

## Civil War 150 years ago September 1864

- Sept 1** Confederates evacuate Atlanta, Georgia
- Sept 2** Federal Army enters Atlanta, Georgia
- Sept 3** Sherman's telegram to Washington: "Atlanta is ours, and fairly won."
- Sept 4** CSA Cavalry General John Hunt Morgan killed in Greeneville, Tennessee
- Sept 7** Evacuation of Atlanta citizens ordered by Union General William T. Sherman
- Sept 8** George McClellan accepts nomination as Democratic candidate for President
- Sept 16** Confederate General Wade Hampton's raid at Coggins Point (Great Cattle Road), Virginia
- Sept 19** Battle of Third Winchester (Opequon), Virginia. After Kershaw's division left Winchester to rejoin Lee's army at Petersburg, Lt Gen Jubal Early renewed his raids on the B&O Railroad at Martinsburg, badly dispersing his four remaining infantry divisions. On September 19, Sheridan advanced toward Winchester along the Berryville Pike with the VI and XIX Corps, crossing Opequon Creek. The Union advance was delayed long enough for Early to concentrate his forces to meet the main assault, which continued for several hours. Casualties were very heavy. The Confederate line was gradually driven back toward the town. Mid-afternoon, Crook's (VIII) Corps and the cavalry turned the Confederate left flank. Early ordered a general retreat. Confederate generals Rhodes and Goodwin were killed, Fitzhugh Lee, Terry, Johnson, and Wharton wounded. Union general Russell was killed, McIntosh, Upton, and Chapman wounded. Because of its size, intensity, and result, many historians consider this the most important conflict of the Shenandoah Valley.
- Sept 22** Battle of Fisher's Hill, Virginia
- Sept 23** Skirmish at Athens, Alabama
- Sept 24** Battle of Pilot Knob (Fort Davidson), Missouri
- Sept 27** Massacre at Centralia, Missouri
- Sept 28** Skirmish at Decatur, Georgia
- Sept 29** Battle of Fort Harrison (Chaffin's Farm), Virginia
- Sept 30** Skirmish at Carter's Station, Tennessee  
Battle of Peebles' Farm, Virginia