



STONE WALL

Bull Run Civil War Round Table **Double Issue** September/October 2002

The 1862 Maryland Campaign through South Mountain

Dr. Thomas G. Clemens, PhD

The date of 14 September 2002 marks the 140th anniversary of the South Mountain battles, which occurred three days prior to the epic clash between the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia and the Union Army of the Potomac in the vicinity of Antietam Creek. Our guest speaker on 19 September will be the highly regarded historian and preservationist – Dr. Thomas G. Clemens. He will cover Gen. Robert E. Lee’s campaign into Maryland, from its inception through the South Mountain battles at Turner’s, Fox’s and Crampton Gaps.

I first met Tom when, back in 1994, 23 other students and I participated in a Civil War field course, led by the intrepid and indefatigable Dr. Joseph L. Harsh of George Mason University. Tom was Joe’s deputy for a tour that swept through the region at a taxing pace in a successful effort to cover the first half of the Civil War in two weeks. The tour ended at Gettysburg. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and informative experience that will not be forgotten by the participants. Tom Clemens was a worthy second in command of the “Harsh Brigade.”

Dr. Clemens received his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in History from Salisbury University. Recently he was awarded a Doctorate of Arts from George Mason University. Dr. Harsh served as his advisor and as the Chair for his dissertation. Tom taught History at Salisbury University and, since 1986, he has been a full-time faculty member at Hagerstown Community College. He currently teaches U.S. and World History, as well as courses on the American Civil War plus History and Hollywood.

A number of Tom’s articles on the American Civil War have been published. The Maryland Historical Magazine included his Master’s thesis in one of its issues. Currently available at such bookstores as Borders is a special 140th Anniversary issue on the 1862 Maryland Campaign, prepared by various publishers. In

it are several articles by Tom. At present Tom is in the process of turning his PhD dissertation, “Ezra A. Carman and the Maryland Campaign of September 1862” into a book.

Dr. Clemens is an ardent Civil War preservationist. He is a founding member of the Save Historic Antietam Foundation, a non-profit battlefield preservation organization. Tom has been the President of this organization since 1989! He and his two daughters live in Keedysville, in close proximity to the Antietam Battlefield. He is an active member of his church and the local Ruritan Club in Keedysville.

Join us on 19 September for what will be a stimulating presentation by an acknowledged authority of the 1862 Maryland Campaign. Further, Tom will give us an update on preservation efforts by the “save Historic Antietam Foundation.”

Heads Up All BRCWRT Members!!!

Note: This month’s meeting is the 3rd Thursday of the Month

General Membership Meeting

19 September 2002

7:15 PM

Dr. Thomas G. Clemens, PhD: “The Maryland Campaign: Through South Mountain” (3rd Thursday of September)

No Civil War 101 in September (Mike Duggan is still recuperating from his injury)

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In addition to receiving the STONE WALL earlier than you normally would through regular mail services, there are other benefits to being on the BRCWRT e-mail list. Periodically, I receive information from various sources that I pass along to members via e-mail. These include photos I am unable to include in the print version of the newsletter due to space constraints, and information on events and websites.

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

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE

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NEWSLETTER UPDATE

PRESIDENT' S COLUMN

By: John McAnaw

I urge all members of the BRCWRT to read this double issue (September/October) of the Stone Wall. You will not receive your next newsletter for almost two months. During this period many events of interest to the membership will occur. Articles on all of them can be found in this newsletter.

The top priority preservation issue is protection of the Chancellorsville Battlefield. The proposed land mauling of 781 acres by Dogwood Development Group on the eastern side of the battlefield poses a tremendous threat to the integrity of the Chancellorsville Battlefield. Secondly, it appears that CENTEX will receive title to a 341-acre tract including a large section of the Bristoe Station Battlefield. Volunteers will be needed to search for unmarked graves on 214 acres of the cited tract. We will support the Sons of Confederate Veterans in this venture.

Do not forget our tour of the South Mountain Battlefield and Harper's Ferry on 21 September. Also, we will conduct a hiking tour of Civil War sites in the greater Union Mills area on Saturday, 19 October. Additionally, on 14 September we will participate in "Centreville Day." We will have a table in the threatened Centreville Historic District. Please stop by.

Our guest speakers for September and October General Membership Meetings are two very talented historians and preservationists – Tom Clemens and Greg Mertz. I have no doubt that you will thoroughly enjoy their presentations. Summing up, we have a big plate of activities before us for the next two months.

The Cost of the Confederate Stand at South Mountain

By: John McAnaw

The distinguished historian, Joseph L. Harsh, wrote the following comment concerning Gen. Robert E Lee's decision to stand and fight at the South Mountain Gaps on 14 September 1862:

"It is doubtful whether Lee ever learned with any precision the human cost of his stand at the South

Mountain gaps. In time, the best historical estimate would put the Confederates loss at nearly two thousand at Turner's Gap and almost one thousand at Crampton's Gap. But these figures only begin the story. While they may closely approximate the casualties in the two battles, they do not reflect the full diminution of the Army of Northern Virginia on September 14, 1862. The heat, the forced marches, and the confusion of the retreats scattered thousands of Lee's soldiers across the countryside from Hagerstown to Pleasant Valley.

On this day a new factor emerged in the strategy calculations of the Maryland Campaign. On September 2, Lee's army was an instrument of sufficient strength and mettle to justify his crossing the Potomac. From the 14th onward, however, his unrelenting demands blunted the weapon in his hands and reduced its power. It is questionable whether hereafter Lee could have successfully exploited the initiative, even if he had regained it. But it is also questionable whether Lee recognized his loss of potential. One thing, at least, is certain. He would be long in acknowledging it."

Source: Harsh, Joseph L., "Taken at the Flood. " Robert E. Lee and Confederate Strategy in the Maryland Campaign of 1862. The Kent State University Press. Kent, Ohio. Page 296.

"Stonewall" Jackson – The Father

By: John McAnaw

Next month, historian Greg Mertz will speak about the personal side of "Stonewall" Jackson. This side of the famed general is quite touching. On 28 November 1862 LTG Thomas J. Jackson, C.S.A., moved his headquarters to Haxall's, one mile South of the Orange Court House. The well-known historian, Dr. Douglas S. Freeman wrote:

"Perhaps a personal consideration was added to his military reasons for lingering within easy distance of Gordonsville. In the knowledge that Mrs. Jackson's pregnancy was nearing its end, he had told her about the time he left Winchester that she should address her next letter to him at Gordonsville."

What Dr. Freeman then wrote will tug at your tear ducts:

"His forethought had its reward in a letter postmarked Charlotte, N.C., and addressed in the autograph of Mrs.

Jackson's sister, Mrs. James P. Irwin. The General opened it privately, no doubt, lest his concern over the contents be visible to his staff officer. As he read the opening lines he steadied himself and began again:

'My Own Dear Father – As my mother's letter has been cut short by my arrival, I think it but justice that I should continue it. I know that you are rejoiced to hear of my coming, and I hope that God has sent me to radiate your pathway through life. I am a very tiny little thing. I weigh only eight and a half pounds, and ...'

Did he read expectantly on, or did he turn the page to see how it was signed? Anyway, the signature was, 'Your dear little wee Daughter.' A girl, then! He had wanted a boy, but if God had sent a girl, then he not only would accept the Divine mandate meekly but he also would prefer a daughter to a son. On that point his mind was fixed. As for sharing the news of his happiness, well... keeping one's secrets was an essential rule and might be no less proper in respect to one's private affairs. If friends learned of his good fortune, let it be from others. In his first letter to Mrs. Jackson he let his delight drip from his pen, and took care to have the mother feel that he was not disappointed because the baby was not a boy: '...give the baby daughter a shower of kisses from her father, and tell her that he loves her better than all the baby-boys in the world, and more than all the other babies in the world.'

Preservation

Chancellorsville Battlefield **By: Nancy Anwyll**

The Dogwood Development Company recently bought nearly 800 acres west of Fredericksburg on the north side of Route 3 adjacent to the eastern boundary of the Chancellorsville National Battlefield Park. This area was the scene of serious fighting on the second day of the Battle of Chancellorsville.

Here Union troops struggled to hold the high ground until General Hooker mistakenly ordered his reluctant army back to the wooded areas around Chancellorsville. The southern army gained the high ground and later went on to win a decisive victory, but 30,000 American casualties resulted.

In past decades, park officials and interested historians expressed their desire for the 1 May 1863 battleground to be annexed to the park, but lack of money and unwillingness of sellers hindered any action.

As a result of Dogwood's plans, a coalition of eight groups has organized to oppose the sale of the battlefield. The coalition's first hurdle, on 18 September 2002 at 7 pm, will be to convince the Spotsylvania Planning Commission to deny Dogwood's requests for zoning changes. If the Commission approves Dogwood's proposals, the next hurdle will be the Board of Supervisors who will meet sometime in October.

The Dogwood proposals will alter significantly the interpretation of the first day's battle. The current zoning allows a total of only 225 homes for the 790 acres. If the Dogwood Company is granted zoning changes, a small "city" will be built - 2350 homes plus 2.4 million square feet of commercial office space.

In addition to projecting economic and job growth in Spotsylvania, Dogwood defends its plan by emphasizing that it is setting aside 34 acres as an historic park and offering houses built in the 19th Century architectural style. However, the coalition believes that since nearly half of the new development will be on battlefield ground, 34 acres would be inadequate to interpret and honor the events of 1 May 1863.

The coalition also makes other key points. Houses along the western part of the development will be less than 100 yards from the park's boundary and traffic is projected to increase from 40,000 vehicles per day on Route 3 to 110,000 vehicles per day.

On 2 August 2002 the president of the Central Virginia Battlefield Trust (CVBT), John D. Mitchell, met with Ray Smith, Jr., President of the Dogwood Company. (The CVBT has been recognized nationally for its past successes in buying battlefield land in and near Fredericksburg.)

The CVBT offered to buy 300 acres of key battlefield land along the *western* edge of Dogwood's development. Smith counter offered with 150 acres on the *eastern* side of his development. Since this acreage was further from the important area of the battle, Mitchell told Smith that he needed to discuss the offer with the CVBT board. Before Mitchell could meet with the board, however,

Smith sent a surprise message that none of the land was for sale.

In addition to the CVBT, others in the coalition include the Civil War Preservation Trust, the Trust for National Historic Preservation, the National Parks Conservation Association, and four other local groups.

HeritagePac, the national lobbying group that works for Civil War battlefield preservation, also has contacted its members to respond to the crisis.

The coalition has set up a website, www.civilwar.org/preservation/chancellorsville, to help keep its supporters abreast of the events surrounding this conflict. The following is a list of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and Planning Commission (PC) members who should be contacted immediately in order to stop this development:

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- Battlefield District – Mr. Benjamin T. Pitts, Chair
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Fairfax County Park Authority to Begin Planning Work for Ox Hill Battlefield Park

By: Ed Wenzel

Michael Rierson, division manager of the Resource Stewardship Section, Fairfax County Park Authority, reported in August that the Ox Hill project team is being formed. The team’s first meeting will be in September.

The team will work on a General Management Plan (GMP) which includes matters such as historical and cultural documentation (provided by the Chantilly Battlefield Association years ago), topography, soils and general areas for interpretation, parking, signage, etc. The GMP is expected to take six months with approval by the Park board in February.

Work on the Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) will follow the GMP. This phase will include public hearings. The CDP will focus on the level of interpretation, the size and type of visitor facility, vehicle access, types of signs, placement etc... (The CBA with input from the BRCWRT, submitted a draft concept plan to the Park Authority in Dec. 1998.) Mr. Rierson will keep us informed as work progresses and schedules are set.

Important! Update on Bristoe Station Forthcoming Access to the Battlefield

John P. McAnaw

As of 5 September 2002, ownership of the 341-acre Rollins Tract has not been transferred to the CENTEX Corporation. To review, on 19 March 2002, the Prince William County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve CENTEX's development plans for the "New Bristow Station." 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 14 October 1863 battlefield, will be deeded to the Civil War Preservation Trust.

In response to the insistence of Civil War preservationists including many from the BRCWRT, CENTEX agreed to allow the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Civil War preservationists (read the Bull Run Civil War Round Table) to search for 120 days following title transfer in the unprotected section of the property (214 acres) for unmarked graves. After 120 days CENTEX will commence construction.

As of the date of this article 26 BRCWRT members have volunteered to assist, when needed, in the search for unmarked graves on the Rollins Tract.

The BRCWRT Point of Contact with the CENTEX lawyer, John Foote is John DePue, a retired JAG BG (enough acronyms for you?) Another Round Table member, John Pearson, is also closely following events

re: "New Bristow Village." This is what we know to date: CENTEX has established a tentative date of late January 2003 to begin construction on the unprotected 214-acre portion of the Rollins Tract. Back off 120 days and what do you get? Late September for the completion of title transfer from the Rollins family to CENTEX. Several meetings of concerned parties will occur in September. Tentatively a meeting is scheduled for late September, date to be determined, with John Foote, the lawyer for CENTEX. The BRCWRT will be represented at these meetings. I will keep all interested members posted on the forthcoming search for unmarked graves.

Specific "Terms of Reference" (TOR) will be developed for this project. Participants will be required to strictly adhere to these TOR. As an example relic hunting will be expressly forbidden.

This subject will be discussed at the 19 September General Membership Meeting. Let me close with a very appropriate quote:

"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
Prime Minister, Great Britain

It is our responsibility to insure that the soldiers buried in the vicinity of Bristoe Station are accorded the reverence and respect due them. There will be no desecration of graves. We will not countenance a repeat of the grave destruction on the Ox Hill Battlefield.

For those who wish to make a donation, please send your check to the following:

Sons of Confederate Veterans
C/o Robert W. Barbour
P.O. Box 14193
Roanoke, VA 24638

"Star Fort" Site in Vienna Slated for Partial Development

By: John McAnaw

The premier Civil War site in the Vienna, VA area is the six-point star-shaped earthen fort on the grounds of the Dyer-Gunnell American Legion Post 180, 330 N.

Center St. This fairly well preserved fort was built on the highest terrain in the area and provided excellent fields of observation and fire to the west, and northwest. Additionally, during the war, the fort protected the railhead of the nearby Alexandria, Loudon, and Hampshire Railroad located approximately 100 yards to the northeast.

Uncertainty exists as to who constructed the fort; however conventional wisdom points to elements of the Union army. This does not preclude the possibility that the initial construction on the site was done by Confederate infantrymen in the summer of 1861. The Confederates who occupied the area that summer could not have ignored the advantages to this elevated site.

Many Round Table members have visited the Star Fort on the grounds of American Legion Post 180 during our Civil war tours of Fairfax County. Several years ago Ed Bearss and I inspected the site. The hospitality of the Post 180 members was excellent. A Civil War Trails marker was installed by the steps leading from the Post parking lot to the Star Fort through the efforts of Michael Berger, a Post 180 member. A pavilion, complete with picnic tables, is located within the parapet boundary of the fort. During one fall tour we ate lunch there. Of note, while visiting the Star Fort we were assured by a certain individual that Post 180 intended to preserve the fort – intact!

Now, for the bad news! Post 180 is awaiting receipt of the building permit from Fairfax County to commence construction on a second floor to its Post Home plus an asphalt road that will run generally north-south through the Star Fort. “Grasspave” parking spaces will be laid out on both sides of the road. A brick walkway will be constructed leading from the south end of the parking lot to the entrance to the second floor of the building.

Summing up, major damage to the integrity of the Star Fort will result. I hope we will have one last opportunity to visit this interesting site before it is markedly degraded. The planned fate of the Star Fort is depressing. Therefore, I better end my comments at this point.

Complete information on the owner of the Star Fort property is as shows:

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In Memoriam – Annie Snyder
By: John McAnaw

I have attended many funerals and read many obituaries and eulogies for those who have passed away. Some of these deceased were truly remarkable individuals who deserved more than a quick flurry of notice. Annie Snyder is one of those remarkable individuals who deserves to be written or spoken about for years to come. The 1995 interview by the founder of our Round Table, William J. Miller with Annie Delp Snyder was included in the August 2002 issue of our newsletter. It is the best article on the real Annie that I have read.

Another superb article on Annie was written on 22 July 2002 by the well-known preservationist Jerry L. Russell. He is the Director of HERITAGEPAC the organization’s letterhead describes HERITAGEPAC as “A National Lobbying Group Dedicated to Preservation of American Battlefields.” It is based in Little Rock, AR. Jerry’s article is more than a eulogy for Annie. It is also very informative re: the growth of the Civil War Round Table Associates and the history of efforts to expand and preserve the Manassas National Battlefield Park. Annie was the central figure in these preservation battles. Jerry was a good friend of Annie and he relied heavily on her observations and advice.

Jerry Russell comments on Annie Snyder as follows:
“I am sincerely and deeply grieved to report to you that Annie Snyder of Gainesville, Va., has died.

She had been in the hospital the last few weeks battling pneumonia again. At one point her heart stopped and they were able to revive her but she never regained consciousness. But I know she never stopped fighting...

...I first “met” Annie in 1975, when I began planning for the first National Congress of Civil War Round Tables. I had decided to have the meeting in Manassas, Va., to focus national attention in the Civil War community and the history world at large on the bill then pending in Congress to expand the boundaries of the Manassas National Battlefield. I was told that a lady in Gainesville (near the battlefield), a retired Marine officer, was very active in support of Manassas

Battlefield, and that I should try to get her involved in the planning process. (The CWRT of DC became miffed because I didn't "ask" them about having a meeting in their area...)

Annie was delighted to help and "a" delight to work with. She helped me get Congressman Herb Harris (who was sponsoring the bill) as our main speaker. (The bill passed, allowing the addition of 1800 acres to the battlefield, but then it took five more years of fighting to get the funding authorized – by which time, the price of the property went up several fold).

Then I was able to line up people like Bell Wiley, Tom Connelly, Frank Lord, and Francis Wilshin to be on the Congress program. (To my everlasting embarrassment – blame it on ignorance – I got the battlefield historians to lead the tours instead of Ed Bearss; I learned my lesson and Ed "was" our guide for the Second Congress and every one since. Our 27th annual National Congress is this October in Chattanooga.)

The idea for the Congress was inspired by the Civil War Assemblies, which were held during the Centennial years of 1961-1965, when Bud Robertson was executive director of the Civil War Centennial Commission. The last Assembly had been held in 1965, and the last issue of a Commission newsletter (1960-65) had been published.

Civil War Round Table Associates was established in 1968 as a way to tie the RT's together, at least from an information standpoint.

When we lost the battle of the Gettysburg Tower in the early 70s, it seemed reasonable that if we were better organized on such projects, we might be more successful. So the expansion of Manassas Battlefield was chosen as the first effort in an organizational process. (At that time there were about 60 CWRTs still active; today there are over 400 RTs and preservation groups in existence.)

Throughout the planning process for that first Congress, Annie was a great help in so many ways. (She even finagled getting the then-president of the CWRT of DC to come and welcome the group to "their area.")

In later years, we fought off the intent of the Marriott Corporation to establish a "Great America" theme park adjacent to the battlefield. Next, we were able to defeat

the plans of a local developer to build a gigantic commercial/industrial complex on "Stuart's Hill," and with the help of Jim McPherson and Dale Bumpers, we were successful in getting that property acquired by the government and made part of the battlefield. In between "great" battles, she led the effort to add the Second Bull Run property to the battlefield, and to defeat a Park Service plan to build a large stables complex on significant battlefield land. (Once again, Sen. Bumpers (from Arkansas) was a big help to our efforts.)

In Annie's greatest victory, we thwarted the plans of Disney Corporation to build a theme park at Haymarket, which would have had a terrible impact on the battlefield. She was in the papers (photo and all – "former Lady Marine") and on television on numerous occasions, and did some personal lobbying on Capitol Hill.

In all these efforts, I was happy to "carry her briefcase" and help with the effort to win these great struggles on behalf of battlefield preservation.

What a lovely lady! What a wonderful person!

The Civil War Society thought so much of Annie that they created an Annie Snyder Award as a tribute to people who made significant contributions to the cause of battlefield preservation, and, naturally, the first recipient was the former Lady Marine herself.

Always a lady... but always a Marine. A gracious and lovely person, and a tough and determined "fighter".

That was the Angel of Manassas.

And as she looks down on us, I hope she'll continue to be proud of what we all do to keep protecting "her" battlefield.

May she rest in peace, secure in the memory that she fought (and won) the good fight for battlefield preservation.

*Jerry L. Russell
Civil War Round Table Associates
HERITAGEPAC
We Who Study Must Also Strive To Save!
GOD BLESS AMERICA*

Dedication of Civil War Trails Marker at St. Mary's Historic Church, Fairfax Station Rd. & Rte 123, Fairfax.

Contributed by: Bob Hickey

A dedication ceremony will be held on Sat. Sept. 28th at 9:30am to commemorate the skirmish between Mosby's Partisan Rangers and two platoons of New York Cavalry (13th and 16th) on Aug 8, 1864. For info: 703-978-8265.

Special Event

Centreville Day Events: Saturday, 14 September 2002 (Featuring Book-signings by BRCWRT authors, Paul Taylor and Jack Maples)

Two BRCWRT members, Paul Taylor and Jack Maples, will be conducting book-signings at this year's Centreville Day Celebration. The event is scheduled for Saturday, 14 September 2002 and will feature activities within the Centreville Historic District.

Paul Taylor will be signing his book, *Discovering the Civil War in Florida: A Reader and Guide*. He will also be taking orders for his new book on the Battle of Ox Hill entitled *He Hath Loosed the Fateful Lightning*. Flyers will be available for those who wish to order in advance at the 25% pre-release price. White Main Publishing Co., Inc. has the following to say about the book:

"Spectacular displays of lightning, thunder crashing so loud that it masked the roar of the cannon, a torrential downpour with gale-force winds; these were the hallmarks of the Fateful September 1, 1862, Battle of Ox Hill. 'He Hath Loosed the Fateful Lightning' presents the reader a full-scale treatment of this little-known engagement, fought two days after the slaughter of Second Bull Run and only 20 miles west of Washington, D.C. Outnumbered almost three to one, two Union divisions under Generals Isaac Stevens and Philip Kearny staged heroic flanking attacks into Stonewall Jackson's fatigued Confederates, catching them offguard in the process. The brief affair helped to save the Union capital from possible rebel attack, but at a steep price. Fought partially in the dark and in conditions that rendered the bayonet much more than an ornamental weapon, Ox Hill became in the words of one participant,

"a terrific, horrible, phantasmagoria," whose nightmarish memories were never forgotten by those who survived. Utilizing extensive unpublished and uncommon primary source material, 'He Hath Loosed the Fateful Lightning' tells the story of this crucial and deadly engagement through the eyes of its combatants."

Jack Maples has received leave from General Longstreet to attend the Centreville event. (You guessed it, Jack is also a re-enactor and will be in uniform during the book-signing!) His book is entitled *Reconstructed Yankee*. The following is a review of the book by the American Library Association:

"Civil War expert Maples tells the fictionalized tale of two North Carolina friends, one white and one black, who fought together during that war. Set in 1862, the story follows Caleb Parker, a free person of color living in the Confederacy, and his best friend, Tom Parker, a white man, as they join the Union militia and set out on their civil war adventure. After serving for a time in the army and witnessing the atrocities perpetrated by the Union side, the two decide to switch allegiances and join the Confederate Army, where things quickly go from bad to worse.

After the war and Tom's death during a particularly harsh battle, Caleb returns to North Carolina and Reconstruction, a world that has been made unbearable for the newly freed black populace. Caleb then heads for upstate New York, where he is ultimately disappointed to find the same racism problems he thought he'd left behind. Maples has done scrupulous research, and it shows in this well-written and powerful novel, which will appeal to Civil War buffs and historical fiction readers."

During Centreville Day, the Historic District will be closed off at Lee Highway (Route 29) and Braddock Road as well as at Wharton Rd. at St. John's Episcopal Church. This will allow visitors to meander about that section of the Historic District that includes St. John's Church, Mt. Gilead, the earthworks, the Harrison House and the Sears House. There will also be historic interpretation at the sites of the old Royal Oaks Plantation House and the Eagle Tavern.

This year, Centreville Day will be a family event designed to educate the general public about the rich historic resources of the area. There will be Civil War events at St. John's and Revolutionary War events at Mt.

Gilead throughout the day. As part of this effort, the BRCWRT will have a booth in the historic district. Please join us on Saturday, 14 September. Members who are interested in volunteering at the BRCWRT booth, please contact Drew Lavan at(703) 742-6920 or drew.lavan@teligent.com.

Miscellaneous

BRCWRT Vice-President is a Contributor to the Newly Published *Library of Congress Civil War Desk Reference*.

By: Mary Ahrens

The BRCWRT is proud to announce that our very own Keith Young is a major contributor to the *Library of Congress Civil War Desk Reference*. The reference book, which was partially edited by Ed Bearss, will be available sometime this month.

BRCWRT Donates to The Central Virginia Trust

By: Mary Ahrens

Ever wonder what happens to your annual dues? One of the largest expenses is the printing and mailing of the newsletter, but did you know that we often make donations to our authors' favorite preservation organization in lieu of an honorarium? Last month, our speaker was the highly esteemed historian, Brian Pohanka. He requested that the \$50 sum be donated to the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust and we are happy to report that the donation has been made.

Ever Hear of Private Patrick Tillman?

By: John McAnaw

The story of Pvt. Patrick Tillman is an inspiring one. He is an example of countless other American soldiers who faithfully served or are serving our Nation in uniform for reasons other than money or educational opportunities. Only Pvt. Tillman can tell us exactly why he joined the Army and began basic training at Fort Benning, GA in July 2002. However, he did tell friends that the tragedy of 9/11 affected him and that he wanted to become a Ranger and serve with this younger brother who enlisted with him: A study of unit records from the Civil War provides countless examples of brothers who served together during the conflict. They volunteered not only because of patriotic reasons but also because their brother(s) had enlisted.

However, what makes Pvt. Tillman so special in this age of affluence and no draft is that he quit a successful career as an NFL football player to don the Army Green. The 25 year-old Tillman was the starting safety for the Arizona Cardinals. Earlier this year, he turned down a three-year \$3.6 M contract with the Cardinals for a per annum Army salary well under \$13 K. According to an AP article in the 9 July 2002 edition of *The Washington Times*, Tillman also turned down, in 2001, a \$9 M, five-year deal with the Super Bowl Champion St. Louis Rams. One year earlier Tillman set a Cardinal record with 224 tackles. He preferred to stay with the Arizona Cardinals and his teammates for less money.

During his professional football career Tillman was considered one of the best safeties in the NFL. His physical and mental toughness was respected throughout the league. Obviously, he wanted more out of life than money and public adoration. Hopefully the Army will give him the challenges he seeks. Also, let us hope he will provide the leadership example that will inspire other soldiers. He puts the vast majority of today's overpaid professional athletes to shame.

From the "Alexandria Gazette", 27 August 1862

Contributed by: Mike Block

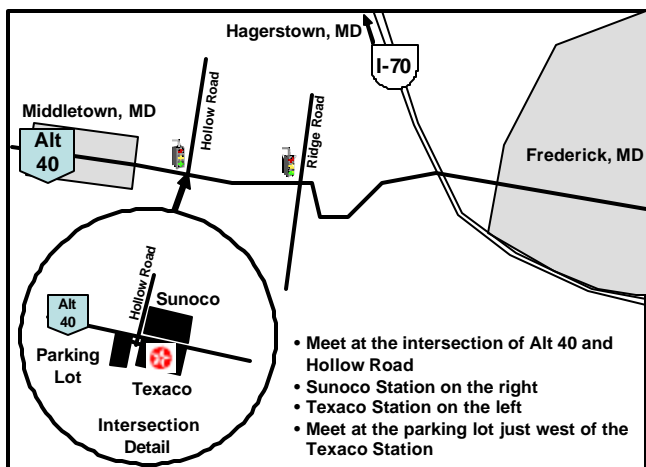
"The fools are not all dead yet--at least in Philadelphia. The Press says that last week an adroit speculator of that city advertised in one of the papers, that in consideration of the sum of one dollar, sent to him by post at a certain address, he would directly communicate an infallible method by which a person could avoid the draft. As many as four hundred letters each enclosing one dollar, reached the ingenious advertiser within twelve hours. In every instance he conscientiously performed his promise, and without delay or evasion, communicated to each how to avoid the draft. The secret is well worth knowing, was communicated in the single word - Enlist."

Field Trip

BRCWRT Fall Tour: South Mountain/ Harpers Ferry (21 September 2002)

By: Kevin Anastas

The BRCWRT Fall Tour this year will focus on the battles 1862 on South Mountain and around Harpers Ferry.



By: John McAnaw

Our tour on Saturday, 21 September 2002, of the South Mountain battlefields and Harpers Ferry will end at the latter location. The historic Hilltop House is a century old inn situated on the brow of a steep ridge overlooking Harpers Ferry at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers. Maryland Heights and Loudon Heights are clearly visible from the inn. The view is awe-inspiring.

Permit me to suggest that the Hilltop House would be an excellent place to spend Saturday night or additional nights.

For reservations, call 1-800-338-8319. For other information, call 1-(304) 535-2132. The Hilltop House website is: www.hilltophousehotel.net. Do not forget to tell the clerk you are a member of Bull Run Civil War Round Table, a renowned "Cheap but Proud" organization.

Walking Tour of Civil War Sites in the Greater Union Mills Area

Assembly Date/Time: 12 October 2002 (Saturday), 8:30 AM

Tour Duration: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Assembly Location: Parking lot of St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church near the intersection of Union Mill and Compton Roads (underneath the basketball backboards).

Chief Tour Guide: John McAnaw

Food/Equipment: Bring your own water, trail snacks, and lunch. Walking stick and good hiking shoes are recommended. Trekkers will also have the opportunity to get lunch from nearby fast food restaurants.

Terrain: From flat to hilly

Degree of Exertion: Ranging from light to moderate.

FLASHBACK 1862

Flashback September 1862

By: Bob Ford

Monday, 1 Sept. – The Battle of Chantilly (Ox Hill) takes place during a terrible thunderstorm. Two Union generals (Isaac I. Stevens and Philip Kearny) are killed.

Date: Saturday 21 September 2002

Assembly Location/Time: If you want to carpool to the battlefield, meet at the Centreville Library parking lot -- we will depart at **7:30 AM** sharp. If you choose to drive on your own, meet the group at the intersection of Alt Route 40 and Hollow Road (see diagram). There are two gas stations at this intersection with convenience stores. We will link up in the parking lot just west of the Texaco station at **9:00 AM**. (Driving time from Centreville is about 1 hour 15 minutes.)

Itinerary: We will visit Fox's and Turner's Gaps in the morning. We will then drive to Burkittsville where we will meet author Tim Reese for a guided tour of the Crampton's Gap Battlefield. After a picnic lunch in Gathland State Park we will make two stops in Harpers Ferry and finish around **4:00 PM**.

Lunch: Bring a picnic lunch and drinks. There are no restaurants close to the Crampton's Gap site.

Weather Cancellation: If it is raining we will reschedule the tour. I plan to send out an e-mail cancellation announcement on Saturday morning so please make sure I have your address. If you don't have e-mail please make arrangements with someone who does or let me know so I can call you.

Chief Tour Guide: Kevin Anastas (703) 266-1265. E-mail kka2@cox.net

Historic Hilltop House

Lee learns that Gen. John Bell Hood is arrested. Rather than send him to Culpeper for court-martial, Lee orders Hood to remain with his troops, but to ride at the rear of his command for the march into MD. Skirmishing occurs in two places in MO.

2 Sept. – Gen. McClellan is restored to full command. There is skirmishing near Fairfax Court House, at Vienna, Flint Hill, and Leesburg, VA. In MN Sioux Indians besiege a Federal detachment. Skirmishing occurs near Nashville and Memphis. The Commander of the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron is relieved of command. Lincoln pens, "...God can not be for and against the same thing at the same time."

3 Sept. – Federals besieged by Indians in MN are relieved. Confederates occupy Winchester, VA. In VA, skirmishing occurs at Falls Church, Bunker Hill, and Edwards' Ferry. Gen. Pope asserts to Lincoln that Gen. Porter disobeyed orders and that McClellan did not support him in the Battle of Second Manassas. Gen. Kirby Smith's troops occupy the KY capital.

4 Sept. – Morgan and his men join Smith in KY. Lee begins crossing the Potomac into MD at a ford near Leesburg. In MN skirmishing with Indians continues. In MO fighting occurs in two places. Skirmishing also occurs in KY and LA.

5 Sept – Gen. John Pope's Army of VA is combined with McClellan's Army of the Potomac. McClellan gathers his forces around Washington while Lee heads for Frederick MD. Skirmishing occurs in TN, MO, and KY. The governor of Indiana calls for citizens to form military companies along the Ohio River.

6 Sept – Frederick, MD is occupied by Stonewall Jackson's troops. Gen. Pope is assigned to cope with the Sioux Indian uprising. There is fighting in MO, NC, TN and VA.

7 Sept – McClellan begins to move slowly north from Washington, unaware that Lee is concentrating his forces at Frederick, MD. Skirmishing occurs in TN, KY, MO and LA. Jeff Davis writes his generals, "...the Confederate Government is waging war solely for self-defense,...."

8 Sept. – Lee's invasion of MD causes apprehension in the North. There is fighting in MD, KY, TN, MS and KA.

9 Sept – Gen Lee issues Special Order No. 191 dividing his forces. There is skirmishing in MD, VA MO, KY, TN and MS.

10 Sept. – McClellan is informed that Lee is leaving Frederick, MD. Gen. Longstreet heads for Hagerstown, MD, while Jackson moves toward Harper's Ferry. Fighting occurs in MD, western VA, SC, TN, and KY. A thousand "squired hunters" along the Ohio Valley volunteered in Cincinnati as home guards.

11 Sept. – Hagerstown, MD is occupied by advance elements of confederates. The governor of PA calls for 50,000 men. There is skirmishing in MD, and other actions in western VA, FL, LA, KY, and MO.

12 Sept. – McClellan marches northward, groping his way against skirmishers. There is other skirmishing in KY and mild fighting in MS. PA's State treasurer is sent to NY for safekeeping. McClellan tells Lincoln that he was concerned Lee would re-cross the Potomac before he could get to him.

13 Sept. – A copy of Lee's Special Order 191 is found in Frederick, MD by a Union soldier, wrapped around cigars. The orders are rushed to McClellan. That night Jeb Stewart learns that the "lost order" were found and informs Lee. Skirmishing occurs at South Mountain, Catoctin Mountain and at Middletown and Jefferson, MD. Union forces evacuate Charleston in western Virginia, and skirmishing again breaks out in MO. Fighting continues in MS, TX and LA.

14 Sept. – Gen. Hood is permitted to ride at the head of his troops into the Battle of South Mountain. Union General Jesse Reno is killed in fighting on the eastern slope, possibly by elements of D.H. Hill's command. Jackson and McLaws' men besiege Harpers Ferry. There is more fighting in KY and MS.

15 Sept. – Harper's Ferry falls! Confederates withdraw toward Sharpsburg through Boonsborough, MD. The 18th Georgia is the rear guard for Lee's Army. McClellan, hearing of the fall of Harper's Ferry, establishes his line west of Antietam Creek. Jackson and McLaws join forces in Harper's Ferry. Confederate General Kirby Smith appears before Cincinnati on the south bank of the Ohio River. In TN, Bragg besieges Munfordsville, KY.

16 Sept. – Lee gathers his forces and forms his line along Antietam Creek. A hard night march brings Jackson from Harper’s Ferry with McLaws on his way; leaving A.P. Hill at Harper’s Ferry. In KY, Bragg surrounds 4,000 federals at Munfordville. Kirby Smith withdraws from the Ohio River.

17 Sept. – The bloodiest one-day battle on American soil occurs at Antietam. Lee makes his stand as McClellan attacks, throwing his Corps piecemeal into the battle at “the Cornfield,” at “Bloody Lane” and at “Burnside’s Bridge.” The arrival in late afternoon of A.P. Hill, who had rushed his soldiers up from Harper’s Ferry, saves the day for Lee. So ended the “...great tumbling together of all heaven and earth.” That night Lee’s officers advise withdrawing across the Potomac, but Lee delays. In KY at Munfordville, 4,000 Federals surrenders to Bragg.

18 Sept. – Although McClellan receives 12, 000 additional men, he does not attack Lee, who begins to evacuate his wounded back to VA. Elsewhere there is fighting in four places in KY and operations also occur in TN. At sea the Confederate raider *Alabama* captures and burns a Maryland whaler.

19 Sept. – The Battle of Iuka, MS occurs, as does other fighting in the state. Skirmishing also occurs in several places in MO. In MD, McClellan’s cavalry pursues retreating Confederates to the banks of the river, but are halted for a time by cannon fire. There are three skirmishes associated with Lee’s retreat in MD.

20 Sept. – McClellan gives mild pursuit of Lee, but falls back when opposed by A.P. Hill’s rearguard actions. Lee’s Maryland invasion campaign ends with skirmishing at Shepherdstown, Hagerstown, Williamsport and Ashby’s Gap. Fighting continues at Iuka, MS, and in KY.

21 Sept. – In KY, Bragg continues his advance while Union Gen. Buell rushes toward Louisville to engage him. There is fighting in LA, MO and TN.

22 Sept. – Lincoln’s preliminary Emancipation Proclamation is announced to the world on this historic Monday in September. Union troops reoccupy Harper’s Ferry, and skirmishing occurs at Ashby’s Gap in VA.

23 Sept. – Indian trouble again breaks out in the Dakota Territory. There is skirmishing in AR and TN. On the

Ohio River, Confederates plunder a riverboat. News of the Emancipation Proclamation spreads north.

24 Sept. – Lincoln issues a new suspension of the Writ of Habeas Corpus. Fighting occurs in SC, MO and TX.

25 Sept. – Buell arrives in Louisville, beating Bragg’s advance to that vital city. There is fighting in KY and TN; and Federal advances to western VA and Warrenton, VA.

26 Sept. – A quiet day with small skirmishes in VA. There is fighting in TN, VA, and Dakota Territory.

27 Sept. – The Second Conscription Act passes in the Confederate Congress. Lincoln orders Maj. John J. Key dismissed from federal service for his outspoken views on the conduct of the battle at Antietam to “save slavery.” The first black regiment is mustered into Federal Service at New Orleans as the First Regiment Louisiana Native Guards. It is made up of mostly two previous Confederate Black regiments abandoned when New Orleans was evacuated.

28 Sept. - Minor fighting in western VA, and in KY, TN and MS.

29 Sept. – Two Federal generals quarrel in a Louisville, KY hotel. One general shoots the other to death. Other skirmishing occurs in KY.

30 Sept. – The month’s hard fighting ends with lesser action in KY, MO, MS, TN and western VA. Federals begin a sea-land expedition from SC to FL.

VIEW FROM WAY BACK

Those Left Behind

Contributed by: Keith Young

“I often heard the same entreaty from men in the hospital and in camp, from men in health and on the march, and from men just passing into eternity. “Our wives and children, our mothers and sisters, who will take care of them?” Public sympathy was easily awakened for the brave men who went out to fight the battles of the country, and all demands made on the means and money of the loyal North for relief were promptly met. Money and supplies were poured without stint into the Sanitary Commission; wherever an opportunity was offered, either by the return of a

regiment, or by visits to the hospitals, the people delighted to lavish their bounty directly on the soldiers.

But an immense amount of heroism among the wives of soldiers passed unnoticed, or was taken as a matter of course. For the soldier, he had his comrades about him, shoulder to shoulder. He had excitement. He had praise, if he did well. He had honorable mention, and pitying tears, if he fell nobly striving. But alas for his wife!...

But for the wife of the poor soldier, who in giving her husband to her country gave everything; who had no friend to say "Well done!" as the lagging weeks of suspense crept on, and she stood bravely at her post keeping want and starvation at bay; whose imagination was busy among the heaps of dead and wounded, or traversing the wretched prison-pens, and shuddering at the thought of their demoniac keepers; who kept down her sobs as her little daughter offered up nightly prayers for "dear papa to come home!" or the son traced slowly with his forefinger the long list of killed and wounded "to see if father's name was there; who shrouded her eyes from the possible future of her children should her strength give out under the pressure of want and anxiety; compared with her sharp mental torture, the physical suffering of the soldier shrinks into insignificance. This silent army of heroines was too often forgotten. They were martyrs who died and made no sign. The shouts of far-off victories drowned their feeble wailings, and the horrors of hospitals overshadowed deeply their unobtruded miseries."

Mary A. Livermore *My Story of the War, 1887*. Quoted in *Military Quotations from the Civil War*, Tsouras, 1998. Mary A. Livermore was the founder of the Sanitary Commission.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Contributed by: Sandra Cox

Note: If you plan to attend an event, please verify the information given. Advance reservation and fee may apply.

1-2 Sept. – 11 AM– 4 PM - "Medicine for the Soldier" with Glenn and Gloria Baugher as hospital steward and southern caregiver. Info: Natl Museum of Civil War

Medicine, Frederick, MD – 301.695-1864 or www.civilwarmed.org

3 Sept. - "The Maryland Campaign of 1862" Discussion. Info: South Mountain Heritage Hall, Burkittsville, MD. E-mail: apreston@dnr.state.md.us or 301.432.8065

5-7 Sept. - South Mountain, Harpers Ferry & Antietam "A Walking Tour" with John M Priest and David C Hinze. Info: Civil War Education Assn. 800.298.1861, E-mail: info@cwea.net Pkg Fee \$275

7 Sept - "Civil War Walking/Bus Tours" with Virginia Morton, Civil War Author. Info: Museum of Culpeper History - 540.829.1749/6434 Fee \$15

7 Sept. – Clinton, MD, "Escape Route of John Wilkes Booth" 12-hour Bus Tour over the trail of Lincoln's assassin. Info: Surratt House Museum - 301.868.1121 or www.surratt.org Fee

7 Sept. - "Pictorial Heritage of Civil War Alexandria" lecture at 1 p.m. presented by Walton Owen. Info: Fort Ward Museum - 703.838.4848 Fee \$5

12-14 Sept. – Chancellorsville, VA. "Walking Tour with Gary Gallagher and Robert K Krick." Info: Civil War Education Assn – 800.298-1861 or E-mail: info@cwea.net. Pkg Fee \$275

12, 14, 15, 17 Sept. - Sharpsburg, MD, Antietam National Battlefield "Anniversary Hikes". Park Rangers lead hikes following in soldier's footsteps at approximate time the events occurred in 1862. Info: www.nps.gov/anti or 301.432-5124 Free with Park Admission

13 Sept. – Baltimore, MD, *USS Constellation* Ship's Turn Around. Annual journey from Pier 1 to Fort McHenry. Cannon firings along the way to salute Fort McHenry and Fells Point. You can view the ship along the shore from Locust Point around the Inner Harbor to Canton. Info: 410.539.1797 or www.constellation.org

13-14 Sept. - Hagerstown area "140th Anniversary Reenactment of Battle of Antietam, living history, etc. Over 10,000 reenactors expected! Artz Farm Site. Advance tickets & info: www.antietamreenactment.com or 888.248.4597

14 Sept. - “Hidden Treasures from Our Collection” includes artifacts not presently on exhibit. 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Info: Natl Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick - 301.695.1864 or www.civilwarmed.org

14-15 Sept. - Sperryville “Civil War Days”, living history, encampment, demonstrations, music. Info: bookchurch@eathlink.net

15 Sept. - Newport News “Hampton’s Cattle Raid/Petersburg” Bus Tour. Follow General Wade Hampton’s route from Coggin’s Point then tour the Siege Museum, Crater and Fort Stedman with Tour Guide Michael Moore. Info: Lee Hall Mansion - 757.888.3371 or www.leehall.org Fee \$45

19-22 Sept. - Wilderness & Spotsylvania Bus Tour. Info: Civil War Weekend, 866.299.8687 or www.civilwarweekend.com. Pkg Fee \$625 Sgl, \$485 pp Dbl

19-22 Sept. - Elkins, WV “Western Virginia 1861: The First Campaign” Symposium & Site Tours. Speaker James I Robertson, special educational showcase on minstrel music in the Civil War with Japher’s Original Sandy River Minstrels and much more. Info: Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation - 304.637.RICH, E-mail: richmt@richmountain.org website: www.richmountain.org. Pkg Fee

20 Sept. - The History Channel, 8 p.m. “This Week In History” features Civil War weaponry. North-South Skirmish Assn explains and demonstrates shoulder arms and Napoleon cannon.

21 Sept. - “Civil War Walking/Bus Tours” with Virginia Morton, Civil War Author. Info: Museum of Culpeper History - 540.829.1749/6434 Fee \$15

21 Sept. – Clinton, MD “Escape Route of John Wilkes Booth” 12-hour Bus Tour over the trail of Lincoln’s assassin. Info: Surratt House Museum - 301.868.1121 or www.surratt.org. Fee

28 Sept. – Mosby Confederacy. Bus Tour sponsored by Stuart-Mosby Historical Society. Thoroughfare Gap, Marshall, Rectortown, Brookside, Heartland, Piedmont Station, Crooked Run Fight, Mountain View, Leeds Church, Gray Ghost Winery & more. Info: Don

Hakenson - 703.971.4984, dhakenson@cox.net, www.hakenson.net Fee \$35 mem, \$40 non-mem

28-29 Sept. - Richmond area (Varina), “Battle of Fort Harrison”, living history and walking tours throughout weekend. Info: Civil War Visitors Center, 804.771.2145 or www.nps.gov/rich

28-29 Sept. - Harrisburg “Thunder on the Hill” with Union and Confederate artillerymen demonstrating their skills. Info: Natl Civil War Museum, 866.258.4729 or www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org

28-29 Sept. - Middletown, MD “Heritage Weekend” with Civil War living history. Info: 301.371.7373 or www.middletown.md.us

28-29 Sept. - Gettysburg “A Walking Tour” Tour includes Big Round Top, Little Round , Devil’s Den and the Wheatfield with Gary Kross. Civil War Education Assn. Info: 800.298.1861, email info@cwea.net Pkg Fee \$165

2-6 Oct. - Winchester “106th National Skirmish” at Fort Shenandoah. Live-fire matches with original or authentic reproduction Civil War period muskets, carbines, breech loading rifles, revolvers, mortars and cannons. Info: North-South Skirmish Assn Inc. Bruce Miller 248.258.9007, email spartan1@attglorbal.net or www.n-ssa.org. Spectators are welcome and admission is free.

4-6 Oct. - Middleburg “5th Annual Conference on the Art of Command in the Civil War – The 1864 Overland Campaign” and Tour. Speakers include Wm Matter, Clark Hall, Brooks Simpson, John Hennessy, Eric Wittenberg, Gordon Rhea, Gary Gallagher, Robert K Krick. Sponsored by Mosby Heritage Area Assn. Info: 540.687.6681 or E-mail: info@mosbyheritagearea.org Fee \$280

9-12 Oct. - Hagerstown “Maryland Campaign” Tour with Ed Bearss and Tom Clemens. Sponsored by Blue & Gray Education Soc. Info: 888.741.2437 or E-mail: blue-grayedsoc@mindspring.com , website: www.blue-and-gray-education.org Fee

10-13 Oct. - Manassas “2nd Manassas, A Walking Tour with Gary Gallagher and Robert K Krick. Info: Civil War Education Assn - 800.298.1861, email info@cwea.net Pkg Fee \$275

11-14 Oct. – Antietam. Bus Tour. Info: Civil War Weekend, www.civilwarweekend.com or 866.299.8687. Pkg Fee \$625 Sgl, \$485 pp Dbl

12 Oct. - Alexandria “Civil War Living History” with 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery reenactors. Artillery demonstrations and camp life. Noon – 4:00 p.m. Info: Fort Ward Museum. 703.838.4848

12 Oct. - Frederick “7th VA Infantry, Co A, CSA” depiction of camp life by members of Kemper’s Brigade – everyday life, nutrition, common diseases, duties of the Brigade Surgeon and history of the 7th VA. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Info: National Museum of Civil War Medicine – 301.695.1864 or www.civilwarmed.org

12-13 Oct. - Richmond “Drewry’s Bluff”. Living history with Confederate sailors and marines. Display of reproduction Confederate weapons and equipment. Walking tours throughout weekend. Info: Civil War Visitors Center, 804.771.2145 or www.nps.gov/rich

13 Oct. - Strasburg “Hupp’s Hill Battlefield Candlelight Tour. Stonewall Jackson Museum. Info: 540.465.5884

17-19 Oct. - Harrisonburg “Stonewall Jackson’s 1862 Luray Valley Campaign”, a field tour with Gary Ecelbarger. Info: Civil War Education Assn - 800.298.1861, E-mail: info@cwea.net Pkg Fee \$265

18 Oct. - Harrisburg “Jack Davis Lecture”, exclusive dinner and lecture featuring Wm “Jack” Davis, former *Civil War Times Illustrated* Editor and Past President of the Harrisburg CWRT. For more information contact : National Civil War Museum – 866.258.4729 or www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org

19 Oct. - Alexandria “On to Richmond! Monuments, Murals and Museums of the Lost Cause”. Bus Tour conducted by Susan Cumbey will visit some of Richmond’s museums and monuments. Info: Fort Ward Museum 703.838.4848 Pkg Fee \$85

19-20 Oct. - Petersburg “Pivotal Battles of the Civil War” Symposium and Tour. Top Scholars present lectures on Civil War battles that changed the course of American history plus Civil War music program. Info: Pamplin Historical Park. Toll Free 877-PAMPLIN or www.pamplinpark.org.

19-20 Oct. - Middletown, VA “Battle of Cedar Creek” Reenactment and Symposium with living history, demonstrations. Sponsored by Cedar Creek Battlefield Organization. Info and Tickets: 888.628.1864 or www.cedarcreekbattlefield.org

24-26 Oct Petersburg “Military Staff Ride of the Five Forks Campaign & Final Breakthrough” Tour with Chris Calkins and Art Bergeron. Sponsored by Blue & Gray Education Soc. Info: 888.741.2437 or E-mail: blue-grayedsoc@mindspring.com, website: www.blue-and-gray-education.org Pkg Fee

24-27 Oct. - Petersburg & Appomattox Bus Tour. For more information: Civil War Weekend 866.299.8687 or www.civilwarweekend.com Pkg Fee \$625 Sgl, \$485 pp Dbl

26-27 Oct. - Frederick “The Battlefield Embalmer” Historian James W Lowry discusses the practice of mortuary science and the art of embalming during the war. 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Info: Natl Museum of Civil War Medicine - 301.695.1864 or www.civilwarmed.org

13-17 Nov. - “Abraham Lincoln, Commander-in-Chief”, a field tour of sites including the US Capitol, Lincoln & Soldiers’ Home Natl Monument (Anderson Cottage) Fort Stevens, Washington Navy Yard, Arlington Natl Cemetary, Ball’s Bluff, Antietam & Gettysburg Battlefields, Gettysburg Natl Cemetary plus a private showing of rare documents and books at the Library of Congress related to Lincoln as war-time President with David Long and Gary Ecelbarger. Info: Civil War Education Assn - 800.298.1861, E-mail: info@cwea.net

16-17 Nov. - Richmond “Civil War Show” at Richmond Raceway Complex on Saturday and Sunday.

26 Nov. - Harrisburg “Lunch with Lincoln” lunch and special presentation by noted Lincoln impersonator, Games Getty. For more information contact: The Natl Civil War Museum – 866.258.4729 or www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org

“Stonewall” Jackson: Legend, Husband, Father
Greg Mertz

Our guest speaker for our 10 October General Membership Meeting is well known to the Round Table members. Greg has spoken to our group in the past and has also conducted tours for many of our members visiting the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Military Park as well as Brandy Station. He last spoke to the BRCWRT on 11 October 2001 when he gave a well received presentation titled “Stonewall Jackson at Chancellorsville.” Worthy of note Greg was also a favorite tour guide of members of the “Harsh Brigade” when Dr. Joseph L. Harsh conducted his summer field courses back in the 1990’s. He is a talented and selfless historian who has the ability to communicate effectively with his audience.

Greg was born and raised near St. Louis, MO. His interest in the Civil War developed as the result of the annual hiking and camping trips his Boy Scout Troop made to Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee. Worthy of note, Greg earned the rank of Eagle Scout while in his Troop. He was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Park Administration from the University of Missouri (Columbia) in 1978. Six years later, while working for the National Park Service, he received a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania. Greg began his National Park Service Career in 1980 as a Park Ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park and the Eisenhower National Historic Site. Four years later he was reassigned to the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County National Military Park (F & SCNMP). He initially served as the site historian at the “Stonewall” Jackson Shrine at Guiney Station. His next assignment was as site historian and museum curator at the Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitor Center. At present he is the Supervisory Historian at the F&SCNMP in charge of visitor services operations.

While assigned to the F&SCNMP, Greg has authored a number of superb Civil War articles. Listed below are some of these articles:

- Confederate Veteran Magazine (July-August 1987) *Command Decisions made by Generals Lee and Jackson during the Chancellorsville Campaign.*

- Blue and Gray Magazine (April and June 1995) Two articles on the Battle of the Wilderness plus the “General’s Tour.”
- Civil War Regiments (1996) – Article on Jackson’s artillery during the Battle of Fredericksburg for issue titled *Blood on the Rappahannock: The Battle of Fredericksburg.*
- Blue and Gray Magazine (Summer 2001) *Upton’s Attack at Spotsylvania Court House.*

Additionally, Greg wrote the texts for Virginia Civil War Trails markers at four (4) locations: The Town of Orange, the Brandy Station Battlefield, the Town of Culpeper Court House and Cedar Mountain Battlefield.

Greg was instrumental in the formation of the Rappahannock Valley Civil War Round Table. In fact, he was the first president of that organization. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Brandy Station Foundation.

This past July Greg gave his presentation on “Stonewall Jackson; Legend, Husband, Father” to assembled members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at the Manassas National Battlefield Park. Those in attendance were deeply moved. Don’t miss the opportunity to listen to this stirring talk by a very talented historian and friend of the BRCWRT.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Upcoming Speaker</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">October 2002 General Membership Meeting 7:15 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guest Speaker: Greg Mertz “<u>StoneWall Jackson – Legend, Husband, Father</u>”• Civil War 101 6:30 PM – 6:55 PM
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