



STONE WALL

Bull Run Civil War Round Table

May 2003

Edwin C. Bearss,
Chief Historian Emeritus National Park Service

We are honored to have Ed Bearss as our guest speaker on 8 May 2003, the twelfth anniversary of the founding of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table. Without question, Civil War buffs rate him as their favorite historian, lecturer, and battlefield tour guide.

During World War II, Ed Bearss served with distinction in the U. S. Marine Corps, first with the 3rd Marine Raider Battalion, commanded by Colonel Harry "The Horse" Leversedge, and then with the 7th Marine Regiment. While serving with the latter unit, he was severely wounded at Cape Gloucester on the island of New Britain. Following a convalescent period of 26 months, he entered Georgetown University. After earning an undergraduate degree at that institution, Ed spent three years working at the U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office in Suitland, MD. He then enrolled at Indiana University where he earned a graduate degree in History.

In 1955, Ed joined the National Park Service (NPS) and worked his way up the promotional ladder to become the Chief Historian of the NPS. After retiring from the NPS in September 1995, he became a much sought after guest speaker and tour guide to battlefields in which Americans have fought. These tours cover the French and Indian War to World War II and extend to both the European and Pacific Theaters of operation.

Ed resides in Arlington, VA with his wife, Margie. Mrs. Bearss is also a historian and a former schoolteacher. They have three children. Both Edwin Cole Jr. and Jenny are retired Marines. The former now lives in Georgia and works for the Muskogee County Courts. Jenny is presently a computer programmer who handles the payroll for Mississippi State employees. Daughter Dara calls Richmond home and is the editor the Virginia Dictionary of Biography.

Chairman Ed Speaks Out. "Know Your Facts and Show Confidence, Speaks from the Heart."

The February 2003 issue of the Washingtonian Magazine contains an informative article on our renowned guest speaker for the May General Membership Meeting – Ed Bearss. This article was written by Ken Adelman and is entitled "Lessons of War." The value of this article, which can be found on pp. 25-27, is enhanced by the fact that Ken Adelman is an experienced interviewer. He has been conducting "What I've Learned" interviews for the Washingtonian since 1988. I strongly recommend this article to all readers of this newsletter.

The interviewer asked some questions that elicited some memorable replies from Chairman Ed. Some of these questions were:

1. What's the magic of the Civil War?
2. What are the best battlefields to visit from here (Washington)?
3. What can we learn about leadership from the Civil War? Ed's comments on the "group think and decide syndrome" are right on the mark.
4. What have you learned about life? Ed's reply on what he learned from a talk, early in his Park Service career, to the Kiwanis Club in Clinton, MS, is excellent advice for all of us.

Again, read Ken Adelman's article!

General Membership Meetings
7:15 PM

Speaker's Program – Second Quarter, CY 2003

8 May 2003 - Ed Bearss "Gettysburg: Day One"

12 June 2003 - Keith Young: "The War Afloat: Civil War Navies."

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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 June/July 2003 articles is **20 May 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 was our great treat to have Ron Beavers' presentation on the railroads in the eastern theater with a special emphasis on Gettysburg at our April meeting. Our thanks to you, Ron, for this interesting exploration of an aspect of the war which is often taken for granted!

Our May speaker is our most popular guest, Ed Bearss, Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service. The Round Table's association with Ed goes back many years and we are always delighted to have him return. This month he will speak on the first day at Gettysburg to help us prepare for our spring tour, Gettysburg - Day 1. In honor of Ed's June birthday and the May anniversary of the Round Table's founding, we will have light refreshments at the meeting. In June it will be my pleasure to present an overview of the war as fought on the water-- *The War Afloat: The Civil War Navies*.

I encourage all of our members to participate in our book sales at the monthly meetings. You may want to plan to arrive a few minutes early in order to get a good look at the selections before they are all gone. In the future we may also offer a silent auction for particularly desirable titles. Keep posted! Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find information on how you may obtain a copy of our own Paul Taylor's book on the Battle of Chantilly at a discount price.

The recent vote of the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors to deny the rezoning request of the developers of Dogwood, a.k.a. the "town" of Chancellorsville, was a positive affirmation of the general public's desire to preserve our historical heritage from exploitation. My thanks to all of the Round Table members who assisted in the effort to preserve this important portion of the battlefield. Your effort counted! Keep up the good work!

Gettysburg

Gettysburg's Medal of Honor Recipients: Day One

By: John McAnaw

I didn't realize what I was getting into when I started researching the Union soldiers who received the Medal of Honor (MOH) for their actions on 1 July 1863. I discovered

that there were differences in the total number of MOHs awarded for action during the period of 1-3 July.

One source stated that there were 59 recipients of the MOH for the battle. Another stated that there were 63. Harry W. Pfanz, in his book, *Gettysburg – The First Day*, mentioned a soldier who received the MOH posthumously. However, he is not listed in any other source that I consulted.

Therefore, I turned to a fellow Round Table member, Mike Duggan, for help. As many of you know Mike has given presentations on the MOH during the Civil War. It is an understatement to say he is very knowledgeable on the subject.

Mike directed me to the Gettysburg National Military Park INTERNET homepage. This information was taken from 2 books published by Highland House II, Columbia Heights, MN (©1980, 1994), and entitled *United States of America's Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients and Their Official Citations*. The abovementioned book is a private reprint of a U.S. Government publication. This reference stated that 63 MOHs were awarded, however, when Mike counted the names there were only 61!

There was one constant in all references consulted. The eight names of the soldiers who received the MOH for action only on 1 July 1863 were the same. Two other soldiers, Musician Richard Enderlin and Sgt. Harvey M. Munsell received MOHs for actions during the period of 1-3 July 1863. But what about the two missing names if, indeed, 63 soldiers and not 61 were awarded the MOH? And what about the Wisconsin soldier mentioned by the distinguished historian, Harry W. Pfanz, as having received the MOH posthumously? His name was not mentioned in any of the references consulted, other than Pfanz's book.

During the three day battle, 20 Union soldiers received the MOH for capturing 21 Confederate battle flags. Only one soldier captured a Confederate general officer, the first lost in battle by the Army of Northern Virginia. And he is the individual that, according to historian Harry W. Pfanz, received the MOH posthumously. This soldier was Pvt. Patrick Maloney of Co. C, 2 WI Vol. Inf. Regt. He attacked and captured BG James J. Archer of Heth's Division, III, C.S. Corps. He was killed later on 1 July. Pvt. Maloney's actions certainly were deserving of a MOH. But did he ever receive it, albeit posthumously?

At this point in time, I do not believe that we know exactly how many soldiers were awarded the MOH for actions during the Battle of Gettysburg. The investigation continues.

Soldiers who were awarded the MOH for actions that occurred on only 1 July 1883 are as follows:

<u>Name & Issue Date</u>	<u>Unit</u>
SGT Frances Jefferson Coates 29 June 1866	Co. H/7 WI Inf. 1 Bde, 1 Div., I Corps
1 SGT Edward L. Gilligan* 30 April 1892	Co. E/88 PA Inf. 2 Bde, 2 Div., I Corps
LTC Henry S. Huidekoper 27 May 1905	150 PA Inf. 2 Bde, 3 Div., I Corps
CAPT Francis Irsch 27 May 1892	Co. D/45 NY Inf. 1 Bde, 3 Div., IX Corps
CPL James Monroe Reisinger Unknown, Awarded under Act of Congress 25 January 1907	Co. H/150 PA Inf. 2 Bde, 3 Div., I Corps
SGT James M. Rutter 30 October 1896	Co. C/143 PA Inf. 2 Bde, 3 Div., I Corps
MAJ Alfred Jacob Sellers 21 July 1894	90 PA Inf. 2 Bde, 2 Div., I Corps
CPL Francis A. Weller 1 December 1864	Co. I/6 WI Inf. 1 Bde, 1 Div., I Corps

* Note: Captured Confederate flag



Bristoe Station
By: John De Pue

Jim Burgess has informed me that Centex anticipates taking title to the Rollins tract at Bristoe sometime during the month of June. The preliminary site survey, in which BRCWRT will participate, is therefore likely to take place during the summer months. Please take note of this if you have signed up to participate in this effort.

Update of BRCWRT Roster for Volunteers to Assist at Bristoe Station
By: John McAnaw

In reference to John DePue's article on Bristoe Station, the latest information indicates that CENTEX will receive title to 341 acres of the Bristoe Station Battlefield sometime in June 2003. For that reason the list of BRCWRT volunteers to assist in the search for Confederate graves must be updated. The old list of volunteers was prepared when title transfer was expected to occur last fall.

If you have not already signed up on the new roster to assist at Bristoe Station, as time permits, please do so no later than the General Membership Meeting on 8 May 2003. You can either call me (703) 978-3371 prior to 8 May 2003 or sign up at the meeting.

Volunteers are needed. As I have stated before, once CENTEX receives title to the Rollins property, 127 acres will be given to the Civil War Preservation Trust. Also the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) will have 120 days to conduct a search for Confederate graves on the remaining 214 acres of land. We will assist the SCV in its search. After 120 days CENTEX will commence construction of its planned development.

Board Rejects Town. Chancellorsville Rezoning Request Fails on 6-0 Vote
By: John McAnaw

This title constituted the headline of the Wednesday, 26 March 2003, edition of *The Free Lance-Star*, an independent newspaper published in Fredericksburg, VA. This newspaper deserves recognition for its excellent coverage of Dogwood Development Group's attempt to obtain rezoning approval for its proposed Town of Chancellorsville. This development was to consist of 1995 homes and up to 2.2 million square feet of commercial business, all built on 791 acres known as the Ashley or Mullins tract. Included in this acreage was the terrain where Confederate and Union troops fought on the first day of the Battle of Chancellorsville.

Thanks to the efforts of innumerable individuals, various organizations and a surprisingly united Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors (BOS), Dogwood's plans for the Town of Chancellorsville went up in smoke.

To quote reporter Betty Hayden Snider of *The Free Lance-Star*, "There will be no Town of Chancellorsville." The BOS's decision marked a tremendous victory for Civil War preservationists and smart growth residents in Spotsylvania County – a jurisdiction where bumper stickers proclaiming "Don't Fairfax Spotsylvania County" can still be seen. Many are fed up with rampant growth in the County, the actions of

certain County Officials and misleading statements by developers. The BOS meeting to consider the rezoning action for the Town of Chancellorsville was held at Courtland High School near Spotsylvania Court House on 25 March 2003, beginning at 4:30 PM., to accommodate the expected large turnout of concerned citizens. Those in attendance who opposed the rezoning action greatly outnumbered Dogwood supporters, probably by at least a 3:1 margin. All told, there were more than 300 people in the high school auditorium.

All speakers were required to sign up and were allocated no more than three minutes. Public comment began with five (5) Dogwood rezoning supporters, followed by five (5) opposed to the rezoning. Then five (5) more supporters spoke followed by five (5) rezoning opponents. This continued until there were no more rezoning supporters left. Then the remaining rezoning opponents continued to speak until all were heard. I should mention that, with one exception, only residents of Spotsylvania County were allowed to speak during this portion of the public meeting.

That exception was Jim Dillard, a member of the House of Delegates from Fairfax County. His message to the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors was “Don’t Fairfax Spotsylvania County.” His comments elicited thunderous applause and cheers from the surprised audience.

After all County residents had their say, we “outlanders” from the BRCWRT were permitted, in order of sign up to speak before a dwindling assemblage. Former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Tip O’Neill, was right when he said, “All politics are local.” And, if you were not local (Spotsylvania County), there was undoubtedly little interest by most members of the BOS in what an “outlander” said. For what it is worth, we gave it our best shot. We waited approximately seven hours for the opportunity to speak.

The most impressive member of the BOS was Bob Hagan of the Courtland District. His series of sharp questions demolished the rationale of the County’s Planning Department for supporting the rezoning action. Perry Mason could not have done a better job. Also, opponents of Dogwood’s Town of Chancellorsville were well organized. Various speakers during the public hearing tore apart the economic benefits posited by Dogwood officials for the development. Two Civil War preservation organizations deserve special commendation for effectively mustering local and nation-wide opposition to the Town of Chancellorsville. They are the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) and the Central Virginia Battlefield Trust (CVBT). Of note, BRCWRT member Harriet Condon is on the Board of Directors of the CVBT. And, I will not forget the

determined Spotsylvania resident who pointed to each member of the BOS and coldly stated in effect, “The election for members of the Board of Supervisors is coming up in November. If any of you vote for this rezoning, I assure you that you will be defeated. Do I make myself clear?”

Members of the BOS took the words of this gentleman and other rezoning opponents to heart. Sometime around 0045 hours on Wednesday, 26 March 2003 the BOS voted 6 to 0 to turn down the rezoning request of the Dogwood Development Corporation. Supervisor Gary Jackson abstained from voting and may have put himself at risk in the November election.

Nine BRCWRT members attended this important Spotsylvania County BOS meeting. They were Nancy Anwyll, Harriet Condon, Tim Duskin, Dale Maschino, John McAnaw, Bev Regeimbal, Harvey Simon, Ed Wenzel, and Keith Young. I personally want to thank all BRCWRT members, who in one way or another, got involved in the successful effort to save an important and integral part of the Chancellorsville Battlefield. You know, it feels good to be part of a winning preservation effort!

AFTER ACTION REPORT

After Action Report: Special Tour of Confederate Winter Encampment Sites at Montpelier, Orange County, VA
By: John McAnaw

Despite the fact that information on this special tour was not received until Saturday, 19 April 2003 and the fact that the tour was slated for Easter Saturday, eight BRCWRT members motored to Montpelier to participate in the first ever-guided tour of a regimental camp of McGowan’s Brigade. These members were Joe Balicki, Jim Burgess, Tim Duskin, Howard Ewing, Janet Greentree, Dale Maschino, John McAnaw and Charles Siegel.

BG McGowan’s Brigade consisted of the following regiments:

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| 1 S.C. (Provisional) | 14 S.C. |
| 12 S.C. | 1 S.C. (Orr’s Rifles) |
| 13 S.C. | |

This brigade was one of three in MG Cadmus Wilcox’s Division of III C.S. Army Corps commanded by LTG Ambrose Powell Hill. The soldiers in Wilcox’s Division totaled an estimated 4650. They occupied the winter camp in and around Montpelier from late January 1864. With only a 30-minute

notice, McGowan's Brigade packed up and marched 20 miles to participate in the Wilderness fighting on 5 May 1864.

Dr. Matthew Reeves, Director of Archaeology at Montpelier led the morning hike to a regimental camp where the sites of several huts and trash pits had been excavated. He described the camp layout and showed us some of the artifacts found in the excavated areas. He gave us a detailed description of camp features identified through archaeological digs and provided us an excellent description of camp life. To understate the case, McGowan's soldiers led a Spartan existence. They were truly lean to the point to being seriously undernourished. A total of 54 individuals participated in the morning tour.

After a brown bag lunch in the picnic area near the Visitor's Center, Dr. Reeves led the small group of BRCWRT members on an afternoon trek into the forest to several other regimental camps. Investigation of these camps was an extremely educational experience. The layout of one camp differed significantly from the others and had us guessing as to the reason.

At approximately 1540 hours eerie sounds were detected coming our way. For a few seconds, the noise sounded like the "Rebel Yell". Had McGowan's men returned to claim their camps? No, not quite. It turned out that the high-pitched noise was made by a merry skirmish line of wild turkeys. I have never heard so many in my life. It is that time of year.

The Confederate winter camps at Montpelier are a national treasure. They are the only 1863-1864 winter camps in the Eastern Theater that are on protected land. They provide an extensive outdoor laboratory for archaeologists to study all aspects of Confederate camp life. Although relic hunters combed the 2700 acres comprising Montpelier prior to the transfer of the land by the DuPont family to the National Trust in 1973 the campsites are reasonably well preserved.

On behalf of all BRCWRT members who participated in our treks back into the past at Montpelier, I extend my sincerest thanks to our talented guide, Dr. Matthew Reeves. It was a very rewarding experience. If all goes well, more members of our Round Table will visit these camps later this year.

After Action Report: Tour of Civil War Sites along the Occoquan River and Bull Run
By: John McAnaw

It was another of those dark and gloomy mornings, when, on 29 March 2003, 15 determined BRCWRT members set out to visit Civil War sites on the Fairfax County side of the Occoquan

River. We visited a number of Union outposts along the bluffs overlooking crossing points on the Occoquan that were used by both sides during the Civil War.

We then toured Civil War fortifications that were occupied by several Union regiments including a nine-month infantry regiment – the 12th Vermont. A Union camp and several other interesting sites were also visited. Without a single complaint we continued our tour despite periods of heavy rainfall. One of the highlights of the morning part of the tour was the discovery by John Kincheloe of the grave of a soldier who served with the Chinquapin Rangers, a well-known Confederate partisan unit. Several of John's ancestors served in this unit, which, on at least several occasions, joined forces with Mosby's men. In fact, some of the Chinquapin Rangers officially joined Mosby's command in April 1865 when Co. H, 43rd Battalion, Virginia Cavalry, was formed.

Thankfully, at about noon, the weather began to rapidly improve. We enjoyed a brown bag lunch at the Doak farmhouse located in Hemlock Overlook Regional Park. The afternoon was spent visiting Civil War sites overlooking Bull Run and south of Pope's Head Creek.

At tour's end all participants were either present or accounted for. These stalwart members and guests who joined me on this tour were:

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| Charlie Balch | Justin Isaac |
| Norm Cooper | John Kincheloe |
| Doug Cox | Mark Knowles |
| Sandra Cox | Lyle Loveall |
| Sue Czarnetsky | Dale Maschino |
| John DePue | Kevin Moriarity |
| Garon Isaac | Bev Regeimbal |

Upcoming Tour

BRCWRT Spring Tour: Gettysburg—The First Day (17 May 2003)

The BRCWRT Spring Tour this year will focus on the action on the First Day at Gettysburg, July 1 1863.

Date: Saturday 17 May 2003

Assembly Location/Time:

If you want to carpool to the battlefield, meet at the Centreville Library parking lot -- we will depart at **7:00 AM** sharp. If you choose to drive on your own, meet the group at the Gettysburg

Visitor's Center (South side between the main building and the Cyclorama building) at **9:00 AM**. (Driving time from Centreville is about 1 hour 45 minutes). We will meet our tour bus in the parking lot.

Itinerary:

We will visit McPherson's Ridge, the RR Cut, Oak Hill/Ridge in the morning. After lunch we will continue the tour along the 11th Corps line, Barlow's Knoll, Coster Ave. The final series will take us to Seminary Ridge and finish up at Saint Xavier's Church (used as a hospital during the battle). We should finish between **4:00** and **5:00 PM**.

Homework:

See the reading list posted on the BRCWRT website at: <http://bullruncwrt.org/BRCWRT/Tours.html>

Lunch:

Around noon the bus will bring us back to the fast food strip across from the visitor's center. You can bring a picnic lunch and drinks if you choose. You can leave your lunch in your car if you don't want to carry it on the bus since we will have lunch close to the parking lot.

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.

Fee: There is a \$10 per person fee for this tour. All the money is for the bus. Any money collected above the cost of the bus will go to the BRCWRT account. You can pay Mark Knowles at the May meeting or you can bring the money with you on the day of the tour.

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

FLASHBACK__1862

By: Drew Lavan

1 May 1863 - General Joseph Hooker retreats from a strategically sound position at Chancellorsville, Virginia, prompting one of his fellow officers to exclaim, "My God! If we cannot hold the top of a hill, we certainly cannot hold the bottom of it."

2 May 1863 - U.S. Colonel Benjamin Henry Grierson ends his 800-mile cavalry raid through Mississippi and Louisiana when he dismounts in Baton Rouge. Grierson is made a brigadier general for his execution of Grant's plan to divert Southern forces from Vicksburg.

Stonewall Jackson, flush with the success of his troops in rolling up the Union right at Chancellorsville, is shot three times by his men when he returns from scouting after the fighting for the day had ceased. The shock of the wounding, and the resulting amputation of his arm, mask symptoms of pneumonia that some current-day scholarship blames for his death a week later.

6 May 1863 - Hooker earlier dispatched General George Stoneman's cavalry towards Richmond. Due to the fact that there were few troops in the city, the citizens were called out. "The confusion about Department headquarters was excessive [on May 4th]. General Elzey [commander of the Department of Richmond] told Barton [Major William S. Barton, assistant adjutant general under Cooper] he wished he was dead; that the Yankee cavalry would certainly take the city. On Monday the enemy were reported on the Bordentown pike five miles from the city, approaching. The bells were rung, the citizens again turned out and were marched to the batteries. General Randolph visited the batteries and found no powder in any of them. Powder was sent for and when late in the evening it was obtained, there were no friction tubes. If the enemy had come not a gun could have been fired on Monday!" RGH Kean *Diary*

7 May 1863 - The overly romantic Maj. General Earl Van Dorn is killed by Dr. Peters, who resented the romance as it applied to his wife.

14 May 1863 - "'Mosby's command is in the Confederate service in every sense of the term,' [writes Confederate agent of exchange Robert Ould responding to a Union letter denying exchange for a dozen of the rangers held in Washington, DC's Old Capitol Prison. Guerrilla warfare was another example of the emotionally charged controversy created by new tactics and weapons, which were held by many to be against the customs of warfare]. '[Mosby] is regularly commissioned and his force is as strictly Confederate as any in our army.' Authorities in Washington accepted Ould's statement and, on the nineteenth, exchanged the partisans." *Official Records*

16 May 1863 - Grant inserts his forces on Champion's Hill in Mississippi, preventing the retreating Joe Johnston from uniting with Major General John C. Pemberton.

19 May 1863 - The first Federal assault on Vicksburg rushes a

slope so steep that Confederate artillery at the top cannot be depressed sufficiently to be brought to bear. Instead, shells are lighted and rolled down the slope. The charge is not supported, and fails.

20 May 1863 - "We moved cavalry headquarters to Culpeper C.H. and our magnificent cavalry corps, then at its zenith of power and efficiency, encamped along the Rappahannock." Lt. Col. W.W. Blackford, CSA

24 May 1863 - "Federal Marines [burn] Austin, Miss., in reprisal for Confederate firing on their boat." *Civil War: Day by Day*, E.B. Long

27 May 1863 - "The C.S.S. *Chattahooche* accidentally blew up on the Chattahooche River in Georgia, with a loss of eighteen crewman." Vandiver

CSA Secretary of War James Seddon writes to General Joe Johnston at the specific direction of President Jefferson Davis that Brigadier General Gabriel J. Rains is to be sent to aid Johnston at Vicksburg. Rains had made a name for himself by developing "torpedoes and subterra shells" (sea and land mines, aka infernal machines). Earlier, Rains had protested the order to Vicksburg, aware that Johnston thought mines were abhorrent to the code of war. Seddon notes, however, "such means of offense against the enemy are approved and recognized by the Department as legitimate weapons of warfare."

29 May 1863 - J.E.B Stuart fulfills Partisan Ranger John S. Mosby's request for a mountain howitzer in order to harass federal trains. A contingent of the rangers go to the Patterson farm south of Middleburg to see their new artillery section. "Some of the men," John Munson remarked, "thought it a bit too large to carry in a holster, but not big enough to be called a cannon." Munson, *Reminiscences*

In Chattanooga, Tennessee, an observer notes, "during our ride I met Major General Cheatham, a stout, rather rough-looking man, but with the reputation of 'a great fighter.' It is said that he does all the necessary swearing in the 1st *corps d'armee*, which General Polk's clerical character incapacitates him from performing." *The Fremantle Diary*

VIEW FROM WAY BACK

General Hancock's Humor

General Hancock was not given to humorous declarations, but he said one exceedingly good thing along those lines at

Gettysburg. At a certain stage of that great battle it happened that some subordinate officer, acting upon his own responsibility, disregarded ordinary military rules and caused a decided advantage to be gained where, according to West Point philosophy, a disaster should have ensued. Hancock was both provoked and delighted.

"If I knew the fool who ordered that movement," he exclaimed, "I would have him brevetted!"

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

Miscellaneous

Order Your Copy of "The Battle of Ox Hill"

The Round Table is offering Paul Taylor's new book "He Hath Loosed The Fateful Lightning The Battle of Ox Hill [Chantilly] September 1, 1862" at a reduced rate.

The book retails for \$24.95, but is being offered to our members & friends for \$20.00. All orders must be received by **31 May 2003**. If you would like to order a copy see Mark Knowles in the back of the meeting room. If you cannot attend the May meeting, you may send your order, along with \$20 payment to:

Mark Knowles
169 Applegate Drive
Sterling, VA 20164

Please make checks payable to: BRCWRT. Books will be distributed at a future meeting. They will not be mailed. The date of distribution is not known at this time.

Good News! Union Mills Book will definitely be Available For the May Meeting

By: John McAnaw

The book, *Stone Ground: A History of Union Mills*, edited by Paula Elsey, will be available at our 8 May General Membership Meeting. The price is \$19.00 plus tax. The book is 176 pages in length and contains 76 illustrations.

Paula was our guest speaker on 13 February 2003 and gave a very informative talk on Union Mills before a capacity audience. She also participated in several of our tours of the Union Mills area. Her book will certainly enhance the reader's

knowledge of one of the most interesting areas in Northeastern Virginia. I strongly recommend this book to Round Table members.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2 May – Chancellorsville, “*Moonlight Walking Tour of the Wounding of Stonewall Jackson*”. Three one-hour tours. Info: Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitors Center, www.nps.gov/frsp or 540.373.6122

3 May – Clinton, MD. “*The Original John Wilkes Booth Escape Route Tour*”. Info: Surratt House Museum, 301.868.1121 or www.surratt.org. \$50

3 May – Sharpsburg, “*The Sunken Road*”, a 2 Mile Battlefield Hike” with NPS Ranger. 1:00-3:00 p.m. Info: Antietam Nat’l Battlefield, 301.432.5124 or www.nps.gov/anti

3-4 May – “*Fairfax Civil War Weekend*” at Blenheim includes Mosby’s Fairfax Raid re-enactment, skirmishes, house tours with Civil War graffiti, period music, exhibits. Info: 800.545.7950, \$3 Adults, \$1 children, \$5 Attic Tour

3-4 May – Manassas, “*Heritage Festival*” at Ben Lomond Manor House. Opens 10:00 a.m. Info: 703.367.7872 or www.visitpwc.com

3-4 May – “*Special Opening of Historic Ellwood*” located west of Fredericksburg near Route 3 & 20. Stonewall Jackson’s arm is buried in the cemetery. 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The site was a Union HQ during The Wilderness battle a year later. Info: 540.373.6122 or www.nps.gov/frsp

4 May – Alexandria, “*Civil War Artillery*” Noon – 4 p.m. Info: Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. 703.838.4848.

4-7 May – Chancellorsville, “*Ed Bearss’ Essential Civil War Stop 8*”. Lee’s greatest victory, but it was also the event that made the Confederacy cry. Info: www.blue-and-gray-education or 888.741-BGES. Pkg.

10 May – Guinea Station, *Candlelight Remembrance of Jackson’s Death & History*” 7:30, 8:10, 8:50 p.m. Info: 540.373.6122 or www.nps.gov/frsp

11 May – Sharpsburg, “*The Sunken Road*”, a 2 Mile Battlefield Hike” with NPS Ranger 1:00-3:00 p.m. Info: Antietam Nat’l Battlefield, 301.432.5124 or www.nps.gov/anti

16-18 May – Winchester, “*Spring National Competition*” at Fort Shenandoah live-fire matches with original or authentic reproduction Civil War weapons. Free. Info: North-South Skirmish Association, www.n-ssa.org

17 May – Clinton, MD. “*The Original John Wilkes Booth Escape Route Tour*”. Info: Surratt House Museum, 301.868.1121 or www.surratt.org. \$50

17-18 May – New Market, “*139th Anniversary of the Battle of New Market*”. Info: New Market Battlefield State Historical Park, 540.740.3101 www4.vmi.edu/museum Fee

17-18 May – Fredericksburg, “*Chancellorsville: Robert E. Lee’s Greatest Battle*” Info: Civil War Tours, 860.435.3244 or www.civilwartours.org \$275 pkg.

17-18 May – Richmond, “*Anniversary of the Battle of Drewry’s Bluff*”. Location: Fort Darling Unit of Richmond Nat’l Battlefield Park. Info: Civil War Visitor Center - 804.771.2145 or www.nps.gov/rich

21-25 May - Richmond, “*5th Annual Civil War Conference with Gary W. Gallagher – The Campaign and Battle of Chancellorsville*”, Info: UVA Conferences and Institutes, 800.346.3882 or www.uvacivilwar.org Fee

22-26 May – Fredericksburg, “*Lest We Forget: Civil War Weekend*”. Five-day event filled with sights and sounds, music and men, people and places of the war. For the day-by-day schedule, fees that may apply, reservation info and lodging: 800.654.4118 or www.fredericksburgvirginia.net

23 May-31 Dec – Richmond, “*The Confederate Nation Exhibit*” Info: Museum of the Confederacy, 804.649.1861 x 44 or www.moc.org

31 May - Fairfax, “*Mosby’s Confederacy Tour*”. Info: Don Hakenson, Stuart-Mosby Historical Society, 703.971.4984 or www.hakenson.net. Non Members \$40

31 May – 1 June – Richmond area “*Anniversary of the Battle of Cold Harbor*”. Living History/concert at 8 p.m., candlelight tour at 8:30 p.m., Saturday – talk and book signing by historian Gordon Rhea. Location: Cold Harbor Battlefield on Route 156. Info: Civil War Visitor Center – 804.771.2145 or www.nps.gov/rich

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