



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table

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The First Annual Skirmish

of the

Fourth Battle of Manassas

(August 12, 1993)

As mentioned at the last meeting, we will have an "Intramural Skirmish" in which members of the Round Table will match wits and their Civil War knowledge at our August meeting. We invite everyone who wishes to participate to let us know. If you wish to participate, call Ralph Swanson at 709-7411, Scott Patchan at 803-2927 or Bill Miller at 349-0602.

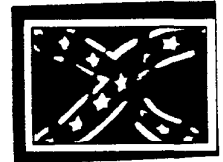
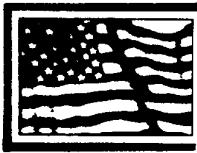
The format for this "battle" includes:

- * Two Teams of 3 or 4 members each
- * A Moderator
- * A Judge
- * And **most importantly:** a large, enthusiastic and interested audience

The two teams will do combat by trying to answer questions about the war. Each will earn a small, 4 x 6 - inch National or Confederate flag for each correct answer. Whichever team "captures" 25 flags first, wins.

We hope this will become an annual event in which teams compete for a floating trophy, which will be inscribed each year with the name of the winning team. If the event becomes really popular, we could expand it to include teams from other Round Tables.





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In the August 1992 issue of the STONE WALL newsletter, I said that our focus for the 1993 season was to build further on the successes WE had in 1992 and in doing so, WE should make it more fun and meaningful. Well, I think WE achieved that goal to a large degree. OUR membership is up from 92; OUR treasury is healthy even after WE made the donation to the Manassas Battlefield Park; OUR speaker program was far superior to 92; WE achieved our preservation contribution without burdening our members for extra money and WE tracked the Brawner house, Bristoe Station and Horse Mounted program fairly well; WE had a couple of interesting field trips; OUR newsletter improved measurably and was delivered on time, each month. One area did disturb me, however. The field trips WE scheduled reflected both the wishes of the membership to have them and the sites WE wished to visit, but, when it came time to sign up, WE backed off. I'm not sure what the problem is but WE need to work it in 94, especially if WE are to do Bristoe in October.

The Constitution Committee had very little to do in 1993. However, one or two things did come up during the year that require changes in the constitution. I plan to present these to the Executive Committee this fall and to the membership thereafter.

One final note and that deals with our newsletter. We need to remember that the newsletter is an instrument to enlighten, teach and perpetuate the history of the Civil War. It is a NEWSLETTER, not merely an "announcement" of the next monthly meeting. We all need to work at it a bit more to achieve that goal and some of us need to publish our articles in the STONE WALL instead of using other newsletters. All things considered, WE have had a really great year! My special thanks to all of you who made it possible, officers and members alike; and OUR special thanks to the Manassas National Battlefield Park for allowing us to use and enjoy such outstanding facilities for our meetings.

Thanks and good luck.

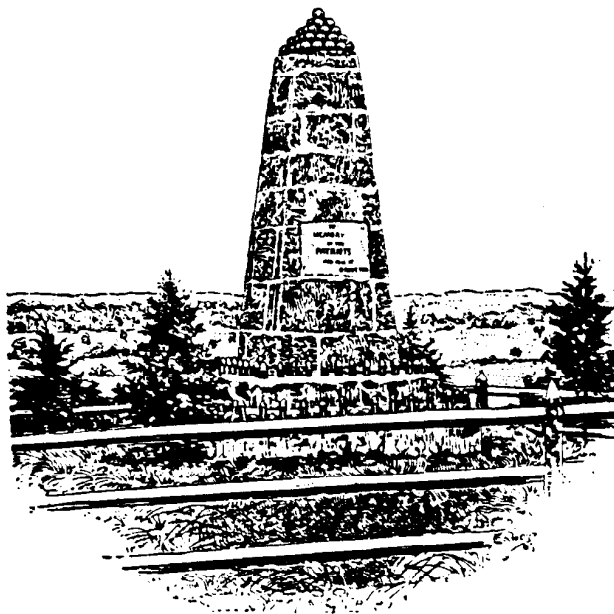
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Note: This issue of The Stone Wall was prepared by Baron Isaac and his son, Justin.



PRESERVE AND PROTECT

On July 15, Dr. Mancini and Ms. Hendley presented a \$600.00 check to the MNBFS Superintendent, Mr. Apschikat. The money, donated by our Bull Run Civil War Round Table, will be used to preserve and maintain the Groveton Monument which is near Deep Cut. A more formal, open presentation will be scheduled on site when the work on the monument is finished.



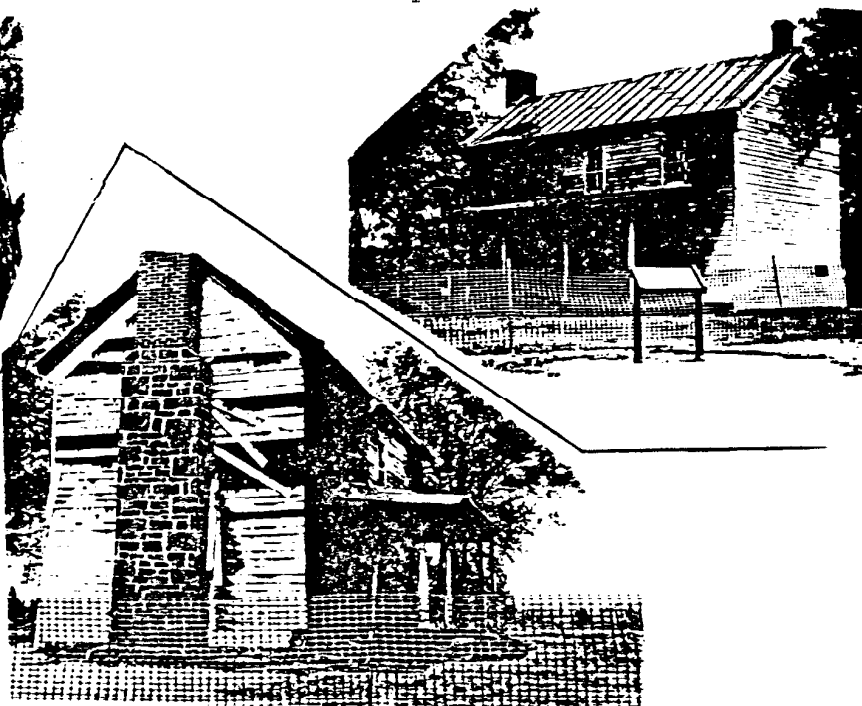
One of the first monuments erected on any battlefield of the war was raised in 1865 on the field of Second Manassas to Union soldiers who fell there. The "Groveton Monument" still stands.

from Battles and Leaders of the Civil War

The view is looking east, toward the charging Union force.

RUIN AND REGRET

Alas and Alarm! A prominent landmark of the Manassas Battlefield Park has been almost totally destroyed. The cause of the fire in the Robinson House is under investigation ...



HOT AND STEAMY AS IT WAS "6 SCORE AND 10"

In spite of severe hot weather, two visitors from Europe enjoyed the GETTYSBURG 130th Anniversary activities, including the museum, electric map, cyclorama, the first draft of the Gettysburg Address, and many of the sites prominent in the battle fought there on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of July in 1863. Incidentally, the Gettysburg address is now available in 6 or 7 different languages. Copies can be obtained at the Visitor Center at no charge.

These two visitors said that the Gettysburg Battlefield was the most impressive site they saw in and around the Washington D.C. area and it would be the first place they would visit on their next trip.



From the Roman Forum to Gettysburg's Cemetery Hill.

MEMBERSHIP

Speaking of the Table, it has increased in circumference, again! We welcome our new members to the Bull Run Civil War Round Tables:

John Davis, Falls Church
Mike Sullivan, Fairfax
E. B. Vandiver, Fairfax

If you have any questions, call or speak to any of our officers or members.



MANASSAS TOURS

Please note the following schedule of tours for the First and Second Battles of Manassas. If you've gone on these tours, you already know the value of seeing first-hand the sites of the battles, but you might need a refresher! If you have not gone on these tours, you can greatly expand your understanding of these key Civil War events -- so go!

Manassas National Battlefield Park announces its 1993 Summer schedule of activities and programs. The Visitor Center will be opened from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily enabling visitors to see exhibits and audio-visual programs that provide an overview to the two Civil War battles fought here. A newly revised and fully accessible battle map program is featured in the museum. The Stone House, restored and furnished to represent its wartime appearance, will be open 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

This year Manassas National Battlefield Park is offering a wider variety of walks, tours, and demonstrations available to those visitors who wish to learn more about the First and Second Battles of Manassas. All of these programs, led by park historians, include fascinating stories and discussions of each of these important battles.

Returning this year is the popular Musket Firing Demonstration. Visitors will learn about the weapons carried by the common soldier during the Civil War and the role they played at Manassas. Demonstrations are held at the Visitor Center at 1:45 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

The Henry Hill Walking Tour will consist of a twenty minute tour to key sites of the First Battle of Manassas. Tours leave the Visitor Center daily at 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., and 4:15 p.m.

New this year is the Matthews' Hill Walking Tour which features a 60-minute tour discussing the opening phases of the First Battle of Manassas. Visitors should meet the park historian at Stop 3 (Dogan Ridge) at 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The popular Second Manassas Van Tour takes visitors to each major battle site and leaves the Visitor Center daily at 10:00 a.m. Seating is limited for this 90-minute driving tour with a park historian, and reservations are available on a first come, first served basis on the day of the tour.

The Brawner Farm Walking Tour covers the first day's action of the Second Battle of Manassas. This 90-minute walking tour leaves from Stop 1 (Battery Heights) at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Also new this year is the **Unfinished Railroad Walking Tour** which will lead visitors to the focal point of Union attacks on the Confederate line during the Second Battle of Manassas. Meet the park historian for this 90-minute tour at Stop 5 (Unfinished Railroad) at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

On August 27 at 7:00p.m., the park will host the 11th North Carolina Band for a concert at the Visitor Center. The concert is part of the annual reenactment weekend held in conjunction with the Prince William County Park Authority and the Manassas Museum.

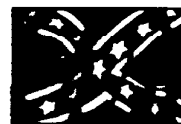
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