours, but we'll do our best to address the interests of our visitors.

During this past November, our Board, Volunteers, and Boy Scout Troop 3 worked very hard clearing the non-native trees and brush around the north end of the pond and the north and south fence lines of the Fulkerson Assault Path. These are in our conservation (CREP) area and the non-native plants had to go. Our KBA Committees are meeting and planning for the 2024 Season. Even before our official April opening, we have planned events.

During March, Timber Works has cleared more trees and brush on Sandy Ridge. A Kite Fest, hosted by Frederick County Parks and Rec, will be held on Saturday, March 23rd. On Sunday, March 24th, Gary Ecelbarger, the renowned author, will lead the tour for the 162nd anniversary of First Kernstown. The month of April is already filling with events. Park Day and the KB Work Day are on the 6th. The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation will conduct a special tour on the 8th. And then we will open for the season on the 12th.

This is your KBA already at work. More events and projects for the 2024 season are in the planning stage. We were very pleased with our accomplishments during the 2023 season and are looking forward to what we

can accomplish in 2024. As we enter this tax season, please remember that the KBA is a 501(c)3 organization and your donations are tax deductible. We very much appreciate your continued financial support toward our preservation efforts, our many projects, and help in maintaining this wonderful property to tell its rich history. Keep an eye on our website, www.kernstownbattle.org, as we update our calendar for the 2024 Season.

Hope to see you in 2024 on the Kernstown Battlefield.

Kernstown Battlefield Second Annual Preservation Golf Classic

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 21st to help support battlefield and Pritchard House preservation efforts by participating in our 2nd annual golf outing. Last year's outing had over 70 golfers and many company sponsors, which helped us raise much needed funds to preserve and maintain the Kernstown historical property.

In addition to helping raise money for preservation, participating in the golf outing is a great way to meet and interact with other battlefield preservationists and history buffs. The money raised helps the [all-volunteer](#) organization of the Kernstown Battlefield Association preserve and maintain roughly 388 acres of historical land, as well as the 1854 Pritchard House.

The outing will be held at the Rock Harbor Golf Course. We are currently soliciting businesses to help us with sponsorships and/or gifts that will be awarded at the lunch immediately following the outing.

Registration is \$100 per person and includes 18 holes of golf and lunch. Sponsorship opportunities are available as follows:

Event Sponsor	\$500
Lunch Sponsor	\$250
Beverage Cart Sponsor	\$250
Hole Sponsor	\$150

To register or inquire about sponsorships,
contact George Mangano at
Georgemangano134@gmail.com
or call 540-877-0753

“Sunset at the Battlefield” returns by popular demand

by Chuck Maurer

This year’s program, “**A Kernstown Soldiers Panel**”, is scheduled for Saturday, September 7th from 6–800pm. It will be a first-person historical interpretation panel consisting of four experienced Civil War reenactors portraying soldiers who fought at Kernstown. As currently planned, the panel will include:

- KBA docent and recent Liberty University graduate **Jason Anderson** as **Randolph “Rannie” Barton**, a young soldier from Winchester and member of the 2nd VA Infantry (Stonewall Brigade).
- Civil War Historical Impressions, Inc. member **Bill Billerd** as **Col. Alvin Voris**, 67th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.
- **Kris Robinson**, Captain of the 28th VA Infantry (CSA) reenactment group as **Mollie Bell** (aka Sargent Bob Morgan) of the 36th VA Infantry.
- **Alysa Billerd**, also with the Civil War Historical Impressions, as **Mary Bell** (aka Corporal Tom Parker), the younger cousin of Mollie Bell, also of the 36th VA Infantry.

This diverse character panel will not only focus on these soldiers’ experiences fighting at Kernstown, but will include in-depth and personal discussion on their backgrounds, their motivation to join the fight, their initial and post-Kernstown Civil War experiences, and finally, their lives after the war.

We encourage all to join us later this summer for what should be a very informative and entertaining program. And if you are considering attending this event, please be on the lookout for more details of this program (including registration guidance) on our KBA website.

There is no charge for this event. Your donations are always welcome and appreciated. ■



Dan Heim – Outstanding Volunteer in the Spotlight

by Chuck Maurer

Dan Heim was born and raised in Catskill, New York. He earned his bachelor’s degree in finance from Siena College (NY) and an MBA from the University at Albany. Starting out his career in commercial banking, he ended up spending 30+ years working in health care legislation, regulations and public policy with a statewide long-term care provider association, retiring from full-time work in January 2021. Soon thereafter, Dan moved from upstate New York to nearby Lake Frederick to be near family and to enjoy the milder Virginia winters.

Dan joined the KBA shortly after moving to

Virginia. While maybe not the most visible KBA volunteer, Dan contributes to our association in many ways to include serving as a docent, a key member of our grant writing team and leading the effort to get the battlefield/farm on the national and state historical registers. He is also an active member of our building and grounds maintenance team taking on numerous painting projects including the front of the artillery building, the lobby of the conference center and the Pritchard House windowsills.

When Dan isn’t doing his “KBA thing”, he has other activities and interests to keep him busy to include hiking, biking, running, racket sports, archery, traveling, coin collecting and reading. Some of us wonder when he finds time to sleep.



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2024 SPECIAL EVENT CALENDAR

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| <p>Sun, Mar 17 1–4 Kite Fest Sponsored by Frederick County Parks & Recreation</p> <p>Sun, Mar 24 9–4 162nd Anniversary Tour of First Battle of Kernstown
Walking and driving tour with Gary Ecelbarger, author of “We are in for it!” (Registration requested) *</p> <p>Sat, Apr 6 9–3 American Battlefield Trust Park Day 2024 – Volunteer Work Day (Registration requested) *</p> <p>Fri, Apr 12 10–4 SEASON OPENING DAY at Kernstown Battlefield – Visitor Center open. Tours available</p> <p>Sun, May 19 Noon–1 “1864 Valley Campaign Overview” – a presentation by the National Park Service</p> <p>Fri, Jun 21 7–2 2nd Annual Kernstown Battlefield Golf Classic Fundraiser
Rock Harbor Golf Club, Merriman Lane, Winchester, VA (Registration details on website)</p> <p>Sat, Jul 20 10–2 160th Anniversary Tour of Second Battle of Kernstown
Walking tour with Scott Patchan, author of “Shenandoah Summer” (Registration requested) *</p> <p>Fri – Sun Jul 26–28 10–4 daily Living History/Reenactment of the Second Battle of Kernstown presented by Civil War Historical Impressions (see website for schedule of events)</p> <p>Sun, Aug 11 Noon–1 “1862 Valley Campaign Overview” – a presentation by the National Park Service</p> <p>Sat–Sun Aug 17–18 Civil War Soldier Living History - 28th Virginia Volunteers, Company D 10-4 daily</p> | <p>Sat, Sep 7 6–8 Sunset on the Battlefield: “Kernstown Soldier Panel, Period First Person Impressions” (Registration requested) *</p> <p>Fri, Sep 13 5–8 Shenandoah University Twilight Cross Country Race</p> <p>Sat, Sep 14 6-7:30 An Evening with Winchester Pipes & Drums – “Celebrating Scottish Heritage” – A fundraiser benefitting the Kernstown Battlefield Assoc. (See website for details. Pre-registration required) *</p> <p>Sun, Sep 15 Noon–1 “1864 Valley Campaign Overview” – a presentation by the National Park Service</p> <p>Sat, Sep 28 9–1 Shenandoah University Hornet Harrier Invitational and Commonwealth Challenge Cross Country Race (Battlefield open normal hours - 10–4)</p> <p>Sat, Oct 5 8–1 John Handly High School Cross Country Judges Classic (Battlefield open normal hours - 10–4)</p> <p>Sun, Oct 13 Noon–4 Kernstown Battlefield Association Annual Membership Meeting (KBA members only - Registration requested) *</p> <p>Sun, Oct 27 10–4 CLOSING DAY at Kernstown Battlefield</p> <p>Sat, Nov 9 6–1 Battlefield Half Marathon – Sponsored by Frederick Co. Parks & Recreation Department (Open for race events only)</p> |
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* REGISTRATION IS GENERALLY AVAILABLE FOUR TO SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT AT OUR WEBSITE, WWW.KERNSTOWNBATTLE.ORG.