

STONE WALL

Bull Run Civil War Round Table

April 2002

Black Soldiers in the Army of the Potomac and the Army of the James

The guest speaker for our General Membership Meeting on 11 April 2002 will be Dr. James Bryant. He is a native of North Carolina but lived in Hampton, VA for much of his early life. In 1993 Jim graduated from Hampton University with a degree in History Education. Three years later he earned his Master's Degree from the University of Vermont and, in 2001, received his Ph.D in History from the University of Rochester. He also holds a "Virginia Teacher's Certification" in secondary social studies.

Dr. Bryant is currently the Parkwide Historian for the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Military Park in Fredericksburg, a position he has held since 1997. Jim is also an adjunct professor of the History and American Studies Department at Mary Washington College. He is presently working on a documentary history of African-Americans titled *Dreams of Freedom* that will be published this summer by the American History Company of Fredericksburg, VA. His doctoral dissertation, *Black Union Soldiers and Their Families*, is under consideration for publication by the University Press of Virginia.

The distinguished historian, LTC William F. Fox, U.S.V., noted in his book, *Regimental Losses in the American Civil War* that "wherever black regiments were engaged in battle during the Civil War, they acquitted themselves in a manner which fully justified the policy of the Government in enlisting their services. In the future wars of the Republic the colored American will find his full share of the fighting."

After the Emancipation Proclamation went into effect on 1 January 1863, President Lincoln called

for the raising of four Black regiments. By the end of the war Black troops composed the following number of regiments in the Union force structure:

Infantry - 145 Cavalry - 7 Heavy Artillery - 12 Light Artillery - 1 Engineer – 1

According to Fox, approximately 60 of these regiments saw combat, with the remainder assigned to post or garrison duty. Many of the Black regiments that did experience extended combat served in the Army of the Potomac and the Army of the James before Petersburg and Richmond during the period of 1864-1865. In fact one division in IX U.S. Corps and one in XVIII U.S. Corps were made up completely of Black regiments.

Please join us on 11 April 2002 for what will be a thoroughly informative and enjoyable presentation by Dr. James K. Bryant.

General Membership Meeting 11 April 2002 7:15 PM

• Dr. James K. Bryant

"African American Soldiers in the Army of the Potomac and the Army of the James"

• Civil War 101 - 6:30 PM "The Influence of Jomini on the War"

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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 email. These include photos I am unable to include in the print version of the newsletter due b 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 May/June 2002 articles is 27 April 2002. Please send input to Mary Ahrens at the above address or e-mail.

Visit our website at: http://www.bullruncwrt.org

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PRESIDENT' S COLUMN

By: John McAnaw

I want to thank those BRCWRT members who, often at great inconvenience, expended many hours during the period of December 2001 - March 2002 attending Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors meetings in both Fairfax and Prince William Counties. These members joined by such distinguished historians/preservationists as Ed Bearss, Jim Burgess, Rob Hodge, and Brian Pohanka spoke out eloquently in efforts to preserve the Centreville Historic District and the Bristoe Station Battlefield. On two occasions the cited individuals were not able to speak to County Planning Commission members until after midnight and after 2:00 AM, respectively. One Board of Supervisors public meeting on the proposed rezoning of part of the Centreville Historic District was postponed at the request of the Sully District Supervisor after more than two-dozen opponents had assembled to speak at the Fairfax County Government Center.

On 14 March 2002, I received an invitation for BRCWRT members to join other preservationists on Saturday 6 April 2002 on a first-ever public tour of more than one mile of Confederate earthworks vicinity Petersburg. Join us on what will be a very memorable tour. Also, please look at the BRCWRT Tour Schedule for April-May. All will be very informative tours.

According to Ed Bearss, BRCWRT dues are the second lowest of all the Round Tables that he has visited. Wichita is the cheapest at \$13.00. The motto of the BRCWRT is "We are cheap and we are proud!" Every effort is made to keep member costs down. However, the modest dues for 2002 have not yet been received from many members by our Treasurer, Mark Knowles. Let this be a reminder to those in the unpaid category. PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!

Electronic News letter

Please Note: If your e-mail address has changed or if you would like to start receiving the newsletter electronically, please send an e-mail to Mary Ahrens at BRCWRT10@aol.com or call her at (703) 352-9775. Thank you very much for your support in this endeavor.

General Membership Meeting 7 15 PM Thursday, 9 May 2002

• Edwin C. Bearss "Gettysburg: Day III"

2002 Membership Dues

If you have not already paid your 2002 BRCWRT membership dues please do so as soon as possible. The last issue of the *Stonewall* that will be extended to non-paying members has been extended to include this month. Please drop your check off at the next membership meeting or send your checks to:

Mark Knowles 169 Applegate Drive Sterling, Virginia 20164

If you have any questions, contact Mark at (703) 787-9811. Thank you for your support!

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

Heads Up! Tour of a Lifetime! Be Among the First to Inspect Pristine Earthworks in the Vicinity of Petersburg, Saturday, 6 April 2002

By: John McAnaw

For the first time ever, on 6 April 2002, the public will be afforded access to more than one mile of Confederate earthworks that protected Petersburg during the siege of 1864-1865. Private land owners, in an effort to preserve these magnificent earthworks from destruction by land maulers, have granted access to their property. Time permitting we will also visit certain other battlefields in the area. In the last issue of the *Stone Wall* I stated that the battlefields in the vicinity of Petersburg should be listed among the <u>Top Ten Most Endangered Civil War Sites</u>. Make this tour and I believe that you will agree with me.

Due to constraints, we are conducting this tour without our normal thorough preparations, e.g., research and prior ground reconnaissance. However, this is too

good an opportunity to pass up. So be adventurous and join us.

Note: If you have a van please bring it. Strip map will be issued to all drivers.

Assembly Time/Date: 7:10 AM, Saturday, 6 April 2002. Mark Knowles will be in charge of transportation coordination to Petersburg.

Assembly Location: University Mall, located in the southeast quadrant of the intersection of Braddock Road (Route 620) and Ox Road (Route 123). Meet in the parking lot to the right of the front entrance to McDonald's (as you face McDonald's).

Departure Time: 7:22 AM (Yes, 7:22 AM)

Route to Petersburg: Route 123 South to I-95. I-95 South to I-85 in Petersburg. South on Exit 63A from I-85 onto U.S. Route 1/460 (Boydton Plank Road). Look for a tall sign for Hardee's Restaurant. [5412 Boydton Plank Road. Tel. No. I-804-861-5109] Hardee's is our rendezvous location. It is important that everyone meet at the Hardee's.

Departure from Hardee's: 9:50 AM

Subsequent Tour Directions: Travel approx. 0.8 miles South on the Boydton Plan Road to Duncan Road (Route 670). Turn LEFT (South) on Duncan Road and travel approx. 1.8 miles to Merten Lane. Turn RIGHT (west) on to Merten Lane and follow signs. The tour guide will be waiting for us at the parking site. (The guide is an extremely knowledgeable historian with many years experience leading field trips to Civil War sites in the Petersburg-Richmond area. Assistant tour guides are Mark Knowles and John McAnaw.

Tour Duration: 10 AM - 3:30 PM. (Arrive back at University Mall at 5:45 PM)

Special Instructions: Bring trail snacks, water, camera, notebook, insect repellent, wear good hiking shoes and headgear. Light to moderate exertion.

BE PREPARED TO ENTER A NO SPIN ZONE!!! This will be an unforgettable tour.

Contact: John McAnaw (703) 978-3371

Benefit Tour for the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum: "Hidden Civil War Heritage of Fairfax County – Part II", Saturday, 13 April 2002

Visit historically important sites, some on private property and rarely seen by visitors – including earthworks, sections of the original Orange and Alexandria Railroad bed, fords and other locations where engagements took place during the Civil War.

Tour Guide: John McAnaw (703) 978-3371

Assembly Time/Date: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM Saturday, 13 April 2002

Assembly Location: Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road (about ¹/₄ mile west of Historic St. Mary Roman Catholic Church).

Transportation: Private vehicle

Cost – All Proceeds go to Museum: \$25.00 for members, \$30.00 for non-members. Lunch is at a local restaurant at extra cost.

Contact: John McAnaw (703) 978-3371 for reservations and inquiries about the tour.

Please make checks payable to: Friends of Fairfax Station and mail to:

P.O. Box 7 Fairfax Station, VA 22039

All contributions are tax deductible. Website: www.fairfax-station.org.

Tour of Civil War Sites at Quantico Marine Corps Base, Saturday, 20 April 2002

Tour participants will have the opportunity to visit significant Civil War sites within the Quantico Marine Corps Base. Please note that I must have a list of all those who plan to attend no later than Thursday, 18 April 2002. Accountability of all tour personnel will be required while we are on the Base. Sites to be visited will include the locations of the famous Confederate Evans port batteries that virtually shut down river traffic on the Potomac from mid October 1861 to 9 March 1862. We will also visit the impressive Confederate winter campsites on the Base.

Note: If you have a van please bring it. Strip map will be issued to all drivers.

Assembly Time/Date: 8:20 AM, Saturday, 20 April 2002.

Assembly Location: University Mall, located in the southeast quadrant of the intersection of Braddock Road (Route 620) and Ox Road (Route 123). Meet in the parking lot to the right of the front entrance to McDonald's (as you face McDonald's).

Departure Time: 8:32 AM (Yes, 8:32 AM)

Route to Quantico: Route 123 South to U.S. Route 1 (Jefferson Davis Highway). South on U.S. Route 1 to just North of the intersection of U.S. Route 1 and Fuller Road in Triangle. Look on the LEFT for Burger King. An EXXON gas station is just South of it at the intersection described above. Burger King is located at 18621 Jefferson Davis Highway. Tel. No. (703) 445-9599.

Note: Tour participants can either travel directly to the cited Burger King or convoy from University Mall.

Departure from Burger King: 9:35 AM

Subsequent Tour Directions: Leave Burger King and turn LEFT (South) onto Jefferson Davis Highway. After a very short distance, turn LEFT (East) onto Fuller Road and enter Quantico Marine Corps Base. Follow lead vehicles to tour sites.

Tour Duration: 10 AM - 2:45 PM.

Special Instructions: Bring trail snacks, water, camera, notebook, insect repellent, wear good hiking shoes and headgear. Exertion is light to moderate. Fast food restaurants are available on Base for lunch.

Chief Tour Guide: Joe Balicki of our Round Table and John A. Milner Associates. Assistant Tour Guides are John DePue and John McAnaw.

Contact: John McAnaw (703) 978-3371

Gettysburg: Day 3, Saturday, 11 May 2002

Thorough explanation of the events of fateful third day of the battle guaranteed. More information will be in next month's issue.

SPECIAL EVENT

National Park Service, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts Sponsor Annual Fredericksburg National Cemetery Luminaria, Saturday, 25 May 2002

On Saturday, 25 May 2002, the National Park Service in conjunction with the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts will hold the annual Fredericksburg National Cemetery Luminaria from 8 PM – 11 PM. (The rain date is Sunday, 26 May 2002.)

Luminaria – candles - will be placed at each of the 15,300 graves and lit at sunset. The splendor of those thousands of tiny flames which will illuminate the graves will be matched only by the haunting melody of "Taps" as it rings out across the grounds every half hour. Four to six volunteers will be posted at six different stops on the grounds to speak with visitors about the history of the cemetery.

An invitation has been extended to area Round Tables with members who wish to volunteer. A one-page fact sheet will be sent to volunteers so that they may memorize its contents, but participants are encouraged to deliver the material in their own words. First time volunteers are requested to arrive at 6 PM for orientation. Volunteers should be 16 years or older and may dress in casual attire – no jeans or tshirts. For more info, contact Rebecca Fitzgerald (540) 371-0802.

PRESERVATION

<u>Decision on Future of Part of Bristoe Station</u> <u>Battlefield</u>

By: John McAnaw

The controversy regarding the preservation of the Bristoe Station Battlefield is not of recent vintage. Back on 12 January 1988 the Prince William County Board of Supervisors (PWCBOS) voted unanimously to consider a 350-acre portion of the Bristoe Station Battlefield, along with a location in Haymarket as possible locations for a "debris landfill." This action was done at the urging of then Gainesville District Supervisor Robert Cole.

Since that date preservationists, led for many years by Bobby McManus, have fought to preserve the bloody site of a battle that occurred on 14 October 1863. During the 1990's BRCWRT members, led for several years by Ralph Swanson, were involved in efforts to save the battlefield from the tender mercies of land maulers.

On 19 March the PWCBOS voted unanimously to approve CENTEX's development plans for the "New Bristow Village." Residential office and commercial development will occur on 214 of the 341 acres comprising the property. The remaining 127 acres, which includes a significant portion of the battlefield, will be deeded to the Civil War Preservation Trust.

Further, in response to the insistence of Civil War preservationist, including many from the BRCWRT, CENTEX agreed to allow the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Civil War preservationists (read Bull Run Civil War Round Table) to search for 120 days in the unprotected section of the property for unmarked graves before construction. The 120-day count begins after the title to the 341-acre property passes from the Rollins family to CENTEX. Please note that volunteers will be needed to help conduct the search for unmarked graves. More next month.

Board of Supervisors Defer Vote on Centreville Historic District until Monday, 8 April 2002 By: Mary Ahrens

After listening to over 20 speakers argue for preservation of the Centreville Historic District, the Board of Supervisors decided to defer the decision until Monday, 8 April 2002. Supervisor Frey noted that this is a decision that we only get to make once and requested the deferral.

A special thanks is in order for those BRCWRT members and our associates who have been extremely active in opposing the encroachment into the historic district. Those who have signed up to speak or who have attended the meetings to show their support include John McAnaw (President), Keith Young (Vice-President), Ed Wenzel, Bob Ford, Tim Duskin, Nancy Anwyll, Bev Regeimbal, Mike Buckley, and Becky Cumins. Associates of the BRCWRT who have made vocal their opposition to the development are Ed Bearss (Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service),

Brian Pohanka (Civil War historian/author), Jim Burgess (Civil War historian), Rob Hodges (Civil War Reenactor, Independent film producer), Larry Baldwin (former Fairfax County Planning Commissioner), the Vestry (governing body) and the Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, as well as other concerned members of the community.

Once again – thank you all for your support and involvement as we await this monumental decision.

The Northern Virginia Conservation Trust By: John McAnaw

An area organization worthy of the reader's attention is The Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT). Some time ago I wrote of that organization's successful efforts regarding the preservation of a Civil War battery position in the west end of the City of Alexandria. The NVCT has earned our sincerest thanks for this achievement. The foci of the NVCT is twofold:

- 1. Land Conservation
- 2. Historic Preservation

NVCT land conservation accomplishments for CY2001 are substantial. Permit me to address two of them. The NVCT was instrumental in the preservation of an ecologically rare forest in Western Fairfax County. Let us hope that this bucolic forested area will not be used in the future for traffic corridors and for unwanted/unneeded park facilities.

When will the Fairfax County Park Authority learn to leave natural areas alone? All the great majority of County residents want are substantial natural areas with minimal park facilities.

Also, the NVCT was able to secure two conservation easements in Loudon County to protect important scenic viewsheds.

Regarding historic preservation, the NVCT had two accomplishments worthy of note in 2001, in addition to the preservation of the Civil War battery site in Alexandria. In December 2001, the NVCT signed an historic conservation easement on a McLean property that goes back to the 18th century. The manor house on this property was once a safe house for the Gray Ghost "himself", John S. Mosby, during the War of Secession.

Secondly, the Trust completed the work for an easement on an historic house and property in Great Falls that is believed to date back to circa 1735. The significance of that property during the period of 1861-1865 is unknown.

The Northern Virginia Conservation Trust is worthy of our support. To quote that organization's newsletter of 12 December 2001, "For every one dollar we spent in 2001 we permanently conserved land worth \$16.20 (The figure of \$16.20 is based on the tax assessed value of land placed under NVCT easement in 2001, divided by total expense for 2001.)"

Contributions to the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust can be mailed to:

4022 Hummer Road Annandale, VA 22003

Please consider including the comment "For historic preservation." For more information on the NVCT contact:

Tel. (703) 354-5093 Fax (703) 354-5169

<u>Historic Presentation in Northern Virginia</u> <u>By: John McAnaw</u>

To many residents of Fairfax, Prince William, Stafford, Loudon, and Arlington Counties plus nearby municipalities the destruction of natural and historically important areas in the region by land maulers seems to be out of control. All of us have read for example, of a "Win! Win!" situation regarding the preservation of a particular part of a Civil War site or of the expansion of a road intersection in the middle of a major Civil War battlefield. In reality, the situation can more aptly be described as "Won a little. Lost a lot."

The important point is that we in the Bull Run Civil War Round Table will never give up in our efforts to protect what is left of the historically important sites in our region. It flat makes sense in every regard, to combine green space planning with the preservation of historically important sites.

I am proud to state that we have been involved for over ten (10) years in efforts to preserve heritage sites and the natural areas that encompass them. The fact that we back our commitment with action is a fact recognized by many citizens in Northern Virginia.

FLASHBACK 1862

Flashback April 1862 By Robert W. Ford

- **1 April** 12,000 of McClellan's Army crowd into Ft. Monroe, VA.
- **2 April** Confederates leave Corinth, MS toward Grant's forces at Pittsburg landing. Three Southern soldiers are killed in a skirmish at Putman's Ferry in Missouri.
- **3 April** U.S. Senate passes bill to outlaw slavery in District of Columbia. Lincoln removes a corps from McClellan for defense of Washington.
- **4 April** Peninsular Campaign starts with skirmish at Great Bethel.
- **5 April** Union General, Andrew Johnson, is appointed military of TN and suspends Nashville's city government. Confederate scouts cannot believe Grant's forces do not anticipate the attack at Shiloh. McClellan begins siege of Yorktown.
- **6 April** Battle of Shiloh takes place.
- **7 April** Battle of Shiloh concludes. A Confederate later prayed, "Oh God forever keep me out of such a another fight."
- **8 April** News of Shiloh sweeps Nation. Other fighting occurs in MO. Guerilla activity in western VA increases.
- **9 April** Confederates call for conscription of troops. Federals evacuate Jacksonville, FL. Lincoln and his staff discuss McClellan's lack of activity before Yorktown.
- **10 April** Union attacks Fort Pulaski in Savannah harbor, which surrenders the next day.
- **11 April** House of Representatives passes a bill to abolish slavery in DC.
- **12 April** Union troops seize the locomotive *General* behind Confederate lines and ends the "Great

Locomotive Race." Union Commander orders all slaves around Ft. Pulaski to be confiscated and set free.

- **13 April** Retreating Confederates from Santa Fe, NM are pursued to El Paso, TX.
- **14 April** There is a skirmish at Pollocksville, NC with 7 Confederates killed. Federal boats bombard Ft. Pillow, TN.
- **15 April** Fighting at Peraltan, NM; Lost Creek, MO; and Picacho Pass, AZ.
- **16 April** Minor skirmishing around Yorktown, VA; Whitemarsh Island, GA; and near Blackwater Creek, MO. Confederate President signs a bill of Conscription while Union President signs a bill that abolishes slavery in Washington, DC.
- 17 April General Ben Butler and Admirals Farragut and Porter prepare to attack New Orleans. There is skirmishing at Warsaw, MO; near Pittsburg Landing; Woodson's Gap, TN and Corinth, MS. Stonewall Jackson slowly retires before Bank's Federal forces in Shenandoah Valley.
- **18 April** Bombardment of Forts below New Orleans begins. McCle llan repulses attack at Yorktown.
- **19 April** Federal Naval forces continue bombardment near New Orleans. A skirmish at South Mills near Camden, NC occurs.
- **20 April** Federals forced a break in the blockade of the Mississippi River below New Orleans.
- **21 April** Only new fighting is at Pocahontas, AR.
- **22 April** In Aransas Bay, TX several Federal launches are lost in daring Confederate raid.
- **23 April** Skirmish occurs at Grass Lick, VA. Admiral Farragut prepares to steam past Forts below New Orleans.
- **24 April** Farragut passes forts and advances on to New Orleans. Skirmishing at Tuscumbia, AL; in TN and on the Corinth Road in MS.
- **25 April** Confederate Fort Macon, NC surrenders after a month of siege. Skirmishing in TN, MO, and NM.
- **26 April** Army of Potomac continues to press Yorktown. Skirmishing continues in MO and TN.

General Banks concentrates Federal forces around Harrisonburg and New Market in the Shenandoah Valley of VA.

- **27 April** Four Forts north of New Orleans surrender after Federal occupation of City. Skirmishing in MS, AL and NC.
- **28 April** General Butler arrives in New Orleans. Skirmishing in TN, AL and MO.
- **29 April** Federals have over 100,000 troops ready to march on Corinth, MS. Fighting near Monterey, TN; near Bridgeport, AL; on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad in TN; in SC; Cumberland Gap, KY; and Batchelder's Creek, NC.
- **30 April** Stonewall Jackson leaves Elk Run near Swift Run Gap in the Blue Ridge Mountains in VA and heads for Staunton on what would become the major part of his famed Shenandoah Valley Campaign.

VIEW FROM WAY BACK

The Veterans Reunion Submitted by: Keith Young

and I had marched with Lee.

We met at Chickamauga. I hadn't seen him since we looked across the trenches, and his bullet made me wince;
But we both shook hands in friendship, as hearty as could be.
Though he had marched with Sherman.

We walked across the battlefield, where once the bullets flew,
And the green and bending grasses felt
The fall of crimson dew;
And we talked the whole thing over,
where was waving free --How he had marched with Sherman,
and I had served with Lee.

The drums had ceased their beating, we saw no sabres shine;

The hair about his forehead fell as snowy white as mine,

And voices seemed to call us o'er the far, eternal sea,

Where the men who marched with Sherman,

are in camp with those of Lee.

We parted; eyes grew misty, for we knew that nevermore
We'd meet until the roll-call on the other peaceful shore;
But both shook hands in friendship, as hearty as could be,
Though he had marched with Sherman, and I had fought with Lee.

---Frank L. Stanton

Quoted in The Civil War Notebook of Daniel Chisholm, Co. K, 116th Pennsylvania Volunteers.

BOOK REVIEW - RAFFLE

The featured book for this month's book raffle is *The West Point Atlas of the Civil* edited by Brigadier General Vincent J. Esposito

David Eicher says it all in his analytical bibliography, *The Civil War in Books*: "...Few works on the Civil War offer maps with precise locations and accurate numbers of troops assigned to armies, corps, divisions, and brigades. Fewer still discuss tactics and strategy coherently, fairly, and meaningfully... Esposito's West Point Atlas is a book that should be in every Civil War Library no matter what its size. Moreover, it is a book that students of the Civil War should read and understand thoroughly before they plunge into the sea of specialized studies on battles and campaigns."

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.

April 13 – 8:15 AM – 4:30 PM, Civil War Sites Tour, Part 2, *Hidden Heritage of Fairfax County*, Sponsored by the Friends of Fairfax Station, Meet at the Fairfax Museum, \$25 for member, \$30 for non-members, Info: John McAnaw – (703) 978-3371.

The following events will be held at the National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, Room 105

April 16 – 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Genealogy Workshop, *Union Civil War Records*, \$15, Reservation required, Info: (202) 501-6694.

April 17 – 12 PM, Lecture, Jay Winik, *April 1865: The Month That Saved America*, Info: (202) 501-5050.

April 18 – 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Genealogy Workshop, *Confederate Civil War Records*, \$15, Reservation required, Info: (202) 501-6694.

April 25 – 12 PM, Lecture, William Gienapp, *Abraham Lincoln and Civil War America* and *Fiery Speeches and Writings of Abraham Lincoln*, Info: (202) 501-5050.

The following events will be held at the Museum of the Confederacy, 1201 E. Clay Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, (804) 649-1861

Through May 26 – View artifacts on loan from the Confederate Memorial Hall, the Confederate Museum in New Orleans

April 4-7 - Louisiana visits Richmond, Celebrate South Weekend, Four-day weekend featuring events from battlefield tours, workshops, Cajun music, and Louisiana cuisine. For ticket info: (804) 649-1861 x 41

April 5 – 7 pm – 10 pm, Homecoming Gala Reception and Auction, Part of the Museum's 7^{th} Annual Celebrate South Weekend, Tickets are \$20 a person and may be purchased by calling the Museum at (804) 649-1861 x. 41 or x. 44.

April 6 – 8pm Celebrate South Weekend, National Park Service historian and park ranger Ed Sanders will deliver a lecture on the prelude to Cold Harbor, followed by a tour of the battlefield site itself. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased by calling (804) 649-1861 x. 41 or 44.

The following events will be held at Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA:

April 6 – 10 AM – 3 PM, 7th Virginia Infantry C.S.A., Camp life. Info: (301) 695-1864

April 7 – 11 AM – 3 PM Preparation of medicine during the Civil War - Demonstrations.