

## Civil War September and October 1861

- Sept 3 Confederate troops enter Kentucky, ending the state's neutral status
- Sept 5 Skirmish at Papinsville, Missouri
- Sept 6 Federal forces seize Paducah, Kentucky
- Sept 10 Engagement at Carnifex Ferry, Virginia (now West Virginia)
- Sept 11 Campaign of Cheat Mountain, Virginia (now West Virginia)
- Sept 20 Union garrison surrenders Lexington, Missouri
- Sept 26 Skirmish near Fort Thorn, New Mexico Territory
- Oct 3 Engagement at Camp Bartow, Greenbrier River, Virginia (now West Virginia)
- Oct 9 Engagement on Santa Rosa Island, Florida
- Oct 12 First ironclad in the U.S. Navy, USS St. Louis, launched at Carondelet, Missouri



- Oct 21 Battle of Ball's Bluff (Leesburg), Virginia. Union forces under Brig. Gen. Charles P. Stone crossed the Potomac at Harrison's Island looking to attack a suspected Confederate camp near Leesburg, Virginia. A timely Confederate counterattack led by Confederate Brig. Gen. Nathan "Shanks" Evans drove the Federals over the bluff and into the Potomac River. 553 Union soldiers were captured in the rout. Col. Edward D. Baker (a U.S. Senator) was killed. This Union defeat had severe political ramifications in Washington and led to the establishment of the Congressional Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War.
- Oct 24 Western Union completes the first trans-continental telegraph line
- Oct 25 Union Major Charles Zagoni's "famous" charge into Springfield, Missouri
- Oct 31 Remnant of the Missouri legislature votes to join the Confederacy