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The Bull Run Civil War Round Table

November 2000



GENERAL LEE'S RETURN TO HIS LINES AFTER THE SURRENDER. FROM A WAR-TIME SKETCH.

The Appomattox Campaign: Lee's Greatest Victory (?) A New Perspective

The guest speaker for our General Membership meeting 9 November 2000 is the well known Civil War historian - Noah Andre Trudeau. "Andy" Trudeau was born in New York City and received his BA degree from the State University of New York (SUNY) in Albany. He is presently the producer for the Cultural Programming Division of National Public Radio in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Trudeau is the author of an acclaimed trilogy on the Overland Campaign of 1864-1865. The titles of these volumes are:

- "Bloody Roads South! The Wilderness to Cold Harbor. May - June, 1864" (Winner of the Fletcher Pratt Award)

- "The Last Citadel. Petersburg, Virginia. June 1864 - April 1865"

- "Out of the Storm. The End of the Civil War, April - June 1865"

He also edited a book entitled "Voices of the 55th: Letters from the 55th Massachusetts Volunteers 1861 - 1865" and was an associate editor in the preparation of the "American Heritage New History of the Civil War." Further, our prolific guest speaker has written numerous articles that have been published in virtually every Civil War periodical.

Mr. Trudeau's presentation on General R. E. Lee during the Appomattox Campaign is certain to attract many Civil War buffs to our November General Membership meeting. While Mr. Trudeau will not bring any of his books with him to sell, he stated that he will be more than happy to autograph any of his books owned by those who attend.

Come early to claim a seat and get ready to enjoy a most informative presentation!!!

General Membership Meeting

- * **Noah A. Trudeau**
- * **Election of BRCWRT Officers
for 2001
November 9, 2000
7:30 PM**

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**Submission Deadline for
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The deadline for the receipt of articles for
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Your cooperation will be appreciated.

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Nomination and Election of Officers for CY2001

The report of the Nomination Committee identified the following BRCWRT members in good standing as its list of officers for 2001:

President	John McAnaw
Vice President	John DePue
Treasurer	Mark Knowles
Secretary	Nancy Anwyll

Additional nominating can be made from the floor prior to the election of officers at the 9 November General Membership meeting.

The term of office will run from 1 January through 31 December 2001.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2001 BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

There will be no increase in dues for 2001. Members are encouraged to send in their dues payment as soon as practicable. The dues rates are as follows:

Family - \$25.00

Individual - \$15.00

Student - \$10.00

Please make the checks payable to the "Bull Run Civil War Round Table." Either drop the check off at the Membership Table at our monthly meeting or mail the check to"

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December 2000 General Membership Meeting

7:30 PM, 14 December 2000

Centreville Regional Library

**Guest Speaker: Gary L. Ecelbarger
(Past President of the BRCWRT)**

**Topic: B.G. Frederick West Lander,
U.S.V.**

**Note: B.G. Lander is the subject of
Gary's latest book. Copies should be
available for purchase and signing by
the author.**

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Preservation Corner

The Scene of Longstreet's Flank Attack during the Battle of the Wilderness

by John McAnaw

According to noted historian John Hennessy, the Deputy Superintendent of Fredericksburg and Spottsylvania National Military Park, intensive negotiations are ongoing for the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire a key part of the Wilderness Battlefield. This is the area of the crushing flank attack by I C.S. Corps, commanded by Lieutenant General James Longstreet, on 6 May 1864 against Major General Winfield S. Hancock's II U. S. Corps. On some old maps this tract is shown as "Hamilton's Thicket." Park historians prefer to call it the "Longstreet Flank Attack Area."

Approximately 60 acres of the "Longstreet Flank Attack Area" has already been purchased by the NPS. The subject of negotiations between the NPS and the NTS Development Company, headquartered in Louisville, KY, is adjacent terrain consisting of approximately 462 acres. At present this tract of 462 acres is part of the gated Fawn Lake development, located south of Route 621 (Orange Plank Road) and southwest of Route 613 (Brock Road).

Our Round Table conducted an extensive tour several years ago of the entire Wilderness Battlefield and followed the route of Brigadier General Billy Mahone's attacking troops along the then unfinished railroad and into the heart of the 462 acres in question. There was unanimous agreement by tour participants that

every effort should be made to save this Longstreet's Flank Attack Area." Some participants took the time to write letters to concerned NPS officials and Congressmen regarding the protection of the cited tract from development. Again, I thank these individuals for their efforts. Hopefully the preservation for posterity of these 462 acres will be a reality in the near future. I will keep you posted.

Update on the Confederate and Union Earthworks Located in the Deerfield Ridge Development

by John McAnaw

I have written a number of articles on the earthworks located within a threatened (by developers) 14.33 acre "wooded" tract in Centreville. CENTEX Homes, based in Dallas, TX, is in the process of developing this site which will consist of 128 townhouses on the original 14.33 acre tract. In addition, another 38 townhouses will be built on an adjacent 4+ acre tract bringing the total number of townhouses on the Deerfield Ridge tract to 166 and not 128.

In the previous paragraph I put quotes around the word wooded because much of the tree stand covering the 18+ acre development site has recently been destroyed. Land clearing for Phase I and part of Phase II and Phase III for the Deerfield Ridge development is now completed. The eastern part of the 20 acre tract still remains forested. This area contains

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Update on Confederate and Union earthworks

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one of the few remaining sections of earthworks (over 100 yards in length) of the main Confederate defense line protecting Centreville and Manassas Junction. This line of fortifications was approximately seven miles in length and was built and occupied by Confederate troops during the period of late July 1861 until 9 March 1862.

Approximately 92 yards west of the prominent Confederate earthworks, described above, is a parallel line of eroded Union breastworks, also over 100 yards in length. They represent a rare example of surviving Union fortifications in the Centreville area.

Due, in great measure, to the efforts of members of the BRCWRT, CENTEX Homes changed its site plan for Deerfield Ridge and, as a result, the Confederate earthworks will be preserved. However, the highly valued Union breastworks will be obliterated. As of 27 October approximately 42% of cited breastworks have been destroyed.

The story of the rezoning of the 14.33 acres that originally comprised the Deerfield Ridge development is truly disturbing. The staff report sent to the Fairfax County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors in 1998 only mentioned that there was a ditch on the property that was possibly of Civil War origin.

Deerfield Ridge - Accessible Site for Relic Hunters

by John McAnaw

The entrance to the Deerfield Ridge development is off Old Centreville Road. Facing east you will spot the sales office for CENTEX Homes. To the left and rear of the office is a wooded section. Keep this in mind.

The sales manager for CENTEX Homes is Bob Shatarsky (Tel. No. (703) 989-9617). I have spoken to him on two occasions, once in person. The second time was by telephone on 27 October. On both occasions he informed me that relic hunters are allowed on the development site as long as they stay away from active work sites. Bob stated that relic hunters reported finding Civil War artifacts on the site. Several other relic hunters also advised me of the same.

Now back to the wooded section mentioned in the first paragraph. Sometime in the future this wooded section (part of the Phase III development) will be destroyed. When this occurs experienced relic hunters will move in to search the site. Need I say more?

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Calendar of Events

Note: The following events are, for the most part, taken from the Civil War News. If you plan to attend any of the events please verify the information given in this column by calling the telephone number provided.

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| 11 Nov. | "Second Saturday Series" talk by Steve Bockmiller, U.S.S. Constellation, Baltimore, MD, at 3 p.m. History of the U. S. Marine Corps. (410) 539-1797 | | Central Virginia Relic Hunters Assoc., P.O. Box 571, Quinton, VA 23141, (804) 737-5827 or (804) 649-1861 |
| 16-18 Nov. | 5th Annual Lincoln Symposium. Gettysburg, PA. Registration \$235. Sponsored by Lincoln Forum. POC: Annette Westerby (303) 721-6681. FAX (303) 721-6682 | 18-21 Nov. | 5th National Conference on Battlefield Preservation. Omni Inner Harbor Hotel, Baltimore, MD. Sponsored by the American Battlefield Protection Program. POC: Ginger Carter (202) 343-1210 |
| 18 Nov. | Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony, Gettysburg, PA. Parade at 1 p.m. POC: Gettysburg National Military Park, (717) 334-1124, X422 or 431 | 25 Nov. | Medicine for the Soldier, National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, MD. Historians Glenn and Gloria Baugher. (301) 695-1864 |
| 18-19 Nov. | Remembrance Day National Civil War Ball, Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center, Gettysburg, PA. Tickets \$10, payable to "National Civil War Ball," with self addressed envelope to Margaret E. Atkinson, 1016 Gorman St., Philadelphia, PA 19116-3719 | 1 Dec. | 2nd Annual Patrick R. Cleburne Society dinner in Franklin, TN. Featured speaker Wiley Sword. \$30 fee for Society members: \$40 for non members. (706) 444-7412 |
| 18-19 Nov. | 20th Annual Capital of the Confederacy Civil War Show. The Fairgrounds on Strawberry Hill, Richmond, VA. Sat 9 am-5 pm., Sun 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. POC: | 2 Dec. | 12th Annual Memorial Illumination at Antietam, MD, National Battlefield. Rain date 9 Dec. Visitor Center open 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. POC: Antietam National Battlefield (301) 432-5124. Volunteers call (301) 733-7373 |
| | | 2 Dec. | Gray-Blue Civil War Ball at Fauquier Springs Country Club, Warrenton, VA. Dinner, music, silent auction. Period or black tie attire. Tickets \$75. John S. Mosby Foundation and Museum. (540) 351-1600 |

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- 9 Dec. Anniversary Ceremony for two executed Irish Louisiana Tigers. St. John Episcopal Church, Centreville, VA. 11 a.m. Trip to execution site. Lunch at O'Tooles, Centreville. (703) 978-3371
- 9 Dec. Annual Open House of the Historic Sites Consortium at County museums. National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, MD. 2 - 8 p.m. Historian R. W. Parker as Civil War Santa - Confederate style. Free. (301) 695-1864.
- 15 Dec. Civil War Christmas Program at Antietam National Battlefield Visitor Center. 7 p.m. Music, talk on Civil War Christmas and visit from period Santa. (301) 432-5124
- 14 Dec. Bull Run Civil War Round Table Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Centreville Regional Library. Speaker (and BRCWRT member) Gary Ecelbarger on "Brigadier General Frederick Lander, U.S.A.

like the Union colors. Indeed, both armies mistook their enemies for friends, and vice versa. After the battle I had resolved to discard this flag, and called for each regiment to procure its state colors. This they were not able to do, and I asked the army for new designs. Among those presented one by General Beauregard was chosen, and I altered this only in making it square instead of oblong. This flag was afterward adopted by the Confederate armies. It was a Greek Cross of blue on a red field, with white stars on the blue bars, and was designed by Colonel Walton of Louisiana.

- From *"The Civil War in Song and Story, 1860-1865."* Collected and arranged by Frank Moore, 1865, reprinted 1882 -

Who was Colonel Walton of Louisiana? The only Louisiana Colonel Walton listed in "Lee's Colonels" is James Burdge Walton of the Washington Artillery Battalion. He was born Nov. 18, 1813 in Newark, N.J. He was Colonel of a Louisiana regiment in the Mexican War. He was a wholesale grocer in New Orleans and was the Adjutant of the Washington Artillery at its organization in 1839. he was the Battalion Major at entry into the Confederate service, May, 1861. Became Colonel - March 26, 1862. Assigned as "Inspector-General of Field Artillery" in June 18, 1864. He resigned in a fit of pique when E.P. Alexander was assigned to command the First Corps artillery on July 18, 1864. He died Sept. 8, 1885.

- From Robert K. Krick. *"Lee's Colonels," 4th Edition, Revised (p. 386).* Morningside House, Inc. Dayton, OH. 1992

The View from Way Back by Keith Young

Origin of the Confederate Battle-Flag
by General Joe Johnston

At the battle of Bull Run, the stars and bars proved a failure because they were so much