

HANDOUT GRAPHICS

Staff Ride

Monocacy National Battlefield

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"History sharpens the vision of the skilled commander. By taking in the events and lessons of the past, he can assess his present readiness for war and prepare himself and his subordinates for the challenges of future battles."

~ (Former) Army Chief of Staff General Carl E. Vuono

Staff Ride Tour Overview

STOP 1 – Monocacy National Battlefield / Key Locations & Realizing the Threat

STOP 2 – Thomas Farm / Taking the Initiative

STOP 3 – Gambrill Mill / Aftermath of Saving Washington

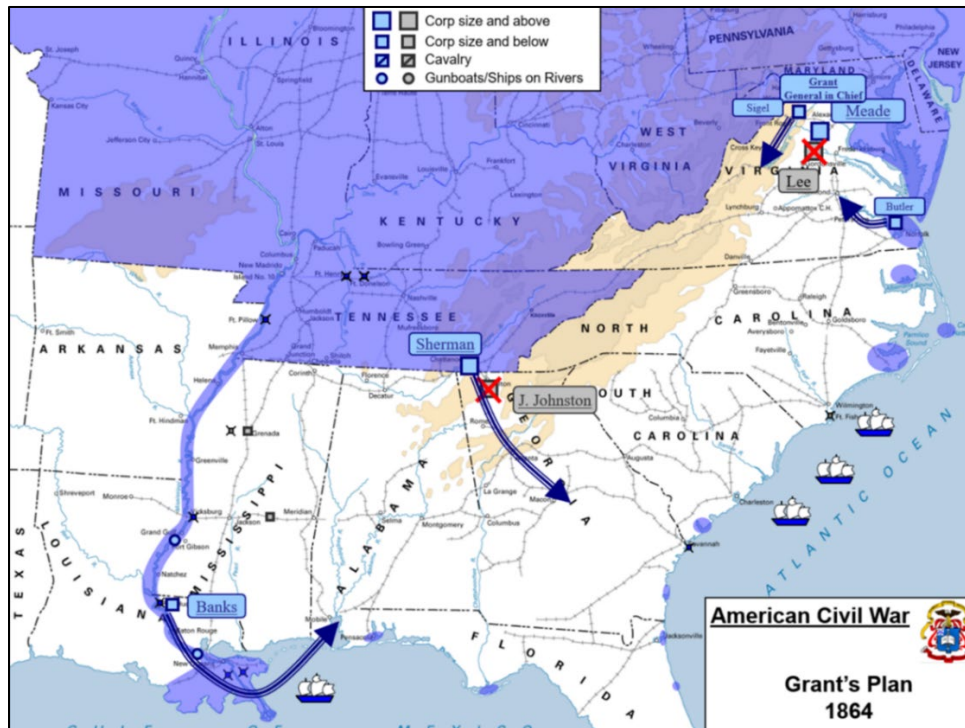
STOP 4 – Gambrill Mill / In the Company of Heroes / Stand #1 on Gambrill Mill Trail

STOP 5 – Gambrill Mill / Resilient Defense / Stand #2 on Gambrill Mill Trail

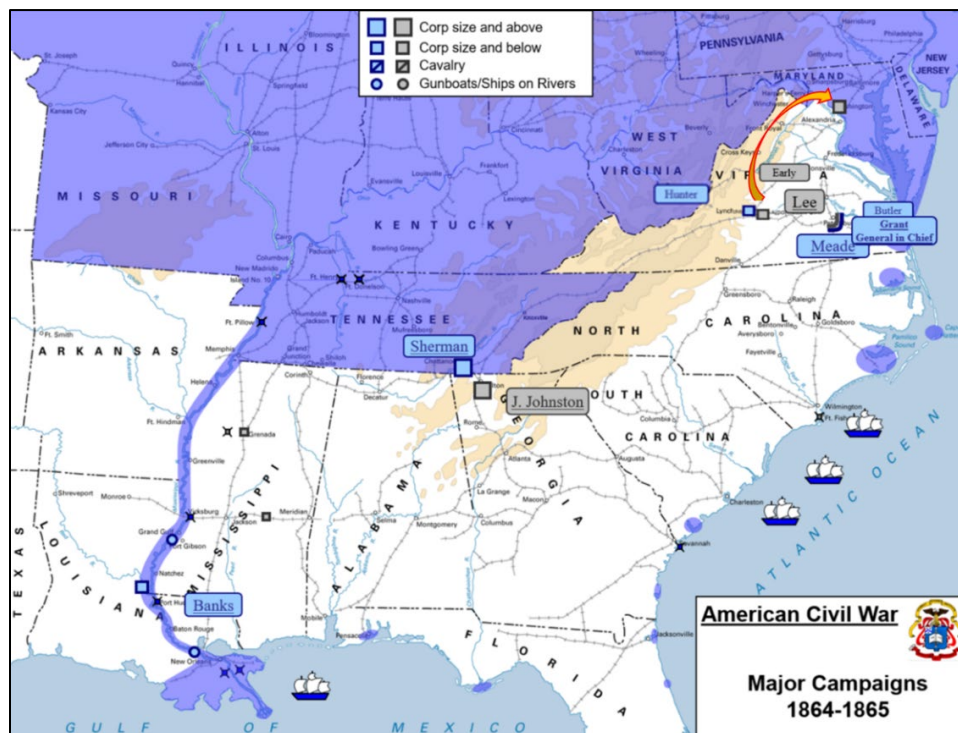
STOP 6 – Monocacy National Battlefield Museum – Individual Review of Exhibit on the 2nd Floor



Handout #1 – Grant's Plan and Lee's Last Counter



Grant's Plan to Win the War - Combat Studies Institute <https://www.armyupress.army.mil/Staff-Rides/CSI-Battle-Maps/>



Lee's Last Counter – Combat Studies Institute <https://www.armyupress.army.mil/Staff-Rides/CSI-Battle-Maps/>

(Handout #2 – Principles of War / Warfighting Functions)

Principles of War – FM 3-0, 2001 “The nine principles of war provide general guidance for conducting war and military operations other than war....they are the enduring bedrock of Army doctrine.”

UNITY OF COMMAND: For every objective, ensure unity of effort under one responsible commander.

SECURITY: Never permit the enemy to acquire an unexpected advantage.

OBJECTIVE: Direct every military operation toward a clearly defined, decisive, and attainable objective.

MANEUVER: Place the enemy in a disadvantageous position through the flexible application of combat power.

OFFENSIVE: Seize, retain, and exploit the initiative.

SIMPLICITY: Prepare clear, uncomplicated plans and clear, concise orders to ensure thorough understanding.

MASS: Concentrate the effects of combat power at the decisive place and time.

SURPRISE: Strike the enemy at a time or place or in a manner for which he is unprepared.

ECONOMY OF FORCE: Allocate minimum essential combat power to secondary efforts.

Warfighting Functions – ADP 3-0 Operations “The six warfighting functions are the physical means that tactical commanders use to execute operations and accomplish missions.”

MOVEMENT and MANUEVER - the related tasks and systems that move and employ forces to achieve a position of relative advantage over the enemy and other threats.

INTELLIGENCE - the related tasks and systems that facilitate understanding the enemy, terrain, weather, civil considerations, and other significant aspects of the operational environment.

FIRES - related tasks and systems that create and converge effects in all domains against the adversary or enemy to enable operations across the range of military operations.

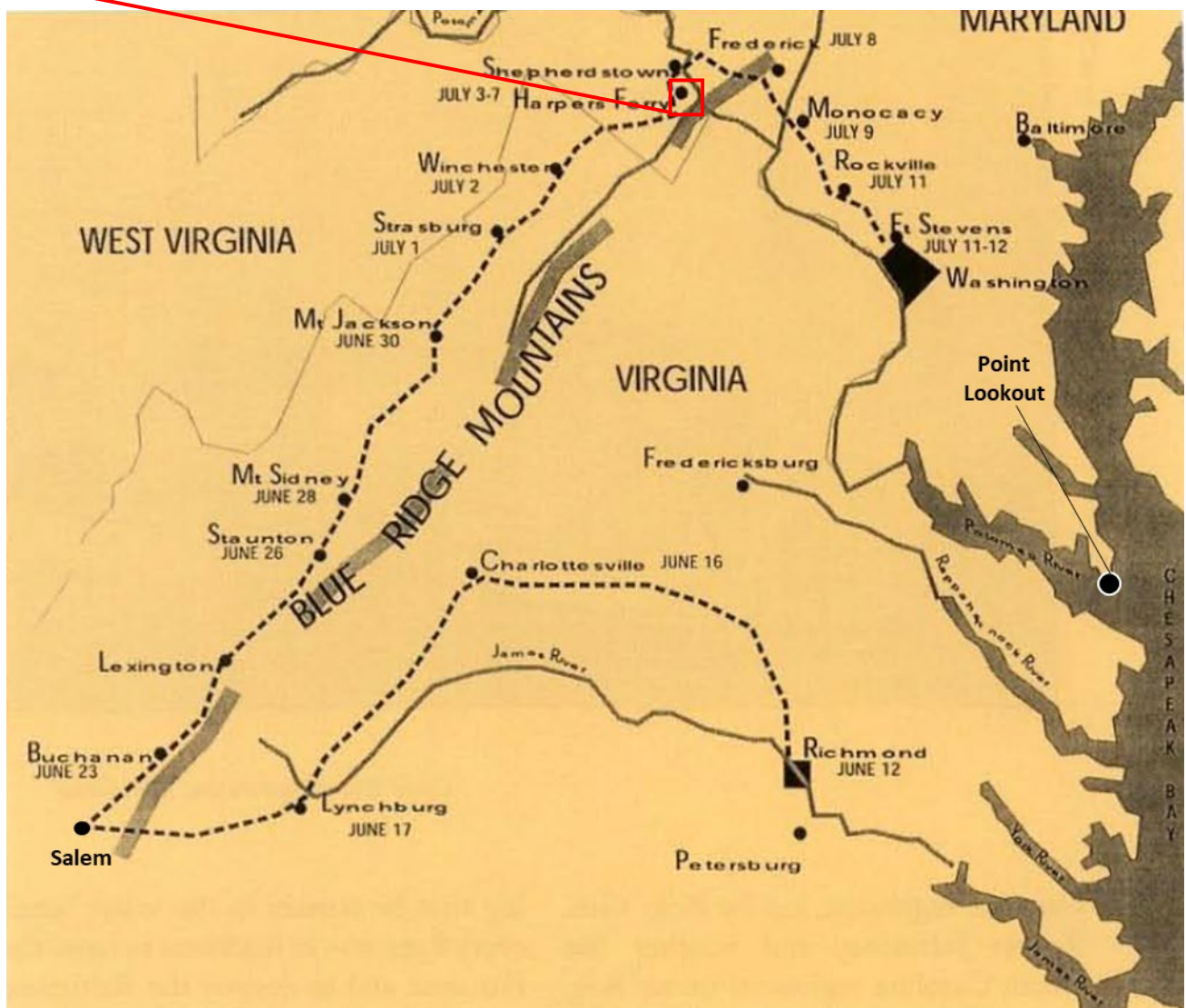
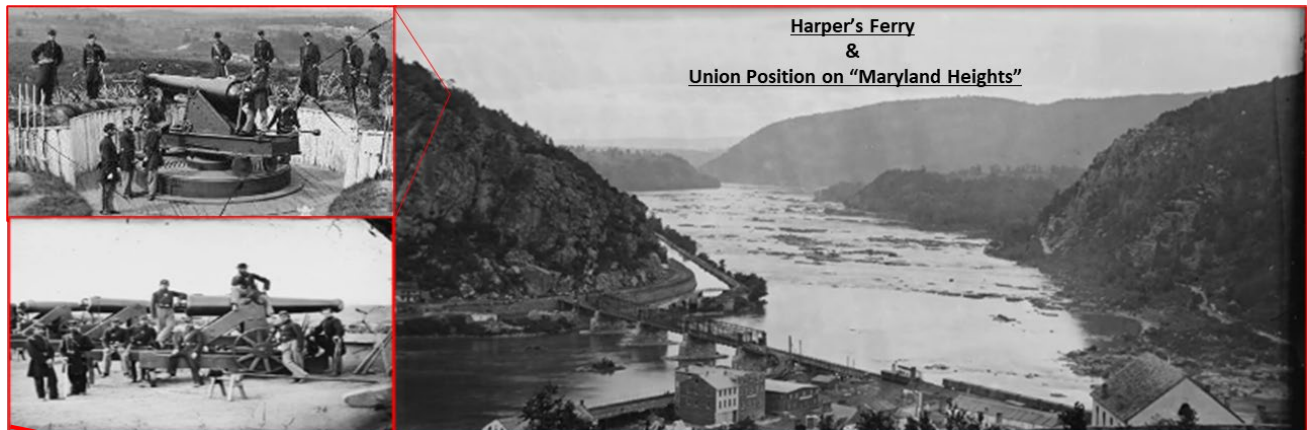
SUSTAINMENT - related tasks and systems that provide support and services to ensure freedom of action, extended operational reach, and prolong endurance.

COMMAND and CONTROL (C2) - the related tasks and a system that enable commanders to synchronize and converge all elements of combat power.

PROTECTION - related tasks and systems that preserve the force so the commander can apply maximum combat power to accomplish the mission.

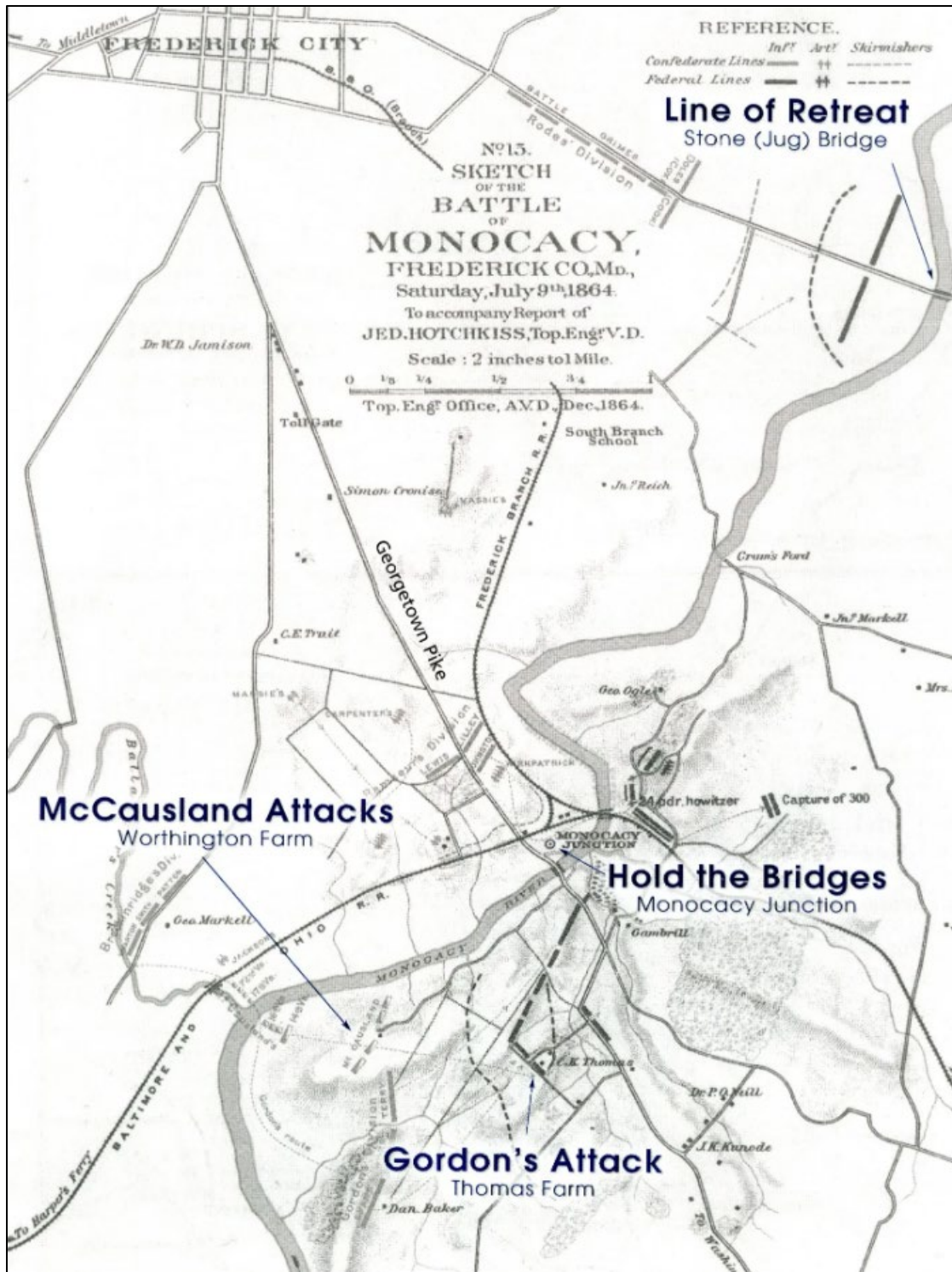
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https://www.armyupress.army.mil/Portals/7/educational-services/military-history/CSI_BM_POWSlides.pptx

Handout #3 –Harper's Ferry and Early's Delayed Campaign to DC



"Map of Early's Campaign to Washington, 1864" Courtesy of Monocacy National Battlefield, National Park Service
https://history.army.mil/html/bookshelves/resmat/civil_war/articles/article_from_AH61w.pdf and "Photos of Union Positions on Maryland Heights" - <https://www.nps.gov/media/video/view.htm?id=97A0803F-CD46-111C-CEEC1189858D7235>

Handout #4 - Monocacy Battlefield Map



<https://armyhistory.org/the-battle-of-monocacy-9-july-1864/>

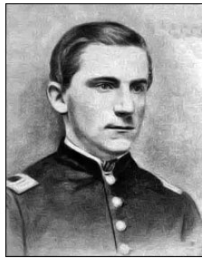
Handout #5 – Medal of Honor Recipients at Monocacy



Burning the Covered Bridge



Holding the Bridge



1st Lieutenant George E. Davis,
U.S.A.

1st Lieutenant George E. Davis, Company D, 10th Vermont

(<https://www.nps.gov/mono/learn/historyculture/lieutenant-george-davis.htm>)

"While in command of a small force, held the approaches of two bridges against repeated assaults of superior numbers, thereby materially delaying Early's advance on Washington."



Scott's Retreat – by Keith Rocco



The Final Stand



Corporal Alexander Scott,
U.S.A.

Corporal Alexander Scott, Company D, 10th Vermont

(<https://www.nps.gov/mono/learn/historyculture/corporal-alexander-scott.htm?fullweb=1>)

"As troops are falling back across the fields of Gambril Mill, the color sergeant of the 10th Vermont collapsed out of exhaustion. The Corporal of this color detail (who had the Vermont flag still in hand) ran back under very heavy enemy fire and saved the national flag of his regiment from capture."