

STONE WALL

Bull Run Civil War Round Table

General James Longstreet, C.S.A: Post War Challenges & Controversies

Speaker: Dan Paterson

Our guest speaker for our General Membership Meeting on 10 January 2002 is well known to all but relatively new members of our Round Table. He is Dan Paterson, a Past President of our organization <u>and</u> the great grandson of LTG James Longstreet, C.S.A. Dan received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Maryland in 1981. He is a Microsoft Certified System Engineer and is currently a PC/LAN Help Desk Technician for Information Technology at the National Governors' Association in Washington, D.C.

Dan's participation with various Civil War related organizations and activities is truly impressive. In addition to being a member of the BRCWRT, Dan is also belongs to:

- The Longstreet Society, Gainesville, Ga. (Board Member)
- Longstreet Memorial Fund Project (Gettysburg Monument
- Lee Camp 726, Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV)
- Gen. Samuel Cooper Chapter, Military Orders of Stars and Bars
- Reenactor, 7th Maryland Volunteer Infantry Regiment (U.S.)
- Friends of Gettysburg Work Day Program

The list of Dan's past speaking engagements includes the following:

- Longstreet Birthplace Monument Ceremony, Edgefield, SC (Jan. 1998)
- Longstreet Memorial Fund Service, Gettysburg, PA (July 1998)

- Confederate Memorial Services at Confederate Cemeteries at Manassas (May 1999), Charlottesville (May 2000) and Fairfax (June 2000)
- Fairfax Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (Feb. 2001)
- Longstreet Camp, SCV, Richmond (March 2001)
- Military Order of Stars and Bars, Powhatan (July 2001)
- Keynote speaker, Longstreet Monument Dedication, Gainesville, GA (Oct. 2001)
- Various Civil War Round Tables in Maryland and Virginia

Dan Paterson is uniquely suited to discuss the postwar career of LTG Longstreet and the controversies that involved him until his death on 2 January 1908. I know of no one who has taken as much interest in the life of James Longstreet or has done as much to perpetuate the memory of General Lee's "Old War-horse" as Dan Paterson.

Join us on Thursday, 10 January 2002 for a stimulating discussion on one of the South's most interesting wartime and postwar leader.

General Membership Meeting 10 January 2002 7:15 PM

• Dan Paterson <u>"General James Longstreet, C.S.A:</u> Post War Challenges & Controversies"

- Civil War 101 6:30 PM

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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 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:

Mary R. Ahrens (703) 352-9775 ahrn@starpower.net

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline for February 2002 articles is 27 January 2002. Please send input to Mary Ahrens at the above address or e-mail.

General Membership Meeting 14 February 2002 7:15 PM
• Keith Young <u>"Engineers in the U.S. Army</u> of the Potomac"

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By: John McAnaw

On behalf of all the members of the Executive Committee I want to wish you and your family a happy and rewarding 2002. Further, I want to thank you for giving me the honor of serving, God willing, as the President of the BRCWRT for this coming year.

We had a very successful year in 2001 thanks to the time and efforts of many members. I ask you for your continued commitment to the activities of our Round Table. We are the most active Civil War Round Table in the Metropolitan Washington, DC area and I intend to do my best to maintain our "operations tempo."

The main emphasis of our organizational activities this year will be the following:

- 1. Membership education regarding our National Civil War heritage. This includes an information guest speaker program and Civil War 101 sessions before meetings.
- 2. Well planned and executed field trips to important Civil War locations, both locally and regionally in Maryland; Pennsylvania; West Virginia; Washington, DC and more distant parts of Virginia.
- 3. Preservation of Civil War Sites, including continued participation in the Inventory of Civil War Sites in Fairfax County.
- 4. Increased BRCWRT membership (i.e. at least 150 paid members.)

As we begin this calendar year we are faced with a major preservation challenge right in our backyard – Centreville. On 7 January 2002 there will be a public hearing before the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed rezoning of a portion of the Centreville Historic District. (See the article on page 6.) Also, on 20 February 2002 (date subject to change), the Planning Commission of Prince William County will meet to consider a major rezoning request involving much of the Bristoe Station Battlefield. The public is invited to speak.

At present, John A. Milner and Associates, Inc., the contractor for the "<u>Fairfax County Civil War Sites</u> <u>Inventory</u>" has completed about 41% of the project. At present there is no money available from the Fairfax County Government to complete the project. In the months ahead I will be asking for your support in lobbying the Board of Supervisors for \$200K to complete the project. We will continue to conduct our volunteer "Search and Find" operations to locate and report additional Civil War sites. Thanks to efforts of many members we have been very successful.

Regarding upcoming field trips, mark Saturday 11 May 2002 on your calendar. Our talented Field Trip Chairman, Kevin Anastas, will conduct his '<u>Gettysburg:</u> <u>Day Three</u>" tour on that date. Do not miss it. It will be a memorable event. I assure you that we will have a number of worthwhile tours this year. Join the team and be a tour guide at one or more of them. Only by studying and doing the work of a tour guide do you really appreciate what happened and why.

Post War Respect for Gen. Lee's "Old War-horse" By: John McAnaw

The date of 29 May 1890 was a memorable one for former Confederate soldiers and the residents of Richmond, VA. It marked the unveiling of the equestrian statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee on Monument Drive. Beginning at noon a long procession of distinguished Confederate general officers and other Confederate Veterans, along with younger uniformed men, marched down Broad Street to the unveiling site. The crowd cheered as such Southern leaders as J.E. Johnston, Wade Hampton, Joseph Kershaw, Joseph Wheeler, and E. Porter Alexander passed by.

Jeffrey Wert, the author of "*General James Longstreet*", wrote the following about the passing procession and the ceremony at the Lee Monument.

"But as the carriage of one former general passed, the response of the people increased, rippling along the parade route and rising in volume like a volley of musketry fired from one end of a battleline to the other. When former soldiers in the column recognized their old chief, they broke ranks, stopping the procession. A few of the men volunteered to lead the horses throughout the route. At the platform near the covered monument, the general, assisted by one of his former aides, stepped from the carriage and took his place on the stand. The assembled veterans emitted a yell, that eerie Southern battle cry that had echoed across numerous bloody fields. James Longstreet, former lieutenant general and commander of the First Corps, Army of Northern Virginia, had arrived. His journey to this place and time had been long. For the better part of the past two decades he had been an apostate, a scapegoat for the majority of Southerners. His record in the war had been vilified and falsified, his devotion to the Confederacy had been questioned. He defended himself in print, but did it poorly and only enhanced the efforts of his detractors. The organizers of this event had not invited him until some of his former artillerymen insisted that he attend as their escort, and he accepted. As he sat down, he knew that to many of his former comrades on the platform he was an unwanted presence.

On this day for memories, however, the veterans of the army remembered James Longstreet as a soldier and saluted him. They knew he belonged there, for he had earned their respect and devotion from the beginning at First Manassas to the end at Appomattox... He had the soul of a soldier, and they never forgot it.

So he sat before the men he cared most about, at the foot of a monument dedicated to the general who had called him "my old war-horse." It was as it should have been – a day for memories, a day for ghosts, a day for soldiers."

Source: Wert, Jeffry D. "General James Longstreet", Simon & Schuster. New York. 1993. pp 18-19.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

After Action Tour of Civil War Manassas By: John McAnaw

Despite a steady rain six stalwart members of the BRCWRT assembled at 10 AM, 8 December 2001, in front of the Manassas Museum. We were met by our Chief Tour Guide, Jason Hall, of the Museum staff. He led us on a most informative tour of the Museum. The tour group also discussed the fortifications protecting Manassas Junction during the war. We then traveled to Liberia, the manor house of the Weir family and the headquarters of then BG P.G.T. Beauregard in 1861. It is now owned by the City of Manassas.

Jason Hall lived at Liberia. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the visit to the manor house and grounds – which are well worth visiting. We were only able to visit the ground floor and basement of the house. The second floor was cluttered with packing boxes since Jason Hall is in the process of moving to Washington, DC and a new job at the U.S. Airmen's Museum in Maryland.

The tour group then had lunch in Old Town Manassas before traveling southwest on Route 28 to the Cannon Branch Fort site near the Old Orange and Alexandria RR bed. This earthen fort was probably constructed by Union forces sometime during the winter of 1863-1864. This impressive site is also owned by the City of Manassas. Input from the tour participants added to the understanding of this particular site.

The tour group then returned to the Manassas Museum, arriving at 3 PM satisfied with their new-found knowledge and dampened from the rain. I want to thank Jason Hall for his fine presentations at those sites and for going beyond the call of duty (he officially left the Manassas Museum staff the day prior to the tour). My thanks also to the following members who joined me on the tour and who truly lived up to our motto: "The Cheap! The Proud! The Wet!" They are Nancy Anwyll, John DePue, Janet Greentree, Mark Knowles, and Bev Regeimbal. You missed a good tour!

MISCELLANEOUS

2001 FINANCIAL STATEMENT Prepared by: Mark Knowles Treasurer, BRCWRT

INCOME

Membership [See Note 1]	\$1925.00
Book Raffle [\$40/mo.]	\$480.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2405.00

EXPENSES

Book Purchases – Raffle	\$250.00
CWPT Membership	\$50.00
Incorporation Fee	\$25.00
Miscellaneous	\$175.00
Misc. Office Supplies	\$50.00
Postage Stamps [See Note 2]	\$300.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$20.00
Printing – Newsletter [See Note 3]	\$700.00
Printing – General	\$40.00
Preservation Donations [See Note 4]	\$100.00
Speaker Meals [\$20/mo.]	\$240.00
Speaker Mileage [See Note 5]	\$150.00
Speaker Hotel	\$0.0

Speaker Gifts [\$15/mo.]	\$180.00
WEB URL License [Bi-annual]	\$25.00
WEB Site Fee [per yr]	<u>\$100.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	2405.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2405.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2405.00
NET INCOME/[LOSS]	<u>+= 100100</u> \$0.00

Notes:

- 1. Membership: [110 Individual @ \$15 = \$1650.00] [11 Family @ \$25 = \$275.00]
- 2. Stamps: [\$224.87/9 = \$25/mo. x 12 mo. = \$300]
- 3. Newsletter: [\$506.45/9 = \$57/mo. x 12 mo. = \$684 + rounding = \$700]

4. Preservation: This is a placeholder amount. In order to maintain our tax-free status, BRCWRT must not show any profit at year-end. Therefore, BRCWRT donates any remaining profit to Civil War organizations that have been approved by your board of directors.

5. Speaker Mileage: [600 mi. @ .25/mi.]

Approved by the Board of Directors 12/26/01

Notes from the Website By: Maureen Quinn

There are two new website items that might interest BRCWRT members. The first is our new "Welcome" banner. The background for the banner is a shot of the Bull Run Battlefield showing the Jackson monument facing the Henry House, which is in the distance. I would like to have photographs of the battlefield during each season, maybe from the same vantage point, maybe not but I'd like to eventually have a variety of photos that can be changed when the season, circumstances, or my mood dictates!

The second item is the Photo Gallery portion of the website. To date, all pictures that I have received have been arranged and uploaded. When you get the chance, take a look. Also, if anyone has additional shots that they would like to submit please do so but be sure to let me know to which grouping they should be added and change the name of the photo to a descriptive name rather than the default. (i.e. BullRun.jpg instead of picture1.jpg.)

Thanks to Bob Ford's suggestion, I have submitted our site as a link on CindysList. This Website is a treasure-trove for genealogists but the site also has an extensive list of Civil War-related sites. We should be included on CindysList shortly.

One last word on our new "Welcome" banner: if anyone would like to submit photographs for additional banners please forward to me at: <u>MRQuinn@Patriot.net</u>. And remember the new website location: http://bullruncwrt.org.

INCLEMENT WEATHER SOP FOR MEETINGS AND TOURS

MONTHLY MEETINGS

If, on the date of a scheduled monthly meeting, adverse weather conditions exist <u>or</u> are impending take one of the following actions to determine whether or not the meeting will be held as scheduled:

- 1. Call John McAnaw at (703) 978-3371. Either he or a recorded message will advise the caller, or
- 2. Call the Centreville Regional Library at (703) 830-2223. A staff member will tell you if the meeting is on or not.

TOURS

- 1. Call the Chief Tour Guide. The name and telephone number for the Chief Tour Guide for each tour will be published in the monthly newsletter. In the event contact cannot be made, then
- 2. Contact John McAnaw at (703) 978-3371. Either he or a recorded message will advise the caller.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR CY2002

The following members have been elected as officers for the four elected positions of the BRCWRT:

President Vice President	John McAnaw Keith Young
Secretary	Nancy Anwyll
Treasurer	Mark Knowles

PRESERVATION CORNER

Preservation of Local, Regional, and National Concern - The Centreville Historic District By: Mary Ahrens

"The Village at Mt. Gilead" is a 7.81-acre subdivision proposed by Stanley-Martin Homebuilding, L.L.C., for the Centreville Historic District and its environs. The Centreville Historic District encompasses St. John's Historic Church, The Church of the Ascension (Old Stone Church), The Havener House, The Harrison House, and Mt. Gilead. Currently, Stanley-Martin is applying to have the land rezoned from a R-1 designation (1 dwelling unit (du/ac) per acre) to PDH-8 (Planned Development Housing - 8 du/ac). This will allow them to jam-pack 47 (\$400,000+) houses into the area at their target of 6.02 du/ac. At the Planning Commission Public Hearing, held on 12 December 2001, the application was *approved for recommendation* to the Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisor's Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, 7 January 2002 at 5 PM. The time limit for each speaker is <u>only 3 minutes</u>. We really need all the support we can muster if we want the Centreville Historic District to be saved. I hope you will consider signing up to speak – or at the very least - to show support by attending and standing when others speak out against the proposal.

This is why your support is necessary: A portion of the development, 2.0576 acres, is within that part of the Centreville Historic District east of Mount Gilead and north of St. John's Episcopal Church, on the corner of Mount Gilead Road and Wharton Lane. Within this 2+acre plot of land are the last remnant of Civil War earthworks.

The Park Authority recognizes that this set of earthworks has the potential for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. They are over 200 feet long, approx 4.5 feet high and about 18 feet across at the base. The other portion of this small plot of land (within the Centreville Historic District) contains <u>10</u> of the 47 houses that comprise the proposed development. The houses will be 32 feet across with townhouse size yards. Amazingly, these houses are planned to be only

10 feet apart, and in cases where the houses have chimneys and bay windows, they will be even closer!

Stanley-Martin has proffered to give at least a portion of the earthworks to the Park Authority. At this time, it is unclear the extent of the earthworks which are to be saved. This was heavily debated at the Planning Commission hearing, but no concrete figures were ever stipulated. Very disturbing!

There are many concerns about this development, but utmost are the full preservation of the entire earthworks and the integrity and preservation of the historic district itself. This week I sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors urging them to deny Stanley-Martin's application for rezoning. In it I stated:

"The "Centreville Historic District, Fairfax County, Virginia" is a booklet published by the Office of Comprehensive Planning." It states on page 14:

"Preservation Objectives

General Goals

- 1. To protect the historic and aesthetic integrity of the structures
- 2. To ensure that both the immediate and the secondary surroundings provide this protection.

Objectives

- 1. Create a visually identifiable historic district.
- 2. Protect the feeling of calm and spaciousness in the historic district and its environs.
- 3. Create a stable land use pattern as a form of protection.
- 4. Encourage design compatible with the aesthetic quality and the historic association of the structures.
- 5. Reorient heavy commercial traffic and excessive passenger traffic away from the immediate environs of the district.
- 6. Encourage tourists to notice and visit the district.
- 7. Retain a maximum amount of open space and tree cover."

... Stanley-Martin's subdivision is incongruous with these objectives and does not fit the character of this historic district. The Mount Gilead house is situated on nearly 7 acres of magnificent, spacious grounds. The St. John's Campus – its splendid historic chapel, cemetery, and well-manicured grounds – are spread out in nearly 4.5 acres of pastoral open space. Do we really want to sardine 47 neo-traditional houses and heir attendant concrete, traffic, people, etc. into this tranquil historic setting?"

Please attend this very important meeting and make a stand for the historic district. The deadline for signing up to speak is noon 7 January 2002. Arrangements are made through the Clerk to the Board, (703) 324-3151. We *can* make a difference!

Ed Bearss to Speak at the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' Meeting, Monday, 7 January 2002 on Proposed Rezoning of a section of the Centreville <u>Historic District</u> By: John McAnaw

As was mentioned in the previous article, the Board of Supervisors' Meeting, in which the Stanley-Martin application for rezoning will be reviewed, is scheduled for Monday, 7 January 2002 at 5:00 pm.

Ed Bearss, Mark Knowles, and myself visited the proposed development site and the earthworks discussed in the above-mentioned article. In fact, we visited all other surviving sections of the main Confederate defense line located north of U.S. Highway 29. The earthworks were constructed in 1861 – 1862, by the Confederates in order to protect Centreville and Manassas Junction from enemy attack.

Ed Bearss, Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service is considered as the Nation's foremost Civil War Historian and Tour Guide. In fact, he is an authority on virtually every war involving American military personnel. Without question he is a national treasure. The good news is that Ed stated that he wants to speak at the Monday, 7 January 2002 Board meeting and express his opposition to the rezoning action.

All the marbles regarding the future of the Centreville Historic District are riding on this proposed rezoning action. I urge all members to attend this Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' meeting on Monday, 7 January 2002. Although the time for the Public Hearing is listed as 5:00 PM it could come up before then, so get there early. We also need more members who will speak in opposition to this proposed rezoning action. Please advise me if you intend to join us on Monday to save the Centreville Historic District.

<u>Good Preservation News in the "Hallowed Ground"</u> <u>Magazine</u>

By: John McAnaw

The winter 2001 issue of the "Hallowed Ground", the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) publication, listed the preservation accomplishments of that organization for 2001. The list of completed battlefield land or easement purchases as of the date of publication is as follows:

- Cross Keys (Victory Hill), VA 0.2 acres
- Totopotomoy Creek, VA 124 acres
- Trevilian Station, VA 173 acres
- White Oak Raod, VA 30 acres
- Monocacy, MD 240 acres
- Greenland Gap, WV 15 acres
- Munfordville/Rowlett's Station, KY 48 acres
- Palmito Ranch, TX 3 acres

Additionally, negotiations are ongoing to acquire terrain at the following locations:

- Loudon Valley, VA 445 acres
- Buffington Island, OH 138 acres
- Kolb Farm, GA 4.26 acres

Actions are also ongoing to acquire battlefield land at various sites in Mississippi, either by outright fee-simple purchase or through conservation easements. These sites are as follows:

- Big Black River Bridge 122 acres
- Brice's Crossroads 513 acres
- Champion Hill 437 acres
- Chickasaw Bayou 10 acres
- Corinth 121 acres
- Iuka 56 acres
- Okolona 430 acres
- Port Gibson 661 acres
- Raymond 40 acres
- Snyder Bluff 100 acres

Summing up, during 2001 the CWPT helped preserve more than 3,000 acres of Civil War battlefields in six states, with negotiations on-going for almost 600 more acres. We tip our "Preservation Campaign" hats to the personnel of the CWPT for a very successful year. Well done!

Information on the Civil War Preservation Trust By: John McAnaw

The Civil War Preservation Trust is an extremely worthwhile organization. I strongly recommend BRCWRT members to join the CWPT, but only after your 2002 BRCWRT dues are paid. Releveant information on the CWPT is shown below:

> Civil War Preservation Trust www.civilwar.org Telephone: 1-888-606-1400

Addresses:

1331 H. Street, NW, Suite 1001 Washington, DC 22005 Telephone: 800CWTRUST

11 Public Square, Suite 200 Hagerstown, MD 21740 Telephone: (301) 665-1400 Fax: (301) 665-1416

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FLASHBACK_1861

Flashback - January 1862 By: Mark Knowles

Jan. 1st - Union troops at Fort Pickens, FL, fire on Confederate batteries at Pensacola. Gen. Halleck skirmishes at Dayton, MO causing some damage to the town. However, because of Gen. Halleck's inactivity, President Lincoln encourages the General to advance with his own troops, as well as with forces under Gen. Buell, on Nashville, TN and Columbus, KY to provide support for "our friends in East TN." The two Confederate commissioners James Mason & John Slidell, seized on the "Trent" by the Union government, board a British schooner off Provincetown, MA on their first leg back to England.

Jan. 3^{rd ·} Union troops move in Virginia as Gen. Jackson's forces leave Winchester. The object of the winter march, a.k.a. the Romney campaign, is the destruction of the lines of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and the dams along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Skirmishing occurs at Big Bethel, VA as the Union troops seize the town and Confederates fall back, evacuating the area.

Jan. 5^{th -} Operations around Hancock, MD continue as Confederate troops try to route the Federals who have retreated to Hancock. The rebel batteries are located at positions along the Potomac River.

Jan. 6th There is growing sentiment in official Washington circles against General McClellan as he appears to be reluctant to commit troops to any concerted action. A group of Senators approach President Lincoln with the suggestion that McClellan be replaced. Lincoln rejects this proposal.

Jan. 9th President Lincoln is concerned that neither Gen. Buell nor Gen. Halleck has responded to the encouragement to advance. Lincoln discusses the situation with Gen. McClellan, who continues to recuperate from probable typhoid fever.

Jan. 10^{th -} Romney, VA is evacuated as General Jackson's troops push into the vicinity of western VA. The town is taken over by Confederates who will camp there during the cold weather.

Jan. 11th - President Lincoln accepts the resignation of Simon Cameron as war secretary. Cameron's war department had been under criticism for fraudulent actions and general incompetence. However, there has been little actual evidence that Cameron himself was a corrupt individual. Lincoln suggests appointing him to the post of minister to Russia.

Jan. 13^{th -} President Lincoln chooses Edwin Stanton to replace Cameron as war secretary. Stanton was the attorney general in Buchanan's administration.

Jan. 15^{th -} U.S. Senate approves Edwin Stanton as the new secretary of war. Stanton is anti-slavery and a personal friend of General McClellan. General Grant moves into the KY-TN area as gunboats on the TN River reach toward Fort Henry.

Jan. 17^{th -} General Charles Smith attacks the area around Fort Henry on the TN River.

Jan. 20^{th -} Federal Navy attempts to disrupt rebel blockade running by sinking stone-laden vessels in the harbor at Charleston, SC.

Jan. 27^{th -} After months of delay & frustration, President Lincoln issues General War Order Number One: "that the 22nd February 1862, be the day for a general movement of the Land and Naval forces of the U.S. against the insurgent forces".

Jan. 30^{th -} The ironclad 'Monitor' is launched at Greenpoint, Long Island. The two Confederate commissioners from the 'Trent' affair, James Mason & John Slidell, arrive in England.

VIEW FROM WAY BACK

Submitted by: Keith Young

Some Grant Quotations You May Not Have Heard Before

"I don't believe in strategy in the popular understanding of the term. I use it to get up just as close to the enemy as practicable with as little loss of life as possible. Then, up guards, and at 'em."

"I never liked service in the army. I did not wish to go to West Point. My father had to use his authority to make me go. I never went into a battle willingly or with enthusiasm. I never want to command another army. It was only after Donelson that I began to see how important was the work that Providence devolved upon me. I did not want to be made lieutenant general. I did not want the presidency, and have never quite forgiven myself for resigning the command of the army to accept it."

Conversation from "Echoes of 1861-1865: Campfire Sketches and Battlefield Echoes of The Rebellion by the Boys," c. 1887.

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.

12 Jan. – 8 AM – 6:15 PM "Washington Defenses" tour led by Edwin C. Bearss. Tour Civil War fort sites. Tour Leaves from a Smithsonian museum on the National Mall. Call for ticket info. (202) 357-3030

13 Jan. – 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM "Civil War Washington – The Political & Social Science" tour led by led by Edwin C. Bearss. Tour leaves from a Smithsonian museum on the National Mall. \$100. Info: (202) 357-3030

18 Jan. – 10 AM – 5 PM Lee-Jackson Day. The Museum of the Confederacy. Free. Info: (804)649-1861

20, 21 Jan. - 2 PM – 4 PM "Find Your Civil War Ancestors Workshops I & II." The Museum of the Confederacy, Richmond. \$15. Info: (804) 649-1861

26 Jan. – 2 PM Living History "Battle of Trent's Reach" A quarter gunner describes the last attack of the Confederate James River Squadron at the Battle of Trent's Reach. The Museum of the Confederacy, Richmond. Info: (804) 649-1861

27 Jan. – 7:30 AM – 6:45 PM "Harpers Ferry and John Brown" tour led by Edwin C. Bearss from a Smithsonian museum on the Mall. \$103 Info: (202) 357-3030

30 Jan. – "Yellow Flag: A Civil War Doctor's Journal" lecture, Baltimore, Baltimore Civil War Museum, 201 West Monument St., Baltimore, MD Free with admission to museum. Info: (401) 685-3750

9 Feb. – 2 PM Living History "Hampton Roads Peace Conference. The Museum of the Confederacy, Richmond. Historian interprets the conference from Jefferson Davis's viewpoint. Info: (804) 649-1861