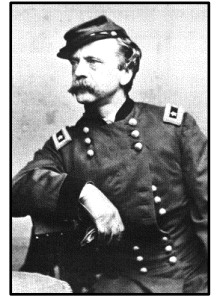


Dan Sickles Civil War Roundtable



Presents:

The Carnage was Fearful:

The Battle of Cedar Mountain, August 9, 1862

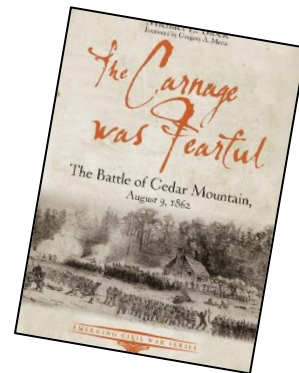
with Historian, Author, Blogger, Air Force Veteran and Battlefield Park Volunteer

Michael Block



A Virtual Program via Zoom

Sunday, July 23, 2023 ♦ 7:00 pm (eastern)



In early August 1862, Confederate Maj. Gen. Stonewall Jackson took to the field with his Army of the Valley for one last fight—one that would also turn out to be his last independent command. Near the base of Cedar Mountain, outnumbered Federal infantry under Maj. Gen. Nathaniel Banks attacked Jackson's army as it marched toward Culpeper Court House. A violent three-hour battle erupted, yielding more than 3,600 casualties. "The carnage was fearful," one observer wrote.

Civil War history typically breezes by the battle of Cedar Mountain, but the stand-alone battle at Cedar Mountain had major implications. It saw the emergence of the Federal cavalry as an effective intelligence collector and screening force. It also provided Confederate Maj. Gen. A.P. Hill's first opportunity to save the day - and his first opportunity to raise Jackson's ire. The aftermath of the battle escalated the in-fighting among Union generals and led to recriminations and finger-pointing over why the battle was even fought.

Some called it outright murder..

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