

The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol 11, Issue 3

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Dr. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN COOLING, III: "The Campaign That Almost Changed American History/And Did/Jubal Early's Raid on Washington, DC"

No, the above title does <u>not</u> contain a misprint. Dr. Cooling will explain his choice of title during his presentation to our Round Table on 11 March 2004. He is a highly regarded historian who has authored numerous books on the American Civil War, including works on the Union defenses of Washington, DC; warfare in Kentucky and Tennessee and, of course LTG Early's raid on Washington, DC.

Examples of his works are:

- "Symbol, Sword, and Shield: Defending Washington during the Civil War"
- "Mr. Lincoln's Forts: The Civil War Forts of Washington, DC"
 - Co-authored with Walton H. Owen II. (Ed Bearss described this book as "a classic")
- "Forts Henry and Donelson: The Key to the Confederate Heartland"

Dr. Cooling has been employed by the Federal Government for many years. He is presently the Chairman of the Grand Strategy Department at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Ft. McNair, Washington, DC. Earlier assignments in his distinguished career included Assistant Director for Historic Services, U S Army Military History Research Institute, Carlisle Barracks, PA, and Chief of the Special Histories Branch, Office of the Chief of Air Force in Washington, DC.

Few generals pushed soldiers as hard as LTG Early. His campaign, from late June through mid-July 1864, down the Shenandoah Valley, through Maryland and into the outskirts of Washington, D. C. has not received the attention it deserves. This is particularly true of the Battle of Monocacy on 9 July 1864. Dr. Cooling will certainly give our audience a full appreciation of the significance of LTG Early's audacious campaign during his presentation on 11 March. Join US!

A SAMPLE OF WHAT OUR MEMBERS ENJOYED IN 2003!

submitted by Saundra Cox

FIELD TRIPS

Prince William and Stafford Counties including Confederate battery sites and winter regimental camps at Quantico Marine Corps Base and White Oak Civil War Museum located 5 miles east of Falmouth

Regimental camp of the 18th GA Volunteer Infantry Regiment and nearby Civil War sites in **Prince William County**

Confederate sites vicinity Occoquan River and Bull Run from Fountainhead Regional Park to Hemlock Overlook Regional Park (two tours)

Montpelier, Orange County, VA for the 1864 Confederate winter encampment sites of McGowan's Brigade, MG Cadmus Wilcox's Division of LTG A. P. Hill's III Corps.

Gettysburg Battlefield – Day One (July 1, 1863) including McPherson's Ridge, Railroad Cut, Oak Hill/Ridge, 11th Corps Line, Barlow's Knoll, Coster Avenue, Seminary Ridge and St. Xavier's Church which was used as a hospital.

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Our MARCH meeting takes
place at
Centreville Public Library on
Thursday, March 11th. The
meeting begins at 7:15 PM

PLEASE JOIN US

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INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE

In case of inclement weather this winter (which, we all know, ISN'T going to happen this year!), here are the procedures we'll follow.

Monthly Meetings

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

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

Tours

- 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.
- 2. In the event that the Chief Tour Guide cannot be reached, contact John McAnaw at (703) 978-3371.

Either he or a recorded message will provide the requested information.

The Bull Run Civil War Round Table publishes the STONE WALL monthly. General Membership meetings are held at 7:15 PM on the second Thursday of the month at:

The Centreville Regional Library 14200 St. Germain Drive Centreville, VA 20121-2299 703.803.2223

For specific meeting dates and information, please visit the WEBSITE: http://bullruncwrt.org

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PRESERVATION CORNER

- submitted by John McAnaw

A SUCCESS STORY — VIRGINIA CIVIL WAR TRAILS (VCWT)

On Thursday, 26 February 2004, Round Table members Ron Beavers, Mark Trbovich, and myself attended the Region IV meeting of the Virginia Civil War Trails. The meeting was held at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum.

The impressive list of attendees included the following:

<u>Mitch Bowman</u> – Executive Director, VCWT <u>Susan Inskeep Gray</u>, Region IV Coordinator <u>Joan Rogers</u>, President, Fairfax Station Railroad Museum

As I see it, the three main objectives of the VCWT are to:

- 1) Identify interesting Civil war Sites
- 2) Promote tourism by publicizing these sites, and by doing the above
- 3) Preserve our Civil War heritage

Please note that the VCWT is a 501c(3) organization. It has no ties to the government of the Commonwealth.

Too often, we preservationists are in a reactive mode when trying to prevent, for example, rezoning of terrain deemed important to our Civil War heritage. On too few occasions, have we taken the initiation from unscrupulous developers, realtors, politicians, etc. The best way to preserve tangible evidence **Negotiations are** of our priceless proceeding Civil war heritage is the VCWT. to, like smoothly with the take the offensive **Tarheel State for** and, inter alia, show Civil War Trails in how much **North Carolina** Civil War money consisting of at means to tourism the local economy and least 200 sites quality of life. Only shortsighted politicians would destroy Civil War sites that enhance the appeal of a town or area, bring in tourist dollars and increase employment.

Civil War tourism is one of the most important sources of revenue for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Take a look at what VCWT has done for Virginia Tourism in 2003. In response to requests, 85,000 packets of VCWT were mailed out. In fact, eight of every ten tourism packets sent to requestors are VCWT **Civil War tourism** guides. is one of the most Other states have important sources also observed the of revenue for the success of the VCWT. Commonwealth of The State of Maryland Virginia. hired on the tireless and talented Mitch Bowman and his crew to prepare brochures and signage for the Antietam Campaign and the Gettysburg Campaign. Signage for 150 sites was installed for these two cited trails. These two projects are complete.

Please note that, on 14 April 2004, the John Wilkes booth Trail will be opened. It will begin at Surratt's Tavern. The Trail will be called: "Escape of an Assassin: War in the Southern Chesapeake."

Permit me to continue. There's more.

On 11 November 2004, the VCWT will open another trail at the Camden Station Museum near the Inner Harbor in Baltimore. This trail will have 21 signs including six where the 1861 riots occurred. It will be called: "Baltimore: A House Divided: War in the Northern Chesapeake."

And there is still more work being lined up for the VCWT. Negotiations are proceeding smoothly with the Tarheel State for Civil War Trails in North Carolina consisting of at least 200 sites and accompanying signage. Even pro-development Tennessee has expressed interest in having Mitch Bowman's VCWT establish trails highlighting what is left of Tennessee's once enviable Civil War heritage.

Summing up, VCWT has done and continues to do an outstanding job in preserving our Civil War heritage.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

- by John McAnaw

For those who were not present for our February meeting, you missed an immensely educational presentation by Art Candenquist on timekeeping in the United States during the Civil War. Again, on 8 January, we had an excellent turnout. As you have already read, we will have another distinguished historian, Dr. Benjamin Franklin Cooling, III as our guest speaker this month. You will be pleased to know that we have a superior slate of guest speakers for all of the calendar year.

The BRCWRT is known for the quality and number of its Civil War tours. This year will be no exception. *In addition to visits to Civil War sites in the Bull Run-Occoquan River area*, plans are underway for tours to the following locations during period April-June:

Arlington National Cemetery Stafford County McDowell/Cross Keys/Port Republic Battlefields Monocacy Battlefield/Frederick, MD

Each year, March is the most important month for getting members to pay their dues for the year. If you have not already done so, I ask for your support of our "Cheap and Proud" Round Table by paying your dues and also getting friends and acquaintances to join.

Our preservation efforts for 2004 have already begun. Members Charlie Balch, Ron Beavers, Bev Regeimbal and Ed Wenzel joined archaeologist Pat O'Neill on 22-23 February to help clean up what appears to be a military cemetery in Fairfax City. We worked with Pat O'Neill when he was the archaeologist for the Sons of Confederate Veterans at Bristoe Station. Unfortunately some of the recent preservation news in Fairfax and Prince William Counties has been unfavorable.

Weather permitting we will kick off our 2004 tour season on Saturday, 20 March. We will recon a section of terrain along Bull Run and the Occoquan and visit a prominent Civil War earthwork. More on this outing at the 11 March meeting.

A Sample of What our Members Enjoyed in 2003

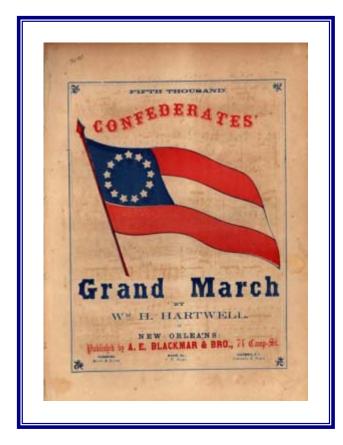
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Orange & Alexandria Railroad including Springfield Station, Accotink, Burke Station, Fairfax Station, Sangster's Station, Devereux's (Clinton) Station and Union Mills.

Fredericksburg Battlefield including Chatham Manor, Upper Pontoon Site/Street fighting, Meade's attack line of departure, Pelham's corner, Prospect Hill, Federal breakthrough, Bernard's Cabins, Sunken Road, Stephens House, Innis House, Stratton House, Hanover and Kenmore intersection (the mill race), Rowe House, Old Stone Wall, Willis House, Cemetery on Marye's Heights

Tour of Bristoe Station Battlefield and support of the Sons of Confederate Veterans' (SCV) search for Confederate graves on that site during summer and fall 2003. Involved in cleaning and cataloging relics from the battlefield.

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THE FIGHT TO RETRIEVE THE BATTLE FLAG OF THE 28TH VIRGINIA INFANTRY REGIMENT FROM THE MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- submitted by John P. McAnaw

During Pickett's charge at Gettysburg on 3 July 1863, the 28th Virginia was part of BG Garnett's Brigade. This brigade was positioned to the left of BG Kemper's Brigade – the right flank of MG Pickett's Division. The soldiers of the 28th Virginia were just a short distance from the low wall at the Angle when the mounted BG Richard Garnett yelled, "Faster men, faster, we're almost there!"

Shortly thereafter, BG Garnett and the 28th's Color Sergeant, John Eakin, were cut down. Quickly four more color bearers were felled by Union fire. Then Col. Robert Allen picked the flag up but was immediately mortally wounded. Then Lt. John A. Lee took the flag from Col. Allen and waved it defiantly in the face of deadly fire. He too was hit but continued to wave the flag until he was captured by a "burly German". The battle flag of the 28th VA was one of the many captured or simply picked up on the battlefield by Union soldiers at Gettysburg. The exact number is unknown.

Author Richard Rollings, in his informative book, "The Damned Red Flags of the Rebellion", has a picture of this battle flag in the photograph section following page 148. Inscribed on the flag is "28th Va. Inf'y". The Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul, MN presently has the flag.

In 1887, President Grover Cleveland, as a goodwill gesture, approved the return of captured Confederate battle flags to the Southern States of origin As information, the 28th VA was accepted into service on 1 July 1861. The regiment was made up of men from the counties of Botetourt, Craig, Bedford, Campbell and Roanoke.

For six years various

Virginia organizations, backed by prominent politicians, have been trying to get the battle flag of the 28th VA returned to the Old Dominion. In an article on Page B1 and B2 of the 25 February 20004

edition of *The Washington Times*, reporter Christina Bellantoni quotes the chief of staff of the current Minnesota Governor as stating, "the decision to keep the flag in Minnesota was not made by state government officials, but by the Minnesota Historical Society." Former Governor Jesse Ventura must have gagged when he read that! Do you remember when Ventura, as Governor, told a national television audience that he would <u>not</u> return the 28th VA flag to Virginia?

Now let us turn our focus on Virginia's politicians, Reporter Bellantoni noted that Attorney General Jerry W. Kilgore, a Republican, wants the flag returned. There is no mention of what Gov. Mark Warner and Lt. Gov. Tim Kaine want. Further the reporter quotes Ms. Carrie Cantrell, a spokesperson for the Attorney General, as saying, "We'd just like it returned so it can be in a museum in Virginia."

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gressional resolution and an Executive Order directed the War Department to return all Civil War battle flags to the states of origin. Minnesota Congressmen voted in favor of cited resolution.

Are we not a nation of laws? The battle flag of the 28th VA should be returned to the Old Dominion, not to just "a museum" but to the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. There it will join 12 other regimental battle flags from Virginia that were captured at Gettysburg.

*** BOOKS SALES REVVING UP AGAIN ***

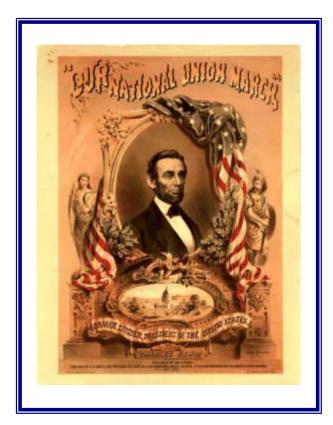
Please remember to bring your used Civil War books to our meetings to aid in our ongoing book sales. Besides helping to raise money for the BRCWRT, these books also help raise our members' understanding of the War.

THANK YOU!

FLASH BACK - March, 1864 — submitted by John McAnaw

- **1 Mar**. Union cavalry raid on Richmond fizzed. BG Kilpatrick with a force of over 2,800 decided not to attack the outer fortifications of that city. Instead, headed for the Chickahominy and the Peninsula. Col. Ulric Dahlgren and over 450 cavalrymen got to within two miles of Richmond before withdrawing. He was closely pursued by Confederate Calvary under BG Custis Lee.
- **2 Mar**. BG Kilpatrick's cavalrymen linked up with MG Benjamin Butler's forces near New Kent Court House. Col. Dahlgren's detachment was ambushed at Mantapike Hill by elements of MG Fitzhugh Lee's division. Dahlgren was killed and over 200 of his men were captured. Documents found on his body indicated that his force intended to kill President Davis and his cabinet. Controversy over his alleged orders still continues.
- **4 Mar**. Andrew Johnson was confirmed by the US Senate as the Federal Military Governor of Tennessee. By this date the great majority of MG W. T. Sherman's forces had returned to Vicksburg after the Meridian, MS Campaign.
- **7 Mar**. President Lincoln wrote a congressman informing him that he had no objection to immediate emancipation in Maryland. The President issued the Executive Order designating the starting point of the Union Pacific RR on the western boundary of Iowa.
- **8 Mar**. In a brief White House ceremony, President Lincoln gave MG Ulysses S. Grant his commission as Lieutenant General (LTG).
- **10 Mar**. LTG Grant was given the official authority to take command of the Armies of the United States. Also, on that date LTC Grant visited the Army of the Potomac in Culpeper County, VA.
- **12 Mar**. The top command of the U. S. Army was announced. MG Henry Halleck was relieved as General-in-Chief and named Chief of Staff. LTG Grant was assigned to command all Union armies. MG W. T. Sherman was assigned to the Military Division of the Mississippi commanding the Departments of the Ohio, the Cumberland, the Tennessee and the Ar-

- kansas. MG J. B. McPherson replaced Sherman as the commanding general of the Army of Tennessee. MG N. P. Bank's army, supported by gunboats started up the Red River into Louisiana. The Red River Campaign had begun!
- **14 Mar**. MG N. P. Banks forces capture Fort DeRussy near Simsport, LA. Another Union force encountered little difficulty while moving toward Alexandria, LA.
- **15 Mar**. Gov. Michael Hahn was invested with powers previously held by the military governor of LA. This move was part of President Lincoln's plan to reconstruct occupied areas of the South. Federal gunboats on the Red River arrived at Alexandria, LA.
- **16 Mar**. Union troops occupied Alexandria, LA. MG N. B. Forrest commenced a raid into western TN and KY which would last until 14 April, 1864.
- **18 Mar.** Arkansas voters ratified a new constitution, which ended slavery in that state. MG W. T. Sherman assumed command as the Military Division of the Mississippi.
- **21 Mar**. President Lincoln approved an act by the US Congress enabling the sparsely populated territories of Colorado and Nevada to become states.
- 23 Mar. Union forces commanded by MG Frederick Steele began moving south from Little Rock, AR to join with MG Bank's troops coming up the Red River. If successful, these two columns would cause devastating damage to the Trans Mississippi Confederacy. MG G. K. Warren replaced MG George Sykes as Commanding General of V US Army Corps.
- **25 Mar.** MG N. B. Forrest's cavalrymen attacked Paducah, KY, on the Ohio River in West Tennessee. They captured and held part of the city before pulling out the next day.
- **26 Mar**. LTC Grant established his permanent HQ with the Army of the Potomac at Culpeper Court House. MGT McPherson assumed command of the Union Army of Tennessee under MG. Sherman.
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VIEW FROM WAY BACK submitted by Keith Young

A Sailor's Prayer

On board a gunboat in the Mississippi squadron, just as the vessel was going into action, a gilded officer found a sailor on his knees, and sneeringly inquired if he was afraid.

"No," he responded, "I was praying."

"Praying for what?"

"Praying," said the sailor, with the utmost composure, "that the enemy's bullets may be distributed the same way the prize money is, principally among the officers."

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

A Sample of What our Members Enjoyed in 2003

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SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

Dan Paterson, **1999 BRCWRT President** and great grandson of Gen. James Longstreet –"A Longstreet Pictorial History"

Paula Elzey, Historian, "Stone Ground: The History of Union Mills"

Frank A. O'Reilly, NPS Historian and Author, "The Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock"

Ron Beavers, American Railroads authority, Re-enactor, "The Importance of Railroads in the Eastern Theater During the Civil War"

Ed Bearss, Premier Historian, Lecturer and Battle-field Tour Guide – "Gettysburg: Day One"

Keith Young, 2003 BRCWRT President, "The War Afloat: Civil War Navies"

Dr. Charles Poland, American History Professor, "Reconstruction: Nature and Controversy, Including Loudon and Fairfax Counties"

Noah Andre Trudeau, Author, "They Have Proven Themselves to Be Men: The Black Divisions in the Army of the Potomac"

Bill Miller, BRCWRT Founder, "The Battle of Tom's Brook"

Greg Mertz, Supervisory Historian, Visitor Services Operations, Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park — "Artillery During the Fredericksburg Campaign"

Todd Berkhoff, "The Battle of Bristoe Station"

Bradley E. Gernand, Author, "Falls Church During the Civil War"

— Saundra

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28 Mar. About a hundred copperheads (Southern sympathizers) attacked Union soldiers on furlough at Charleston, IL. Five men were killed and more than 20 wounded.

31 Mar. The Red River Campaign was marked by skirmishing at Natchitoches, LA.

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John

Centennial Commemoration of the Death of Lt. General James Longstreet

submitted by Dan Paterson

On May 2nd, 2004, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1860 of Dahlonega, GA will host a re-creation of the funeral, processional and graveside services of Lt. General James Longstreet to mark the 100th Anniversary of his death.

The program will begin at 1:30PM at the Hall County Courthouse Mall near the Gainesville town square, with a re-creation of the funeral followed by the procession down Jesse Jewel Parkway to Alta Vista Cemetery by horse drawn hearse, honor guard, band, and others, — just as it took place on January 6th, 1904.

For complete information, please visit our web-site, *LongstreetFuneral.org*.

— Dan

LINDA WHEELER RETIRES

Reporter Linda Wheeler has retired after 35 years with the *Washington Post*. Many are familiar with her 'House Divided' column, which thankfully, will continue on a freelance basis on the second Thursday of each month, as *Post* space is available.

Wheeler said she left "after 35 years of enjoying work every day. What a great job to be paid to talk to interesting folks."

In January she attended the Civil War Education Association Conference in Sarasota and was also able to include a stop at the Anderson National Historic Site and its National Prisoner of War Museum in Georgia.

Should you wish to contact her, the new e-mail address is cwwheel@shentel.net.

She hopes with her new freedom to be able to attend some of our Round Table meetings. We hope so!

HEADS UP! BRCWRT TOUR

SATURDAY, 20 MARCH 2004

Recon Tour of Historic Terrain along Bull Run and the Occoquan (Fairfax County side)

plus

Site inspection of prominent Civil War earthwork

Assembly Point: In front of McDonald's in University Mall, southeast quadrant of intersection of Ox Road (Route 123) and Braddock Road (Route 620)

Assembly Time: 8:30 AM

Tour Duration: 8:40 AM – 1:30 PM **Degree of Exertion**: Light to Moderate. Those with heart conditions should not participate!

Chief Tour Guide:

John McAnaw 703.978.3371

IN MEMORIAM

Pat Gallagher February 3, 2004

Pat was a member of our round table and was a recent subject of one of John McAnaw's articles in our newsletter. Very active at Blenheim, the historic Civil War house in Fairfax City, Pat did "loads of research" for that site. She had also worked as a volunteer with the Fairfax County archeologist's office for over 10 years. Among Pat's last activities was a visit to the lab at Frying Pan Park, where the BRCWRT recently completed forensic work with Pat O'Neill.

Condolences may be sent to Pat's husband, Kevin Gallagher, at 2308 Ballycairne Ct, Reston, VA. 20191

ADDITIONAL TYPISTS NEEDED FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

If you have a little spare time around the end of each month to type articles for the *Stone Wall*, our typing staff would appreciate your help! There might only be one or two articles and perhaps not every month.

You will need a fax machine to receive the articles, a computer with Microsoft Word, and e-mail to send the final to our Editor.

Whether your use all 'ten' or 'hunt and peck', we sure could use the help!

Please contact Saundra Cox by e-mail at scox@capitalav.com or by cell phone 703 675.0702.

Thank you!

Submission Deadline

For April, 2004 issue:

MARCH 27th

Please submit articles to

MRQuinn@Patriot.net

UPCOMING MEETINGS

8 APRIL 2004 7:15 PM

GUEST SPEAKER: JAMES P. GANNON, Historian and Former Editor with the Wall Street Journal and the Des Moines Register

SUBJECT: THE IRISH IN THE CONFEDERACY

13 MAY 2004 7:15 PM

GUEST SPEAKER: ED BEARSS

Chief Historian Emeritus, National Park Service

SUBJECT: THE 1864 OVERLAND CAMPAIGN – FROM THE WILDERNESS TO SPOTSYLVANIA COURT HOUSE

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING ED BEARSS'
BIRTHDAY AND THE FOUNDING OF THE BULL
RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

*** DUES NOTICE ***

IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR 2004 DUES

MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PAY THEIR DUES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, EITHER AT THE MEETING OR BY SENDING A CHECK TO ONE OF THE ADDRESSES LISTED ON PAGE 2 OF THIS NEWSLETTER. HELP OUT THE CHEAP AND THE PROUD" PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES SOON!

BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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2003 Bull Run Civil War Round Table NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

We are delighted that you are interested in joining our organization and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and at our upcoming events! Annual dues are: Individual—\$15.00; Family—\$25.00; and Student (age 22 & under) - \$10.00. Make checks <u>payable to</u>: BRCWRT (Bull Run Civil War Round Table). This form may be given to the President or Treasurer at the General Membership meeting — or you can mail it to:

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