



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol XIII, Issue 3—April 2006

BLACK DAY FOR THE ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA: THE BATTLE OF SAILOR'S CREEK (6 APRIL 1865)

by John P. McAnaw

The distinguished historian, Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, summed up what happened to the Army of Northern Virginia on 6 April 1865 at Sailor's Creek by writing the following: "Night scarcely brought relief. In other battles, more men had been killed and wounded, but in no engagement had so large a part of the Army of Northern Virginia been destroyed. The day's casualties, which were between 7000 and 8000, represented probably one third of the men of all arms that had left Amelia and Jetersville the previous day." (Freeman, Douglas S., *Lee's Lieutenants*, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1944, Vol III page 711).

Our guest speaker, David Born, is eminently qualified to speak about the Battle of Sailor's Creek. Before addressing his past accomplishments, permit me to mention that, effective 22 June 2005, Dave has been the Historic Program Coordinator, Historic Preservation Division of Prince William County. At present he is responsible for such historic sites as Bristoe Station, Brentsville, Ben Lomond and Rippon Lodge.

Dave graduated from Abilene Christian University in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. From 1987 to the present he has developed an impressive resume of assignments and activities here in Virginia that are directly related to the preservation of priceless American heritage.

From 1992 to June 2005, our guest speaker was the Interpretive Program Manager for the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of State Parks. While assigned to cited position, Dave developed and implemented a wide range of cultural, historical and environmental programs at the Sailor's Creek Battlefield, Twin Lakes, and Sky Meadows State Park. During this period he successfully applied for and received grant money from the American Battlefield Protection Program. He also worked closely with the Archaeology Department of Longwood College (now a University). As the result of his keen interest in the Battle of Sailor's Creek and the Appomattox Campaign, Dave has become a highly regarded authority on those events.

Also, during the 1987-1991 timeframe, Dave worked in various capacities at the Petersburg National

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
13 APRIL 2006**

7:00 P.M. Centreville Library

GUEST SPEAKER:

David Born

SUBJECT:

**Black Day For The Army Of
Northern Virginia: The Battle
of Sailor's Creek (6 April 1865)**

Note speaker change!

Battlefield (PNB). Among other responsibilities, he was in charge of developing and implementing public programs. He also supervised up to 24 employees during the summer tourist season. Additionally, he was a weapons demonstrator and a postillion team driver. Further, he was in charge of the construction of field fortifications, bomb proofs, gabions etc. From 1996-2002 Dave also served at PNG as a volunteer and assisted with the training of postillion horse teams that were used for artillery demonstrations.

Many Round Table members know Dave Born from his assignments prior to coming to Prince William County. In addition to his expert knowledge of the Battle of Sailor's Creek, he has developed a commendable reputation as an authority on Virginia history, personnel manager, tour guide and educator. We are honored to have Dave as our guest speaker on Thursday, 13 April 2006. Join us at 7:00 pm for what will be a thoroughly enjoyable evening.



**PLEASE PAY YOUR 2006 DUES OR
THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER !**

INCLEMENT WEATHER SOP

In the event of inclement weather during the winter and spring months, the following procedures will be followed:

GENERAL

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

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

1. Contact the Chief Tour Guide. The name, email address and/or telephone number of 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, call John McAnaw at 703.978.3371. Either he or a recorded message will provide the requested information.

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!

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE
For MAY 2006 Issue**

E-mail Articles By 9:00 A.M. Monday, May 1

To scox@capitalav.com

If you do not receive an acknowledgment of your e-mail article by May 2, please call Sandra at 703.675.0702 (cell) or 703.913.9890 (Capital AV) as it may have been blocked by company software.

The President's Column

By John P. McAnaw

If you missed our 9 March monthly meeting, you missed a thoroughly entertaining presentation by **Don Ernsberger** on the 69th Pennsylvania "Irish Volunteers" Infantry Regiment. A total of 92 members and guests were in attendance. It was the most informative talk I have ever heard on any Union regiment that distinguished itself during the war.



Photo By Janet Greentree

Thanks Don!

On Saturday, 1 April the BRCWRT, led by Chief Tour Guide **Bud Hall**, conducted a hugely successful tour of the Brandy Station Battlefield. Attendees were unanimous in their praise of Bud Hall.

Due to the deadline for this issue of the *Stone-wall* (3 April), the after action report for the Brandy Station tour will be included in the next issue of our newsletter. By the way, please mark your calendar for the next Round Table tour on 22 April, covering the Bristoe Station Campaign. I urge all members to participate in this upcoming tour.

Please note that there has been a last minute change regarding our guest speaker for the Round Table meeting on 13 April. Due to illness, Judge Jay Jorgensen will be unable to speak to us on "The Battle of the Wheatfield at Gettysburg." In his stead, the multi-talented historian, David M. Born, will discuss the battle of Sailors Creek (6 April 1865). Douglas S. Freeman called 6 April 1865, "The Black Day of the Army", and it was.

Health-wise, the year 2006 has been challenging. Again, I extend my thanks to everyone who sent me cards, offered prayers and/or donated blood in my name at Inova Fairfax Hospital. I certainly feel better now than I did in January. Due to privacy restrictions, Inova Fairfax Hospital cannot release the names of those of you who donated blood in my name. If you did so, kindly give me your name so that I can at least send you a card of thanks.

Lastly, *por favor*, I ask for your help in recruiting new members for the Round Table. Without your assistance we will not meet our objective for 2006 (a total of 205 members).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

11 MAY 2006

GUEST SPEAKER:

Ed Bearss

SUBJECT:

Gettysburg—Day Two

Note: 15th Anniversary of the Founding of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table



8 JUNE 2006

GUEST SPEAKER:

Dr. Bruce Venter

SUBJECT:

**The Kilpatrick—Dahlgren
Raid On Richmond**

ROUND TABLE MEMBER LECTURES AT NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Founding BRCWRT member and National Archives technician, **Tim Duskin**, will lecture on, "Civil War Records at the National Archives," at 11:00 AM at the National Archives in downtown Washington on Tuesday, May 2. Enter the building through the Pennsylvania Avenue entrance and go to the Research Center, Room G-24 on the Ground Floor.

For convenient access, take Metro's Yellow (Huntington) Line to the Archives-Navy Memorial Exit. Check your Metro map for connection stations from the Orange and Blue lines.

The lecture will be repeated at the same time at the National Archives at College Park, Maryland on Thursday, May 4.

BRISTOE STATION BATTLEFIELD THREAT

The following was submitted in early March by Jim Burgess, Vice Chairman, PWC Historical Commission.

There is a new threat to the integrity of Bristoe Station Battlefield that you need to be aware of. The Prince William County Historical Commission was recently given a rezoning application to review that covers 267.88 acres situated in the southeast quadrant of the battlefield (Union positions south of the railroad). The land in question is currently zoned agricultural, but the contract purchaser, "Bristow Manassas LLC" of Alexandria, wants it rezoned for a business park. Presumably the County's Comprehensive Plan already allows for such zoning in this area. (The Manassas Assembly of God property north of the railroad has been zoned for light industrial use for quite some time and is expected to be eventually developed with no further need of rezoning and public review.)

A Phase I archeological survey of the project area has already been completed by Cultural Resources, Inc. of Fredericksburg. I have reviewed their Phase I report and found it better than some of the previous reports done by Thunderbird, but it still reflects a limited understanding of the area's Civil War history. It acknowledges the existence of the previously identified cemeteries north of the railroad, but it fails to consider the potential for other unmarked graves from 1861 in the project area. This is a serious oversight. The Cultural Resources report did recommend a Phase II study or avoidance of a feature identified in the proposed northern land bay of the project area, the area where Ricketts' Battery was deployed on October 14, 1863. We might want to exploit that to preserve at least this significant part of the battlefield.

At this time, I am planning to introduce a resolution for the Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) at the next PWC Historical Commission meeting (March 14) in opposition to this rezoning application (PLN2006-00498).

Hopefully my fellow commissioners will support this. The BOCS is certainly not bound by Historical Commission resolutions, so we may still need some grass-roots support at the upcoming public hearings (to be announced). My feeling is that if we put up some bold opposition, it might cause the landowner to try and work out a compromise similar to the Centex deal. To be realistic, I don't think we will be able to forestall development completely in this area.

If any new information becomes available in regard to Bristoe, I'll keep you posted. Let me know if you have any questions or have any other ideas as to strategy. Feel free to forward this message to others you think might be able to lend support.

UPDATE: Jim advised that the Prince William County Historical Commission discussed this matter at its last meeting (March 14) and voted unanimously to oppose this rezoning application when it comes before

the Planning Commission and Board of County Supervisors (hearing dates to be announced). We will still need strong grass roots support from BRCWRT members if any part of the tract in question is to be saved. Jim can be reached at 703.361.0426 or 703.754.7800.

BRISTOE STATION CLEAN UP

By Mark Knowles

BRCWRT helped Prince William County (PWC) celebrate its 275th birthday by participating in the cleanup effort at the site known as the Alabama cemetery located at Bristoe Station, Virginia.

Patrick O'Neill, President of the Northern Virginia Chapter of Archeologist Society of Virginia, directed the efforts of the crew under the supervision of David Born, the Prince William County Historic Program Coordinator.

The volunteers were organized into three pioneer brigades: Chain Saw, Draggers and Haulers. The Chain Saw Brigade led the way, cutting down scrub cedars and standing dead trees marked by Patrick.

The Dragger Brigade removed the downed items to a designated area where the Hauler Brigade waited in reserve. The Haulers carried the cut trees and brush up a 10 foot hill to the waiting wagon train (pickup truck) and loaded the brush into the truck to be hauled to a second site near the old Rollins Ranch house.

The Chain Saw and Dragger Brigades lost cohesion and became intermixed as the objective of clearing the site was met. "Union scouts" from the nearby reenacting unit, 28th MA, occasionally stopped by to admire our efforts.



This shows part of the Alabama cemetery site after it had been cleared. The scrub cedars and thickets in the background reveal what the area looked like prior to removal. Some of the cedars on the left side were removed during the second day. The stone in the center of the photo probably marks a burial site. No inscription could be found on the stone.

Photo by Mark Knowles

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 Dale Maschino at smasch1@verizon.net.

8-9 Apr – Civil War show, hundreds of tables of artifacts, books, prints, and other related material at the Dulles Expo Center (south building), 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. 9 am-5 pm Saturday, 10 am-2 pm Sunday. \$8. Call 703-823-1958.

13 Apr – Richmond, Lecture on “Defending Virginia, the South, and the Union: Young Virginians During the Civil War Era,” by Peter Carmichael at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. Noon. Free with admission. Call 804-358-4901 or www.vahistorical.org.

15 Apr – Manassas, Battlefield Hike. Guided five-mile walk over the second Manassas Battlefield. Begins at the Manassas National Battlefield Park visitor center at noon. Free with admission. Call 703-361-1339 or www.nps.gov/mana.

15 Apr – Bus Tour, “John Wilkes Booth Escape Route,” popular 12-hour tour sponsored by the Surratt Society in Clinton. \$50. Details, reservations: call 301-868-1121 or www.surratt.org.

22 Apr – Manassas, Battlefield Hike. Guided five-mile walk over the First Manassas Battlefield. Begins at the Manassas National Battlefield Park visitor center at noon. Free with admission. Call 703-361-1339, or www.nps.gov/mana.

22 Apr – Kelly’s Ford. Tour of the Kelly’s Ford and Stevensburg area of the Brandy Station Battlefield. 10 am-noon. \$5. Begins at the Graffiti House Visitor Center south of Culpeper. Call 540-547-4106, or www.brandystationfoundation.com.

5-7 May – Ellwood. Battle of the Wilderness anniversary activities sponsored by the Friends of the Wilderness. Dinner, bus tour and activities at Elwood, and much more. www.fowb.org.

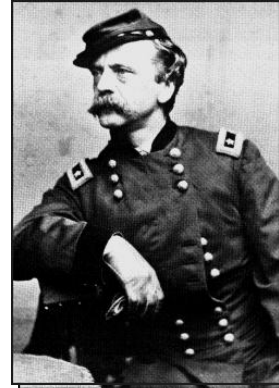
6 May – Staunton. Symposium, “If this Valley is Lost, Virginia is Lost,” a day long discussion about Jackson’s famous Valley Campaign, at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton. Sponsored by the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation. Call 888-689-4545, or www.shenandoahatwar.org.

6 May – Brandy Station. Tour of the Fleetwood Hill area of the Brandy Station Battlefield. 10 am-noon. \$5. Begins at the Graffiti House Visitor’s Center north of Culpeper. Call 540-547-4106 or www.brandystationfoundation.com.

6 May – Manassas, “Basement to Attic” house tours of Liberia Mansion, a Confederate headquarters in Manassas undergoing restoration. 10 am-4 pm. \$20. Call 703-368-1873, or www.manassasmuseum.org.

BRCWRT Spring Tour

Gettysburg, The Second Day



MG Dan Sickles, 3 Corps Commander

Date: Saturday **13 May 2006**

Assembly Location/Time:

If you want to carpool to the battlefield, meet at the **Centreville Library parking lot** – we will depart at **7:00 AM** sharp. If you choose to drive on your own, meet in the parking lot **south** of the **Gettysburg Battlefield Visitor Center**. We will depart the Visitor’s Center parking lot at **9:00 AM**. (Driving time from Centreville is about 1 hour 45 min).

Tour Duration:

9:00 AM until about **3:00 PM**.

Lunch:

We will return to the area around the Visitor’s Center for lunch. Please pack a sandwich and join us for a picnic. You can also walk across the street for fast food if you choose.

Weather Cancellation:

See the Inclement Weather SOP in the front of the newsletter. Kevin will send cancellation notifications to everyone who signs up for the tour via e-mail and/or telephone.

Sign Up. Please sign up using the link on the BRCWRT website. Kevin will also pass around a sign up list at the April and May meetings.

Fee: No charge for BRCWRT members!

Tour Guides: Kevin Anastas Cell: (703) 431-2569. E-mail kka2@cox.net. Maureen Quinn, (703) 263-1881 or E-Mail MRQuinn@Patriot.net

BRISTOE STATION CLEAN UP

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For those who were interested but unable to join in the cleanup effort, there will be another opportunity in the future.

Reflecting on the weekend's event, a tremendous accomplishment was made in clearing the Alabama cemetery site. Friendships were renewed, and new stories were shared by all. I think it is safe to say that everyone found a muscle they hadn't used in a long time.

Volunteer groups present: Northern Virginia Chapter of Archeologist Society of Virginia (at least 7 members); BRCWRT (John DePue, Mark Knowles); SCV – Fincastle Rifles (Red Barbour, Grover M.)

HATS OFF TO JOHN DE PUE AND MARK KNOWLES

By John P. McAnaw

On 25 and 26 March 2006 a contingent of Prince William and Fairfax County preservationists conducted work days on the Bristoe Station Battlefield. The effort was headed by Dave Born, the Historic Program Coordinator, Historic Preservation Division of Prince William County. Archaeologist Pat O'Neill and Red Barbour, SCV Commander of the Fincastle Rifles, led small groups from their respective organizations. The BRCWRT was represented by two stalwart members, John De Pue and Mark Knowles. I extend my thanks to John and Mark for continuing our involvement in all activities relative to the preservation of the Bristoe Station Battlefield and the Civil War graves on that hallowed ground.

BRCWRT TOUR SIGN UP

By Maureen Quinn, Webmaster

Starting with the Bristoe Station tour on APRIL 22nd, we are trying a new signup method — ONLINE. You can access the link from the top of the Homepage, just below the link for the Bylaws. When you open the link to the form, you will fill in your name, email address, and phone. There will usually be two choices. "I will attend" or "Remove me from the list". I think both choices are obvious and do not require explanation. However, if you have questions, as always, please contact me. After you fill in this information, just click the "submit" key and your name and info will be added to the signup distribution list. GUESTS: If you are bringing a guest, you will have to submit a separate form for each person. In the Last Name field after their name, please add (GUEST). This will help us keep an accurate count. We don't need to know which member they belong to, we'll find that out at the tour — but we would like to differentiate between members and guests. Note that the sign-up link will remain on the homepage for a specific period of time in order to avoid confusion and errant sign-ups!

MARCHING ORDERS BRISTOE CAMPAIGN TOUR

DATE: Saturday, 22 April 2006,

ASSEMBLY LOCATION/TIME: VRE Station, Old Town Manassas, at 8:15 A.M.

TOUR DURATION: 8:20 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

LUNCH: Bag lunch, or if you prefer, an opportunity will be provided to stop at one of several "fast food" establishments

INCLEMENT WEATHER: See inclement weather SOP at page 2 of the Newsletter (or call John De Pue at (703) 791-3389

TOUR GUIDES: John Pearson, Mark Knowles, and John De Pue

PHYSICAL EXERTION: Light to moderate. Anticipate one hike of approximately one mile in length and dress accordingly. The ground at Bristoe may be wet and muddy.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS: Parking will present a problem several stops. We strongly encourage car-pooling upon arrival at the assembly point.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS: Auburn, "Coffee Hill," Greenwich, Jeb Stuart's concealed position; Bristoe Station Battlefield.

**DON'T FORGET TO CANCEL
IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT!**



**WELCOME NEW
BRCWRT
MEMBERS!**

**John Machey
George Combs**

**2006 RENEWAL FOR "THE CHEAP AND
THE PROUD" IS PAST DUE
PLEASE 'RE-UP'!**

OX HILL BATTLEFIELD TRAIL SEGMENTS REALIGNED; INTERPRETIVE TEAM ADDS NEW MEMBER



Photo by Janet Greentree taken following "The Battle of Chantilly (Ox Hill) Movie Premiere on March 4.

By Ed Wenzel

Having expressed serious concerns about the Ox Hill Battlefield Park's handicapped trail and the limited interpretation being advocated by the Park Authority's Ox Hill Project Team, the writer was informed on February 28th that the Team would not compromise on either the trail or their "interpretive approach".

Consequently, the issue was elevated to Springfield District Park Board Representative, Kenneth Feng, who arranged a site visit for the Project Team and agreed to help mediate our concerns. On March 8th the Project Team met at the park with Mr. Feng and two Virginia trustees of the Kearny-Stevens monument lot, Cricket Bauer Pohanka and the writer. (There are six trustees, three from Virginia and three from New Jersey.)

One of the trustees' main concerns was the trail's ten-foot cleared width through the wooded section of the lot, just west of the two monuments. We thought if the trail there could be reduced to the three-foot minimum width established for outdoor environments by the U.S. Access Board, then more trees could be saved to screen the monument area and replicate the 1862 woods. However, Michael Rierison, Ox Hill Project Team leader, said that the county's Public Facilities Manual (PFM) would not permit any reduction in the six-foot trail or its ten-foot cleared width. Given that situation, we expressed a certainty that the trustees would not allow the trail to enter the monument lot through the wooded area. We suggested instead that the trail follow the existing stone-dust trail and approach the monument area from the south. The Project Team agreed to the change.

During the two-hour site visit, the Team looked at twenty-seven concerns on the Demolition Plan, Site Plan, Trail Plan, Erosion Control Plan and Details Plan. Most issues were resolved to our satisfaction, but some were not, including a trail alignment elsewhere and the location of the Union monument. We had expressed a desire to see the proposed monument placed on slightly higher ground and more toward the middle of the park, but were told by Mr. Rierison and the design engineer that the grade to that location was too steep for the trail (it didn't look like a problem to me). Another reason to keep the monument off the higher ground was that I had previously objected to the trail's impact on the restored pasture, and the higher ground is a part of the pasture. So the situation is this: wheelchairs must have access to the monument, and because the grade and location create problems, the monument can only go where the trail is currently planned. However, the trail will be moved slightly so as to pass by the front side of the Union monument rather than the backside.

[Note: The six-foot wide "trail" to be constructed on this battlefield will be built like a road. It will have a 4 to 10-inch base of gravel or crushed rock with two-foot graded shoulders on either side. The trail will loop around the park for a distance of a quarter-mile and will twice cross the path of the Union attack. However, it will have a "Grasspave2" surface to make it as unobtrusive as possible in the historical environment.]

At the end of the site visit, we discussed the Interpretive Plan and proposed marker text. I repeated the view of the trustees, Civil War scholars and the BRCWRT that the wayside markers require a fuller interpretation, particularly the assaults of Generals Stevens and Birney and the death of General Kearny. We suggested that the place for the Park Authority's brief, generalized text and overview material was in the visitor's kiosk, not on the markers where substantive information was needed. All agreed that whatever is written for the markers or kiosk will be reviewed by competent historians and professional writers.

Mr. Rierison recommended that Paula Elsey of the Fairfax County History Commission be asked to advise the Interpretive Team on suitable graphics and images, and also to help write marker and panel text. Ms. Elsey, a BRCWRT member, joined Interpretive Team leader Mike Henry and team members at our March 17th meeting. The meeting's focus was on the Interpretive Plan and subject matter for the kiosk panels. Stay tuned.

A PRESERVATION CHALLENGE: RICE PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

By Charlie Balch

A developer, Northern Virginia Properties, Inc. (NVP, Inc.), has made application to rezone 3.68 acres of land in Centreville next to the St. John's Episcopal Church from R-1 (effectively one house per acre) to R-3 (three houses per acre). Based on pictures and research by Mike O'Donnell and John McAnaw, this land was the site of both Confederate and Union camps and huts.

This zoning application is to be presented to the Board of Supervisors on May 1.

There are several points of concern about this application, including:

First, the lots in this application are in the middle of the proposed, expanded Centreville Historic Overlay District. A task force of citizens and Fairfax County staff have been working on the definition and scope of that expanded historic district for a year. The Task Force is nearing completion of the necessary recommendations to bring before this Board.

Regardless of the applicant's proffer to abide by the new Historic District conditions which might not be reviewed by this Board until the Fall of this year, it appears to be illogical and inappropriate to consider this application before the expanded District and its conditions are approved. If the current application is approved now, NVP, Inc. will have up to nine months to begin the development process before the actual Historic District ground rules are official. This is a cart before the horse situation.

Second, as officers of the BRCWRT with ample physical, pictorial, and archaeological evidence that the lots in this application were the site of Civil War camps and huts, we are concerned about losing Civil War artifacts and in-the-ground structures. Our prime concern is that actual building foundations will be destroyed if a nine home development occurs on this ground. The foundations are not mobile artifacts.

And third, the applicant, NVP, Inc., took over this application from Stanley Martin Homebuilding, LLC. That is the organization that proffered three years ago to protect Civil War entrenchments and artifacts in Centreville, not far from the site in question.

Stanley Martin destroyed much of the site that they proffered to protect during their development efforts. (Chairman Connolly and Supervisor Bulova wisely voted against their development rezoning application.)

In a potential repeat of past events, we are concerned that NVP's (i.e., Stanley Martin's) track record in similar circumstances is not good. In addition, we do not see a means to enforce or to punish for violations of these proffers. We do not see the teeth in these proffers.

We had "teeth" in the proposed proffers based

on a meeting with representatives of the history community, the developers, and Supervisor Frey. However, the developers altered those proffers late on the Friday before the Monday, March 27th public hearing with Board of Supervisors. Those teeth need to be put back and we are working on it.

BATTLE OF CHANTILLY (OX HILL) MOVIE PREMIERE OVERWHELMING SUCCESS



Photo by Janet Greentree

Many BRCWRT members were on hand for the overwhelming premiere success of *The Battle of Chantilly* at the Cinema Arts Theatre March 4. The line circled around the theatre entrance. It appeared that as many were turned away as were in the audience.

There will be two encore screenings at the Cinema Arts Theatre on Friday evening, May 5, at 7:30 and 8:45 pm. Admission will still be \$5.00.

Tickets may be purchased ahead of time starting on May 1, in-person, at the theatre box office.

For further information call 703 978-6853. DVDs of the movie will again be available for purchase during the showings, and at www.blmproductions.com

See you at the movie!

CONGRATULATIONS CHUCK AND BERT!

GRAVE MONUMENT FOR ARTIST/HISTORIAN JAMES E. KELLY



Dear to the heart of our 13 October 2005 speaker, Bill Styple, is artist James E. Kelly (1855-1933).

Bill found Kelly's original unpublished memoir which contained extensive interview notes and sketches of over forty Union generals of the Civil War at the New York Historical Society. They were deposited there after Kelly's death. Kelly took detailed notes of his conversations while sketching the generals for bronze relief portraits. *Generals in Bronze: Interviewing the Commanders of the Civil War*, was edited by Bill and published.

Many BRCWRT members purchased the book during the October meeting and have thoroughly enjoyed it.

Kelly lies in an unmarked grave in Old St. Raymond's Cemetery, Bronx, New York, and Bill has undertaken a drive to raise money for a monument.

At our March round table meeting, President John McAnaw stated a total of \$5,730 had been raised for the Kelly monument and \$1,950 was still needed. John asked members who wished to donate to see Treasurer Mark Knowles after the meeting.

We are proud to report that \$330 was raised by BRCWRT members at the meeting and has been sent to Bill for the J. Carotenuto & Sons, Inc. Monument Company in the Bronx.

John spoke with Bill Styple on 2 April, and he stated that the balance is down to \$1,000. Every little bit counts! Let's do what we can to honor James E. Kelly who did so much to preserve our Civil War heritage. **Your donation of any amount can be given to Mark at the April meeting.** If you wish to write a check, make it out to "J. Carotenuto & Sons, Inc. Monument Co. Bronx, NY" and give it to Mark at the April meeting or mail it to him at 169 Applegate Drive, Sterling, VA 20164.

LAKE ACCOTINK VA CIVIL WAR TRAILS SIGN

There is a new Lake Accotink Park sign concerning the actions of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and 12 men as part of Gen. J. E. B. Stuart's 28 December 1862 raid on nearby Burke Station. The Confederates were dispatched to burn the Orange and Alexandria Railroad trestle over Accotink Creek.

Funded by the Fairfax County Park Authority, the Lake Accotink sign was spearheaded by the Park Manager, Tawny Hammond who has done a lot for that park's history.

The park occupies land originally part of the Ravensworth tract of 1685 which Gen. William Henry Fitzhugh 'Rooney' Lee (Gen. R.E. Lee's 2nd son) inherited after the death of his Great Aunt Maria Fitzhugh in 1874. Lake Accotink is located in Springfield off Backlick Road.



JOIN US AT THE LONE STAR

Do you come directly to the monthly meeting from work and look for a place to eat, or would you just like to come early for dinner? Join the BRCWRT board and our monthly guest speaker for good food and camaraderie.

We meet at 5:15 p.m. in the Alamo Room of the Lone Star located in Centreville Square near the library. Space is limited! **RSVP to Sandra Cox (April only)** at 703.675.0702 or scox@capitalav.com no later than Tuesday, April 11.

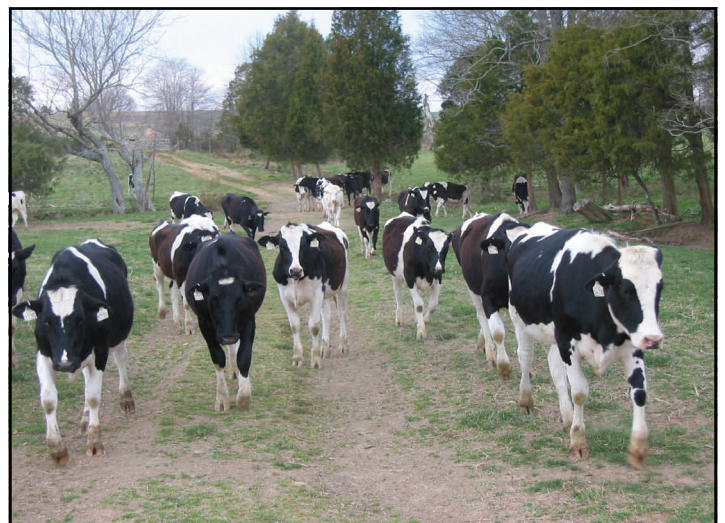


Photo by Mark Knowles depicts the rear guard view of the Confederate **Cowvalry** Charge at Beverly's Ford during our recent Brandy Station Battlefield Tour. Look for the After Action Report in the May issue of the *Stone Wall*.

BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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2006 Bull Run Civil War Round Table — 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.

Make checks payable to: BRCWRT (Bull Run Civil War Round Table). This form may be given to the President or Treasurer at the General Membership meeting. Or mail it to:

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