

Middletown Living History/Preservation Encampment

The Citizens for the Preservation of Middletown Valley (CPMV) will be participating in the *Middletown Heritage Festival* scheduled for Saturday, **September 25, 2010 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm**, by engaging in a Civil War Living History/Preservation Encampment.

Living history activities will include a Civil War soldier's camp with reenactors portraying everyday activities of a soldier's life, as well as performing manual of arms drills and musket firing demonstrations. Union and Confederate re-enactors, Civilians, and all other Civil War era impressions are welcome to attend. Union reenactors will be portraying the 1st Maryland Infantry, Potomac Home Brigade, which was organized in Frederick, Maryland August 15, 1861 and fought in the battles of Gettysburg, New Market, and Monocacy.

We encourage participants to also march in the town parade (a few blocks long) on behalf of the CPMV's efforts to relocate to a suitable industrial site a gas compressor utility station that is proposed to be built at the base of the South Mountain Battlefield at Fox's Gap. The compressor station would be built adjacent to Fox's Tavern, a historic structure from the late 1700s that served as a field hospital during the Battle of South Mountain. This site is on the 10 Most Endangered list of the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) for 2010.

Other Civil War Participation

The National Museum of Civil War Medicine will have an exhibit in the historic Zion Lutheran Church, the Headquarters Signal Detachment will demonstrate signaling techniques, and the staff from South Mountain State Battlefield Park will have an artillery demonstration and fire a 12-pound Napoleon cannon.

Meals Provided

There are no fees associated with this event. Dinner (Friday night) and breakfast (Saturday morning) will be provided for encampment participants. Porta johns will be located at the encampment and firewood and water will be provided by the Town of Middletown.

About Middletown

Located about 12 miles west of Frederick, Maryland, Middletown is rich in Civil War history. The town was ransomed by Confederate General Jubal Early in 1864 prior to the Battle of Monocacy and was occupied by both Confederate and Union armies as they passed through in 1862 on the way to the Battles of South Mountain and Antietam fought nearby. Skirmishes were fought in town and the town's church steeples served as observation and signaling posts. The town's churches and homes were hospitals for the wounded after the battles at South Mountain and Antietam. Col. Rutherford B. Hayes, later to become President of the U.S., wounded at South Mountain, was treated and convalesced in the town. Middletown still has streets lined with Federal and Victorian era homes, businesses, and places of worship and retains much of its historic and small town character.

For more information or to register, contact: Audrey Scanlan-Teller ascantell@ascantell.com

Please provide the following information:

Name: _____ **E-mail:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Unit: _____ **Number of Attendees:** _____ **Union** ___ **Confederate** _____

Infantry _____ **Artillery** _____ **Cavalry** _____

Camping Friday night (Y/N) _____

Participating Sat. only (Y/N) _____