

STONE WALL

Bull Run Civil War Round Table

June 2001

<u>Confederate Engineer: Training and</u> <u>Campaigning with John Morris Wampler</u>

Confederate engineers, like their Union counterparts, played a major role in the conduct of operations in every theater of the Civil War. Yet, little is known about these men, their units, and their accomplishments. MG Kundahl's critically acclaimed book, "Confederate Engineer: Training and Campaigning with John Morris Wampler", was published last year. This is the first, indepth, study of Confederate engineering in more than 40 years. It combines the biography of a remarkable Loudoun County native with an extensive overview of the engineering profession prior to and during the Civil War.

John M. Wampler was a topographical engineer in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States who later became the Chief Engineer of the Confederate Army of Tennessee. MG Kundahl's book is based, in part, on John M. Wampler's unpublished correspondence and journals, as well as material written by Wampler's wife, Kate.

By mid 1863 Wampler had worked on engineering projects in <u>eight</u> Confederate states as well as Kentucky and Maryland. Mapping was his specialty, but he built and repaired earthworks, laid out and prepared hasty defensive positions, conducted reconnaissance, rebuilt bridges and lines of communications.

Concerning the preparation of fortifications in Loudoun County in early 1861, MG Kundahl wrote the following (pp. 83-84):

"During the spring, construction began on three forts to guard the approaches to Leesburg's Fort Johnston, on the east slope of the Catoctin range, a mile north of town (Leesburg); Fort Evans, a mile east, toward the river; and Fort Beauregard, on the high ground to the south. There is reason to believe that Wampler was responsible for Fort Evans, and, as the only engineer available to (Col. Eppa) Hunton at the time, it is likely that he was instrumental in the design and construction of the other fortifications as well."

Wampler's contributions to the Loudoun fortifications is of special interest to the BRCWRT this month since we plan to visit two of these forts on our tour scheduled for Saturday, 30 June 2001. (See tour schedule on p.5.)

MG (Ret.) George G. Kundahl, USAR received his undergraduate degree from Davidson College. Subsequently he earned a Master of Arts and a Ph.D degree in political science from the University of Alabama.

MG Kundahl served as the Executive Director of the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission between 1981–1990. For the next three years, (1990-1993), he was assigned to the Pentagon as a Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense. MG Kundahl was also the Chief of Staff of the Military Order of the World Wars, based in Alexandria, Virginia, from 1996-2000.

During his distinguished career in the U. S. Army Reserves, he occupied a series of progressively higher leadership positions, culminating with that of Commanding General, 97th Army Reserve Command, headquarted at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Join us at our June General Membership Meeting for what will undoubtedly be a most informative presentation. MG Kundahl will also be available to autograph copies of his book.

General Membership Meeting 14 June 2001 7:15 PM

- * Major General George G. Kundahl
- "Confederate Engineer: John Morris Wampler"

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NEWSLETTER UPDATE

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER:

In addition to receiving the STONE WALL earlier than you normally would through regular

mail services, there are other benefits to being on the BRCWRT e-mail list. Periodically, I receive information from various sources that I pass along to members via e-mail. These include photos I am unable to include in the print version of the newsletter due to space constraints, and information on events and websites.

If you would like to participate in the e-mail program, (messages are sent blind copy to protect privacy), or if you would like to offer comments please contact:

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline for July 2001 articles is <u>27 June 2001</u>. Please send input to Mary Ahrens at the above address or e-mail.

General Membership Meeting 7:15 PM July/August Speakers

12 July – Frank A. Boyle
"A Party of Mad Fellows: The
Study of the Irish Regiments
in the Army of the Potomac"

9 August – William Miller (Founder of the BRCWRT) "General Robert E. Lee at the Battle of Gaines Mill"

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By: John McAnaw

Our May 2001 General Membership Meeting, marking the 10th anniversary of the founding of the BRCWRT, was truly a memorable event. All but three of the past Presidents were there. Those who attended had the opportunity to meet with charter members. Unfortunately, Bill Miller, founder and first President of our Round Table, was unable to attend due to his mother's ill health. Bill has since informed me that his mother is greatly improved. Keep praying for a complete recovery! Due to the efforts of Mary Ahrens, Nancy Anwyll, Bob Ford, Maureen Quinn, and Bev Regeimbal our "social hour" prior to the meeting was a big success. I thank you all.

Ed Bearss made an absolutely outstanding presentation on "Gettysburg: Day Two". Once more he showed why he is our Round Table's favorite speaker. He is truly a national treasure. His talk was timely preparation for our "Gettysburg: Day Two" tour which occurred two days later.

Kevin Anastas, our chief tour guide for the Gettysburg tour did a superb job and, as he promised, "You will understand the terrain!" Well done! For lunch it was "déjà vu" all over again. Just as we did on the Day One tour last year, we ate at the Gettysbrew Pub. The food was excellent. We are now looking forward to "Day Three" scheduled for next year.

During June 2001, we will conduct, God willing, tours <u>five</u> and <u>six</u> for this calendar year. Please read the articles in this issue regarding details on these events. I urge you to participate for several reasons:

<u>First</u>, to gain an appreciation of Northern Virginia's magnificent Civil War heritage,

<u>Second</u>, to see for yourself the magnitude of destruction of historically important Civil War sites by land maulers, and

<u>Third</u>, to get involved and join the effort to preserve our Nation's priceless Civil War heritage.

I have been working closely with members of John A. Milner and Associates, specifically Joe Balicki, Brian Corle, Kerri Culhane, and Kerri Holland, on the "Inventory of Civil War Sites in Fairfax County". It is truly heartbreaking to visit sites of value that were destroyed either with malice of forethought or out of ignorance. Again, if you are aware of any Civil War sites in Fairfax County, please contact me – before its too late. The destruction of Civil War sites in Fairfax County defies comprehension.

Congratulations are also in order for the following BRCWRT members who participated in the Memorial Day celebration, sponsored by the <u>Father Corby Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians</u>, at Ox Hill. These members include Bob Hickey, Ed Wenzel, Gary Ecelbarger, Wade Mahaffey (Mary Ahrens' son), and Mary Ahrens. (See the article entitled "<u>BRCWRT Members Join the Ancient Order of Hibernians in a Memorial Day Celebration/Sign Dedication at Ox Hill Battlefield Park – (28 May 2001)" on p. 4 for more details)</u>

I close with an urgent request for each of you to write not only your elected representative, but also the local media and clearly state your opposition to the relentless onslaught by special interest groups to destroy our National Civil War heritage.

The only thing worse than a human being without a conscience is an individual with a conscience who does nothing.

Ed Bearss Says the BRCWRT is Number TWO!!! By: John McAnaw

Ed Bearss has spoken to numerous Civil War Round Tables throughout our Nation. After listening to the President's request for members to pay their CY2001 dues, at the May General Membership Meeting, Ed commented that he knew of only one Round Table with lower dues than the BRCWRT, the one in Wichita, Kansas which charges no dues at all. This remark provides further proof to the fact that we are living up to our motto: "We're cheap and we're proud!"

AFTER ACTION REPORTS

Gettysburg: The Second Day (12 May 2001) By: Kevin Anastas

On Saturday 12 May 2001 the BRCWRT turned out in force to tour the Second Day at Gettysburg. Twenty-seven people participated in a tour that lasted the whole day. While the weather looked threatening several times during the tour we ended up with mostly cool overcast conditions.

We began the tour with two stops along Herr's Ridge where we covered the actions of Lee, Longstreet, and McLaws - among others. We then proceeded to the Peach Orchard to discuss Major General Dan Sickles' role on 2 July. Bob Ford made a spirited defense of Sickles' decision to move the Third Corps from Cemetery Ridge to the exposed salient along the Emmittsburg Road. After that we dismounted in the center of Hood's division on Warfield's Ridge and hiked the route Law's brigade took to the Devil's Den/Little Round Top area.

After lunch at the Gettysbrew Pub, we resumed the attack starting with Kershaw's brigade at the Rose house. At this point we suffered our only casualty of the day. Bev Regeimbal qualified for her Purple Heart while following in the footsteps of Kershaw's men attacking into the Rose Woods. Bev's leg was sliced open in an encounter with a fence rail. She was a real trooper and refused to leave the field until given a direct order to get to the aid station by our Round Table President John McAnaw.

Our next stop was the Wheatfield where John explained the attack of Caldwell's division. Bob Ford then took over and explained how the brigades of Barksdale and Wofford rolled up the Union position at the Peach Orchard. We wrapped up the tour by following Bigelow's Battery to the Trostle House and then looked at the ground where Willard's Brigade, the 1st Minnesota and Wright's Brigade made their attacks.

I would like to thank John and Bob for their help conducting the tour. Please consider taking a stop or two when the BRCWRT next takes the field. I'm tentatively planning to lead a tour to the Chancellorsville Battlefield in October. Start your homework now! You never really understand a battle until you try to explain it to someone else!

Fredericksburg, VA Luminaria (26 May 2001) By: Mark Knowles

The Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania County National Military Park sponsored a luminaria on Saturday, 26 May 2001. The BRCWRT was invited to provide volunteers who would provide a brief overview at one of the 6 stops in the National Cemetery. BRCWRT members who offered to represent our organization were Bob Ford, John Peyton, Maureen Quinn, Keith Young, and Mark Knowles. Our script covered the Joseph A. Moesch Monument. Although these individuals were ready and willing to participate, the weather intervened and so, the event was not held on Saturday night as scheduled. BRCWRT would like to thank the abovementioned participants for volunteering and preparing to represent BRCWRT at the luminaria.

BRCWRT Members Join the Ancient Order of Hibernians in a Memorial Day Celebration/Sign Dedication at Ox Hill Battlefield Park – (28 May 2001)

By: Mary Ahrens

This Memorial Day, at the Fairfax County Ox Hill Battlefield Park, several BRCWRT members joined the Father William Corby Division Ancient Order of Hibernians, sponsors of the Memorial Day Ceremony honoring those who have fallen in battle.

Bob Hickey, a member of both organizations – as well as one of the distinguished Color Guards, did a magnificent job of organizing the event! The Master of Ceremonies was BRCWRT President, John McAnaw, also a member of both organizations, who, as usual, did an excellent job connecting with the crowd and making everyone feel welcome.

Col. Elmer May (ret.), a member of the AOH, during his invocation read the touching words to the tune "TAPS". This was followed by a presentation of colors by the AOH and the 17th Volunteer Infantry Regiment, CSA and a wreath laying by AOH President Tom Sullivan.

Music was an integral part of the ceremony. The crowd – about 100 people - accompanied piper, Mark

Hillman and singers Maureen Kennedy and Kate Kane as they sang "God Bless America" and "Dixie".

BRCWRT member Ed Wenzel, representing, the Chantilly Battlefield Association, gave a riveting overview of the Battle of Ox Hill (Chantilly). Many of the citizens who live in the neighborhood later commented that they were interested in learning about the troop movements that had occurred in their own back yard!

A Board of Trustees, appointed by the Fairfax County Circuit Court in 1961, owns and oversees the Kearny/Stevens monuments. Of the six trustees, two were in attendance, Judge David D. Firman of New Jersey, and Everett J. Landers – formerly of New Jersey – but now living in Virginia Beach. Barbara L. Dempsey, Esq., the widow of the late Trustee Joseph Dempsey was also an honored guest.

Two Union generals were killed during the battle, Philip Kearny and Isaac Ingalls Stevens. Civil War Historian, Gary Ecelbarger, also a BRCWRT member, gave an informative speech on General Stevens, the first of the two generals to die there.

Twelve year old trumpeter, Wade Mahaffey, a BRCWRT member (Mary Ahrens' son), performed "Taps," ending the ceremony on a perfect note.

The Color Guards retired to the newly erected Virginia Historical Markers on Monument Drive, "B-13 Battle of Ox Hill (Chantilly)" and "B-29 Maryland (Antietam/Sharpsburg) Campaign" for a ribbon cutting dedication. Ed Wenzel gave a short speech and cut the ceremonial ribbon after Mary Ahrens and Gary Ecelbarger unveiled the two signs.

Thanks to all BRCWRT members who participated in the ceremony as well as those who attended.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

<u>Tour: Heads Up! BRCWRT "Search and</u> Find" Tour - Sunday, 10 June 2001

If you like your exercise and seek a challenge, join us on our "Search and Find" tour in the Union Mills vicinity on <u>Sunday</u>, 10 June 2001. This will be our second tour in support of the "<u>Inventory of Civil War Sites in Fairfax</u>"

<u>County</u>" currently being conducted by John A. Milner and Associates. For <u>inventory</u> reasons this tour will be conducted <u>before</u> our next General Membership Meeting.

Due to the Sunday Mass schedule at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, we cannot use our favorite assembly area in the Church parking lot. Instead, we will assemble south of the intersection of <u>Union Mill</u> and <u>Compton Roads</u>.

Tour Objectives:

- Visit interesting known Civil War sites.
- Find and plot unrecorded Civil War sites.
- Get some exercise.

Assembly Location/Time: 10 June 2001; 8:45 AM, on the shoulder of the southbound lane of Balmoral Greens Drive, just north of the entrance to the Westfields Golf Course and the fenced in Confederate Great Redoubt (Fort Early) site. This location is only 0.6 miles south of St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church.

Tour Duration: 9 AM to 2:15 PM

Equipment: Bring your own food and water. Insect repellant and good hiking boots are recommended. If you have a compass, bring it.

Terrain: Extensive walking through hilly and wooded areas.

Contact: Interested individuals should contact <u>John McAnaw</u> at (703) 978-3371 prior to 10 June 2001. In the event of threatening weather, a decision on the tour will be made at 7:00 AM, 10 June 2001.

BRCWRT LOUDOUN COUNTY TOUR - SATURDAY, 30 JUNE 2001

Tentative List of Sites:

- Guilford Signal Station
- Burnt Bridge Battery site overlooking Goose Creek and Route 7
- "Masked Battery" site on Edwards Ferry Road
- Fort Evans
- Balls Bluff Battlefield
- Loudoun County Museum
- Fort Johnston
- Mt. Zion Church (if time permits)

Tour Objectives:

- Acquaint members with the importance of the Leesburg/Loudoun County area between September 1861- March 1862.
- Provide an understanding of the Battle of Ball's Bluff and its impact on both sides.
- Visit remaining sites associated with military operations during the abovementioned period.

Assembly Location/Time: 30 June 2001; 7:15 AM, Parking lot of Centreville Regional Library

Tour Duration: 7:15 AM to 4:00 PM

Equipment/Lunch: Bring your own water. Insect repellant and good hiking boots are recommended.

Note: Lunch will be in a Leesburg restaurant or you can brown bag it.

Terrain: Extensive walking through hilly and wooded areas.

Sign-up Deadline: Sign-up sheets will be available at the 14 June 2001 General Membership Meeting or, contact John DePue at (703) 791-3389.

Contact: John DePue at (703) 791-3389. In the event of threatening weather, a decision will be made by John DePue at 6:00 AM, 30 June 2001. If you cannot reach him, contact John McAnaw at (703) 978-3371.

PRESERVATION CORNER

<u>Money in the Bank – The Preservation of Civil War</u> Sites on Private Property

By: John McAnaw

Somehow the obvious fact that the preservation of Civil War sites increases property values eludes developers and the owners of private property. Recently, while looking for Civil War sites in Fairfax Station with Joe Balicki and Brian Corle of John A. Milner and Associates (and members of the BRCWRT) we encountered three home owners who did realize the value of the Union breastworks on their properties and preserved them.

The husband-wife owners of one property are realtors. When they bought their newly constructed home in the early 1980s, they ensured that the well-

preserved breastworks running across their front yard were protected from landscapers. For an example of a property owner who did not realize the historic and monetary importance of a Civil War site on his property and destroyed it, please read the next article.

Lost then Found - Too Late

By: John McAnaw

For several years I have been searching for evidence of artillery battery sites on high ground south of Compton Road and east of Route 28 in Fairfax County near the Little Rocky Run Battlefield. Information on these battery sites was obtained from various sources, including the Official Records. The earthwork protecting one site was hastily constructed by Federal forces on 18 July 1861 – the date of the Battle of Blackburn's Ford.

Guns from at least one Union battery on this commanding terrain bombarded Confederate positions across Bull Run not only on 18 July 1861, but also on 21 July 1861 – the date of the Battle of First Manassas. It was rounds from these guns, in all likelihood, that landed on the property of Wilmer McLean, called "Yorkshire." Shortly after the Battle of First Manassas, Mr. McLean relocated his family to peaceful Appomattox Court House.

Following the retreat of BG Irvin McDowell's Union Army of Northeastern Virginia after First Manassas, at least one of these artillery positions were greatly improved by the Confederates and incorporated into the extensive defensive line protecting Centreville, Union Mills, and Manassas Junction.

On 18 June 2001 Brian Corle of John A. Milner and Associates and I searched the terrain in the vicinity where I believed the battery site(s) to be. With the help of a local resident, Harry Crouch, I finally obtained the information I needed. The son of acquaintances of Harry informed me that he knew where a battery site <u>had been located</u>. He took us to the location. However, virtually no trace of the battery site remained.

As late as 1994 the earthworks protecting the battery rose <u>eight</u> feet above the surrounding ground level. The artillery fort was at least 84' in diameter – perhaps larger. For unknown reasons the property owner leveled the fort in 1994. Needless to state, had he preserved this earthwork he would not only have preserved an

interesting piece of our Civil War heritage, but also have greatly enhanced the value of his property.

<u>Connections – The Oral Tradition</u> By: John McAnaw

The historic home on the property discussed in the previous article was, according to oral tradition, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Fox after the Civil War. Mrs. Fox was, according to Harry Crouch, the daughter of Wilmer and Mamie McLean. Following Gen. Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House, Wilmer McLean moved his family to Fairfax County. Can you guess where he and his family lived?

Do you remember the Civil War vintage house, on the 35-acre parcel soon to be developed by Mark Morgan, that we visited on the Little Rocky Run Battlefield during our 10 March tour? Harry Crouch stated that Wilmer and Mamie McLean lived there for years after the war. The house is only about 400 yards from where their daughter lived.

I asked Harry how he knew this. He said the story could be traced back several generations, from his great grandfather through his father. Validation of this oral tradition through historical research will provide additional justification for preserving the Civil War structure on the property owned by Mark Morgan.

FLASHBACK___1861

June 1861 By: Mike Duggan

- 1 June Minor skirmishes occur in northern Virginia at Arlington Mills and Fairfax Court House. Federal cavalry moves to Fairfax, enters, and then pulls back.
- 8 June Brig. Gen. Robert S. Garnett is assigned to command the Confederate troops in northwestern Virginia.
- -- Virginia Governor John Letcher officially transfers state forces to the Confederate States government. Therefore, R.E. Lee, former commander of the Virginia troops, is temporarily out of a job; however, he still acts as President Davis' advisor.

- -- US Secretary of War Simon Cameron approves the establishment of the US Sanitary Commission, which is tasked with overseeing the health and comfort of the Federal soldiers during the war.
- 10 June The first land battle of the war takes place at Big Bethel (Bethel Church), eight miles above Hampton, Virginia. About 1,408 Confederates face about 4,400 poorly led Federals. The Federals are forced to retreat.
- 11 June Delegates representing the pro-Union element in Virginia meet at Wheeling to organize a pro-Union government that eventually becomes the state of West Virginia.
- 13 June After a brief fight, some 500 Federals under Col. Lew Wallace enter Romney, western Virginia.
- 14 June During the Rockville Expedition, Federal troops under Charles P. Stone fight a light skirmish near Seneca Mills, MD.
- 15 June Confederates under Joseph E. Johnston evacuate Harper's Ferry to avoid being cut off by Federal forces under Generals McClellan and Patterson who are advancing from the west and north.
- 17 June Federal troops skirmish along the Potomac at Conrad's Ferry, Maryland, as part of the Rockville Expedition.
- -- At Vienna, Virginia, Confederates under Col. Maxcy Gregg ambush and capture a Federal train sent to repair and guard the Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad.
- -- In Washington, balloonist Prof. Thaddeus S.C. Lowe and others ascend a short distance in the air to demonstrate the observation benefits of balloons. Connected with the War Department by a telegraph wire, Lowe communicates with President Lincoln from the signal balloon.
- 19 June Francis H. Pierpoint is named provisional governor of Federal Virginia, which later becomes West Virginia.
- 24 June Two US gunboats shell Confederate positions at Mathias Point, Virginia, on the Potomac.
- 29 June Members of a special Federal Cabinet meeting, attended by leading generals, discuss public demands for future action. Brig. Gen. McDowell outlines his plans for attacking the Confederates at Manassas.

(Sources: *The Civil War Day By Day: An Almanac 1861-1865*; E.B. Long with Barbara Long; and *The Civil War Dictionary*; Mark M. Boatner III.)

Local Events – June 1861 By: Mary Ahrens

1 June – A two-day bombardment, by Federal gun-boats, of Confederate batteries at Aquia Creek, the terminus of the Richmond and Fredericksburg Railroad, comes to a halt after the rebels set fire to the freight depot on the pier and flee.

1 June – Union Troops reconnoitering in the area of Fairfax Court House draw fire from the Union Hotel, houses, and Confederates stationed behind fences. Two Federal dragoons are captured by rebel troops defending the town. Captain John Q. Marr, of the Warrenton rifles, is killed – becoming the first Confederate officer to die in combat during the war. Later that night, the Federal Troops stage a daring raid to rescue their 2 missing dragoons from the hangman's noose.

9 June – Federal troops, while scouting near Burke Station are pursued by Confederate Calvary. They ambush their pursuers and capture 2 of the troopers.

14 June – The citizens of Washington report seeing a Confederate signal balloon floating near the Chain Bridge.

23 June – A Federal signal balloon travels as far as Falls Church. A detailed sketch of enemy territory is made, identifying key landmarks and crucial terrain.

VIEW FROM WAY BACK

"Jeb" Stuart Playing Orderly to General Bayard By: Keith Young

During the week of battles in front of Washington, (apparently during the late summer of 1862), Union General George D. Bayard went forward, under a flag of truce, to meet and confer with his old comrade in arms, the famous J.E.B. Stuart, of the rebel cavalry. Less than two years previously, Jeb was first Lieutenant and Bayard second Lieutenant in the same company; but Jeb was now a Major General, and Bayard a Brigadier.

During the interview a wounded Union soldier lying near was groaning and asked for water.

"Here, Jeb," said Bayard--old time recollections making him familiar, as he tossed his bridle to the rebel officer---"hold my horse a minute, will you, till I fetch that poor fellow some water." Jeb held the bridle. Bayard went to a stream and brought the wounded man some water. As Bayard mounted his horse, Jeb remarked that he had not for some time "played orderly to a Union General." The business upon which they met was soon arranged, and the old friends parted---a fight, which had ceased when they were engaged talking, recommencing with great fury on both sides the moment each got back to his own ranks....

Such incidents as the above, however, attest the old adage that 'none are so bad, some good redeemeth not,' and that even Stuart was no exception.

--- Reminiscences of the Blue and Gray '61-'65; by Frazar Kirkland, 1895, page 543. ---

MG J.E.B. Stuart needs little introduction, but Brigadier General George D. Bayard is not so well known. Both were West Point graduates, Stuart graduating in 1854 and Bayard in 1856, overlapping two years at the "Point." Both had served together in the West prior to the war. George Bayard served in the Union cavalry and was mortally wounded by a shell fragment at Fredericksburg and died on 14 December 1862.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Note: If you plan to attend an event please verify the information given in this column by calling the telephone number provided.

Through Sep 2002 – Arlington National Cemetery Exhibit: "TAPS – The Military Bugle in History and Ceremony." Info: (410) 744-7708.

Through 28 Oct – Sat: 11 AM – 2 PM/Sun: 1 - 3 PM Weekend walking tours at Balls Bluff Regional Park. Assemble: kiosk in parking lot. Info: (703) 779-9372.

9 June – 7 PM – Midnight 1860s Barn Dance benefiting the John S. Mosby Foundation at the Inn at Kelly's Ford near Remington. Admission: \$20. Info: (540) 351-1600.

- **9-10 June** Sat. 8:30 PM/Church service Sun. 10:30 AM "Eyewitness to War" living history week celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the historic Mt. Zion Church, Aldie, VA. Info: (703) 777-0343
- **10 June** 9:30 AM 1 PM 13 mile bicycle tour of the Antietam National Battlefield led by a park ranger. Info: (703) 432-5124
- **14 June** 7 9 PM. Talk on African-Americans in Fredericksburg Area Battlefields.Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Fredericksburg. Info: (540) 972-9954.
- **15 17 June** Conference on Women in the Civil War Fee: \$245 Info: (301) 293-2820 or visit their website at: http://womenandthecivilwar.org
- **23 June** 8:30 AM 6 PM. Civil War Tour "Mosby's Confederacy" Meet at Truro Rectory in Fairfax City. \$40. Add \$8.50 for lunch in Harper's Ferry Info: Hakenson@erols.com or call (703) 971-4984.
- **23 June** 10 AM 5 PM. Civil War Day Camp Fort Ward Museum, Alexandria, Virginia. Adults \$2, Children \$1 Info: (703) 838 -4848
- **23 June** 6:30 8 PM. Guided walking tour of Catherine's Furnace area on the Chancellorsville Battlefield by NPS historian Janice Frye. Begins at NPS tour stop #8. Info: (540) 972-9954.
- **23 June** Tour "The Heart of Jackson's Valley Campaign, May 23-25, 1862, a Field Tour", sponsored by the Civil War Education Association. \$95. Info: (800) 298-1861
- **23-24 June** Living history weekend commemorating the anniversary of the Seven Days Battles at Malvern Hill, part of the Richmond National Battlefield Park. Free. Info: (804) 226-1981
- **1-3 July** Anniversary special commemoration at the Gettysburg National Military Park. Full range of ranger-conducted battle walks and more. Info: (717) 334-1124, ext. 422 or ext. 431.
- **6-8 July** Gettysburg Anniversary Reenactment. Opening skirmish at 1 PM Friday; Cavalry battle 4:30. On Saturday, "Battle of Little Round Top" at 11 AM and "Battle of Spangler's Spring" at 4:30 PM. On Sunday,

Cavalry battle at 11:30 AM and "Pickett's Charge" at 2 PM. Info: (717) 338-1525.

- **7 July** Walking tour of Federal attacks during the 2nd Battle of Fredericksburg, led by NPS historian Chris Kolowski. Free, but park fees apply. 6:30-8:30 PM. Info: (540) 972-9954.
- **6-12 July** Ed Bearss Tour sponsored by National Geographic Expeditions: "Road to Gettysburg: Lee's Invasion Campaigns Antietam & Gettysburg" Info: 1-888-966-8687.
- **7-8 July** Battle of Monocacy commemoration. Living historians portray various aspects of the "Battle that saved Washington." Info: (301) 662-3515.

The following events will be held at the Museum of the Confederacy, 1201 E. Clay St., Richmond, VA 23219. For info call (804) 649-1861.

Through 2001 – Museum of the Confederacy. Exhibit: "R.E. Lee: The Exhibition. Info: (804) 649-1861

14 June – 10 AM - 4 PM A day of exploration into the world of flags.

The following events will be held at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, 48 E. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701. For info call (301) 695-1864.

- **10 June** 11 AM 3 PM. Confederate hospital steward and southern caregiver.
- **23-24 June** 11 AM 3PM. "The Battlefield Embalmer: Preserving the Civil War Dead," with historian Jim Lowery.

Internet Sites

Submitted by: Mike Shannon

Civil War Artillery Page

http://www.cwartillery.org/artillery.html

The Civil War Mall – (On line shopping) http://www.civilwarmall.com

Gettysburg Discussion Group http://www.gdg.org