



STONE WALL

Bull Run Civil War Round Table

May 2001

Edwin C. Bearss,
Chief Historian Emeritus National Park Service

We are honored to have as our guest speaker on 10 May 2001, the distinguished historian, lecturer, and tour guide – Ed Bearss. Civil War buffs rank him as their favorite lecturer and battlefield tour guide. No doubt, everyone will agree he has become a legend in his own time!

During World War II, Ed Bearss served with distinction in the U. S. Marine Corps, first with the 3rd Marine Raider Battalion, commanded by Colonel Harry “The Horse” Leversedge, and then with the 7th Marine Regiment. While serving with the latter unit, he was severely wounded at Cape Gloucester on the island of New Britain. Following a convalescent period of 26 months, he entered Georgetown University. After earning an undergraduate degree at that institution, Ed spent three years working at the U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office in Suitland, MD. He then enrolled at Indiana University where he earned a graduate degree in History.

In 1955, Ed joined the National Park Service (NPS). By sheer merit, he worked his way up the promotional ladder to become the Chief Historian of the NPS. Ed retired from the NPS in September 1995. Since then he has been busy as a guest speaker as well as conducting tours to innumerable battlefields in which Americans have fought. These tours range from fields of contest in North America, beginning with the French and Indian War, to World War II battlefields in the European and Pacific theatres.

Ed’s presentation is quite timely as it occurs just two days prior to the BRCWRT field trip to Gettysburg that will be led by Kevin Anastas. Harry W. Pfanz, in his book, *Gettysburg: The Second Day*, published by the University of North Carolina Press,

Chapel Hill North Carolina in 1987 sums up the day’s action. He writes:

“General Longstreet pronounced his corps’s assault of 2 July to be the ‘best three hours fighting ever done by any troops on any battlefield.’ Colonel Alexander wrote that the Confederate assault of 2 July ‘Not only contests with Pickett’s Charge the palm of being the most brilliant & desperate part of the whole battle of Gettysburg, but that it is not excelled in these qualities by any record of our war.’ These are testimonials to the Confederate effort; the performance of the Union forces mirrored it, but less brightly. The number of Federal participants had greatly exceeded the number of Confederates involved. Eleven Confederate brigades fought twenty-two Federal brigades, exclusive of those in the First, Sixth, and Twelfth corps whose participation had been limited. The Confederates smashed the Third Corps line and met and defeated many of its piecemeal reinforcements one by one. Yet each sapped some of the Confederates’ finite strength, and the Confederate assault failed to achieve its objective.”

BRCWRT – 10th
Anniversary Celebration

General Membership Meeting
10 May 2001

SPECIAL TIME: 6:30 PM
(Refreshments served: 6:30 – 7:15 PM)

Guest Speaker: Ed Bearss
Gettysburg: Day Two

Special Guest: William Miller
Founder of the BRCWRT

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The Centreville Regional Library
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A word of special thanks to the staff of the Centreville Library in order for allowing us to use the facility – especially to Jerilyn Polson for her efforts in assisting the BRCWRT on Thursday nights and for creating interesting Civil War book displays for our group.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER:

If you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail (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 June 2001 articles is 27 May 2001. Please send input to Mary Ahrens at the above address or e-mail.

<p>June Speaker</p> <p>General Membership Meeting 14 June 2001 7:15 PM</p> <p>The Centreville Regional Library 14200 St. Germain Drive Centreville, VA 20121-2299 (703) 830-2223</p> <p>* George G. Kundahl</p> <p><u>“Confederate Engineer: John Morris “Wampler”</u></p>
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By: John McAnaw

To begin, I would like to thank the following: Frank O'Reilly for his very thought provoking presentation on aspects of the Fredericksburg campaign and secondly Mike Duggan for his outstanding tour of Arlington National Cemetery on 14 April 2001. The many attendees, including myself, were fascinated by his comprehensive knowledge of those Civil War leaders who are buried at the cemetery.

Our next General Membership Meeting, scheduled for Thursday 10 May 2001, will mark an important milestone in the history of the BRCWRT the 10th Anniversary of our existence. The founder of our Round Table, Bill Miller will travel from his home "up the valley" at Churchville, VA to celebrate this event with us. And, by the way, Bill and his family live in the former residence of the famous topographical engineer for Confederate Lieutenant General "Stonewall" Jackson – Major Jedediah Hotchkiss.

And, who else do we have as our guest speaker to crown this auspicious occasion? None other than Ed Bearss. Please read the biographical sketch on page 1 on Ed. He is in a class by himself and truly a national treasure. His presentation of "Gettysburg: Day Two", is perfectly timed to prepare us for our "Gettysburg: Day Two" tour scheduled two days later. Need I write more? Join us for what will be a very memorable evening.

I want to personally thank those members of the BRCWRT who have expressed, in writing, their concerns to appropriate Fairfax County officials regarding the repeated delays in the interpretation and improvement of the Ox Hill Battlefield Park as well as restoration of only \$50K to this project instead of the original \$110K. These worthy members include Ed Wenzel, Mary Ahrens, and Pat Gallagher. Join them in the fight for the interpretation of the Ox Hill Battlefield Park and other county "passive recreation" sites associated with the Civil War.

Special mention should be accorded to the ten Round Table members who gave of their time on

Sunday, 25 April 2001, and participated with me in a "Search and Find" operation to locate Civil War sites in the vicinity of that section of the old Orange and Alexandria Railroad bed that ran from Backlick Road to Rolling Road in Fairfax County. The operation was successful.

Lastly, I urge members to join us on our "Gettysburg – Day Two" tour led by Kevin Anastas, on 12 May 2001. It will be a very enlightening and enjoyable tour.

After Action Report: "Search and Find" Operation along the Orange and Alexandria Railroad Bed in Fairfax County

On Sunday, 29 April 2001, ten Round Table members joined me in an effort to identify Civil War sites located near a section of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad (O&ARR) bed between Backlick Road (Springfield Station) eastward past Ravensworth Station (Wood Station?) to Rolling Road. This operation was in support of the Civil War Sites Inventory in Fairfax County being conducted by John A. Milner and Associates.

The weather was perfect and the "search and find" efforts of Teams A and B were very productive. Sites discovered/rediscovered included:

1. three company/multi-company campsites
2. three small squad size campsites
3. one probable site of a Union blockhouse
4. two probable headquarter sites (one regimental)
5. one section of earthworks
6. one line of rifle pits
7. five other larger depressions that require further investigation
8. likely site of a Civil War wooden bridge at the Accotink Crossing. Note: It is not where listed in the Accotink Park brochure.
9. deviations of the O&ARR bed from the Accotink Trail south of Lake Accotink

Also visited was the impressive O&ARR culvert near Park Headquarters.

Worthy of note, support from the Lake Accotink Park staff was superb. "Search and Find" participants who joined me on this worthwhile operation were:

1. Nancy Anwyll (tour guide for Springfield Station)
2. Joe Balicki
3. Corinna Balicki
4. Brian Corle
5. Howard Ewing
6. Kerri Holland
7. Mark Knowles
8. Dale Maschino
9. Blake Myers
10. Bev Regeimbal

To all, thank you for the time and efforts!

REBEL SECRET WEAPON AT GETTYSBURG

The following extract was taken from the report of Col. John H. Patrick, 5th Ohio Infantry, dated 4 July 1863. This unit was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 12th Corps.

“Very soon after this last repulse, we occupied the intrenchments. During the rest of that day and the night following, they annoyed us considerably with their sharpshooters. Some of them had air-rifles, and we could not discover their whereabouts. At night the flashes of the regular rifles retreated from our front some time in the forepart of the night.”

Does anyone have any information on these Confederate “air-rifles”?

- *Reference: O.R. Volume 27, Part I, pp. 839-840*

REBEL “TAPS” – BUTTERFIELD STYLE

Shown below is a copy of the message sent by Maj. Gen. Daniel Butterfield, Chief of Staff, Army of the Potomac, to the Commanding General 11th Corps. Please note his humane guidance in the last paragraph on how to handle guerrillas.

“Hancock is all up in good order at Sangster’s Station. Catch and kill any guerrillas, then try them, will be a good method of treating them.”

- *Reference: O.R. Volume 27, Part III, p. 194.*

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

If, on the date of a scheduled tour adverse weather conditions exist or are impending, first call the Chief Tour Guide. In the event contact cannot be made, contact John McAnaw at (703) 978-3371. Either he or a recorded message will advise the caller.

Tour: Gettysburg: The Second Day (12 May 2001)

You’ve heard of Bearss’ Brigade right? Well now you can join Kevin’s Kommando’s as the BRCWRT heads back to Gettysburg for action on the second day!

Tour Highlights :

- Lee’s plan for July 2nd (Herr’s Ridge)
- Longstreet’s flank march – and countermarch
- The Peach Orchard -- Sickles’ plan
- Hood’s attack – Law’s Brigade
- Slaughter Pen
- Little Round Top
- Devil’s Den
- McLaw’s attack -- Kershaw’s Brigade
- **Lunch Buffet at Gettysbrew Pub**
- The Wheatfield – Caldwell’s Division
- Barksdale’s attack
- Wofford’s attack -- Bigelow’s battery
- Willard’s Brigade counterattack
- 1st Minnesota counterattack
- Wright’s Brigade attack

And More!

As always on Kevin’s tours, if you have special knowledge of a particular unit, personality or event, sign up at the April meeting or e-mail Kevin to be a tour guide at the stop of your choice.

Assembly Location/Time: Centreville Library parking lot at 7 AM (consolidate riders). If you choose to drive on your own, meet on the front steps of the Gettysburg National Battlefield Park Visitors Center a few minutes before 9 AM (on the north side with the restrooms and the parking lot). I would like to start on time at 9 – we have a full day planned!

Tour Duration: 9 AM to 4:30 PM

Lunch: I have arranged a buffet lunch at the Gettysbrew Pub for our tour group on 12 May 2001. It will include several entrees (last year we selected from five), tea, and soft drinks and tip for \$12 per person. Beer and other bar items will be charged extra on a pay-as-you-go basis (it is a microbrewery). The Pub is located in a barn that served as a Confederate field hospital during the battle. The proprietor will give us a short talk on the history of his establishment during and after the battle.

I must provide a final headcount to the restaurant by Friday, 11 May. Please bring to the Round Table Meeting on Thursday, 10 May, a check for \$12 made out to **Gettysbrew**. If you cannot attend the meeting then E-mail or call Kevin Anastas (see below) to make your reservation. You can give me your check when we meet on Saturday morning.

Ask anyone who attended last year's tour and they'll tell you about good food and wonderful atmosphere. If you want more information, check out their web site at www.Gettysbrew.com. I hope you can join us for the Second Day at Gettysburg!

Terrain: Hills (Little Round Top), rocks (Devil's Den), fields, trails, rock fences. Extensive walking. You will understand the terrain!

Sign-up deadline: 10 May. Sign up sheets will be available at the 10 May General Membership Meeting or telephone/e-mail Kevin Anastas.

Contact: Kevin Anastas at (703) 266-1265. E-mail KPA1@erols.com

You are invited to attend the 10th anniversary of the BRCWRT. A celebration will be held from 6:30 PM – 7:15 PM on 10 May 2001 at the Centreville Regional Library prior to the General Membership Meeting. Refreshments will be served in honor of this event. We hope to see you there!!!

PRESERVATION CORNER

BLLENHEIM – WALL SIGNATURES

By: John McAnaw

The following information was provided to me by Pat Gallagher and was current as of 1 March 2001. A total of 82 signatures, all by Union soldiers, have been found on the walls of the historic Blenheim House, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax City. Shown below is a breakout, by unit, of these signatures as of 1 March 2001:

Infantry - New York

13 NY – 1
 16 NY – 3
 29 NY – 13
 44 NY – 6
 54 NY – 2
 58 NY – 1
 134 NY – 1
 136 NY – 9
 subtotal 36

Infantry - Pennsylvania

72 PA - 1
 (William Penn Hose Co.#18)
 73 PA - 6
 74 PA - 4
 75 PA - 1
 83 PA -15
 95 PA - 4
 subtotal 31

Infantry – Massachusetts

9 MA – 1

Infantry - Wisconsin

26 WI – 8
 subtotal 9

Cavalry - Michigan

1 MI – 4

Cavalry – New York

4 NY – 2
 subtotal 6

Infantry Total = 76

Cavalry Total = 6

Grand Total = 82 signatures

Don't forget to visit Blenheim during the Gvil War Weekend of 5 – 6 May 2001. All proceeds will be for the Blenheim Restoration Project. For more information check the BRCWRT Calendar of Events.

THE CARE OF OUR DEAD – THE MEASURE OF A NATION

By: Mary Ahrens

Recently, John McAnaw shared a riveting quotation that aptly describes the reason we struggle to preserve our heritage and the places in which those who came before us now repose. While visiting the U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum at Fort Lee, VA, John came across the following quote written on a placard concerning the Quartermaster Corps responsibilities relative to mortuary service:

“Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead and I will measure exactly the sympathies of its people, their respect for the laws of the land, and their loyalty to high ideals.”

- William E. Gladstone, British Prime Minister between 1868 and 1894.

We do not have to look any further than Northeastern Virginia to discover the lack of respect, even decency, concerning the final resting places of individuals who have left their mark in the annals of time. Recently, John McAnaw, Ed Wenzel, and myself have been investigating a small family cemetery located between Monument Drive and Rt. 50, roughly ¼ mile west of the Ox Hill Battlefield Park. As a matter of fact, the graveyard is located on a parcel of land that was behind the Confederate lines during the Battle of Ox Hill.

The property belonged to the Stewart family during the war. At this point, it is a real task to find out who, in fact, is buried in the cemetery because the plot is in drastically horrid shape. Only 4 desolate tombstones are evident, two of which are knocked off their base and lay on the ground. The real travesty, however, is that this island of dense thorn bushes and neglected tombstones is surrounded by a sea of bulldozed land awaiting the construction of yet more townhouses.

I contacted Michael Frey’s office and inquired about the fate of this once sacred place. Apparently, the developers, Winchester Homes, was unable to ascertain who owned the property therefore they could not acquire the land. They plan to erect a decorative iron fence around the cemetery and provide a perpetual easement. While it is comforting

to know the bodies will not be disturbed, the condition of the place is troubling.

Currently, research is being conducted to discover the identities of the individuals buried in the Stewart Cemetery. In view of the fact that this parcel of land was an important part of the Ox Hill Battlefield, I would like to suggest that the BRCWRT take an active part in cleaning up the cemetery and approaching Winchester Homes about erecting a marker to commemorate the soldiers who fell at Ox Hill, as well as the family members who lived and died there and who are long since forgotten.

FLASHBACK 1861

May 1861

By: Mike Duggan

With the surrender of Fort Sumter in April, the Civil War had begun. During May - Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina secede - bringing the total number of Confederate states to eleven. Armies, both North and South, mobilize and prepare for war. By the end of the month, the organization of nurses for the US Army was well underway, with the aid of Miss Dorothea Dix.

1 May – Maj. Gen. Robert E. Lee, commanding the state forces of Virginia, orders volunteer troops to concentrate at the arsenal at Harper’s Ferry under Col T.J. Jackson.

- - Judge John A. Campbell, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, resigns, and eventually will become Assistant Secretary of War for the Confederacy.

3 May – President Lincoln issues a call for 42,034 volunteers to serve for three years unless discharged sooner. The proclamation also raises the total strength of the regular Army from 16,367 to 22,714.

6 May – The Confederacy officially recognizes a state of war between the USA and the CSA.

-- Arkansas and Tennessee legislatures pass secession ordinances.

9 May – President Davis signs a bill, which authorizes him to accept into volunteer service such forces as he might deem expedient for the duration of the war.

10 May – Maj. Gen. R.E. Lee is placed in command of the Confederate troops in Virginia.

10-11 May – In St. Louis, a confrontation between pro-secessionist state militia and United States troops ends in a riot with about 35 people killed before order is restored.

13 May – Queen Victoria issues a proclamation declaring Britain's determination to maintain strict neutrality between contending parties in America, and to accord to both the right of belligerents.

20 May – The Provisional Congress of the Confederacy votes to move the capital from Montgomery, Alabama to Richmond.

-- North Carolina secedes.

23 May – The citizens of Virginia vote three to one in favor of secession. In western Virginia, the vote is overwhelmingly against secession, but the area was already breaking away from the Old Dominion.

24 May – Federal troops advance across the Potomac from Washington and occupy Alexandria. During the move, Elmer Ellsworth, commander of the 11th NY (Fire Zouaves), dies in an attempt to remove a Confederate flag from a hotel roof.

-- Federal Maj. Gen. Benjamin Butler at Fort Monroe refuses to give up three Negro slaves who came into his lines, holding them as "contraband" of war, thus raising the issue of treatment of slaves by the Federals.

28 May – Federal Brig Gen Irvin McDowell assumes command of the Department of Northeastern Virginia, which includes Federal troops in and around Alexandria.

29 May – President Davis arrives in Richmond.

30 May – At Norfolk, VA, the Confederates raise the *USS Merrimack*, which had been burned when the Federals evacuated the Navy yard.

31 May – The Confederates name P.G.T. Beauregard to command the Alexandria Line, encompassing all the troops in northern Virginia.

-- Federal troops arrive in Leavenworth, KS from Indian Territory after abandoning posts there. The route they followed became known as the Chisholm Trail, named after Jesse Chisholm, one of their guides.

-- Source: *"The Civil War Day By Day: An Almanac 1861-1865"*; E.B. Long with Barbara Long.

Local Events – 1861

By: Mary Ahrens

11 May – "The reports which appear in the Northern Papers concerning 'mobbing' & etc. of persons in this city are always very much exaggerated and are frequently untrue." – Alexandria Gazette

18 May – Some young men erected wooden logs on a cliff near the "aqueduct" in Georgetown. Two Virginia pickets were fired upon by Union troops who came over to examine the Southern "cannon."

25 May – One hundred fifty Cavalry, supported by a large body of infantry, seized the Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad at a crossing above Carlinsville bridge near Leesburg. The track was burned and torn up. The Captain and engineer were allowed to return to Alexandria, but two citizens were detained.

THE VIEW FROM WAY BACK

Submitted by: Keith Young

The Blue and the Gray

I had two brothers once,
Warm-hearted, bold, and gay,
They left my side--one wore the blue,
The other wore the gray.

One rode with Stonewall and his men,
And joined his fate to Lee;
The other followed Sherman's march
Triumphant to the sea.

Both fought for what they deemed the right,
And died with sword in hand;
One sleeps amid Virginia's hills,
And one in Georgia's sand.

The same sun shines upon their graves,
My love for them must stay;
And so upon my bosom lies
This knot of blue and gray.

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

THE BOOK CORNER

By: Ralph G. Swanson

I recently rediscovered a slim but intriguing little volume that I had not read in over 30 years. The premise of McKinley Kantor's *If the South Had Won the Civil War* is utterly plausible: The fading fortunes of the Union Army continue under a string of failed generalships; an obscure general named Grant is killed in a freak equestrian accident in front of Vicksburg just as Joe Johnston presses vigorous assistance to Pemberton, thereby ensuring a Confederate victory. A few other military reverses lead to surrender of the North and reorganization of the northern government in coexistence with a sovereign Confederate States of America.

Farfetched you say? Not so. In 1864, Lincoln himself revealed a chilling assassination attempt while enroute --alone-- to the Soldiers' Home outside Washington, where he frequently escaped the sweltering summer heat along the Potomac. His guard later retrieved his hat with a bullet hole through the crown. We apparently came just inches from losing our president at the absolute nadir of Union morale, instead of 1865, when the war was safely won.

What would a President Hannibal Hamlin's war policies have been? Would he have been willing to sue for peace on the basis of separation? A strong national sentiment to "let the errant sister go"

persisted in the north in 1864; and it is well documented that Lincoln believed he would not be re-elected, and that a Democratic president would probably negotiate an end to the conflict rather than fight it through.

How would our nation's history have been changed had that bullet been two inches lower, or had Grant died early in the war? Kantor provides his answer in a reasonable alternative American history carrying us through World War II. Such issues are speculative to be sure, but they deserve our consideration. And *If the South Had Won the Civil War* deserves a place in your Civil War library.

Did the independent slave-holding republic ever embrace emancipation? Did the adjacent nations ever re-unite? But most provocative of all: Would we have been better off as two nations, rather than "one confused and weakened entity dyed deeply with the sentiment of sectionalism, and befouled by angry wounds which might not heal for a century to follow"? Kantor's little novel can easily be read in one enjoyable evening, but it will challenge your thinking for the next 30 years too.

Until next time, keep reading.

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." Artifacts include the sword and spurs of Gen. Daniel Butterfield, bugles, photos, sheet music, manuals, uniforms, and bugler insignias. Info: (410) 744-7708.

5 May-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.

5-6 May – Sat: 1 – 6 PM/Sun: 9 AM – 4 PM.
Reenactment and living history, 3rd Battle of

McDowell. Occupation of town by Federal troops, full-scale outpost/grand guard scenario, civilian and troop interaction, battle, Sunday tactical. Info: (540) 678-4293.

5-6 May - Sat: 9 AM – 9 PM/Sun: 9 AM – 5 PM “Blenheim Civil War Weekend”, 3610 Old Lee Highway in the city of Fairfax. Admission is \$3 per person, \$5 per family and an additional \$5 for an Attic Tour. Proceeds will benefit the Blenheim Civil War Museum Capital Campaign. Info: 1-800-545-7950

6 May – 1 PM Hike. Manassas NBP. 5-mile guided hike through the Second Manassas battlefield. Begins at Visitor Center. Rain or shine. Bring water, appropriate footwear. Info: (703) 361-0993.

12 May – 2-4 PM Guided walking tour of Myers’ Hill on the Spotsylvania Battlefield, Assemble at Holbert Building parking lot. Info: (540) 972-9954.

12 May – 7 PM Slide presentation - “Civil War Railroads and the Effects on Battles in the Fredericksburg Area.” Germanna Community College, Locus Grove Campus, Room 114. Info: (540) 972-7110.

26 May – 8 – 11 PM Luminaria - Fredericksburg National Cemetery, 15,300 candles to represent the burials. Shuttle buses. Info: (540) 373-6122.

28 May – 1 PM Memorial Day Ceremony. Ox Hill Battlefield Park. (Battle of Chantilly) Speaker: John McAnaw. Info: Bob Hickey (703) 978-8265

28 May – 1 PM Memorial Day Ceremony. Groveton Confederate cemetery, MNBP. Speaker: author David M. Frantum. Info: (703) 361-1339.

14 Jun – 7 - 9 PM. Talk on African-Americans in Fredericksburg Area Battlefields by NPS historian Jim Bryant at Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Fredericksburg. Info: (540) 972-9954.

23 Jun – 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.

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.” Artifacts, images, and letters related to Lee’s family, military career, Confederate service, and post-war years, including his Appomattox sword and death mask. Info: (804) 649-1861

5 May – 2 PM The Battle of Williamsburg.

26 May – Summer living history programs begin.

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.

2 Jun – 11 AM - 3 PM. Living historian portrays “Clara Barton: Battlefield Angel.”

10 Jun – 11 AM - 3 PM. Confederate hospital steward and southern caregiver.

23-24 Jun – 11 AM - 3PM. “The Battlefield Embalmer: Preserving the Civil War Dead,” with historian Jim Lowery.

Please join us on 10 May 2001 as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the BRCWRT. Refreshments will be served from 6:30 PM – 7:15 PM at the Centreville Regional Library prior to the General Membership Meeting. Bill Miller, founder of the BRCWRT will be our honored guest. Famed historian Ed Bearss will also be joining us prior to his presentation on Gettysburg: Day Two.

