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CHIEF HISTORIAN EMERITUS —
National Park Service**

**THE 1864 OVERLAND CAMPAIGN:
FROM THE WILDERNESS TO
SPOTSYLVANIA COURT HOUSE**

Our annual May meeting represents the zenith of our Round Table year. This is for two reasons. First, our May meeting means that America's foremost historian, lecturer, and battlefield tour guide will be our guest speaker. That distinguished American is Edwin C. Bearss. The second reason is that our May meeting gives us the opportunity to celebrate Ed Bearss' birthday (slightly ahead of schedule) and also the founding of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table on 9 May 1991.

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

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"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 is currently in Iraq, training security forces. Jenny is presently a computer programmer who handles the payroll for Mississippi State employees. Daughter Sara calls Richmond home and is the editor of the Virginia Dictionary of Biography. Ed and Margie Bearss have three grandsons.

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To give you an idea of how popular Ed Bearss is with BRCWRT Civil War buffs, one member travels all the way from Florida just to hear him speak to our Round Table. Come early on 13 May and enjoy some refreshments and be prepared for a presentation on the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House that will dazzle you. See you on 13 May 2004.

**Our MAY & JUNE meetings take place
at Centreville Public Library on:**

**Thursday, May 13th, 7:15 PM
Thursday, June 10th, 7:00 PM
(note change of June meeting time)**

PLEASE JOIN US

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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
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HEADS UP! BRCWRT TOUR**SATURDAY 8 MAY 2004**

**Recon Tour of Historic Terrain
 Along Bull Run
 and the Occoquan River (Part II)
 Fairfax County Side**

ASSEMBLY POINT:

In front of McDonalds in University Mall, south-east quadrant of intersection of Ox Road (Route 123 and Braddock Road - Route 620). Mall is located about 0.3 miles south of Fairfax City.

ASSEMBLY TIME: 8:20 A.M.

TOUR DURATION: 8:30 A.M. – 1:45 P.M.

DEGREE OF EXERTION:

Moderate! Those with heart and respiratory conditions should not participate.

CHIEF TOUR GUIDE:

John McAnaw – 703.978.3371

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

— *by John P. McAnaw*

An estimated 85 members and guests attended our 8 April meeting to listen to a superb presentation by veteran newspaperman/historian James P. Gannon on "The Irish in the Confederacy". He surprised the audience by beginning his talk with an 'a cappella' rendition of a Civil War song "Paddy's Lamentation". It was a fitting introduction to the subject of his talk. Copies of his book "Irish Rebels – Confederate Tigers" published in 1998, "sold like hot cakes".

Since this is a double issue of our newsletter, permit me to remind the reader of our upcoming speakers for May and June:

13 May – Ed Bearss, *Chief Historian Emeritus, NPS*, "The 1864 Overland Campaign – From the Wilderness to Spotsylvania Court House."

We will celebrate Ed Bearss' birthday and 13th anniversary of the founding of our Round Table. Come early for refreshments!

10 June – Mike Duggan, "Back to Basics: Understanding Civil War Military Organizations and Operations"

Please note that we will conduct the following tours during the May-July timeframe:

- **Sat. 8 May** – Tour of Civil War Sites along Bull Run and the Occoquan River, Part II
- **Sat.-Sun. 22-23 May** – Overnight Tour of McDowell, Cross Keys and Port Republic Battlefields (MG T. J. Jackson's 1862 Valley Campaign)
- **Sat. 12 June** – Tour of Monocacy, MD Battlefield; Whites Ford; and Civil War Sites in Frederick, MD.
- **Sat. 10 July** – Tour of Civil War Sites in Stafford County.

We are still short of our membership goal for 2004. I ask for your assistance in getting interested individuals to join our "Cheap and Proud" organization. You know what we do so pass the word! Regardless, participate in our activities. As the old saw goes, "Numbers do count!"

MICHAEL E. DUGGAN: BACK TO BASICS – UNDERSTANDING CIVIL WAR MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS AND OPERATIONS

Our guest speaker for our 10 June 2004 meeting is one of our own members – historian, Michael E. Duggan. Mike received a BS degree from the University of Rhode Island and a MA from The Catholic University. He served three years in the U.S. Army and, since 1980, has been an analyst with the Department of Defense.

Mike is a former member of the BRCWRT Executive Committee and has been active in organizational events for years, e.g., leading tours of Arlington National Cemetery. His last tour occurred on 17 April 2004. He has previously spoken to the general membership on the Civil War Medal of Honor and the History of Arlington National Cemetery, a topic of obvious special interest to him. Also, several years ago, Mike conducted a series of short briefings called "Civil War 101" prior to the scheduled monthly meetings. They were very well received.

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For many years Mike Duggan has carefully studied Union and Confederate military organizations and how field operations, from Army level down to platoon level, were conducted. His presentation on 10 June will give all of us an opportunity to gain (or regain) a thorough understanding regarding how that war was fought.

The information discussed by Mike Duggan will be of great value to all serious students of the American Civil War. Join us on **10 June at 7:00 PM!**

— John P. McAnaw



PRESERVATION CORNER

— submitted by *John P. McAnaw*

CENTREVILLE HISTORIC OVERLAY DISTRICT THREATENED BY MORE LAND-MAULING.

Twenty-five months ago the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, by a vote of 7-2, approved a rezoning request to allow a 47-home development on 7.81 acres of land within and adjacent to the Centreville Historic Overlay District (CHOD). More than one acre of this tract was in the CHOD. Ten oversized homes, two new streets and a "play area" will be built on this CHOD land.

The current Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Gerald Connolly, and Braddock District Supervisor, Sharon Bulova, voted against this rezoning action that permitted the construction of the "Village at Mount Gilead" by Stanley Martin Home Building, LLC. Speakers at the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors meetings were overwhelmingly against this development. These speakers included nationally known historians such as Ed Bearss and Brian Pohanka. This congested development is immediately adjacent to the historic

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Mount Gilead property and St. John's Episcopal Church/Cemetery. The Sully District supervisor, Michael Frey, supported this Stanley Martin project.

I have received information from various sources that indicate more land-mauling within and contiguous to the CHOD is in the offing. According to the April 2004 issue of The Mill Race, the publication of the Historic Centreville Society (HCS),

Bank of America intends to build three restaurants on the edge of CHOD near U.S. Highway 29. Access to these planned restaurants would be over a vacant lot that contains the foundations of historic Eagle Tavern. HCS President Spencer Marker also noted that the historic Royal Oaks property, adjacent to St. John's Church, has been purchased by a developer. This developer is considering the construction of an Eckerd drug store on the site. Of note, there is a 19th century cemetery on this prop-

erty along with a magnificent oak tree near the original foundations of Royal Oaks.

Several individuals have informed me that Stanley Martin Homebuilding, LLC, has either acquired more land immediately to the northeast of St. John's Church (toward Pickwick Road) or is trying to acquire property in that area. And that is not all. A Centreville Realtor has assembled a three-acre parcel within the CHOD along the southeast side of Mount Gilead Road, downslope (southwest) from St. John's Church. This individual proposes to construct (duplicates) of area historic buildings, cluster them together and use them for retail shops and office space. Also under consideration is the reconstruction of the Royal Oaks structure and including it in the cluster of historic (dupes). Why not reconstruct Royal Oaks on its original foundation?

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Planning for one of the most historically important areas in Fairfax County -- the land within and adjacent to the Centreville Historic Overlay District -- has been an unmitigated disaster. Too many individuals are more concerned about turning a profit or catering to special interests than providing responsible stewardship to land of immense historical value. The best way to preserve the remaining undeveloped land within and adjacent to the CHOD is to create a county heritage park, a passive recreation area that highlights our Civil War history and honors American military personnel from all our wars. This heritage park should include sites for the erection of appropriate memorials to America's fighting men and women.

Round Table member Ed Wenzel has this to say about the situation in Centreville: "Fairfax County needs a reality check and needs to get hold of this development issue in and around the historic district. As the Board of Supervisors proved two years ago, the language of the Historic District Ordinance means nothing to them. Call your supervisors now and demand that county planners commence immediately on a coherent 'vision' for protecting and restoring old Centreville before the drip, drip, drip of piecemeal development destroys what's left." Follow Ed's advice, get involved and contact your county supervisor now.

AFTER ACTION REPORT: TOUR OF ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY CONDUCTED SATURDAY, 17 APRIL 2004

— *submitted by John P. McAnaw*

Chief Tour Guide Mike Duggan could not have asked for a better day for his tour of Arlington National Cemetery – cool, clear with innumerable trees in bloom. Even Washington, DC, as viewed by the high ground around Arlington House, looked good.

The tour of this magnificent military cemetery run by the US Army lasted from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. During this period Mike Duggan led us past the final resting places of numerous well-known Americans including two Presidents – John F. Kennedy and William H. Taft. Additionally, we observed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns by members of the 3rd US Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard). Throughout the tour Mike Duggan displayed an encyclopedic knowledge of the history of the Cemetery and those buried there. He did a truly commendable job as Chief Tour Guide.

Some of the points of particular interest to tour participants included:

1. Tomb of the Unknowns
2. Arlington House
3. Tomb of the Unknown Civil War Dead
4. Confederate Memorial
5. Grave sites of the following Civil War leaders:
 - MG George Crook
 - VADM David G. Farragut
 - MG Philip Kearny
 - MG Montgomery C. Meigs
 - ADM David D. Porter
 - GEN Philip Sheridan
6. *Other gravesites of note were:*
 - GEN George C. Marshall
 - Mary Randolph
 - George Washington Parke Custis and wife Mary Lee Fitzhugh Custis, parents of Mary Anne Randolph Custis Lee (wife of GEN Robert E. Lee)
 - Robert Todd Lincoln
 - Audie Murphy (Sec. 46)

Section 7A which includes such prominent Americans as Gregory “Pappy” Boyington, Jimmy Doolittle, Joe Foss, Joe Louis (Barrow), Burt Kennedy, Lee Marvin and John Metzler.

The following 22 individuals participated in the BRCWRT Tour of Arlington National Cemetery:

Kevin Anastas	Dan Lundeen
Nancy Anwyll	Jim Lyons
Charlie Balch	John McAnaw
Kay Cooper	Randy Moller
Norm Cooper	Rose Nelson
Sandra Cox	Bev Regeimbal
Mike Duggan	Walton Smith
Janet Greentree	Linne Toehl
Mark Labeda	Paul Thorbjornsen
Cindi Loveall	Ed Wenzel
Lyle Loveall	Keith Young

The combination of Mike Duggan and ideal weather made our tour of Arlington National Cemetery a memorable experience.

US ARMY MILITARY HISTORY INSTITUTE CLOSED

Effective 3 May 2004 the U.S. Army Military History Institute (USAMHI) at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., closed its doors to the public. The reason is that the USAMHI commenced moving its holdings on that date to a new facility on the Post. According to a staff member in the Photographic Section, the USAMHI will not reopen its doors to the public until the first week of August 2004.

PRESERVATION REPORT: OX HILL and UNION MILLS TASK FORCE

— *submitted by Ed Wenzel*

At the April 15th meeting of the Ox Hill and Union Mills task force, the Fairfax County Park Authority's planning staff presented a revised plan for the Ox Hill Battlefield Park and a draft document for the Ox Hill General Management Plan.

The revised plan would restore the park's landscape to closer resemble two farm fields, with a reconstructed zigzag fence separating the pasture, or "grassy field", from the cornfield. Also, a second rail fence might be reconstructed along the woods line where Gen. Stevens fell and would intersect the cornfield fence at the east most corner. The fence would break for the Kearny and Stevens monuments to allow visitors to walk around the monuments and view the inscriptions. And immediately adjacent to this fence, at the quartz marker stone, an interpretive sign is now planned that would recognize John Ballard's friendship with Union veterans, his role in placing the first marker stones, and his deed of the lot in 1915 for the original Kearny/Stevens monuments.

The new plan also proposes two sites for additional monuments within the park. The first site, for a possible Union monument honoring the soldiers of the IX and III Corps, would be located on the ground of Gen. Stevens' attack, about 200 feet south of the K/S monuments. The second site, for a possible Confederate monument honoring the troops of Jackson's Wing, ANV, would be about 180 feet west of the K/S monuments, across the rail fence, in the cornfield area.

The park plan also would include a small parking area in the southeast corner, with access to West Ox Road, and able to accommodate 6-8 cars and one tour bus. And nearby would be a "kiosk" or visitor's shelter for display of interpretive panels and historical information. Other interpretive signs would be placed in the park where appropriate.

The citizen members of the task force praised the park staff for their quick response to our concerns of last month and for their openness to interpretive possibilities. We also recommended that the buffer area on the north side of Monument Drive opposite the park continue to be reserved by the Park Authority

for interpretive or visual elements connected with the battle. By design, these elements would catch the attention of passing motorists, shopping center patrons and users of the adjacent trail and entice them to visit the park across the street. But these elements would be an adjunct to the park, and not intended as a critical part of the visitor experience.

The final part of the meeting concerned the Union Mills sites and a plan was displayed showing the 65 acre "Resource Protection Area" (RPA), the 25 acre "A Fort" and the 18 acre "Battery Fort". The three areas are separated by a road, part of a golf course and a large home, but together they constitute the "Union Mills" park.

The task force discussed moving the entrance zone for the RPA away from the McLean's Ford Road trace and the staff talked about aligning the easements for a trail connection between the two fortifications. (A connecting trail is necessary because the Board of Supervisors did not see fit to acquire the land between the fortifications, resulting in the golf course and the home intruding between the two forts.) Also discussed was traffic "calming" on Balmoral Greens Avenue, an evaluation of the remaining viewsheds, including line of sight views from the cannon embrasures, and continued security at the sites.

Finally, the official name of this park was discussed again at length and divergent opinions expressed once more. Six potential names were put forward and each was at odds with some logical, historical or geographical factor. With some reluctance, the park staff agreed once more to postpone the name decision to permit further investigation. John McAnaw, Joe Balicki and Charles Smith agreed to consult with Jim Burgess to come up, once and for all, with a final recommendation.

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FLASH BACK -- MAY-JUNE, 1864

— submitted by Drew Lavan

May 3, 1864, Grant's army is ordered out of winter quarters. The end of the Confederacy begins.

"By day's end on **May 5** [1864 during the Battle of the Wilderness], the swale running through the center of [Saunders'] field was a warren of debris and wounded and dead men. A few unhurt souls, Union and Confederate, took refuge there, too. Soon a pair of enemies started bickering, and the bickering intensified into a challenge. One beckoned the other to fight, and the two rose up between the lines to do battle. The firing stopped. The two slugged it out on the [Orange] turnpike to the cheers of anxious spectators on both sides who had rushed forward for a better view. Rebel whipped Yankee, and the two rolled once again into the swale, the Yankee the prisoner. This all happened...just a few feet from the modern exhibit shelter." Civil War Times Illustrated, "A Heart-Chilling Walk in Hell's Woods," John Hennessy, May, 1999, Vol. XXXVIII, Number 2, p. 61.

May 7th: Sherman launches his March to the Sea when his 100,000 men attack Johnston near Dalton, GA.

During Union General Phillip Sheridan's ride around Lee's army in 1864, Jeb Stuart was mortally wounded at Yellow Tavern (a bare 6 miles from Richmond) on **May 11, 1864**.

May 12th marked a "Lee to the rear!" episode when Hancock's troops broke through at Spotsylvania Court House.

"On **May 13, 1864**, the body of Pvt. William Christman of the Sixty-seventh Pennsylvania was interred at Arlington [House, the home of Robert E. Lee. Pvt. Christman was the first of what would be thousands at the 'Bivouac of the Dead.']. One month later Secretary of War Stanton signed an order setting aside two hundred acres around the main house for use as a cemetery for Federals killed in action. Somehow, [Brigadier General Montgomery C.] Meigs [Quartermaster General of the U.S. Army] managed to bypass regulations and select for himself and his immediate family two choice sites almost in the shadow of the mansion." These actions were a few of the bizarre circumstances surrounding this prop-

erty both during the War and for many years afterward. The Amazing Civil War, Webb Garrison, 1998, pp. 139-142.

"Ten cadets were killed and forty-seven wounded in the victorious action [at New Market on **May 15, 1864**]. Every year, on the anniversary of New Market, the roll of fallen cadets is still called at a VMI review. Each time a name is called, a cadet answers, 'Killed on the field of honor.'" 1001 Things Everyone Should Know about the Civil War, Frank E. Vandiver, New York, 1999, p. 195.

"On **May 26, 1864** Union admiral David Farragut orders all of his ships in Mobile Bay, Alabama, filled with torpedoes as a deterrent to Confederate ramming techniques. Farragut told his aides he would see if the enemy 'can stand blowing up any better than we can.'" The Civil War 2002 Calendar by Carla Anderson, Andrews McMeel Publishing, Kansas City, MO

U.S. General David Hunter has reached Harrisonburg, VA, on **June 2nd**. He has been moving up the Shenandoah Valley and burning Lee's commissary.

In the **June 3rd** assault at Cold Harbor, over 7,000 Union troops died in one horrendous hour. "Grant himself was shaken at this wholesale sacrifice - now totaling more than 55,000 casualties since the Wilderness only a month before. He would admit, 'Cold Harbor is, I think, the only battle I ever fought that I would not fight over again under any circumstances,' and postscripted, 'I have always regretted that the last assault at Cold Harbor was ever made.'" The Day Richmond Died, A.A. Hoehling and Mary Hoehling, 1981, p. 49.

The Republican Convention nominates Lincoln to succeed himself as President on **June 8, 1864**.

"[CSA] General Wise, in his narrative [of the **June 9, 1864** attack by Kautz's infantry under Gillmore against Petersburg], gives [this] description:

'They pressed hard upon the left for three or four hours, and then suddenly attacked the militia on my extreme right with a detachment numbering 1000, which were handsomely received by Archer; but

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Flash Back

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they broke through his line, one-half of them taking the road into Petersburg, and the other the road leading to Blandford. Graham's battery, accidentally at the City Water Works, met the first, and a curious force drove back the latter. I had detailed all who could possibly do momentary duty out of the hospitals, calling the "Patients;" and from the jail and guard-houses all the prisoners, calling them the "Penitents;" and the two companies of "Patients" and "Penitents" moved out on the Blandford road, while I advanced with three companies of the 46th from our left; and the enemy on that road, seeing the head of the column of "P.P.'s" advancing in their front, and my three companies bearing on their right flank they wheeled to the right-about at once and retired; and Graham's battery repulsed the other party advancing on the city." The Military Operations of General Beauregard in the War Between the States, 1861-1865, Vol. II, Alfred Roman, New York, 1994 (orig. pub. 1884), pp. 224-5.

CS General Bedford Forrest, with 3500, routes US General Sturgis' 8000 man raiding party on **June 10th** at Brice's Crossroads near Corinth.

Starting **June 11th**, "Black Dave" Hunter spends three days sacking VMI and Lexington, VA, allowing Early to join Breckinridge in the defense of Lynchburg. Hunter's 1864 Valley Campaign will end at Lynchburg, while Early's begins.

Grant hoodwinks Lee on **June 12th**. Lee watches Warren's troops at Cold Harbor while Grant slips around him, crosses the James, and comes up to a sparsely defended Petersburg.

"We camped that night [**June 13, 1864**] near Malvern Hill. Three days later we left for Petersburg, crossing the James near Drewry's Bluff on a pontoon bridge on which dirt and boughs of trees had been thrown to deaden the sound of the crossing of the artillery...While in bivouac on the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad below Drewry's Bluff the boys of the regiment hit upon a novel plan for replenishing their stock of headgear, which indeed sadly needed renewing since many were without any hats at all. Several passenger trains each day passed along the railroad. The boys would gather large branches from the trees and take their stand close by the track.

Then as a train went by the soldiers in camp would break out into loud cheering, the passengers would put their heads out of the windows to see what it was all about, and the boys with the boughs would do the rest." Manassas to Appomattox: The Civil War Memoirs of Pvt. Edgar Warfield 17th Virginia Infantry, 1996 (originally published in 1936), pp. 150-156.

On **June 19th**, Confederate raider Alabama is sunk by the USS Kearsarge off the coast of France.

On **June 30, 1864**, President Lincoln accepted Treasury Secretary Samuel Chase's resignation. Chase had been proposed for president by radical Republicans.

Submission Deadlines

The next issue of Stone Wall will be a
DOUBLE ISSUE:
July-August

Deadline for hand-written articles
to typists is **June 21st**

Deadline to email articles:
JUNE 25th

Submit articles via email to Maureen:

MRQUINN@PATRIOT.NET

MARYLAND! MY MARYLAND! BRCWRT MARYLAND TOUR

Whites Ferry/Whites Ford/Monocacy National Battlefield and Historic Frederick

DATE: Saturday, 12 June 2004

ASSEMBLY

7:30 a.m. Parking lot of Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Dr.

— OR —

8:20 a.m. Parking and picnic area (by Civil War Trails signs) on Maryland side of Potomac River at White's Ferry

TOUR ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

Take Route 28 north to Route 7 (Leesburg Pike). Travel west on route 7 to U.S. 15 (Leesburg Bypass). Turn right (north) on U.S. 15 to Route 655 (Whites Ferry Rd.) located about 1.5 miles north of Leesburg. Turn right (east) on Route 655 (Whites Ferry Rd.) and travel to Whites Ferry (toll) site. Take ferry across Potomac River (with your car). Short distance from river on the left (north) is parking and picnic area. Assemble there by Civil War Trails sign. Strip maps for remainder of tour will be issued at that location.

TOUR DURATION 7:40 a.m. – 2:45 PM

DEGREE OF EXERTION

From light to moderate range. Individuals with heart problems should not participate.

Note: *The good news is that we will be able to drive (not walk) the considerable distance from Bakers Valley Road to the Worthington House on the Monocacy National Battlefield.*

RECOMMENDED ITEMS

Headgear, water, trail food, sun block, good hiking shoes and insect repellent. Brown bag lunch optional. We will stop at fast food restaurants for lunch.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS/SPECIAL INFORMATION

1. From Whites Ford we will follow the actual route of Lee's Army in Sept. 1862 from Whites Ferry to the site two years later known as the Monocacy Battlefield.
2. We will thoroughly cover all aspects of the Battle of Monocacy (9 July 1864). Park Ranger Gloria Swift will be our battlefield guide as long as we need her services.
3. Ranger Gloria Swift has also agreed to brief us on Special Order 191, Lee's plan for the 1862 invasion of Maryland. A copy of the order was found near the Monocacy Battlefield by Federal troops from the 27th Indiana.
4. After lunch we will visit Civil War sites in the historic section of Frederick beginning with Mount Olivet Cemetery.
5. In accordance with the long tradition of the BRCWRT, the tour will end in Frederick precisely on time (2:45 p.m.) wherever we are. Participants will return to home base at their leisure.

TOUR GUIDES

Mark Knowles and John McAnaw

BATTLEFIELD GUIDE Ranger Gloria Swift

INFORMATION John McAnaw, 703-978-3371

***** BRCWT BOOKS SALES *****

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 !

VIEW FROM WAY BACK

– *submitted by Maureen R Quinn*

THE WEDDING & WHY COL ROBERT GOULD SHAW DIDN'T WANT TO WEAR HIS UNIFORM

Here is a portion of the correspondence between Col Robert Gould Shaw (54th MA) and his mother as plans were underway for his wedding to Miss Annie Haggerty.

Readville, April 14, 1863

Dearest Mother:

Annie received your note this morning, and showed it to me. I am very glad, of course, that you feel perfectly satisfied about our marriage. She and I agree that it is much better to have it as quiet as possible. If it were to be a show-wedding, I should wear my uniform as you wish; but, under the circumstances, it would be very inconvenient, as I should have to change it before we went away. You don't appreciate how unpleasant it is to wear a uniform in public. If I were not on duty here I shouldn't wear one in Boston, even.

We have decided to have the wedding on Saturday, 2d May.

Ever your loving son,
Robert G. Shaw

Readville, April 27, 1863

Dearest Mother:

I received your note about the uniform to-day. If you feel so strongly about it, I will wear it, though it is entirely out of place.

I shall go on Thursday evening in the boat. Shall you come to Readville before Annie and I get back? We shall be at Lenox about ten days, unless something happens to bring me home. The reason I think a dress uniform out of place is, because Annie is to be married in her traveling dress, and because a man looks like a jackass in such clothes, away from his

regiment, as you yourself once said about _____, I will take it with me, though. Good bye until then.

Your loving son

From: "RGS Letters"
Cambridge University Press, 1864

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Shaw and Annie were married on May 2nd, as planned, and did spend their ten days together. He left with the regiment later that month, on their way to South Carolina — and the assault on Fort Wagner, where Shaw would be killed. He and Annie would not see each other again.

Henry Lee Higginson of Boston, brother of Thomas Wentworth Higginson, was a good friend of Robert Gould Shaw. Henry was a musician but had been severely wounded in the battle of Aldie, VA (June, 1863). Still, his injuries did not dampen his enthusiasm for music and performing and for years after the war he took great pleasure in supporting musicians, bringing them together to perform frequently. Following is an excerpt from the book "Memoirs of the War of '61" by Elizabeth C. Putnam.

"His wisdom and untiring patience collected skilled musicians from all parts of the world and gave to Boston concerts of unsurpassed beauty. It was a great satisfaction to him in his last year to know that the Symphony Orchestra he had built up and sustained for thirty-seven years was to go on under the direction of his friends."

These "skilled musicians" formed the nucleus of what would become the Boston Symphony Orchestra.



MEMORIAL ORATIONS

— *submitted by Maureen R Quinn*

Wilbur Fisk enlisted in the 2nd Vermont Volunteers at the beginning of the war, fought in – and survived – many of the major campaigns and became a minister after the war. During the course of the war, no matter where he was, Fisk found the time to write informative and colorful dispatches back to the Montpelier paper, “*The Green Mountain Freeman*”. Those dispatches make up the book “*Hard Marching Every Day*” (Emil & Ruth Rosenblatt, Editors) and that book contains the text of three speeches given by Fisk in the 1890s. I have combined parts of those speeches for this article.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Fellow Citizens and Comrades –

I told your program committee that I would not make an oration today. And I think I will keep my word... If I bring into my remarks any personal reminiscences, it is not because I think my experience any more remarkable than others, but because I know the experience of one is the example of all.

It is a beautiful custom which has sprung up of decorating soldiers' graves, not because soldiers are any braver or better than other people but because it calls to mind those days which can never be forgotten and because it has become a tribute to the memory of those who sacrificed their lives for the country's welfare. Law does not compel us to observe the day but all over the land the wheels of business are stopped and the people gather together to suitably commemorate the day. It is a spontaneous act, which shows the patriotism and loyalty of the people to the country they love and their gratitude to those who have helped to preserve it.

The custom of decorating the soldiers' graves we are told began with the South. Immediately after the close of the war, the Southern ladies went out and strewed flowers over the graves of the Confederate dead, and it was flashed over the North that flowers had been distributed impartially over the graves of the Union soldiers as well as Confederate, many of which were unmarked and unknown. This touched a tender chord in the hearts of the North. It did

much to allay sectional strife and animosity. Many a bereaved household where a son, a father or a husband had gone forth to the war to return no more and whose final resting place was not definitely known, heard of this and the thought came to them, “Perhaps it was our darling.” Then the North said, “We will do the same.” So upon a set day the soldiers' graves in the national cemeteries were strewn with flowers and the Confederate graves were not neglected.

It was the original design to strew flowers upon the graves of these men who perished in the war, but the generosity and patriotism of the people have extended the custom until it includes all soldiers who have died not only in the war and because of the war but those who have died since. And the day is not simply for those who mourn; it is the common heritage of all.

The strewing of flowers upon the graves as we have done today reminds me of some things, which I wish to speak of. In the first place I am reminded of the fact that every great and important blessing we enjoy has been purchased at a costly price. Great sacrifices have been made for every liberty secured.

Another thing I am reminded of by the strewing of these flowers on the soldiers' graves and that is whenever this nation has called for help the help has come – when men and money have been asked for, the men and money have been forthcoming. When Abraham Lincoln called for troops to put down the rebellion, the men enlisted for the war faster than the Government could equip them.

Once more I am reminded by these soldiers' graves that war is sometimes right. It seems ridiculous that men in civilized [countries] can find no other way to settle their disputes only by standing up and shooting at one another. Here is one party in line of battle and there is another in another line of battle and because they cannot settle their differences any other way they must shoot at one another until one side or the other cries Enough. When they have done their killing there remains the question to be settled the same as before. They might as well have settled it before the shooting as afterwards.

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Memorial Orations,

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I am reminded too that these Grand Army reunions will soon be things of the past. The number of the soldiers' graves will be increased and the number of the old soldiers will be diminished. The Grand Army from the very nature of its organization cannot long survive. The qualifications for becoming a member of it cannot be acquired now. It is not self-perpetuating like other organizations. Its term of life is limited to the lifetime of its present members. But as long as there are any of us left we are going to get together and talk over these old times which we can never forget.

Today we place the flowers upon the soldiers' graves. With reverent hands we place a wreath of flowers upon the graves of those who gave their lives into their country's hands in her time of need. This year and next year the story of their lives will be told. Their memories will never be allowed to perish.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

10 JUNE 2004

7:00 P.M.

(Note Start Time Change)

GUEST SPEAKER: MIKE DUGGAN

SUBJECT:

***BACK TO BASICS: UNDERSTANDING CIVIL
WAR ORGANIZATIONS AND OPERATIONS***

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— submitted by Sandra Cox

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

1-2 May—Fairfax, “Civil War Weekend at Blenheim Estate”, Living history demonstrations and Blenheim house tours with Civil War soldier graffiti in attic. Info: 800 545-950 or www.ci.fairfax.va.us/CityHistory/BlenheimCivilWar.htm Fee

7-9 May—Fredericksburg, “140th Anniversary Re-enactment of the Battle of Spotsylvania”, demonstrations, battles, candlelight tour. Site: Belvedere Plantation. Info: 877 515-6197 or www.spotsylvania140th.com Fee

15 May—Washington, DC, “Courage! The Civil War in Washington” walking tour encounters spies, soldiers and other capital citizens. Info: email mail@historicstrolls.com or 301 588-9255 Fee

15 May—Falls Church, “Civil War Day” living history, tours, balloon program, 1845 farmhouse tours, bus tour of local sites, period music at Cherry Hill Park. Info: 703 248-5171 Bus Tour Fee

15-16 May—Spotsylvania, “Living History Interpretive Tours of 140th Anniversary of the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House”. Info: www.nps.gov/frsp or 540 373-6122

21-23 May—Winchester, “North-South Skirmish Assn’s National Competition” at Fort Shenandoah. Info: 248 258-9007 or www.n-ssa.org Free to spectators

22 May—Alexandria, “Civil War Photographer”, field photography studio demonstrations. Info: Fort Ward Museum 703 838-4848 or www.fortward.org Free

23 May—Washington, DC, “Booth’s Escape Route” Bus Tour led by Ed Bearss. Info: www.civilwarstudies.org or 202 786-3276 Fee

23 May—Ashland, “Walking Tour of the Ox Ford Area of the North Anna Battlefield” just north of Ashland & west of Route 1. Info: www.nps.gov/rich or 804 226-1981 Free

27-31 May—Fredericksburg, “Lest We Forget: Honoring Our Heritage”, living history, tours, exhibits, Luminaria at FNB Cemetery. Info: www.fredericksburgvirginia.net or 800 654-4118 Fee for some events

30 May—Boonsboro, “In the Footsteps of Soldiers”, a walking tour of the Battle of Turner’s Gap & Fox’s Gap on South Mountain. 2 p.m. Fox’s Gap. Info: 301

432-8065 Free

30 May—Fredericksburg area, “Special Programs at Ellwood” include concert, talk on “Last Days of Stonewall Jackson”, medicine demonstration and ceremony. Info: www.nps.gov/frsp or 540 373-6122

30-31 May—Sharpsburg, “Ranger-led Bike Tour”, covers 9-mile tour road at Antietam National Battlefield. 9:30 a.m. www.nps.gov/anti or 301 432-5124 Free with park admission

5 June—Manassas, “Heritage Railway Festival” with focus on rail history including Civil War. Info: 703 368-1873 or www.manassasmuseum.org

5-6 June—Brandy Station, “Living History Commemorating the Anniversary of the Battle of Brandy Station”. Info: 540 727-7718 or www.brandystation.org

5-6 June—Cold Harbor, “Anniversary Program”, living history, military demonstrations and special tours including candlelight tour. Info: www.nps.gov/rich or 804 226.1981

5-6 June—Flowerdew Hundred, “Re-enactment of the Construction of Part of the 2,000’ Bridge Across the James River by Union Army June 1864”, also encampments, military demonstrations and skirmishes. Info: 804 541-8897 Fee

6 June—Fairfax, “Tales of the Tombstones” at the Fairfax County Cemetery. Info: 703 385-8414 \$4

12 June—Alexandria, “Civil War Ball at Gadsby Tavern”, with period music, dancing and instruction. Period attire encouraged. Info: 703 838-4242 Fee

12-13 June—Rockville, “Civil War Returns to Rockville, 1864” for the 140th anniversary of Jubal Early’s march on Washington City and retreat. Info: www.peerlessrockville.org or 301 762-0096

17 June—Baltimore, “A Navy in Transition: From Sail to Steam, Wood or Iron”, with Craig Symonds, Prof. Of Naval History, US Naval Academy. 7 p.m. MD Historical Society. Info: 410 539-1797 or www.constellation.org Fee

19 June—Fairfax City, “Mosby’s Confederacy Spring Tour” to Loudoun Heights, Cole’s HQ, Duffield Station, Myerstown Fight, Greenback Raid site and more. Info: Don Hakenson, dhakenson@cox.net or 703 971-4984 Fee

19-20 June—Gordonsville, “Medical Living History” at the historic Exchange Hotel & Civil War Medical Museum. Info: 540 832-2944 or www.hgiexchange.org Fee

25-27 June—Richmond, “6th Conference on Women & the Civil War” with workshops, functions and tour. Info: 540 381-4518 or www.womenandthecivilwar.org Fee



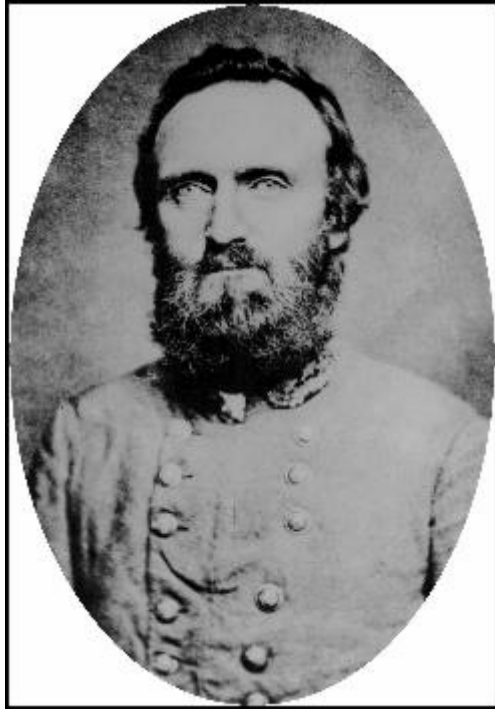
BRCWRT Spring Tour 2004

22-23 May 2004

Jackson In The Valley



McDowell, 8 May 1862; Cross Keys and Port Republic (8-9 June 1862)



Date: Saturday 22 May through Sunday 23 May

Assembly Point: Quality Inn parking lot just east of exit 225 on I-81, Staunton VA.

Tour Duration: 1100-1800 Sat, 0900-1400 Sun

Itinerary:

Saturday 22 May, 1100-1800

- ~0830 Depart Centreville Library (car pool or convoy)
- 1100 Linkup in Quality Inn parking lot (if you drive on your own)
- Follow Jackson's route Parkersburg Turnpike
- Thornrose Cemetery (Hotchkiss, Harman graves)
- Tour McDowell Battlefield
- 1800 Return to Hotel
- 1930 Dinner (location TBD)
- Remain Overnight Quality Inn, Staunton

Sunday 23 May, 0800-1400

- Breakfast
- 0900 Linkup in Quality Inn parking lot
- Follow Jackson's route from McDowell back to the Valley
- Cross Keys
- Port Republic
- ~1430 Depart battlefield for Centreville

Exertion Factor: **HIGH!** The hike up Sitlington's Hill on the McDowell Battlefield is very strenuous. You may choose not to climb the hill (2 hour tour). You can visit the town of Monterey (10 miles away) instead and rejoin the tour after this stop.

Logistics: Bring your own food and drinks for the Saturday tour (there are no fast food restaurants near the battlefield). Pay as you go for dinner on Saturday. Eat a big breakfast on Sunday since we do not plan to stop for lunch. You may want to have a late lunch after the tour ends around 1430.

Hotel: We have a block of rooms reserved at the Quality Inn in Staunton. Please ask for the BRCWRT rate (\$55). Phone: (540) 248-5111

Recommended Reading:

- Gary Gallagher's The Shendandoah Valley Campaign of 1862
- Robert K. Krick's Conquering the Valley
- Robert Tanner's Stonewall in the Valley

Chief Tour Guide: Bill Miller

Field Trip Coordinator: Kevin Anastas, (703) 266-1265, Cell (703) 431-2569, E-mail: KKA2@COX.NET

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