



A Staff Ride of The Battle of Gettysburg

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A visit to a battlefield and an analysis of the strategic and tactical decisions of the battle. A way to analyze first hand the effect of terrain, geography and psychology in battlefield decision-making. Participants study the perspective of a particular leader (for example, General Robert E. Lee). They examine the events of the battle and their character's role prior to arriving at the location, and contribute to the group's discussion of the battle.

Who is invited?

All National Security Studies, Global Security Studies and Government students who are currently taking or have already taken: 470.692 Military Strategy and National Policy.

Events

- November 12, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm: Dinner and briefing at 1717 Mass Ave.
- November 13, 7 am – 4pm: Day trip to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Responsibilities

- Assigned background reading about the Civil War and the Battle of Gettysburg, including *The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara.
- Role playing a participant in the battle and conducting guided supplementary research on his personality and role in the battle.
- Attending the dinner and the day trip to Gettysburg.

Please do not commit to the staff ride unless you are sure you can attend both events. This team event depends on the enthusiastic participation of all involved. Since you will play a crucial battlefield role, your non-attendance would negatively affect the experience of your fellow students. Only sign up if you are certain you can participate.

RSVP

Registration for the trip will be on a first come, first served basis. The trip is free, and all food, transportation and reading material will be provided. Please email Dr. Rameez Abbas (rameez@jhu.edu) with questions, or to reserve a spot.