



STONE WALL

Bull Run Civil War Round Table

January 2003

“A Longstreet Pictorial History”

Speaker: Dan Paterson

Our speaker at the January meeting is former BRCWRT president, Dan Paterson. Dan is an avid Civil War aficionado whose area of expertise involves the life of his great grandfather, General James Longstreet, CSA. Dan’s mother, Jamie Louise Paterson, was the daughter of Fitz Randolph Longstreet, the General’s youngest son.

A Longstreet Pictorial History is a comprehensive visual history of the Longstreet family beginning with the General's grandfather, the inventor, William Longstreet and concluding with photos of the recent monument project ceremonies in honor of General Longstreet. The presentation includes family photographs, newspaper clippings and even pictures from the General's personal photo album spanning two centuries and several wars.

Dan received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Behavioral and Social Sciences 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 a re-enactor with the Liberty Rifles, a campaigner’s Civil War unit that portrays both sides of the conflict. He is also a member of the Longstreet Camp 1247, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Richmond, VA. as well as a member of the “Friends of Gettysburg” and the “Friends of the Wilderness Battlefield. In addition to being a battlefield preservationist, Dan has participated in monument cleaning projects at Gettysburg.

He is a recipient of the United Daughters of the Confederacy “Jefferson Davis Award” for preservation of Confederate Heritage as well as a recipient of the 2001 Helen Dortch Longstreet Award presented by the

Longstreet Society to those who work to defend and preserve General Longstreet’s reputation.

His past speaking engagements include:

- 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)
- Ad Fontes Academy, History Department, Centreville, Virginia (February 2002)
- Gilmore Camp, SCV, Timonium, Maryland (March 2002)
- Longstreet Society Seminar, Manassas, Virginia (February 2002)
- Various Civil War Round Tables in Maryland and Virginia to include the BRCWRT.

Please join us on Thursday, 9 January for a unique presentation on General Longstreet and his illustrious family.

**General Membership Meeting
9 January 2003
7:15 PM**

Dan Patterson: “A Longstreet Pictorial History”

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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 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

The deadline for the February/March 2003 articles is **20 January 2003**. Please send input to Mary Ahrens at the above address or e-mail.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By: Keith Young

It is my good fortune to be elected as the President of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table for the next year. As a successor to the Immediate Past President, John McAnaw, I am very aware of the enviable record he has left in all areas. His efforts to encourage the growth and participation of the Round Table in the preservation of our American heritage have been particularly noteworthy. We are fortunate to have his leadership still available to us as Vice President and Chairman of the Preservation Committee. On behalf of the entire Round Table, I say, "Thanks for a job well done!" In this year I am looking forward to helping the Round Table accomplish even more in our principal areas of interest—historical education, heritage interpretation and battlefield preservation. The members of our Civil War Round Table have a significant bond in that we have banded together to further our knowledge and understanding of this important and fascinating period in the history of our country. I hope that all members of the Round Table will continue to have the opportunity to learn and to share their knowledge, experience and heritage with the Round Table. The range and depth of individual capabilities within this organization continues to amaze and delight me. I wish to encourage everyone to participate in the activities of the Round Table. If there are areas of interest to you, which you feel have not been adequately covered by our activities, please let me or another member of the Executive Board know.

I am pleased to announce that Sandra Cox and Drew Lavan have joined the Executive Board as at-large members for 2003. John DePue will continue as a member of the Executive Board and as the leader for the Round Table's participation in the Bristoe Station project. Other members joining me on the Executive Board are Maureen Quinn, Webmaster; Mary Ahrens, Newsletter Editor; Kevin Anastas, Field Trip Chairman; Nancy Anwyll, Secretary; Mark Knowles, Treasurer; and John McAnaw, Vice President. My best wishes to all for a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Election of Officers for CY2003

The following officers were elected at the December General Membership Meeting:

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

Membership Dues for 2003 remains the same

The dues rates for CY2003 are

Family - \$25.00; Individual - \$15.00; Student - \$10.00

Make checks payable to the "Bull Run Civil War Round Table." Either drop the check or cash at the Membership Table at the next monthly meeting or mail the check to:

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169 Applegate Drive
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If you have any questions, contact Mark at (703) 787-9811

Inclement Weather SOP for Meetings and Tours

Monthly Meetings

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

Call the Centreville Regional Library at (703) 830-2223. A staff member will tell you if the meeting is on or not. In the event contact cannot be made, contact Keith Young at (703) 764-0865.

Tours

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, contact Keith Young at (703) 764-0865.

PRESERVATION

Updates on Selected Threatened Civil War Sites

By: John McAnaw

1. **“STAR FORT,”** on the grounds of Dyer-Gunnell American Legion Post, 330 North Center Street, Vienna, VA 22180 (Tel: 703.938.9535). The majority of the outline of this fort is still intact. It is one of the few remaining intact Civil War sites in Vienna. Construction is planned in order to add a second floor to the Post Home and build a parking lot, which will cover most of the interior of the fort. Part of the fort’s berm will also be leveled. There is a Civil War Trails sign next to the steps leading from the parking lot up to the fort. See it before it is too late.

2. **GRIGSBY HILL or LITTLE ROCKY RUN BATTLEFIELD.** This battle site of 21 July 1861 is located north and south of Compton Road, immediately east of Little Rocky Run and west of the stream to the crest of a ridge approximately 700 yards away. The battlefield area slated for development consists of 35 acres immediately west of Little Rocky Run and south of Compton Road. This tract is divided into five acre “Equestrian Estates.” Construction is expected to begin in the very near future. Note: Member Bev Regeimbal visited the site on 28 December. No sign of construction was observed.

3. **CENTREVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT.** The highly unpopular and unwise decision by the majority of the Board of Supervisors, led by the Sully District Supervisor, to approve the rezoning application by Stanley-Martin to build 47 homes on 7.81 acres of land within and adjacent to the Centreville Historic District is still drawing sharp criticism from preservationists and other concerned County residents. Only two supervisors voted against the rezoning application even though the vast majority of the speakers at the Public Hearing Meeting were strongly opposed to the rezoning. Those speakers included the respected historians Ed Bearss and Brian Pohanka as well as preservationists Ed Wenzel, Rob Hodge, Mary Ahrens, and myself. As one observer commented, “Why have Public Hearings when the majority of the members of the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors have already made up their minds? Who works for whom?”

The single-family home across from the impressive grounds and cemetery of St. John’s Episcopal Church has been leveled. Construction on the infamous “Village at Mount Gilead” is slated to begin sometime in early spring of 2003. What a mistake?

4. **BRISTOE STATION BATTLEFIELD.** There is nothing new to report. As a reminder, the anticipated title transfer date of the Rollins Tract to CENTEX will be late April – early May 2003 timeframe.

5. **CHANCELLORSVILLE BATTLEFIELD.** The information provided on the rezoning of the Ashley (Mullins) Tract within and adjacent to the battlefield was current as of 26 December 2002.

In the December 2002 issue of the *Stone Wall* I wrote of events that occurred at the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting on 26 November. After the BOS approved, by a 4:2 vote, the proposed rezoning of land for the Lee’s Parke development of approximately 2200 homes, the BOS went into closed session to discuss the job performance of the highly controversial County Administer, Mr. Anthony W. Barrett.

In her article in the 28 November edition of the Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, reporter Betty Hayden Snider stated that a vote of no confidence proposed by Supervisor Gary Jackson failed by a 4:3 margin. After the vote Supervisor Patricia J. “Tricia” Lenwell informed other Board Members “she would not be party to a sham that is being played out in this county.” Reporter Snider wrote that Supervisor Lenwell’s statement “addressed her problems with Barrett,” beginning with his public endorsement of the Lee’s Parke development of a 24 September public hearing. Supervisor Lenwell stated that staff members told her that Barret instructed them to give only the “good side of projects such as Southpoint II, Lee’s Parke and the Town of Chancellorsville (Ashley/Mullins Tract) – all controversial developments requiring a rezoning.”

After the 26 November meeting, Supervisor Lenwell announced her intention to resign. To bring you up to date, she has, in fact resigned. The search for her replacement is ongoing. Resumes from interested and eligible individuals are being accepted by the BOS. Let us hope these resumes are not routed through the County Administrator.

Also, please note that the case planner (Gary Mitchell) in the Spotsylvania County Planning Department, responsible for the proposed rezoning action re: the Ashley/Mullins Tract, has resigned. He left to take a similar position in Caroline County. On 26 December 2002 I spoke with Wanda Parrish, the Senior Planner in the Spotsylvania County Planning Department. She stated that no date has been set for bringing the proposed rezoning of the Ashley/Mullins Tract before the County BOS. In any event the BOS will not address this contentious issue prior to its scheduled meeting on Tuesday evening, 11 February 2003. Mark that date on your calendar!

The Forgotten Battlefield - The Scene of Some of the Bloodiest Fighting of the Civil War
By: John McAnaw

The dates 31 December 1862 and a 2 January 1863 marked intense combat that was rarely rivaled during the Civil War. Have you heard of “The Slaughter Pen”? The Cotton Field? The Round Forest? Or, McFadden’s Ford? All were scenes of fierce fighting during the Battle of Stones River (Murfreesboro) Tennessee. Federal casualties totaled at least 13,249 out of an effective force of 43,400. Confederate losses were estimated at 10,266 out of 37,712 present for duty. Yet this momentous battle has not received the attention by historians that it deserves.

Ox Hill Battlefield

To date, there is no further information on the interpretation plans of the Ox Hill Battlefield from the county.

Update on the Memorial Hall Foundation’s Struggle to Preserve the Confederate Museum in New Orleans
By: Mary Ahrens

Many of you have been following the legal battles of the Memorial Hall Foundation in New Orleans. The following letter sums up the latest act of this tragic drama:

“December 5, 2002

Memorial Hall was once again in the limelight December 4, 2002 following a hearing in (the) courtroom of the 4th District Court of Appeals over the title dispute of its 929 Camp Street home. TV camera lights shined brightly as lawyers and spectators filed out of the courtroom. It didn’t take long before the UNO Foundation went to work placing their “spin” on the situation.

Elizabeth Williams, President of the UNO Foundation, stated that all the foundation wanted was to build a tunnel through the Confederate Museum’s “little-used” first floor to connect the two halves of the new Ogden Museum of Southern Art, and that “we have no intention of evicting them.”

However, to this observer, UNO Foundation officials have mastered the political feat of talking out of both sides of their mouths. That is because UNO officials say one thing to the media, but say another in their legal briefs.

In direct opposition to their statements to the media, UNO Foundation attorneys filed a legal brief in response to Memorial Hall’s motion for suspensive appeal in which they spelled out UNO’s intentions for the Memorial Hall building.

“The Foundation intends to use the Property [the Confederate Memorial Hall building] as an integrated part of a three building art museum complex. Under the Foundation’s current plans, Goldring Hall, the Taylor Library, and Property would comprise a single [underline added] museum attraction with a single admissions price and a single point of ingress and egress.” “The Foundation intends to use the basement of the Property for administrative space.” [Remember, part of the basement would be occupied by the tunnel connecting the Goldring Hall and the Taylor Library.] The legal document goes on to state that, “the use of the Property increases the amount of artwork that can be offered for public viewing and thus, the potential for increased admissions revenue.” And that “during the appeal period, the Foundation would lose rental revenue due to the inability to combine space within the Taylor Library, Goldring Hall, and the Property for usage by large groups [i.e. rental for fundraisers and parties].”

Exactly where does the Confederate Museum fit into this grand UNO Foundation plan? Exactly what space is left for the many military displays on exhibit now at the

Confederate Museum and via what entrance? Ogden Museum Director Richard Gruber has been quoted as envisioning Memorial Hall as “Ogden’s Civil War Wing” with “ a focus that would open up issues of history, culture and race,” blending Memorial Hall’s art collection with theirs. There was no mention of the remainder of the Southern military collection. If one reads through the rhetoric, one can see UNO’s true quest – the Memorial Hall building and its valuable art collection.

And finally, if there is yet any doubt to the observer, take this into consideration. The UNO Foundation has had permission to build their tunnel through the basement of Memorial Hall since 1999, the year that the Board of Directors of Memorial Hall signed the tunnel agreement. It was the UNO Foundation that did not live up to its obligations within that agreement that prevented it from going into effect. Instead, the UNO Foundation got greedy. They wanted the entire building and bought a quitclaim from Tulane. Only then, did Memorial Hall file its lawsuit to fight for its home.

Respectfully submitted,

*Glen Cangelosi M.D.
President, Memorial Hall Foundation*

*929 Camp Street ~ New Orleans, LA. 70130 ~ (504)
523-4522 ~ confederatemuseum.com”*

AFTER ACTION REPORT

After Action Report on the BRCWRT Field Training Session on 16 November 2002

By: John McAnaw

The journal entry for Sunday, 16 November 2002, written by a participant in the Round Table’s field training session, began as follows:

“It was a dark, cold, and stormy morning and, at noon, it became a dark, cold, and stormy afternoon.”

This participant accurately described the weather conditions that faced 15 resolute Round Table members as they set out from the assembly area in Centreville on the morning of 16 November. After a 35 minute drive the group arrived at “Site Howard” where we met two

archaeologists from John A. Milner and Associates – Joseph Balicki and Brian Corle (also members of the BRCWRT).

Despite adverse weather conditions these two experienced archaeologists conducted extremely beneficial field training for all present. This training included basic map reading; the discernment of land features and patterns indicative of Civil War sites; the use of GPS in pinpointing locations on the ground; mapping of discovered Civil War sites; trenching to disclose soil profiles and other methods used by archaeologists conducting site work.

Following a period of practical work Round Table members motored east by a circuitous route to another location, known as “Site Hampton East”. At this location participants were able to study the layout of a Civil War camp and learn how to accurately map the site with a minimum amount of equipment.

The success of the field-training venture was due to two factors:

1. The positive attitude of the cold and somewhat wet participants who uttered not one word of complaint. (Only a few gurgles were heard.)
2. The professionalism of the two eminent archaeologists, Joseph Balicki and Brian Corle and the help that they provided to the participants.

As a follow up to the training received on 16 November 2002, practical work re: mapping of significant Civil War sites is planned for 2003.

In closing I want to thank everyone who participated in the field exercise described above. Particularly, I want to express my gratitude to Joseph Balicki and Brian Corle for sacrificing a football Sunday to help train members of our Round Table. Thank you!

MISCELLANEOUS

Who are They and Where is Their Final Resting Place?

On page 520 of the November 1916 issue of the *Confederate Veteran* is a short article concerning the search for the identity of the six Confederates buried “several miles from the town of Manassas on the

FLASHBACK 1862

January 1863

By Bob Ford

Jan. 1-5 - The New Year opens to the sounds of artillery and small arms as the struggle for Murfreesboro, TN continues. The battle ends when Federal troops entered the city.

Jan. 1 - The Emancipation Proclamation takes effect.

Jan. 6-8 - Light fighting occurs in MO.

Jan. 8 – Union forces under McClernand land in AR and attack. The C.S.S. *Alabama* sinks the U.S.S. *Hatteras* off the coast of Galveston, TX, while confederates capture and burn the U.S.S. *Gampus No. 2*. Other fighting in MO, TN and AR occurs.

Jan. 9-12 – Fighting continues in AR, TN and VA.

Jan. 13 – Federals authorize the raising of Black troops for a SC Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Joe Wheeler captures U.S. gunboat *Slidell*. Three transports loaded with wounded Union troops are captured. All wounded are put on one and the other two are burned. The U.S.S. *Columbia* runs aground off NC and is captured and burned by Confederates.

Jan. 15 - Mound City, AR, a center of guerrilla activities, is burned by Union troops.

Jan. 16-20 - Skirmishing occurs in VA, TN AR, NC and Indian Territory.

Jan. 21-24 – Rain begins in VA, which bogs down Burnside's planned advance, ending in the failed "Mud March." Skirmishing continues in TN, AR and W. VA.

Jan. 25 – Hooker replaces Burnside. Action occurs in AR, TN and MS. The organization of the first regiment of Union Black SC soldiers is completed on the Carolina coast.

Jan. 26 – Hooker says to his new troops, "...What I now ask of you is military success ...". Skirmishing occurs in FL, AR, VA, and near Fairfax Court House. The C.S.S. *Alabama* captures another vessel off San Domingo.

Jan. 27-28 – Fighting continues in TN, NC, and VA

property of Mr. E.R. Connor. Two members of the Executive Board of the Ladies Memorial Association of Manassas (LMAM), VA, found the graves. To quote the article, "Three of the graves are unmarked. The other three, as far as can be read are inscribed as follows, 'A. J. Smith, 16th Mississippi; C.C. Archbell, Co. I, 4th N.C., aged 30 years; _____ Carter, _____, 1861.' Mrs. Westwood Hutchinson, the President of LMAM, requested help regarding these fallen Confederates."

Now, 86 years later, I ask the reader not only for information regarding these soldiers but also as to the location of the cemetery. Hopefully, their final resting place has not been desecrated.

War as a Schoolmaster

Submitted by: Michael Block

"The war will consolidate us as a nation. Nearly half a century has elapsed since the last appeal was made to the patriotism of the American people. Few persons are now living who responded to that appeal. The present race of Americans have never known any thing practically about the blessings of national security or the cost of national danger, and the patriotic sentiment has so nearly died out of them that men of intelligence and education are heard unblushingly to sneer at the present struggle for national existence. Half a century of undisputed peace and pursuit of gain have rusted their hearts. The war will now develop the dormant principle of love of country. The honest will revive to patriotism; the sordid will realize that their private schemes cannot thrive if the great public scheme fails. Men's hearts from various motives, will expand from their present selfish bounds to the breadth of good citizenship."

"The war will put an end forever to the pernicious hearsay of State Sovereignty. However it ends, we shall hear no more, at the North at all events, about the rights of States. States will preserve their rights, undoubtedly; and so will towns, theatres, and newspapers. But none of these rights will ever again be invoked in a bar of sovereignty of the American people. We shall emerge from this war a nation in fact as in name, consolidated and homogeneous."

Source: *Harper's Weekly Saturday, October 19, 1861, p2.*

Jan. 29 – Federal troops defeats the Bannock tribe of Indians in UT. Other fighting takes place in TX SC and LA.

Jan. 30 – Grant assumes command of the entire expedition against Vicksburg, while other fighting occurs in VA, SC.

Jan 31 – Confederate gunboats attack Charleston, SC, sinking one ship and inflicting damage on others. They withdraw unhurt. Federals move out of Murfreesboro to Franklin and skirmish with the enemy. In Morgan County, IN, Federal cavalry arrests deserters and the civilians riot.

VIEW FROM WAY BACK

Special Delivery

Submitted by: Keith Young

Late one night, after the redoubts had been captured, an ammunition wagon, drawn by six mules, was driven up from the direction of Petersburg to a particular point in the fortifications. General Birney, surprised to see it coming from that direction, asked the driver at once what he had in the wagon. The answer was, "Ammunition for Battery No. 9." "Where did it come from?" inquired the General, supposing that additional ammunition might have been sent for some of the field-pieces he had placed in the breastworks. "From the Arsenal," said the driver. "Oh, very well," said Birney, "I'll take charge of it." This was ammunition sent from the city to the rebels; but Birney and some of his troops, unknown to the driver of the ammunition wagon, occupied Battery No. 9. The General duly appreciated such a timely addition to his supplies. It was the right battery but the wrong General.

--- *Reminiscences of the Blue and Gray '61-'65; by Frazar Kirkland, 1895, page 355.* ---

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.

11, 18, 25 Jan – Alexandria, VA. ‘*Civil War Video Series*’. Combining period music, photos, artifacts, paintings and engravings, and hands-on demonstrations, viewers will learn about the lives of average foot soldiers through their handwritten letters home and explanations by the series’ star Civil War historian and re-enactor Michael Kraus. Each video lasts about 45 minutes and covers 10 to 12 topics. Following the video, participants will be invited to the exhibition floor of the Museum where staff will show and discuss a related object on display. Info: Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. 703.838.4848. Free but reservations are suggested.

17 Jan – Arlington, VA ‘*Lee-Jackson Day Wreath Laying*’ at Arlington House. Info: mnschaller@aol.com

17 Jan – Richmond, VA. The Museum of the Confederacy commemorates ‘*Lee-Jackson Day*’ in Virginia. Join the Museum as they honor Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson on this state holiday. Enjoy free admission all day. 1201 E. Clay Street. Info: 804.649.1861 or www.moc.org

17 Jan – Richmond, VA. ‘*Friends of Lee-Jackson Memorial Service*’ at the Virginia State Capitol. 10 a.m.

17 Jan – Richmond, VA. ‘*Wreath laying*’ at the State Capitol Rotunda commemorating Lee-Jackson Day’. 5 p.m.

19 Jan – Stratford, VA. ‘*Robert E. Lee’s Birthday*’. Learn about a remarkable American family. Enjoy cold or hot cider and ginger cookies, spend some time with the Lees in the Lee Gallery, tour the house, gardens and grounds. Info: Stratford Hall, 804.493.8038 or info@stratfordhall.org

21 Jan – Lexington, VA. ‘*Stonewall Jackson’s Birthday Celebration*’. Info: Stonewall Jackson House, 8 E. Washington Street, 540.463.2552. Admission fee.

29 Jan – 1 Feb – **11th Annual Sarasota Civil War Symposium** with William C. “Jack” David, Keith Bohannon, Peter Carmichael, Jos. Glatthaar, Harold Holzer, Robt. K. Krick, Dale K. Phillips, Charles P. Roland, Craig L. Symonds and Jeffry D. Wert. Sponsored by Civil War Education Assn. 800.298.1861, www.cwea.net. Pkg. \$325

1 Feb - Alexandria, VA. ‘*Civil War Video Series*’. See January information for details.

20-27 Mar – *Antebellum South & Civil War Journey* – Washington, DC to New Orleans aboard the American Orient Express, a 100-passenger streamliner train. Sites reflect the region's role in the Civil War. Sponsored by The Mariner's Museum. Info: Carole M. Lynn 800.581.7245.

It appears the Army of Northern Virginia and the Army of the Potomac has gone into winter quarters.

Editor's Note

During the 2003 calendar year there will be four double issues of *The Stone Wall*. The projected schedule is as follows:

- January
- February-March
- April
- May-June
- July-August
- September-October
- November
- December

Please note that the due date for article contributions has changed from the 27th of the month prior to publication to the 20th of the month prior to publication.

All Quiet Along the Potomac

All quiet along the Potomac," they say,
Except now and then a stray picket
Is shot as he walks on his beat to and
fro,
By a rifleman hid in the thicket.
'Tis nothing. A private or two now and
then
Will not count in the news of the battle;
Not an officer lost. Only one of the men
Moaning out all alone the death rattle.

All quiet along the Potomac tonight,
Where the soldiers lie peacefully
dreaming,
Their tents in the rays of the clear
autumn moon,
O'er the light of the watch fires, are

gleaming;
There's only the sound of the lone
sentry's tread
As he tramps from the rock to the
fountain,
And thinks of the two in the low trundle
bed,
Far away in the cot on the mountain.

His musket falls slack, and his face, dark
and grim,
Grows gentle with memories tender,
As he mutters a prayer for the children
asleep,
For their mother, may Heaven defend
her.
The moon seems to shine just as brightly
as then
That night when the love yet unspoken
Leaped up to his lips when low-
murmured vows
Were pledged to be ever unbroken.

Then drawing his sleeve roughly over
his eyes,
He dashes off tears that are welling,
And gathers his gun closer up to its
place
As if to keep down the heart-swelling.
He passes the fountain, the blasted pine
tree,
The footstep is lagging and weary;
Yet onward he goes, through the broad
belt of light,
Toward the shades of the forest so
dreary.

Hark! Was it the night wind that rustled
the leaves?
Was it moonlight so wondrously
flashing?
It looks like a rifle -- "Ah! Mary, good-
bye!"
And the lifeblood is ebbing and
splashing.
All quiet along the Potomac tonight,
No sound save the rush of the river;
While soft falls the dew on the face of
the dead --
The picket's off duty forever.

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2002 BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

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