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Return to Bull Run: Seeds of Command Controversy

The Second Manassas Campaign is a telling case study for both South and North. On the plains of Manassas, the great triumvirate of the high command of the Army of Northern Virginia fully emerged. At the same time, Second Manassas bared the soft underbelly of the Union war effort: politics. At the November meeting our speaker will look at this long-neglected campaign from the perspective of four of its major characters: Pope, Jackson, Longstreet, and McClellan. He will look at each man's role in the campaign, and in the process will reveal--even amidst Confederate victory--the "Seeds of Command Controversy."

Mr. Hennessy graduated from the State University of New York at Albany in 1980 and the following year joined the National Park service as an historian at Manassas National Battlefield. During his five years service here he completed a 580 page, 16-map troop movement study of the Second Battle of Manassas which was published by the Government Printing Office in 1985 and reprinted by H.E. Howard in 1990.

Departing the National Park Service in 1986 he went to work for the New York State Office of Historic Preservation in Albany. After nearly five years there he returned to the Park Service, where since November he has been an exhibit planner at the Interpretive Design Center at Harpers Ferry.

John's credits include many reviews and articles on the Civil War and preservation for a range of periodicals, including *CWTI*, *Blue and Gray*, *Civil War Magazine*, and *The Conservationist*. In 1989, H.H. Howard published his work *An End to Innocence: The First Battle of Manassas*. He has also contributed to the *Conservation Fund's Civil War Battlefield Guide*, the upcoming *Encyclopedia of the Confederacy* (Simon & Schuster), and the new *American National Biography* (Oxford).

His most important work, six years in the making, was published October 1 by Simon & Schuster: *Return to Bull Run: The Campaign and Battle of Second Manassas*. John is currently about to begin work on a history of the cavalry of the Army of Northern Virginia.

Mr. Hennessy is a director of the Save Historic Antietam Foundation and is active in a number of preservation issues. His honors include receiving the Jefferson Davis Medal from the United Daughters of the Confederacy in July of this year. On October 30, the Boston Civil War Round Table awarded him its Captain Olive Wendell Holmes, Jr. Award.

We are very fortunate to have a speaker of Mr. Hennessy's caliber address our Round Table. You won't want to miss our November meeting.

Halt Harper's! Unite for Union Mills!

Due to a lack of interest, the Harper's Ferry field trip, scheduled for Oct. 31, has been canceled. However, Joe Gray will give a tour of Union Mills Ford on Saturday, November 21. We will car pool to the ford. Joe is one of our own round table members. He has a wide knowledge of the Manassas area and the war of northern aggression. We need to know how many plan to attend, so a count will be taken at the November meeting. Volunteers with vans will be needed. By the way, this trip will be FREE!

Other free local field trips include the 1st Battle of Manassas on November 1, and the 2nd Battle on November 8. Both hikes start at 1:00 p.m. at Manassas National Battlefield Park. For more information, call the battlefield at (703) 361-1339.

Leahy Responds to September's "Parting Shot"

Kevin Leahy, vice president of the BRCWRT

I disagree with Mr. Wert's statement on Gen. Longstreet. Only one man was a better corps commander than Longstreet, Winfield S. Hancock. In one year's time (May 1863 to Summer 1864) Hancock was instrumental in all of the Army of Potomac's engagements. It was Hancock's generalship that made victory possible for the Union at Gettysburg. At the Wilderness and Spotsylvania it was his attacks that caused the most damage to Lee's army. These assaults also gave Grant the best chance for victory. Grant relied so much on Hancock that it finally broke the man down. The wound he received at Gettysburg never healed properly, causing him great pain. Due to his poor physical condition Hancock resigned. With his resignation the Union lost its best field general.

Preservation Alert

South Mountain Battlefield needs your help! Central Maryland Heritage League, purchasers of Turner's Gap (where the Iron Brigade earned its name) are short \$10,000 of making their second payment on the land. Failure to make payment could result in the resale of the battlefield land. Please do your part. Remember, once it's gone, it's gone forever. Contact the Maryland Heritage League, P.O. Box 721, Middletown, MD 21769 (301) 371-7090.

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 11
Lecture "Free People of Color in the Civil War Era"
James Horton 8 p.m. Grosvenor Auditorium
1600 M St. NW (202) 857-7133
- Nov. 18
Concert "Tenting Tonight: Music of the Civil War"
Jay Ungar and Molly Mason 5:30 and 8:00 p.m.
Grosvenor Auditorium
- Nov. 14-15
Tour Walking tour of Antietam
National Cemetery (301) 432-5124
- Nov. 21-22
Show 12th Annual Capital of the Confederacy Civil War Show
VA state fairgrounds Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9:30-3:30
Steve Sharpe (804) 737-3055 (eve) (804) 273-2358 (daytime)

More Neighboring CWRTs

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After Second Manassas: Jackson and Hill Feud

It is well known that "Stonewall" Jackson and A.P. Hill did not always see eye-to-eye. Jackson thought Hill lackadaisical in many details, and Hill thought Jackson a secretive martinet. The embers of dislike finally leapt into flame on the march toward Maryland from Second Manassas. Jedediah Hotchkiss, Jackson's topographer, later described how the feud came to a head.

"It was only in rare cases that Jackson committed his orders on military movement to writing. He almost invariably had the officer who was to execute the command come to him and receive his orders from his own lips, and when there was a general movement he always brought his division commanders together for these instructions. I could relate many instances in connection with this habit of his, which had, in my opinion, much to do with his great success. He made his orders as few as possible and communicated them to as few persons as he could to ensure success in any movement. He frequently sent a staff officer to conduct a brigade or division commander to a position without telling that commander what road he was to take or anything else except that he was to follow his guide. This very frequently provoked the wrath of such officers. I recall conducting General Taliaferro from McDowell across to Lebanon White Sulphur Springs, telling him which road to take with an invariable exposition of wrath at each cross road that we came to. After the battle of Ox Hill, subsequent to the Second Manassas when the march of Lee's army into Maryland began with left and front, and therefore Jackson's corps, he ordered to division commanders to their headquarters and gave them instructions as to the march, requesting them all to set their watches by his, and then to march so many minutes and halt so many minutes throughout the day, as it was not only intensely hot and roads overflowing with dust, but the march was no great distance from the line of the Federal army holed in Washington. Early in the day, Jackson and his staff rode to the front, which was Hill's division with Gregg's brigade in advance. Finding General Gregg walking and leading his horse Jackson and his staff dismounted and walked also, this raising less dust. General Hill had ridden ahead and was not in sight. Thus while walking time came for the halt, and Jackson observing by his watch ordered Gregg to halt. This he did, and when the time for resting had expired he ordered him to march on, all the officers mounting their horses that just as the column got fairly in motion General Hill and staff came thundering along down the road toward the column and halting General Hill demanded of General Gregg who had halted his command, he, Hill, taking no notice of General Jackson. When Gregg's reply that General Jackson did, Hill whipped out his saber and turning the hilt toward Jackson said, "I tender my resignation, sir." Jackson quietly replied, "General Hill consider yourself under arrest for disobedience of orders," when Hill of course unsheathed his saber and rode to the rear this led to the preferring of charges against Jackson by Hill which General Lee required him to withdraw and to many bitter letters and irritating occasions from that time on to the date of Jackson's death."

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