

THE WAR BETWEEN THE SHEETS

Something a little different this month. Our own Art Candenuist speaks about what (after the war at any rate) people didn't talk about much. Fine, upstanding men that they were, soldiers, you know, just didn't do that sort of thing. Well, they did, and Art tells us about legalized prostitution, venereal disease, misconduct by soldiers and officers, and dalliances by prominent persons such as Custer and A.P. Hill. Should be fun.

ART CANDENUIST
Thursday, August 14
7:30 PM
*Manassas National
Battlefield Park
Visitor Center*

BRING A DISH AND THE KIDS TO THE ROUNDTABLE PICNIC

*Stuart Hill Center
Saturday, Aug. 16,
7 PM*

We don't have much of a chance to socialize in that half hour before our group gets going. So here we have it. A couple of hours to just chatter, play games, even discuss history.

The grills are there. The hot dogs and buns and condiments and iced tea will be provided. The rest is potluck. Bring a dish (a salad or dessert) to share, and soda or lemonade if you wish. Also bring your own chair. Ann Collins is coordinating the pot luck dishes so we don't all bring the same thing (somebody's got to bring the cookies). Leave a message on her voice mail (work 202-624-5807, home 301-912-3194)

The amphitheater behind the Stuart Hill Contact Center won't be finished until the autumn, so it'll be a bit rough terrain, but it's a great site to watch the sun go down.

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From the Firing Line



Dear Fellow Members,

This past year has zipped by all too rapidly. Issues like the Western Transportation Corridor, the Stone House Intersection, and the disappearance of the Confederate National Flag at the Visitor Center boiled over and it was sometimes hard to keep pace; these issues diverted energy from activities we'd rather be doing. However with the location of Manassas National Battlefield Park on the outskirts of a growing metropolitan region likely to increase rather than disappear, such issues are more likely to increase rather than disappear.

Yet we did manage to put on our first symposium last October in fine style. Its planning goes back two years with Gary Ecelbarger and Scott Patchan at the helm. We had a great location, great speakers, great attendance, great weather, a great lunch, and we raised \$500 which we gave to APCWS for Brandy Station. That is all due to people behind the scenes doing a lot of planning and preparation.

We've had a fine team keeping the wheels turning month after month with newsletters, tours, speakers, website, and book raffles. I'm personally grateful to everyone for their steadfast effort and for all the loose ends they picked up. The Executive Committee has appointed Ann Collins to finish the current term as Secretary. Ann has been keeping our database and has performed the functions of that office the past couple of months.

Sadly we will miss our Secretary, Marilyn Snyder, whose idea of a job was always to do more than was required. In lieu of flowers, one of the family's choices was donations to the Bull Run Civil War Round Table. The Executive Committee decided that any funds the Round Table receives in that manner would be donated in her memory to Kernstown, where her ancestor Thomas Clark fought with the 29th Ohio Infantry Volunteers. As an avid researcher and reader Marilyn had a sizable collection of Civil War books which she most thoughtfully donated to the Round Table for our book raffles and which we greatly appreciate. And we will be remembering her this coming December as well, as it was Marilyn who suggested Kevin Rawlings as a speaker on the subject of Civil War Christmastime. Unfortunately, we couldn't get him for last December as he is booked so far in advance.

And lastly I promise not to disappear this coming year. I've thoroughly enjoyed your company, you've been a great audience for someone not used to any limelight and I'm appreciative of that. However, I will enjoy putting my feet up and relaxing a little.

I remain as always your obedient servant, *Martha Hendley*

REMEMBERING MARILYN

Our round table's secretary for the past two years, Marilyn Clark-Snyder, passed away July 23 after an unsuccessful but courageous bout with cancer. Our round table was very special to Marilyn and her family invites all of us to a memorial service Sunday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m. at Chinn Ridge. Our round table was very special to Marilyn and her family has requested that BRCWRT be among the recipients of donations. The BRCWRT executive board agreed that these donations be in turn donated to the Kernstown Battlefield Association in her memory because her Civil War ancestor fought there, and it was made extra special to her during discussions with Gary Ecelbarger as he worked on his recently published book about the battle.

The following is a remembrance by Chris Custode.

Although Marilyn was a dear friend to all of us, she held a special place in my heart, an older sister of sorts. History brought us together initially, but it wasn't long before we shared the more mundane rhythms of everyday experience.

Marilyn's outlook and demeanor bespoke a sunny disposition and positive attitude, and how she loved people and loved to talk! She struck up conversations with strangers wherever she went, ultimately steering some to the Round Table. Although history and genealogy were among her favorite pursuits, she also took a great interest in special needs children, and greatly encouraged me in my anticipated career change to special education.

One particularly special memory I have of Marilyn is from last fall, when one Saturday I asked her if she'd like to join me for a Sunday in the Valley. Marilyn said yes immediately, adding that she'd been wanting to visit Stonewall Jackson's headquarters in Winchester and where her ancestor, Thomas Clark (whose letters formed the basis of the book Marilyn was writing), fought around Port Republic. When she asked what time I planned to leave, I, an habitually early riser, hesitantly replied, "5:30 or 6, is that too early?" Without missing a beat, Marilyn said, "I'll pick you up at 6." And there she was the next morning, at 5:55!

We breakfasted in Manassas, toured in Winchester, lunched in Woodstock, drove around the area near Port Republic where "Thomas" had been, and traveled home through Luray. All day Marilyn talked, about Thomas, the Civil War generally, her difficult life before her divorce, the 20-plus sane years

since, her children and grandchildren, her successful battle against breast cancer, and how she looked forward to the tour that the Round Table was doing to Port Republic in May 1997.

Unfortunately, at brunch on Easter this year, I witnessed the beginning of the end as Marilyn had difficulty swallowing. After several doctor visits, Marilyn received the devastating news that she had advanced cancer of the esophagus. Having faced death four years before with breast cancer, Marilyn assured me that she was not afraid to die. Alarmed, I told her she shouldn't think such things, but Marilyn was pragmatic as well as positive, and she continued to reassure me and everyone else that it was okay, that although there were things left unfinished, if it was time, it was time. Ultimately, she was not able to join us on the May trip to Port Republic, but John McAnaw, who led the trip, was with her when she died peacefully in her sleep on July 23rd.

However Marilyn, organized to the last, tied up all the loose ends before she went. Karen Fojt and Gary Ecelbarger will finish her book, and Ann Collins will take over as secretary. All of us will sorely miss her but will have to smile knowing that Marilyn is now hobnobbing with Thomas and all the others.

Marilyn Clark-Snyder
Memorial Service
Chinn Ridge

Sunday, Aug. 17, 10 a.m.

For information call Karen Fojt, 330-1965

VDOT's Recommendations for U.S. 29/State 234 Intersection Published

In July 1997 the Virginia Department of Transportation published a document called *Summary of the Proposed Improvements at the Intersection of U.S. 29 and VA 234 in the Manassas National Battlefield Park, Prince William County, Virginia*. Important recommendations of this study include the following:

- Addition of four left-turn lanes at the U.S. 29 and State 234 intersection.
- Addition of a through/right turn lane on westbound U.S. 29.
- Acquisition of four 20' by 20' easements in all four quadrants of the U.S. 29 and State 234 intersection for the installation, operation and maintenance of traffic signal equipment.
- Lowering the existing crest of Buck Hill by 6' in the vicinity that section of State 234 located north of the intersection for a distance of 800'.
- Acquisition of a 14' easement on State 234 extending 1,000' north of the intersection and 1,000' south of the intersection. (Note: This means that the two proposed left turn lanes at State 234 will be 1,000' or 333.3 yards long.)

Plans to destroy this historic intersection and Buck Hill are fully supported by Rep. Frank Wolf, to the dismay of Civil War preservationists and citizens living within his district. According to the Save the Battlefield Coalition, led by the redoubtable Annie Snyder, the rationale for Rep. Wolf's support is that he is trying to repay the developers, builders and realtors who financed 75% of his last campaign.

The 1988 legislative taking by the U.S. Congress of the William Center Tract, an integral part of the Second Manassas Battlefield, was an extraordinary action which showed how much Americans want to preserve important Civil War battlefields. The expressed intent of the U.S. Congress was to have appropriate agencies develop plans to find ways to draw off all but local traffic on those sections of U.S. 29 and State 234 within the boundaries of the Manassas National Battlefield Park. Rep. Wolf is now supporting actions that are diametrically opposed to the intent of the U.S. Congress.

The fight to save our Manassas National Battlefield Park is far from over. The Bull Run Civil War Round Table is on record opposing the proposed changes at this intersection. We need to save our battlefield.

THE BATTLEFIELD HOLDS EVENTS COMMEMORATING THE 2ND BATTLE OF MANASSAS

August 30-31

Special walking tours, a living history encampment, weapons-firing demonstrations and camp life programs mark the 135th anniversary of the battle.

The Stuart's Hill Center is located just off of Va. Rt. 29 at the intersection of Pageland Lane. The number for information is 703-754-1652, or 703-361-1339.

Official Report of the Tour Guide

MIKE MILLER LEADS AN ENLIGHTENING TOUR OF NORTH ANNA BATTLEFIELD

By Chris Custode

On Saturday, Aug. 2, round table member Mike Miller led 14 other round table members and his wife, Debbie, on a tour of the North Anna Battlefield. Everyone knew the tour would be special to begin with, since Mike is the recognized expert on North Anna, having authored a book on the battle as well as a comprehensive article for *Blue and Gray*. and is the consultant for the several-year-old Oxford Park, which encompasses the Ox Ford area of the North Anna battlefield. However, the tour turned out to be one of our best ever, and an unforgettable birthday for your humble trip coordinator (me).

Most of us met at Dogan's Ridge and caravaned down to Mt. Carmel Church, about 20 miles north of Richmond, where we met Mike, Debbie, and the rest of the crew. Mike explained that he envisioned a sort of "moving seminar" type of tour, wherein he would welcome comments, questions, and any stories or anecdotes that anyone wanted to share. We had all read up on the battle via Mike's *Blue and Gray* article, and we came well prepared.

While at Mt. Carmel Church, the site of Union headquarters during North Anna, Mike gave an overview of the events leading up to, and the beginnings of the battle. After a rest break at McDonald's, we wound our way to Henagan's Redoubt, which is well preserved but best seen in the late fall and winter when the foliage is off the trees. Mike told us that there is talk of the Redoubt's being set aside as a park; hopefully, this will come to pass.

Our next stop was on private land, with the permission of the owner: the field near Jericho Mill, which has changed little since 1864. Besides his excellent commentary and the give and take of the group, Mike made the battle come alive as he pointed out the rises and dropoffs in the ground as we hiked, and separated us into Confederate and Union forces to demonstrate field maneuvers and tactics. As Debbie Miller and I served on the same side, she taught me how to keep the swarms of gnats that accompanied us out of one's face: raise an arm above your head, and in a

few seconds the gnats will go for the highest point - your hand - and seem to magically disappear from your face. Everyone thought we wanted to ask questions, but Mike knew better. Also, while situated on hay wagons as Mike explained things, your humble trip coordinator was surprised by a group serenade of *Happy Birthday*.

After we lunched at the picnic area at Oxford Park, Mike led us around nine stops on the trail, pausing at each marker. We took turns reading the commentary which Mike wrote for interpretive signs which will be in place in coming months. Mike also explained that the park land was donated to be preserved by a local quarry, which swapped the battlesite for other land nearby. The quarry has donated much to the park, including the crushed stone for the trails and several lookouts at key sites; another example that big business and preservation are not mutually exclusive.

We ended the afternoon with the sighting of Ox Ford and a wrap-up of events. Although we ran a little late, no one complained. It is your humble trip coordinator's opinion that everyone greatly enjoyed this trip. I want to personally thank Mike and Debbie Miller for a truly memorable day for all, and especially for a wonderful birthday for me.

History Book Fair, Nov. 8

The Northern Virginia Association for History sponsors a history book fair, Saturday Nov. 8, 10 am to 3 pm at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church.

Books, tapes, software, maps and directors about local history will be available. For information to display or donate, contact Doris J. Bautch 352-7903 or Bonnie Baldwin 750 9546

Coming Up ROUNDTABLE SPEAKERS

Sept. 11: Dr. Richard J. Sommers, U.S. Army Military Institute, *Penetrating the Voice: Confederate Strategy During the Pennsylvania Campaign of 1863.*

Oct. 9: Ltc. (Ret.) Joseph W.A. Whitehorne, *Logistical Considerations in the Shenandoah Valley of 1864.*

ROUNDTABLE PLANS OVERNIGHT BATTLEFIELD TOURS

Our round table has gained an enviable reputation among Civil War buffs for its excellent speaker program and its very active tour schedule at minimal cost, as well as the fact that almost all tour guides are drawn from our round table's membership.

For 1998 we are seriously considering two-day tours, or overnights. These include: North Anna -Cold Harbor-Petersburg; Gettysburg Campaign; Shenandoah Valley Campaigns of 1862 and/or 1864; Petersburg Breakthrough at Pamplin Park to Appomattox Court House.

The obvious reason for overnights is to have more time to visit battlefields and other sites of interest to our membership during the scheduled tour. Our 1997 tours to Cross Keys, Port Republic, Pamunkey River to Cold Harbor, and North Anna proved that we were at the extreme limit of our travel range for a one-day tour. Now, to the next level.

TOUR GUIDES WANTED

Put your knowledge of the War of Secession to good use. Volunteer as a tour guide for a round table tour of the Cedar Creek Battlefield (Sept. 27) and the Centreville-Union Mills section of the Confederate Defense Line of 1861-1862 (Oct. 18).

Contact either Scott Patchan at 803-2927 or John McAnaw at 978-3371. The great majority of our tour guides have been drawn from the ranks of our talented membership.

Do your homework and do your part. Be a tour guide!

UPCOMING ROUND TABLE TOURS

Sept. 27 Battle of Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864

Oct. 18 Confederate Defense Line of 1861-1862, Centreville-Union Mills and Occoquan.

Sign up sheets will be at the table before each meeting.

SYMPOSIUM: Art, Artifacts, and Uniforms of the Civil War, Oct. 2-5

East Carolina University is sponsoring a symposium: *Art, Artifacts, and Uniforms of the Civil War* Oct. 2-5 in Greenville, North Carolina. The speakers focus on the physical details of soldier life, topics include battleflags, artists such as Winslow Homer, soldier art, and uniforms, and a tour of Beaufort, Fort Macon and New Bern.

Registration is \$195 a person. For information, see Karen Fojt for the brochure, or call 1 800 767 9111, fax 919 328 1600, Civil War Symposium, Division of Continuing Studies, East Carolina University, Erwin Building, Greenville NC 27858-4353.

GETTYSBURG TOUR, Sept. 26-27

Bus tour of Stuart's route from Rowser's Ford on the Potomac to Gettysburg. Join Guides Charles Jacobs and Horace Mewhorn through Rowser's Ford, Hanover, Carlisle Barrocks and Hunte4rstown.

Dinner at Days Inn, Gettysburg, with speaker Robert J. Trought, author of *They Followed The Plume: The Staff Officers of General JEB Stuart* and *With Pen and Sabre: The Letters of the Staff Officers of JEB Stuart.*

Saturday Sept 27 the bus goes to the East Cavalry battlefield and a tour of the artillery positions of the third day. Cost is \$60 for bus tour for two days, \$15 for dinner, and \$75 plus tax for the room at the Days' inn at Gettysburg. For information call 757 838 1685, or e-mail JPHA1982@aol.com. Deadline is August 25.

WE ARE IN FOR IT (IF WE DON'T HAVE IT)

Gary Ecelbarger's book *We Are In For It* is out and selling nicely. He'll have copies for all of us to purchase at Thursday's meeting. We've printed some of the reviews in previous newsletters. Here's another. Gordon Rhea wrote: Gary Ecelbarger is a talented storyteller. He is also a tenacious and thorough researcher. The result is a spellbinding and authoritative recounting of the battle that Stonewall Jackson's admirers prefer to ignore. Replete with engrossing word portraits of the major players and battle recreations so real that smoke drifts from the pages. Mr. Ecelbarger has created a superb battle study. He has achieved the difficult feat of narrating an engagement in detail while placing it in its larger context, all the while holding the reader's interest. Mr. Ecelbarger's book deserves a place on the shelf with the handful of modern battle studies that have reinvigorated civil war literature and breathed new life into the craft of military history.

1998 ROUND TABLE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The membership drive for 1998 begins Aug. 14, the date of our next meeting. All members are encouraged to pay their 1998 dues as soon as practicable. The cost of individual/family dues will remain the same as last year.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Fredericksburg Area Museum Exhibit: Images of War: Drawings from the Collection of Robert K. Shedon. Features 15 full color sketches of area Civil War battlefields drawn by Lt. Robert K. Sneden, a Union engineer during and immediately after the war. Taken from nearly 400 images. Very accurate descriptions. Lost for over 100 years, recently discovered in a bank vault in Connecticut and purchased by the Virginia Historical Society. Display August 1-31 at the Fredericksburg Area Museum. On loan from the Virginia Historical Society. Located at the corner of Princess Anne and William Street in Fredericksburg. 10-5 Mon-Sat, 1-5 Sundays. Admission. Call 540-371-3037.

Pamplin Park Living History Weekend

Aug. 16-17, 9 am -5 pm. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 children 6-11. Activities include Confederate and Union encampments, drills, musket firing, fife and drum music, surgeon's tent. Civil War church service on Sunday, and horse and wagon rides. Call the park at 804 861-2408.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

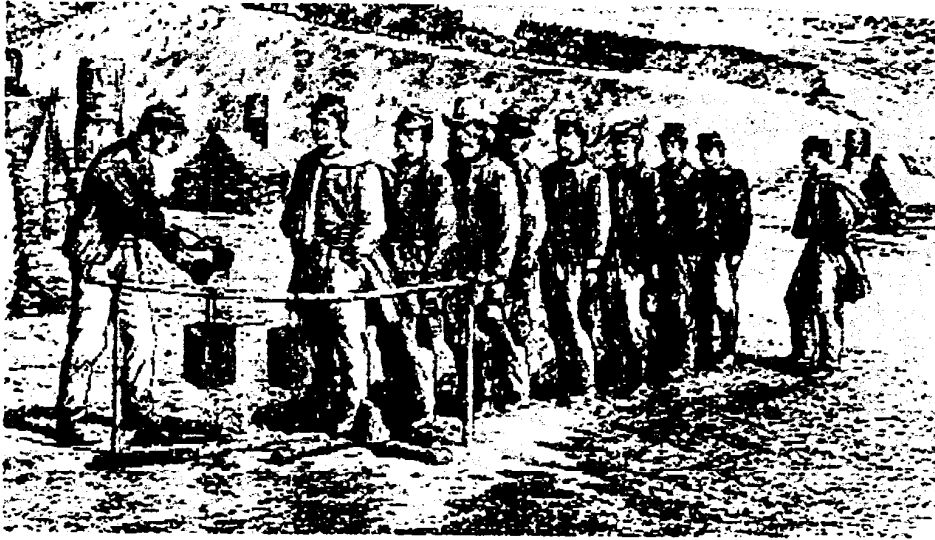
Membership in the Bull Run Civil War Round Table is open to all who are interested in our nation's Civil War. The Round Table meets the second Thursday of each month at the Manassas National Battlefield Park Visitor Center. A newsletter is sent to all members monthly.

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Make checks payable to the Bull Run Civil War Round Table, and mail to Mark Knowles, 169 Applegate Drive, Sterling VA 20164.



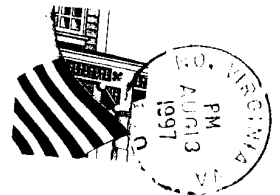
The Battlefield's Volunteer Gala

Sept. 13, 6:30 pm

To honor the efforts of the many volunteers who staff the Manassas Battlefield's interpretive volunteer program, and to raise funds for the 1998 battlefield volunteer programs, the Friends of Manassas National Battlefield Park is holding a dinner and dance, Saturday, Sept. 13, 6:30-11 pm at the Best Western, Battlefield Inn, at the corner of Rt. 234 and Ball's Ford Road. Tickets are \$30. The program also celebrates the first anniversary of the Friends' formation.

Of course if you can't attend, any donation toward the volunteer program would be appreciated. For information call Karen Fojt, 330-1965.

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