



STONE WALL

Bull Run Civil War Round Table

September 2001

The King of Battle: The Artillery of the Union Army of the Potomac and the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia

Our guest speaker for the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, 13 September 2001, will be Christopher Daley. He received his B.A. in History from Hofstra University, Long Island, N.Y., in 1994. That year he moved to Maryland and started his own business in Hagerstown making historical clothing for motion picture companies and museums. His period clothing is known for its high quality and authentic appearance.

Chris has served as a volunteer at a number of Civil War battlefield parks including Antietam, Gettysburg, Harpers Ferry, Monocacy and South Mountain. He is a member of the Southern Guard Living History Association based in Leesburg, VA. This organization specializes in Civil War infantry and artillery weaponry, tactics and equipment.

His presentations at such National Battlefield Parks as Antietam, Gettysburg, and South Mountain have earned him a reputation as a respected authority on artillery during the Civil War. Several members of the BRCWRT have seen Chris in action as a speaker and a reenactor. They have all commented favorably on his enthusiasm, speaking ability, and mastery of matters relative to the field artillery branch of the Confederate and Union Armies – from the stock and handspike up to the cap square.

At present, Chris is working on several articles on the U.S. Veteran Reserve Corps, including the history and uniforms of that organization.

During his presentation Chris will cover the following:

1. The organization/manning of a firing battery and differences between Union and Confederate batteries.
2. Evolution of artillery organization and tactics.
3. Types of smooth bore and rifled field pieces.
4. Ammunition for smooth bore and rifled field pieces.
5. Prominent artillery leaders on both sides.

This will be an extremely informative and interesting talk. So, please join us at our September General Membership Meeting and meet a reenactor who has “been there and done that.”

General Membership Meeting Thursday 13 September 2001

- **Civil War 101 – Mike Duggan
6:30 – 6:55 PM**

Review: Company and regimental-level organization.

Main Topic: Brigade and division-level structures.

Next Month: Corps and army-level commands.

- **Christopher Daley
“The King of Battle: Federal and Confederate Artillery”
7:15 PM**

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline for October -
November 2001 articles is 27
September 2001. Please send input
to Mary Ahrens at the above
address or e-mail.

**General Membership Meetings
7:15 PM**

**11 October 2001
Greg Mertz
“Stonewall Jackson at
Chancellorsville”**

**8 November 2001
Noah Andre Trudeau
“Gettysburg”**

**Note: Civil War 101 with Mike
Duggan will be held from 6:30 –
6:55 PM before the October and
November 2001 General Mem-
bership Meetings**

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By: John McAnaw

For those who were not there, we had two superb guest speakers at our 12 July and 9 August General Membership Meetings. Both speakers, Frank Boyle and William Miller (the founder of our Round Table) will never be accused of being disciples of conventional historical wisdom. They exemplify a breed of Civil War historian that is in short supply – objective individuals who think for themselves and are not afraid to offer new and often controversial assessments of Civil War figures and events. I extend my thanks to both for two thought provoking and entertaining evenings.

Members were involved in a number of Civil War activities in July and August. There are articles elsewhere in this issue covering these events. Suffice it to state that I thank those concerned for their participation.

Prior to the 9 August meeting, the BRCWRT began its course titled “Civil War 101.” From 6:30 PM to 6:55 PM member Mike Duggan discussed the organizational building blocks of Federal and Confederate armies. The presentation was very well received by attendees and I extend my congratulations to Mike for his thorough research and the clarity of his presentation. The next session will be prior to our 13 September meeting. I strongly recommend attending these “101” sessions if you are a serious student of the War of Secession.

Permit me to now address a matter of the utmost importance to the preservation of our Civil War heritage in Fairfax County. As background, the BRCWRT was instrumental in gaining support from the Board of Supervisors for an inventory of Civil War sites in the County. Thanks to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Kate Hanley, and other Supervisors a total of \$150K was appropriated for that purpose. John A. Milner and Associates, with significant support from the BRCWRT, is conducting the cited inventory that is programmed to end this year. At least another \$200K and one more year are needed to complete this most worthy project. Please – write Chairman Kate Hanley and as many of the Supervisors as you care to, including your own (Fairfax County residents), and ask them for their support. I cannot overstate how important the additional funds and time will be to the preservation of our heritage in Fairfax County. Please help.

AFTER ACTION REPORTS

“Search and Find” Field Trip, Southwest Fairfax County

By: John McAnaw

On Sunday, 15 July 2001, nine dedicated members of the BRCWRT conducted a “Search and Find” operation in Southwest Fairfax County. The objective for that day was to locate Civil War sites within a designated section of Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority parkland located near the Occoquan River. The cited operation was the third such effort in support of the ongoing inventory of Civil War sites in Fairfax County being conducted by John A. Milner and Associates.

Despite the heat and the turbulent waters along Wolf Run, the “working tour” was very successful. Among the discoveries, unreported prior to 15 July 2001, were a section of Union breastworks, two company-size campsites, a probable Union headquarters site, and what appeared to be three picket or outpost locations. One of the participants, Kerri Culhane, is presently working to determine the age of a structure, now in ruins, located next to one of the several roads leading down to Wolf Run Shoals.

One stream, Wolf Run, was waded with difficulty. According to one participant, the Doag (or Dogue) Amerindian name for this crossing point was “Smoky Eyed Snake Ford.” Not only did our sojourn unearth some Civil War sites, but it also gave the participants a good workout moving cross-compartment through the parkland. All returned to base in good shape, with the exception of one pack mule.

“Search and Find” participants were, in addition to myself:

Mary Ahrens and son, Wade Mahaffey
Kerri Culhane
Drew Lavan and son, Justin
Dale Maschino
Candy Quinn
Bev Regeimbal

The expedition’s two scouts, Wade Mahaffey and Justin Lavan, earned the right to be “mentioned in dispatches” because of their enterprise and intrepidity. Summing up, we had a rare ole time tramping through a history-soaked section of Fairfax County. Too bad you weren’t there with us.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Tour: Chancellorsville – Saturday, 13 October 2001

Have you ever wanted to see the spot where Stonewall Jackson discovered the flank of the Union 11th Corps “in the air”? Have you always wondered what the terrain at Hazel Grove looks like compared to the positions around Fairview? If you have always wanted to see these things then sign up for the BRCWRT fall tour of the Chancellorsville Battlefield on 13 October. If you have special knowledge or interest in a particular person, unit or event related to the battle and would like to share your knowledge with the group, please give me a call and we will work it into the itinerary. Mark your calendars now!

Assembly Date/Time: Saturday, 13 October 2001

Assembly Point: Centreville Library parking lot time TBD (consolidate riders). If you choose to drive on your own, meet the group at an onsite location TBD.

Tour Duration: 9:00 AM to approximately 4:00 PM.

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

“Search and Find” Field Trip – Sunday, 9 September 2001

The BRCWRT will conduct another field trip in support of the ongoing Inventory of Civil War Sites in Fairfax County being conducted by John A. Milner and Associates. The purpose of this field trip will be to check possible Civil War sites in Southwest Fairfax County.

Assembly Date/Time: Sunday, 9 September 2001, 8:00 AM

Assembly Point: In front of the McDonalds located in University Mall, southeast corner of the intersection of Ox Road (Rt. 123) and Braddock Road (Route 620)

Tour Duration: 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Special Instructions: Bring lunch and snacks and at least 1½ quarts of water. Good hiking boots recommended. Expect light to moderate exertion. Little undergrowth will be encountered.

Contact: John McAnaw. If you plan to attend call John at (703) 978-3371 no later than Saturday, 8 September 2001

PRESERVATION CORNER

Another Section of Earthworks Threatened in Centreville

By: John McAnaw

Can you imagine what a national tourist attraction the Centreville area would have been if its Civil War sites had been preserved? Only scattered sections now remain of the Confederate earthworks constructed in 1861-1862. Due in large measure to efforts of the BRCWRT and such outstanding historians as Ed Bearss and Joe Harsh, one section of earthworks in the Deerfield Ridge townhouse development was recently saved.

The presence of another section of earthworks currently under threat of development has been known for years by Civil War buffs. It is located in the Centreville Historic District, on densely overgrown private property northwest of the intersection of Mount Gilead Road and Wharton Lane. The earthworks are clearly shown on a sketch map drawn in 1970 by the late Reverend William Peterson of Saint John Episcopal Church. The church is located just southeast of the cited intersection. This map can be found on page 52 of Eugenia B. Smith’s book, titled “Centreville, Virginia. Its History and Architecture. 1973.”

On Sunday afternoon, 26 August 2001, Bev Regeimbal and I explored the site of the earthworks. The thick vegetation, reminded me of the heavy undergrowth in the Republic of Vietnam. With difficulty we were able to determine the general trace of what appears to be a covered way leading to a strongpoint or battery position (now destroyed) to the northeast. Since we were unable to pace off the distances of the undestroyed section of the covered way, we could only estimate its length. A ballpark figure would be about seventy (70) yards. These earthworks are of great historical significance as they represent one of the few remaining vestiges of the main Confederate defensive line of 1861-1862, covering Centreville and Manassas Junction.

I have heard the covered way called a “ditch” and a “breeding place for mosquitoes” and a landform that should be destroyed. Nonsense. Certain members of the

Fairfax County Park Authority are aware of the importance of this Civil War site. They are working with the County's Architectural Review Board and the prospective developer – Stanley Martin Companies, Inc., to save these earthworks. Not only should the earthworks be preserved, but also the terrain on both sides, out to a respectable distance, should be protected from development. Otherwise, “bearhugging” by townhouses along the covered way will destroy the setting for this important historical site. I ask all readers to contact chairman Kate Hanley and other County Supervisors and urge them to take whatever action is deemed appropriate to save this Civil War site of great historical value.

- At least another \$200k and another year of research and fieldwork is needed. Again, this means the completion date of the inventory should be extended to at least 31 December 2002.
- The number of significant Civil War sites that have survived development thus far is impressive. Without question, these sites will draw tourists to Fairfax County if they are preserved and properly interpreted.
- Green space planning should include these historic Civil War sites. Protection of these sites is money in the bank for the county as it will increase tourism and enhance the quality of life of county residents.

Continuation of the Inventory of Civil War Sites in Fairfax County

By: John McAnaw

The situation regarding the Inventory of Civil War Sites in Fairfax County was covered in the President's Column. However, let me again state that continuation of this inventory for another year past the original cut off date of 31 December 2001, along with another appropriation of at least \$200K is a matter of the utmost importance. Listed below are the names, addresses, etc., of all members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Please write the Chairman, Kate Hanley, and the other Supervisors (particularly your own) and strongly support the continuation of the inventory by John A. Milner and Associates. Suggested “bullets” to consider for your letter, Fax, etc. are as shown:

- Thank Chairman Kate Hanley and other Supervisors for their support of \$150K for conducting the Inventory of Civil War Sites in the county.
- Thus far about 800 Civil War sites have been identified and approx. 200 have been field checked.
- Slightly less than half of the county has been field checked.
- Members of the BRCWRT and other county volunteers have been deeply involved in the inventory. BRCWRT members have expended hundreds of hours on the project. The BRCWRT conducted four “Search and Find” tours to locate Civil War sites for the inventory.
- The commitment of John A. Milner and Associates personnel assigned to the inventory has been commendable.

Please take the time to communicate with Fairfax County officials on this urgent matter. Thank you.

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**Blackburn's Ford Marker Dedication Ceremony – 18
July 2001 (140th Anniversary of Battle)
Excerpt of Dan Paterson's Speech**

On 18 July 2001 – 140 years after the Battle of Blackburn's Ford, signs were erected to commemorate that action. Dan Paterson, former BRCWRT President – and descendant of General James Longstreet was a speaker at the dedication. Following is an excerpt of Dan's speech:

“James Longstreet's 4th Brigade contained the 1st VA under Col. P. T. Moore, the 11th VA under Col. Sam Garland, Jr. (cousin by marriage, wife is a Garland from Lynchburg), later killed at South Mountain, and the 17th VA under Montgomery Dent Corse of Alexandria.

Staff organization was lacking, supply systems were still on paper and the munitions distribution was hampered by the absence of any uniform standard weapons. Well in advance of the arrival of his brigade, JL went over the ground thoroughly. This was an anxious moment for both commander and men due to the suspension of initial organization and training of the troops.

According to E.P. Alexander, Longstreet's men found themselves at the outset of the action on a position lower to those of the Federals on the opposite side of the

stream and broke to the rear badly. Longstreet then rode among them and rallied them and soon led them back.

Longstreet's men were outnumbered by as much as two to one and there was no question that the Federals had the advantage. Longstreet's troops broke, as all green troops are apt to do when they come under fire for the first time. Patton's quote: "The best fox hounds are gun shy the first time out." The extraordinary aspect of the situation (according to Col. D.B. Sanger, Longstreet biographer) was the leadership of the brigade commander because after only two weeks of training, he was able to rally his men and bring them up into a line of battle.

James Longstreet's commander, *P.G.T. Beauregard* in his report stated, "The Fourth Brigade met the enemy with characteristic vigor and intrepidity. BG Longstreet, who commanded the troops engaged at Blackburn's Ford on the 18th of July, equaled my confident expectations and I may fitly say that by his presence at the right place at the right moment among his men, by his exhibition of characteristic coolness, he infused a confidence and spirit that contributed largely to the success of our arms on that day."

**Ox Hill Battlefield Park Receives Media Attention
By: Ed Wenzel**

On June 28th the Chantilly Battlefield Association delivered a letter to the office of Kate Hanley, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, concerning the Park Authority's refusal to fully fund the Ox Hill Battlefield Park improvements in the current bond cycle that ends in 2004. The letter was co-signed by eleven officers or members of various historical and veteran groups including the BRCWRT. In late July, I received a call from a Washington Times reporter, requesting an interview.

The reporter had already visited the Ox Hill Park and had talked to a group of Scottish history buffs and reenactors from Oregon (The Cameron Highlanders of the Northwest) who were there to pay homage to the 79th N.Y. "Highlanders" and MG Gen. Isaac Ingalls Stevens, one of two Federal generals killed during the battle. (The other was MG Gen. Phil Kearny.)

The reporter asked me if some of the signatories to our letter could be assembled at Ox Hill and photographed for an upcoming article. A few days later, John McAnaw and Bob Hickey, both of the BRCWRT and the Father William Corby Division Ancient Order of

Hibernians, Mary Ahrens of the BRCWRT, Ed Essertier of VFW Post 8469, Tom Hovis of American Legion Post 177, Dr. Joseph Harsh of George Mason University and Brian Pohanka and myself of the Chantilly Battlefield Association met the photographer at the park.

The Times article was published on Saturday, August 4th. It was a good story, but unfortunately there were errors, the most serious of which appeared in the sub headline and in the very first paragraph.

For the record:

- There is no new development threatening the Ox Hill Battlefield park nor are Fairfax County officials looking to turn the park “over to developers” as was headlined and reported. Also:
- 1,500 Union and Confederate soldiers were not killed at Ox Hill. There were 1,500 casualties (killed and wounded).
- The two Union generals were shot dead while leading an attack, not while repelling a Rebel attack.
- MG Gen. Stevens was not killed in the cornfield. He fell at the north end of the grassy field near where the monuments now stand.
- The 79th “Highlanders” were a regiment, not a division.
- The Park Authority Information Officer is quoted as saying that the Ox Hill Park is on the “periphery of the battlefield.” This is not so. The park lies within the core of the main battle area at the point of Stevens’ assault. The park, Monument Dr., nearby townhouse and condo developments, as well as the adjacent strip mall all lie within the main battle area.

The Park Authority Information Officer is correct, however, that the \$60,000 they have shorted Ox Hill likely would not be enough to complete the park. The reason is obvious – the original \$110K (\$60K of which they have declined to recover) was proffered 14 years ago and today would be valued at \$200,000 or more. Thus, the longer the Park Authority delays, the less the original money is worth.

The well-intentioned Times article was basically a good story that highlighted our problem with the Park Authority. But, the erroneous development threat reported at the beginning (the nature of which was never explained) undermined what followed.

Also, *The Civil War News* published a story in their September issue on the Ox Hill Battlefield funding problem. The story, which went out in August provided much greater detail and more background. A slightly different version of the same article was published by the local *Time Community Newspapers* in their Chantilly and Centreville editions on 23 August 2001.

However, in both articles, the reporter used the term “clear-cutting” to describe our plan to restore a tiny piece of the 1862 cornfield. What we said was that impenetrable brush and saplings need to be cleared from that area and a zigzag fence erected so that visitors can see location of the cornfield, at the time of the battle, into which MG Gen. Kearny rode to his death. We do not propose to cut mature trees already there. And, if there is enough sunny space left in the cornfield to plant some corn, perhaps that would add to the historic battlefield scene.

Public hearings will be held next year and everyone will have an opportunity to comment on and provide input for the master plan. Meanwhile, those wanting to share their concern regarding the completion of the park may contact Katherine Hanley, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Va., 22035.

FLASHBACK 1861

September 1861

By: Mike Duggan

1 Sept. – BG U.S. Grant assumes command in southeastern Missouri at Cape Girardeau.

2 Sept. – President Lincoln requests that MG Fremont “modify” his proclamation of 30 August which granted freedom for slaves of rebellious owners and threatened property confiscation or the death penalty for certain secessionist. Lincoln feels that the proclamation “will alarm our Southern Union friends, and turn them against us – perhaps ruin our rather fair prospect for Kentucky.” -- MG Leonidas Polk, commanding Confederate forces along the Mississippi River and in Tennessee, is also given control over Arkansas and Missouri.

3 Sept. – MG Polk orders BG Gideon Pillow to enter Kentucky from Tennessee en route to Hickman and Columbus on the Mississippi River. This action ends the “neutrality” of Kentucky and creates one continuous front from the Atlantic Ocean to Kansas and the frontier.

4 Sept. – Confederates strengthen their strategically important position on the bluffs of the Mississippi at Columbus.

-- BG Grant learns of the invasion of Kentucky, recognizes the strategic importance of Paducah, located at the juncture of the Tennessee and Ohio Rivers, and near the mouth of the Cumberland, and prepares an expedition to leave that night for Paducah.

6 Sept. – Employing a small squadron of two wooden gunboats and a few transports, Grant seizes Paducah before the Confederates and attains his first major victory – with no fighting and no casualties. Grant thereby prevents the Confederacy from claiming the entire state of Kentucky and planting their northern line on the Ohio River.

10 Sept. – Federal BG William S. Rosecrans strikes the Confederates at Carnifax Ferry, western Virginia, and Confederate BG John B. Floyd withdraws his forces during the night. This victory strengthens the Union hold on western Virginia.

-- Confederate General Albert Sidney Johnston is given command of Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, and Kentucky.

11 Sept. – In a letter, Lincoln tells Fremont that his proclamations must be altered in order to align them with Federal Acts of Congress.

-- Cheat Mountain Campaign. General R.E. Lee has planned a surprise attack against BG John F. Reynolds forces at Cheat Mountain Summit and at Elkwater, but severe precipitation and difficult terrain prevent the Confederates from carrying out the assault as designed. Federal troops hold their ground as the Rebels pull back, and the Union victory secures the area of western Virginia for the North.

12 Sept. – Sterling Price, in command of the Missouri State Guard, begins a nine-day siege of Union troops at Lexington, Missouri.

-- The Federal government orders the arrest of allegedly disloyal members of the Maryland legislature, which is scheduled to convene in Frederick on 17 September. This action prevents the state legislature from possibly voting in favor of secession and aligning Maryland with the Confederacy.

15 Sept. – General A.S. Johnston assumes command of the Confederate armies in the West, superseding MG Polk.

17 Sept. – Following the arrest of a number of its members, the Maryland legislature decides not to assemble in Frederick.

18 Sept. – Confederate forces occupy Bowling Green, Kentucky, with BG Simon Bolivar Buckner in command of the Central Division of Kentucky.

20 Sept. – The siege at Lexington, Missouri ends when Federal Colonel James Mulligan surrenders his hilltop position and 3,600 troops to Price. Fremont is highly criticized for failing to assist/reinforce Mulligan.

25 Sept. – In the Kanawha Valley in western Virginia, the forces of R.E. Lee and Rosecrans feel each other out.

27 Sept. – In a Cabinet meeting, Lincoln and MG McClellan discuss plans for an offensive in Virginia.

29 Sept. – Confederate forces evacuate Munson's Hill, near Alexandria.

30 Sept. – Public pressure continues to build in favor of Federal military action in Virginia.

(Sources: *The Civil War Day By Day: An Almanac 1861-1865*, E.B. Long with Barbara Long; *The Civil War Dictionary*, Mark M. Boatner III; and *Generals In Blue* and *Generals In Gray*, Ezra J. Warner.)

VIEW FROM WAY BACK

Executive Favor Bestowed By: Keith Young

A Union postmaster from Illinois was killed at Vicksburg, Mississippi. There was of course some competition for his office, but President Lincoln endorsed the application in behalf of the deceased soldier's widow, and afterwards wrote a note to the Postmaster General, in which he thus most nobly put in a plea for the right person in the right place. Says the President: "Yesterday, little endorsements of mine went to you in two cases of Postmasterships sought for widows whose husbands have fallen in the battles of this war. These cases occurring on the same day, brought me to reflect more attentively than I had before done, as to what is fairly due from us here, in the dispensing of patronage toward the men who, by fighting our battles, bear the chief burden of saving our country. My conclusion is that, other claims and qualifications being equal, they have the better right, and

this is especially applicable to the disabled soldier and the deceased soldier's family." Most worthy and discriminating consideration on the part of the President, in behalf of the brave men who fell in defense of their country, --- and for the dependent ones whom they left behind them!

--- Reminiscences of the Blue and Gray '61-'65; by Frazar Kirkland, 1895, page 548. ---

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 March 2002 – Fort Ward Museum, Alexandria. Exhibit: "To Aid and Comfort: The U.S. Sanitary Commission during the Civil War." Includes rare objects that have never been seen in the Washington area from sanitary fairs and from the American Red Cross Museum. Info: (703) 838-4848.

Through Sep 2002 – Arlington National Cemetery Visitors Center. 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.

Through 28 Oct. – Weekend walking tours at Balls Bluff Regional Park. Saturdays, 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM; and Sundays, 1:00 and 3:00 PM. From kiosk in parking lot. Info: (703) 779-9372.

8 September – 10 AM – 5 PM Ox Hill Battlefield Park. Living history presented by the 28th Massachusetts Hospital Display. Memorial service for those KIA.

15-16 Sep – 10th Annual Sharpsburg heritage Festival commemorating the 139th Anniversary of the Battle of Antietam/Sharpsburg. Living history, battlefield and town tours, lecture series, Civil War music. Info: (800) 228-STAY.

17 Sep – Anniversary ranger-led extended tour at Antietam NB. (301) 432-5124.

17 Sept. – 2 PM Antietam Battlefield. Dedication of the restoration of the Rodes Alabama Brigade Tablet.

29-30 Sep – 10 AM Civil War Heritage Weekend and the dedication of a new Manassas Museum System park

at Mayfield Fort (Confederate installation with a signal station during the war.) Living history, drills, signal and other demonstrations. Park at Manassas Museum and take trolley from there to Mayfield Fort. Dedication ceremony Sunday. Jason Hall Publicity Program Coordinator (703) 257-8264 or Gen. Info: (703) 368-1873.

11 Oct – 7-9 PM Lecture about the book "Chronicles of the Civil War," at 1201 Caroline St. in downtown Fredericksburg. Info: (540) 972-9954.

13 Oct – Annual Yard Party and Farm tour on the Kernstown battlefield, south of Winchester. Donations welcome. Take Route 11 south from Winchester and turn west at the Saturn dealership. Info: (540) 662-1824.

13 Oct – 1 PM Battlefield hike, guided five-mile walk on the First Manassas battlefield. Rain or shine, at the main visitor center. Info: (703) 361-1339.

20 Oct – Two-to-three hour battlefield hike on the Antietam National Battlefield. Info: (301) 695-1864.

20-21 Oct – Annual Cedar Creek Reenactment near Middletown, on the actual battlefield. Battles each day. Demonstrations, living history, and more. Info: (540) 869-2064.

27 Oct - 1 PM Battlefield hike, guided five-mile walk on the Second Manassas battlefield. Rain or shine, at the main visitor center. Info: (703) 361-1339.

27 Oct - Two-to-three hour battlefield hike on the Antietam National Battlefield. Info: (301) 695-1864.

27-28 Oct – 11 AM to 4 PM Living history, "Battlefield Embalmer." National Museum of Civil War Medicine, 48 E. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701. For info call (301) 695-1864

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