



'Best Army and Corps Commanders'
**Noted Historian Ed Bearss
To Disclose His Picks
At May 12 Celebration**

Our annual meeting on May 12 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. This distinguished American is Edwin C. Bearss. The second reason is that our May meeting gives us the opportunity to celebrate Ed Bearss's birthday (slightly ahead of schedule) and also the founding of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table on May 9, 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 Col. 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

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***Outlook Hopeful for Ox Hill;
Site Design Goes to Contract***

By ED WENZEL

The Ox Hill Battlefield Park moved onto the main track in recent weeks with a number of encouraging signals that Ox Hill's time has finally come. First, BRCWRT President John McAnaw, Vice-President Charlie Balch and the writer, a member of the Executive Committee, met March 30 with Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) Director Michael Kane and staff to discuss Ox

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

12 MAY 2005

7:15 P.M.

Guest Speaker: ED BEARSS

Subject: Ed's Picks: Best Army, Corps
and Division Commanders of the Civil War

CELEBRATION by BRCWRT Members of
Ed Bearss's Birthday and Founding of
Our Round Table. Begins at 6:45 P.M.

**Draft EIS Hearing May 5
Seen as Key to Averting
Manassas Battlefield Threat**

By HARVEY SIMON

The Manassas Battlefield Bypass Study has officially entered the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) phase. No Action and five Build Alternatives (A, B, C, D and G) are candidates for the final Study recommendation. The DEIS statement itself and both high and low resolution detailed maps of each build option can be accessed at the Study's official website: <http://www.battlefieldbypass.com>.

Some chapters of the DEIS, and even the low resolution detailed maps, are very large files and will challenge the capacity of a dial-up modem.

The Friends of Manassas Battlefield are urging everyone with an interest in preserving our history to participate in this final phase of the Bypass Study. You

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Public Meeting Slated May 24 On Expansion of Centreville Historic Overlay District

The public is invited to attend the next work group meeting on the proposed expansion of the Centreville Historic Overlay District (CHOD) to be held on 24 May at 7 p.m. at 4900 Stonecroft Road, Chantilly (Tel. 703.814.7100).

At the last meeting on 11 April, I was invited to speak on the national importance of the Civil War fortifications that were not included in the plans for an expanded CHOD. I stated that these fortifications should be included. Further, I added that all of these fortifications should be properly protected and owned by the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Next, in general terms I presented my concept of a Gateway Heritage Park, complete with a visitors center and museum within the boundaries of an expanded CHOD. I also recommended the preservation of the existing green space, including a well preserved Confederate winter camp and cemetery.

Mike O'Donnell, the well-known author, publisher, and photographer who has recorded the destruction of Civil War sites vicinity Centreville since 1986, also spoke forcefully re the preservation of existing sites. A significant majority of those present supported our vision for an expanded CHOD. They want the fortifications and existing green space preserved.

— John P. McAnaw

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For specific meeting dates and information, please visit the WEBSITE:

<http://bullruncwrt.org>

ROUND TABLE BOOK 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 help raise our members' understanding of the Civil War. Thank you!

The President's Column

By John P. McAnaw

A total of 70 members and guests showed up at our monthly meeting to listen to D. Scott Hartwig discuss the Confederate invasion of Maryland in 1862. He gave us a most informative account and assessment of that campaign.

As you know, the May meeting marks the high point of the BRCWRT year — for two reasons. We celebrate the founding of our Round Table by Bill Miller on 9 May 1991 at this meeting. Second, we celebrate the anniversary of the birth date (a wee bit ahead of time) of the legendary Ed Bearss, the Chief Historian, Emeritus, of the National Park Service. We are indeed fortunate and honored to have Ed as our guest speaker at our annual May meeting. Do not miss Ed's presentation on 12 May. Get there early and partake of the refreshments.

We have two out-of-area tours coming up in the May-June timeframe: Stafford County (7 May) and Spotsylvania Court House (18 June). Take advantage of these very low-cost tours and sign up. Also during this timeframe, there will be local tours for interested parties.

Last month I mentioned the involvement of Round Table members in a number of important Civil War preservation activities here in Northern Virginia. During May 2005 there will be public meetings concerning three of them:

1. Manassas Battlefield Road Bypass Study (5 May).
2. Tri-County Parkway (May).
3. Expansion of the Centreville Historic Overlay District (24 May).

Details of these meetings can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Join us and attend at least one of these events.

Lastly, I ask for the help of every reader to assist in our 2005 Membership Campaign. We still need your friends and acquaintances to do themselves a favor and get on our membership rolls.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

9 JUNE 2005

7:15 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER:

GREG MERTZ

SUBJECT:

**MAJOR GEN. GOUVERNEUR K. WARREN AT
SPOTSYLVANIA COURT HOUSE**

14 JULY 2005

7:15 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER:

DON HAKENSON & GREGG DUDDING

SUBJECT:

**JOHN SINGLETON MOSBY IN FAIRFAX
COUNTY**

11 AUGUST 2005

7:15 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER:

JAMES A. MORGAN, III

SUBJECT:

**A LITTLE SHORT OF BOATS: THE FIGHT AT
BALL'S BLUFF AND EDWARDS FERRY, 21-22
OCTOBER 1861**

BRCWRT Items Featured At Conference of CWPT Attended by 300 Stalwarts

By ED WENZEL

The Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) held its annual conference at the Westfields Marriott Conference Center in Chantilly April 21-24, and 300 battlefield preservationists attended from across the country. With the theme “Lee Moves North!”, conference participants attended lectures, seminars and took tours of South Mountain, Antietam, Harpers Ferry and 3rd Winchester. The writer had the honor of manning an exhibit table in the conference exhibit hall to promote the Ox Hill Battlefield Park and the BRCWRT.

The table and fee were shared jointly by the BRCWRT and the Chantilly Battlefield Association (CBA). The BRCWRT exhibit board was on display, and application forms were available for pick up by conference attendees. The CBA Ox Hill Battlefield exhibit boards, the FCPA Ox Hill Conceptual Development Plan, and a power point presentation of Ox Hill photographs were also on view.

BRCWRT President John McAnaw made a surprise inspection, dropped a few dollars at various bookseller, and signed up a guest speaker for the Round Table in 2006. Both exhibits attracted attention and favorable comments by historians, speakers, battlefield preservationists and attendees. Following the close of the conference, the writer led a tour of the Ox Hill Battlefield Park for ten conference attendees who had delayed departures.

The CWPT is the nation’s largest Civil War battlefield preservation organization with 70,000 members nationwide. These committed preservationists are literally racing against the clock—and the developers—to save what’s left of our Civil War heritage. And time is fast running out. What happened to the Ox Hill/Chantilly battlefield in the 1980s has been happening to other major battlefields across the country as urban sprawl and runaway development choke and destroy our history and heritage.

If you care about the places where our Civil War ancestors fought, sacrificed, and died in the war that transformed our nation, then you should belong in the CWPT. Please see their web site at www.CivilWar.org. The CWPT has saved over 21,000 acres since 1987, 3,126 acres last year alone, and is racing to save 22,000 additional acres by the end of 2009. Please sign up with the CWPT and join “The Great Task” to save our Civil War battlefields.

Last Call!

BRCWRT TOUR

SATURDAY— 7 MAY 2005

**Special Tour of Important Civil War Sites
Not Previously Visited in Stafford County**

(Part II)

Carpool Location/Time: In front of McDonald’s in University Shopping Center located in south-east quadrant of intersection of Ox Road (Route 123) and Braddock Road (Route 620). Location is just south of Fairfax City and George Mason University.

Time: 7:35 A.M.

Route to Tour Assembly Point: Take Ox Road (Route 123) south across Occoquan River into Prince William County, where Route 123 becomes Gordon Boulevard . Take I-95 south to Stafford County. Take Exit 140 West onto Courthouse Road (Route 630). Travel short distance and turn left (south) into Commuter Parking Lot (Assembly Point).

Assembly Point/Time: Commuter Parking Lot.

Time: 8:30 A.M.

Tour Duration: 8:30 A.M.—3:50 P.M.

Degree of Exertion: Light to moderate. Those with heart or respiratory problems should not participate.

Special: Bring water and energy food. Participants have options of brown bag or fast-food lunch.

Tour Guides: Two Stafford County historians: Albert Z. Conner and Charles Siegel (BRCWRT member).

Sites to be Visited: For a complete listing of sites on this tour, see the box on Page 6.

Tour Coordinator/Information:

John P. McAnaw (703.978.3371)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Contributed by Sandra Cox

Note: If you plan to attend an event, please verify the information given. Advance reservation and fee may apply. If you would like an event posted, please e-mail Sandra at

scosx@capitalav.com or call 703.675.0702.

7 May – Fredericksburg Area, “141st Anniversary of the Battle of the Wilderness” bus tour led by historian Bud Hall also includes lunch with NP Historian Don Pfanz who will speak on ‘Col. John Patterson: The Man Behind the Headboard’. Info: Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, 540.972.4782 \$60

7-8 May – Fredericksburg Area, “Ellwood Mansion” will be open as part of the Wilderness Battle anniversary. Civil War encampments and demonstrations. Info: 540.972.4782

14 May – Manassas, “Special Tour of Liberia Mansion” with behind-the-scenes look at the restoration process from top to bottom. Noon-4:00 p.m. Info: Manassas Museum, 703.368.1873 \$25

14 May – Spotsylvania, “Impregnable Works or Wretchedly Defective Line? Taking a Closer Look at Spotsylvania’s Earthworks” 2-mile walking tour with NP Historian Mac Wyckoff. Meet at the Bloody Angle parking lot. Info: 540.373.6122 Free

14 May – Alexandria, “Fort Ward: Civil War Book Sale” sponsored by The Friends of Fort Ward. Info: Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site. 703.838.4848

14-15 May – Atoka, “Cavaliers, Courage & Coffee: The Night Belonged to Mosby”, a new interpretive walking tour program of the war years in Mosby’s Confederacy. Tours begin at the Caleb Rector House on Sat – 8 p.m. by lantern light and Sun – 3 p.m. Info: Mosby Heritage Area Assn, 540.687.6681 Free

14-15 May – Richmond, “Drewry’s Bluff Anniversary Program” with special activities commemorating the 1862 battle. Sat – 10:00-5:00 p.m., Sun – 10:00-4:00 p.m. Info: 804.226.1981

20-22 May – Winchester Area, “North-South Skirmish Association’s National Competition” at Fort Shenandoah with live-fire competitions featuring vintage weapons. Info: www.n-ssa.org or 248.447.5909. Free

21 May – Alexandria, “Life in the Officers’ Hut” depicts Civil War life at a Union fort in the Defenses of Washington. Info: Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site. 703.838.4848

22 May – Arlington, “Occupation Day” with NPS rangers discussing the occupation of Arlington House and

surrounding area by the US Army in 1861. Info: 703.235.1530 Free

28 May – Fredericksburg, Annual “Luminaria” Program at Fredericksburg National Cemetery with 15,000 lit candles, one for each soldier buried atop Marye’s Heights. 8-11 p.m. Free

29 May – Fredericksburg, “Sunken Road Dedication Ceremony at the Richard Kirkland Monument, Fredericksburg NMP. 2 p.m.

30 May – Fredericksburg, “Where Valor Sleeps: Fredericksburg’s National Cemetery” Memorial Day Walking Tour. 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Meet at the Battlefield Visitor Center. Free with park admission.

30 May – Manassas, “Memorial Day Commemorations”. Confederate event at Noon at the Groveton Confederate Cemetery, Tour Stop #7. Union Event at 1:00 p.m. at the New York Monument, Tour Stop #8. Info: 703.361.1339 or www.nps.gov/mana. Free with park admission.

4-5 June – Richmond Area, “Cold Harbor Anniversary Program” commemorating the 1864 battle including living history encampment, park ranger guided tours, musket and artillery firing demos. Sat-10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. On Sat 8:00 p.m. only, attend the annual concert with Civil War period music followed by evening candlelight tours of the battlefield. Sun-10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Cold Harbor Battlefield. Info: 804.226.1981

11 June – Fairfax, “Mosby’s Spring Confederacy Bus Tour” sponsored by the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society visiting Hathaway House, the surrender site in Marshall, the execution sites in Front Royal, Mosby’s grave and more. Info: Don Hakenson, www.hakenson.net or email dhakenson@cox.net \$40

28-30 June – Harrisonburg, “The Great Revival In The Southern Armies Conference” with Dr. Charles Baker, Dr. Ron Rumburg, William Potter, Howard Phillips and others. Info: Sprinkle Publications 540.867.9618

DON'T MISS CONFEDERATE NAVY EXHIBITION MUSEUM OF THE CONFEDERACY

Few people are aware that the Confederate States of America assembled a navy from scratch and successfully employed new technologies - including ironclad warships, explosive mines, and submarines - to overcome its numerical disadvantage. The Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond tells the story of the CS Navy, its accomplishments, and its shortcomings.

Where Have All the Soldiers Gone?

**Condition of the Army
of the Potomac in Stafford
County During 1862-1863**

By JOHN P. MCANAW

The BRCWRT will be conducting a tour of previously unvisited Civil War sites in Stafford County on 7 May 2005. During the winter/spring of 1862-1863, well over 100,000 Union soldiers were stationed in cited county. Many thousands of other soldiers assigned to the Army of the Potomac spent all or part of that winter elsewhere, either on leaves of absence or in deserter or detached duty status.

On 26 January 1863, MG Joseph Hooker took command of the Army of the Potomac. Four days later from his headquarters near Falmouth, he published General Orders No. 3. This directive laid out rules to ‘empowered’ officers regarding leaves of absences for officers and furloughs of enlisted members of his command.

A subsequent directive, General Orders No. 10, dated 7 February 1863, provided additional guidance to Corps Commanders regarding the above subjects.

The following is the Abstract from the Consolidated Morning Report of the Army of the Potomac, dated 31 January 1863, and attests to the severity of the personnel situation:

Present for duty:

Officers	9,810
Men	184,251
Aggregate present	239,420
Aggregate present & absent ..	326,750
Aggregate last return	330,095

Present for duty, equipped:

Infantry Officers	7,503
Infantrymen	138,315
Cavalry Officers	681
Cavalrymen	13,381
Artillery Officers	613
Artillerymen	<u>16,987</u>
Total	177,490

On 15 February 1863, MG Hooker provided Col. J. C. Kelton, the Assistant Adjutant-General in Washington, D.C., with a statement on absentees from the Army of the Potomac. MG Hooker commented that “This return shows a total of 85,123 officers and men absent from this command when first placed in my charge.” As information, 2,935 officers were included in this figure.

To understate the case, the War Department’s personnel management system was sadly deficient. MG Hooker took corrective actions during the winter and early spring of 1863 to reduce the negative impact of a “hollow army” on operational readiness.

By the commencement of the Chancellorsville Campaign, the Army of the Potomac was in far better shape than when it returned to its winter camps in Stafford County following the “Mud March” in January 1863. There was merit to the famous quote that spring to the effect that the Army of the Potomac was “the finest army on the planet.” However, there was still one problem. It did not have the finest commanding general on “the planet.” The other side did!

Source: Official Records, Series I, Vol. XXV, Part II

**CIVIL WAR SITES INCLUDED IN THE
BRCWRT TOUR OF STAFFORD COUNTY**

**Our tour of Stafford County on Saturday,
7 May, 2005 will include the following sites of
interest to Civil War buffs:**

**Stafford County Court House
Aquia Church**

**Clifton Church/Camp Clifton (Hq of 47th VA
Infantry, July 1861-March 1862)**

**Richland (The post-war residence of Maj. Gen.
Fitzhugh Lee until elected Governor in 1885)**

**Brents Point (across Aquia Creek inlet from
Aquia Landing)**

**Waller Family Cemetery at “Grafton”
near Garrisonville. Grave of
Col. Thomas C. Waller, 9th VA Cavalry**

**Berea Church
Hartwood Church**

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can be effective by:

- Contributing personal comments (details to follow).
- Raising the awareness of your neighbors.
- Lobbying your county government to support a [specific] battlefield bypass.
- Lobbying for federal authorization and funding of a bypass.
- The Friends are advocating the following proposals:
 - Build one of the bypasses and relocate Routes 29 and 234 (oppose a No Action recommendation).
 - Relocate US 29 onto a modified Build Alt. G.
 - Oppose extending the Route 234 Bypass into Loudoun County, and support the Tri-County Parkway (TCP) east of the Battlefield.
 - Relocate VA 234 onto an upgraded Pageland Lane.
 - Complete the I-66/VA 234 Bypass interchange to include the Build Alt. G US 29.
 - Close Groveton Road/Featherbed Lane to through traffic.

Build a Bypass Any of the bypass options would substantially restore the integrity of the Battlefield at its core, and would significantly improve commuter routes past the Park. The traffic on Routes 29 and 234 within the Battlefield have intruded on and corrupted the historic interpretive sites, and inhibited access by Park visitors. The Friends fear that if US 29 is not relocated as a result of this Study, it will eventually be widened to four lanes through the heart of the Battlefield!

Support Modified Build Alt. G The Friends advocate relocating US 29 on Build Alt. G over the study's declared preference of Build Alt. D for these reasons:

- Alt. G would relocate US 29 on the already compromised southern border of the Battlefield, having little additional impact. Alt. D intrudes on historically sensitive viewsheds, and isolates the northeast corner of the Park and Poplar Ford.
- The modified Alt. G would provide an entire US 29 bypass free of traffic lights, intersections and left turn lanes (the Study's Alt. G is dysfunctional with a failing level of service). Alt. D is longer with several [traffic light] intersections.
- The modified Alt. G US 29 bypass would not displace any homes or businesses, and would enhance the commercial property values south of the Battlefield (the

Study Alt. G would displace businesses and homes). Alt. D US bypass would displace several homes and severely impact private property values.

-The modified Alt. G would not require any intersection/interchange at the present location of the US 29/Pageland Lane intersection (the Study Alt. G proposes a dysfunctional [traffic light] intersection). No Action and all of the northern build options (including Alt. D) would require a separated grade interchange in full view of Lee's Overlook and the Park Administration Complex

-The Alt. G US 29 bypass offers little incentive for further local development, while the Alt. D US 29 bypass would invite both commercial and residential development of the rural properties north of the Battlefield.

Rte 234 Bypass Extension Extending the 234 Bypass (Prince William Pkwy) into Loudoun County has been planned for decades, and built in segments. Right-of-way on the Manassas Battlefield was ceded in 1980, the VA 28/VA 234 and I-66/VA 234 Bypass interchanges and VA 234 Bypass were built in 1991-1992, and VA 234 is currently being widened to four lanes from Montclair to Independence Hill. The next step is to extend VA 234 into Loudoun County. The Bypass Study will provide the necessary EIS from I-66 to Sudley Road, an on-going Prince William study will extend the 234 Bypass Ext. to the Loudoun County line, and the TCP Study will provide the EIS to connect to the Loudoun Pky. Does this explain why the 234 Bypass Study was delayed for months so it and the TCP study could come to fruition at the same time? Is the real purpose of both studies to provide the necessary public review and EIS for a major new and controversial highway that will impact our entire region, a highway that is only officially referred to in segments and is only built piecemeal, a highway that has many names — and no name?

Linking the 234 Bypass to the Loudoun Pkwy or constructing the TCP would create a major north-south trucking/commuter corridor, and either route would perform essentially the same function. Either would connect US 1, I-95, Manassas Regional Airport, Prince William industrial centers, VA 28, I-66, US 29, Dulles International Airport, Loudoun industrial centers, and US 7. The Friends believe that these proposed highways are literally alternatives, and that only one will be built by 2025. The extension of the 234 Bypass (to be completed by 2012) has been prioritized by Prince William County

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and promoted by the development community, and is favored unless existing commitments are retracted and approved plans changed.

The Friends prefer the TCP because it would have far less impact on the Battlefield than extending the 234 Bypass onto Park land. The TCP would also provide much needed relief of existing traffic congestion, and an alternate route for commuters currently trying to get past the Manassas Battlefield. The TCP's final design should and can be modified to ensure the integrity and preservation of the Bull Run Regional Park, and the TCP need not displace the major stables that are essential if the viable and rewarding horse program on the Battlefield is to survive.

Relocate VA 234 on Pageland Lane If the TCP is constructed before and instead of extending the 234 Bypass onto the Battlefield, it would be feasible to relocate VA 234 onto an upgraded Pageland Lane from the I-66/VA 234 interchange to Catharpin.

I-66/US 29/VA 234 Interchange The Friends advocate expanding the existing I-66/234 Bypass interchange to provide direct and mutual access for all traffic between I-66, US 29 and VA 234. *This proposal is only feasible if Alt. G is adopted.* This interchange would be located at the southwest corner of the Battlefield, out of sight of any historical interpretive site. If the 234 Bypass is extended onto the Battlefield as a major traffic corridor, we propose that it be constructed without the Study's dysfunctional US 29/234 Bypass intersection or the intrusive Pageland Lane overpass. This innovation would be made possible by constructing the I-66/US 29/VA 234 interchange, relocating Pageland Lane west of the 234 Bypass Ext., and closing what is now the western US 29 Park entrance.

Close Groveton Road/Featherbed Lane The Study presumes that Groveton Road and Featherbed Lane would remain open to through traffic, even if US 29 and VA 234 were closed to through traffic within the Park. The model for projecting traffic volume predicts that Featherbed Lane traffic would erupt from the less than 500 daily vehicle trips at present, to as many as 7500! This volume of traffic would seriously compromise the interpretation of Second Manassas, and partially defeat the advantages of building a bypass. The Friends are seeking a commitment from Prince William County to cede the right-of-way for Groveton Road/Featherbed Lane to the National Park Service in the event a bypass is built and Routes 29 and 234 within the Battlefield are closed.

These are the proposals the Friends are advocating to restore the integrity of the Manassas Battlefield, and to preserve it as a National Treasure for future generations. We need your help. If possible, attend the Bypass Study's DEIS public hearing.

Thursday, May 5, 2005 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Battlefield High School
15000 Graduation Drive
Haymarket, VA

Form your own opinion and submit your comments by June 6, 2005.

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Federal Highway Administration
21400 Ridgetop Circle
Sterling, VA 20166

The TCP DEIS public hearing will be held in Prince William on May 9, Fairfax May 10, and Loudoun on May 11. The TCP comment deadline is May 23, 2005. Particulars can be found on the TCP website: <http://www.virginia-dot.org/projects/tcp.asp>

The Friends will post a detailed and comprehensive critique of the Bypass Study DEIS on our website: <http://www.fmnbp.org/friends/bypass/BypassLogic.htm>

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BRCWRT's Tim Duskin To Lecture at Archives

Founding BRCWRT member and archives technician, Tim Duskin, will be lecturing on "Civil War Records in the National Archives" on Tuesday, May 17 at 11 a.m.

In addition to covering Civil War military service and pension records, Tim will also discuss lesser-known records of Union and Confederate soldiers including unfiled papers, draft records, and income tax records.

Enter the National Archives on Pennsylvania Avenue and go to the Research Center, Room G-24. For convenient access, take Metro's Yellow (Huntington) Line to the Archives-Navy Memorial Exit. Check your Metro map for connection stations from the Yellow and Blue lines.

Who Will Bearss Name as Best Civil War Generals?

Who do you think were the best army and corps commanders during the Civil War? How about making your picks and matching them with Ed Bearss' selection at our General Membership Meeting on 12 May. Before writing down your choices, take time to review the names of the senior officers listed below:

UNITED STATES ARMY

LTG Ulysses G. Grant, MG Francis Preston Blair, Jr., MG Don Carlos Buell, BG Jefferson C. Davis,

MG Grenville M. Dodge, MG John Gibbon, MG Gordon Granger, BG Winfield S. Hancock, MG Joseph Hooker, MG John A. Logan, MG George B. McClellan, MG James B. McPherson, MG George G. Meade, MG Joseph A. Mower, MG Edward O.C. Ord, MG John F. Reynolds, MG William S. Rosecrans, MG John Sedgwick, MG Philip H. Sheridan, MG William T. Sherman, MG Henry W. Slocum, MG Andrew J. Smith, MG George H. Thomas, MG Gouverneur K. Warren, MG Godfrey Weitzel, MG Thomas J. Wood, MG Horatio G. Wright.

CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY

Gen. Robert E. Lee, Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard, Gen. Albert S. Johnston, Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, Gen. Edmond Kirby Smith, LTG Richard H. Anderson, LTG Benjamin F. Cheatham, LTG Jubal A. Early, LTG Richard S. Ewell, LTG Nathan B. Forrest, LTG William J. Hardee, LTG Ambrose P. Hill, MG Daniel H. Hill, LTG Wade Hampton, LTG Stephen D. Lee, LTG James Longstreet, LTG Thomas J. Jackson, LTG Alexander P. Stewart, MG James E.B. Stuart, LTG Richard Taylor, MG Joseph Wheeler.

Hopes Rise for Ox Hill

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Hill's funding shortfall and what could be done to find more money.

Mr. Kane was in agreement with Board of Supervisors Chairman, Gerald Connolly, that the 19-year old park needs to be completed and has pledged to find the money to do it in one phase.

Next, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) informed FCPA and county transportation officials that a turn lane for the Ox Hill Battlefield Park from West Ox Road would not be necessary due to the small size of the parking area and the volume of traffic expected. This is great news and lowers the cost of the Ox Hill Park by at least \$200,000 to \$250,000. FCPA officials had assumed that the proximity of the Monument Drive/West Ox Road intersection would require the turn lane for safety reasons. However, VDOT believes that safety concerns will not be a factor because of the clear line-of-sight view of the park's entrance which will accommodate only right turn in and right turn out traffic.

Also, county officials have determined that a "2232" (a technical review by the Planning Commission to ensure the park's compliance with land use and the Comprehensive Plan) is unnecessary and that the Park Authority can move forward with site planning immediately. Consequently, Michael Rierison, FCPA Resource Stewardship Branch Manager, has worked out final details for an Ox Hill site design contract with Shaffer, Wilson, Sarver and Grey (SWSG), an architectural engineering firm in Reston, Virginia. The Ox Hill project team will meet with SWSG on May 10th to discuss the park's design criteria, a schedule for design phases, and review points for the design work.

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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 promotion 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 former school teacher. They have three children and three grandsons. Two of their children, Edwin Cole Jr. and Jenny, are retired Marines who are actively pursuing second careers. Their other daughter, Sara, calls Richmond home and is the editor of the Virginia Dictionary of Biography.

We anticipate a large turnout for Ed Bearss' presentation to our Round Table on 12 May 2005. Members are encouraged to come early and participate in our pre-meeting celebration.

BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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2005 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. Student (age 22 and under)—\$10.00.

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