

LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY CAMPAIGN OF 1864

Joseph W. A. Whitehorne is a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel who served as a Staff Historian in the United States and Europe. His last assignment was on the staff of then Secretary of the Army, John Marsh, who, by the way, is an inveterate Civil War buff. These assignments placed LTC Whitehorne in frequent contact with numerous general officers of the U.S. Army and the other uniformed services. His duties included primary research, battlefield interpretation, archives development, and support to archaeological and casualty recovery operations. One of his last military projects was Historian to the Snake Hill excavation at Fort Erie, Ontario, a War of 1812 site.

Since retiring in 1989, LTC Whitehorne has been a Professor of History at Lord Fairfax Community College and a historical consultant to the Department of Archaeology at James Madison University. In the latter capacity, he has written the history portions of five major reports on military sites in the Shenandoah Valley. He is the author or co-author of over 20 military history articles and 13 books, 14 of which deal with Civil War topics. LTC Whitehorne's military experience, writing ability, and academic training place him in the front rank of military historians. His background uniquely enables him to put himself into the heads of Civil War generals and ably articulate the factors bearing on their decisions.

Participants in our Cedar Creek Battlefield Tour of September 27 will recall the superb plaster of paris terrain model of cited battlefield located at the Hupps Hill Museum. This terrain model was prepared under the supervision of LTC Whitehorne and was the last plaster of paris terrain model ever made by the U.S. Army. It was made for the Secretary of the Army's staff ride on the Cedar Creek Battlefield over 10 years ago.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, he holds a doctorate from George Mason University and an honorary doctorate from Shenandoah University. LTC Whitehorne last spoke to BRCWRT members on 8 December 1994. The topic of his well-received presentation was "Grant Takes Command." Join us for another superb presentation!

JOSEPH WHITEHORNE

**Thursday, Oct. 9
7:30 PM**

*Manassas National
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I will try to be as brief as possible since much of what I want to cover is expressed elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter. First, I want to extend my congratulations and sincere thanks to our Immediate Past President Martha Hedley and outgoing members of the Executive Committee for a successful and enjoyable year.

As a reminder, elected officers of the BRCWRT serve from September 1 through August 31 of the following year. According to our By-Laws, this is called the Operational Year. Membership in the BRCWRT is based on the Calendar Year (January 1 through December 31). I encourage all readers of this newsletter to pay their 1998 dues as soon as possible. Why? We need your money. Our 1998 Membership Campaign is now in full swing. A concerted effort to publicize our activities is underway in an effort to attract additional members. But our best recruiters are you our current members spreading the word.

For Operational Year 1997-1998, I have lined up a slate of outstanding guest speakers. Our 11 September speaker, the noted historian-archivist, Dr. Richard Sommers, is indicative of the quality of our future scheduled speakers. I have no doubt that you will thoroughly enjoy our 9 October presentation by Lieutenant Colonel Joseph W. A. Whitehorne, U.S. Army (Ret).

Our 1997-1998 BRCWRT Tour Program got off to an auspicious start on 27 September when Scott Patchan led a group of 17 participants on a very informative tour, under perfect weather conditions, of the Cedar Creek Battlefield. I extend my congratulations to Scott, ably supported by Blake Myers and others for a stimulating tour. On 18 October, we will conduct what I believe will be an eye opening tour of Civil War Centreville, including surviving structures, fortifications, and other interesting sites of that era, ranging southward from Centreville all the way to vicinity Union Mills. Wear your walking boots/shoes.

A walking tour of Civil War Alexandria is planned in November. I do not know of any other organization that conducts high quality Civil War tours at such low cost as the BRCWRT. Enjoy our bargain prices for these upcoming tours and see for yourselves.

Regarding preservation, the primary focus of our efforts this year will be on the protection of the Manassas National Battlefield Park and surrounding sites of historical value. We do not have the resources to expand our efforts beyond the sites mentioned above.

Let me close by asking for your involvement in our Round Table activities.-- Attend our Monthly General Meetings--Participate in our field trips plus other scheduled events. And, most importantly, volunteer your expertise in support of Round Table activities as a tour guide and/or participant in work projects at our Manassas National Battlefield Park.

John McAnaw

MARCHING ORDERS

Civil War Sites from Centreville to Union Mills

Historic sites include St. John's Episcopal Church/Cemetery, Havener House, Harrison House and Old Stone Church, Mount Gilead (Gen. Joseph F. Johnson's residence), Confederate cantonment areas around Centreville, Site where the remains of six Civil War soldiers were found in early 1997, the Confederate Military Railroad (the first railroad ever built expressly for military purposes), site of the first Confederate military executions, Fort #1, the Great Redoubt, the Ring Fort and more.

Tour Guides John McAnaw, Patricia Gallagher, Ted McCord

Time 8:20 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Assembly Time 8:20 a.m.

Assembly Location (and stop number 1) Parking lot (near the basketball courts), St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church, northwest corner of the intersection of Compton Road and Union Mill Road.

Departure time 8:50 a.m.

Stop #2 Mount Gilead in Centreville Historic District

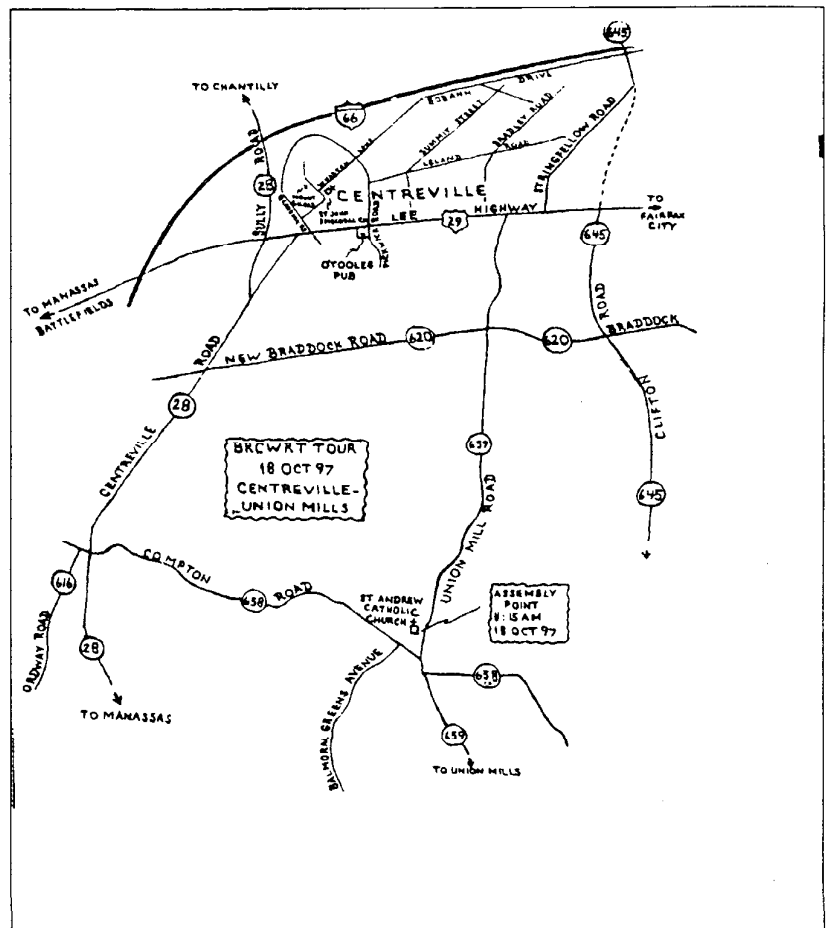
Lunch Bring it with you.

Clothing and Equipment Dress appropriate to the weather, hiking boots, water canteens and trail snacks recommended.

Amount of exertion required Light in the morning, light to moderate in the afternoon.

Last Stop Parking Lot, St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church

Coordination Sign up sheets at the October meeting. Maps will be provided to all participants. For more information, contact John McAnaw, 703/978-3371.



PRESERVATION CORNER

NEVER GIVE UP THE FIGHT TO SAVE THE MANASSAS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK -- THE BATTLE OVER THE STONE HOUSE INTERSECTION -- CONTINUED

By John McAnaw

In way of background, let me again state that proposed road construction by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) at the intersection of U.S. Highway 29 and Route 234 (the Manassas-Sudley Road), a.k.a. the **Stone House Intersection** will have a devastating impact on the Manassas National Battlefield Park (MNBP). This intersection, both historically and geographically, is the heart of the Battlefield. Proposed plans for the Stone House Intersection, inter alia, call for the construction of four left turn lanes, 333 + yards in length; the lowering of the topographic crest of Buck Hill by 6 feet; and the construction of a retaining wall on cited hill similar to the one at the devastated Ox Hill Battlefield in Fairfax County (Deja vu all over again?)

You may ask what proposed legislation is driving this attempt to tear the guts out of the MNBP. It is a single sentence inserted by Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA) in the 1998 Department of the Interior and Related Appropriations Bill (H.R. 2177). As I noted in last month's newsletter, this sentence has generated increasingly vocal and sustained opposition by Civil War preservationists and countless other patriotic Americans. That sentence reads: *The committee is concerned about the unsafe conditions at the intersection and directs the National Park Service to cooperate with (state and Federal) transportation officials to make necessary improvements to the intersection.*

In other words, the NPS was warned to be good little "water bird" and nod affirmatively to the desires provided by Rep. Wolf's Transportation Subcommittee. Also, of note, the Senate did not include the controversial sentence cited above in its version of the 1998 Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

At present, cited Bill is in conference to resolve differences between the House and Senate versions. The real possibility exists that, unless there is vocal and persistent opposition by the American public, the malodorous sentence, discussed above, could reappear in the final version of Appropriations Bill for DOI and Related Agencies. Consequently, keep hitting members of the U.S. Congress with those cards, letters, faxes, e-mails, and phone calls. Listed below are some of the Senators who should be contacted. But, you be the judge. Contact whichever member of the U.S. Congress you so desire. The important point is to get involved. Don't let our Battlefield slowing die from multiple strokes from a politician's or VDOT official's pen. And, remember, we will never give up our fight to preserve the MNBP. Pray that we never again see such destruction as occurred on Ox Hill Battlefield.

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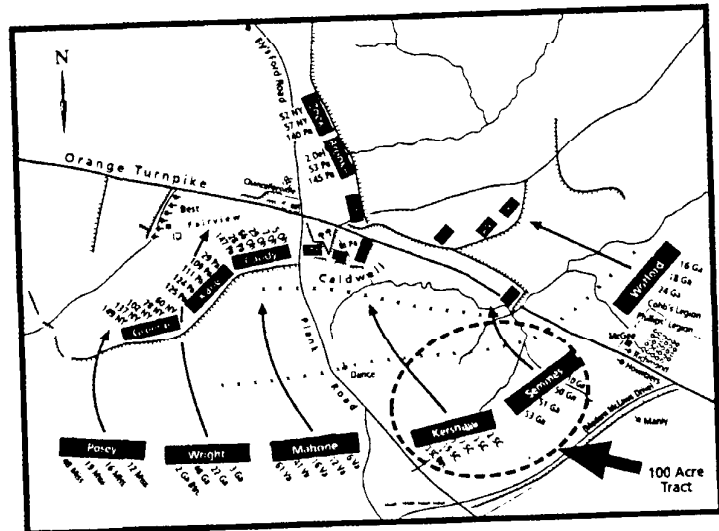
PART OF THE CHANCELLORSVILLE BATTLEFIELD SAVED DONATIONS PERMITTING

GOOD NEWS!! Well, the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust, Inc. (CVBT) has done it again. In the March 1997 issue of the STONEWALL, I mentioned that the 9 acre campus of Montfort Academy on Marye's Heights in Fredericksburg, was purchased from the Daughters of Wisdom, a teaching order of Roman Catholic nuns, by the CVBT for \$1.65M. This action by the CVBT saved an important part of the Fredericksburg Battlefield from development by Mary Washington College.

BRCWRT members who participated in our 1995 and 1996 tours of Chancellorsville and The Wilderness will attest to the fact that these Civil War battlefields are seriously threatened by land maulers. Since the conduct of cited tours, the situation, regarding the preservation of key tracts of battlefield terrain, has worsened as the rate of commercial and residential growth has accelerated.

The Chancellorsville Battlefield, much of it unprotected, is extremely vulnerable. In fact, the Treasurer of the CVBT, Dr. Michael P. Stevens, recently stated that Chancellorsville "is probably the most threatened Civil War park on the entire East Coast."

Now the good news. On 4 September 1997, the CVBT announced that it had signed a contract to acquire a very important parcel of land, 100 acres in size on the Chancellorsville Battlefield. This property is locally know as the Ashley Tract. CVBT agreed to pay \$450K for cited tract which is located between the Plank Road and the Orange Turnpike and adjacent to the boundary of the Fredericksburg-Spotsylvania National Military Park. How important is this acquisition? Kindly look at the enclosed map and you be the judge. The circumscribed (dashed lines) oval area, which includes ground occupied by the brigades of Kershaw and Semmes, delineates the property purchased by the CVBT. To quote Ed Bearss: *Acquisition of this tract is a landmark event in battlefield preservation. This site was vital in Lee's efforts to focus Hooker's attention on McLaw's and Anderson's troops while Jackson made his most celebrated march. The result was one of Lee's greatest triumphs.*



THE 100 ACRE ASHLEY TRACT
ON THE CHANCELLORSVILLE BATTLEFIELD
CITED LAND UNDER CONTRACT
TO THE
CENTRAL VIRGINIA BATTLEFIELDS TRUST

The Central Virginia Battlefields Trust again has spearheaded the way regarding the preservation of a gravely threatened battlefield--this time by signing a contract to purchase 100 acres in the very heart of the Chancellorsville Battlefield. This organization requests donations to accrue the necessary funds to purchase the Ashley Tract. Please send your contributions to:

Central Virginia Battlefields Trust, Inc.
604-A William Street, Suite 1
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Telephone: 540 374-0900
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AFTER TOUR REPORT

CEDAR CREEK BATTLEFIELD SEPTEMBER 27

Seventeen BRCWRT members and guests enjoyed the beautiful weather of September 27th touring Cedar Creek Battlefield near Middletown, Virginia. Among the participants were Blake Myers and Jim Hottle descendants of Southerners who fought in the battle and lived on the battlefield. We met at Lord Fairfax Community College, located just north of Middletown, and departed promptly at 0900 hours. Among the highlights of the day was Blake Myers excellent overview of Early's battle plan. Blake utilized an immense plaster-cast map of the field at Hupp's Hill Museum to drill home the Confederate strategy. The group proceeded to the heights overlooking the Shenandoah River and glimpsed Massanutten Mountain in full splendor. We then followed the Confederate attack to Belle Grove where we broke for lunch.

Following lunch, we examined the futile actions of the XIX Corps against the gray wave of attackers. Then we focused on the bold actions of COL J. Warren Keifer and his 3rd Division, VI Corps. The group then proceeded to the Middletown Cemetery where the Vermont Brigade made its stand. Then we moved on to Early's final position and discussed the dramatic return of Phil Sheridan to the Federal Army and how it electrified the Union's rank and file, spurring them to victory. After examining the infantry phase of Sheridan's counterattack, we moved west to Hupp's Ford where Blake Myers discussed the poor performance of Rosser and his cavalry and how it impacted on Early's strategy. John McAnaw discussed casualties in the battle and campaign, emphasizing the campaign's intensity. We closed with a commentary on Jubal Early's patriotism and devotion to Robert E. Lee and the fact that Lee failed to believe Early's accurate assessments of Sheridan's strength. Having enjoyed the pristine setting and lovely weather, the group disbanded and headed for home by 1500 hours. The following is a list of participants in the Cedar Creek tour: Kevin Anastas, Nancy Anwyll, Robin Estes (independent TV producer), Jim Hottle, William Hube, Thad Humphreys and son, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson, Oliver Jones, Mark Knowles, Andrejs Lubkans, John McAnaw, Blake Myers, Chuck Siegel, Charlie Thorpe, Rick Wolfe. On behalf of all the tour attendees, I extend our special thanks to Andrew Johnson for his support of the tour.

UPCOMING TOUR

November 15
Civil War Alexandria

MANASSAS RAILROAD DEPOT DEDICATION, Oct. 18

Dedication of the Manassas Railroad Depot takes place
Oct 18, 10 AM

The depot was renovated at a cost of \$575,000. The former Norfolk-Southern Railroad building has been transformed into a multi use facility. The "White" waiting area is retained as space for AMTRAK and Virginia Railway Express passengers. The ticket room has been designated the James and Marion Payne Railroad Heritage Gallery, housing historical exhibits on the region's rail history. The former "Colored" waiting room contains the Historic Visitor Center, while the redesigned baggage area houses offices and work space.

The depot was built in 1914 on the foundations of an earlier structure that was erected in 1905 and burned in 1912. The rehab project was carried out through funding from the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), the Potomac & Rappahannock Transportation Commission, and the City of Manassas. Max Contracting, Inc. of Alexander implemented a design by the architectural firm of Dalgliesh, Eichman, Gilpin & Paxton of Charlottesville. Exhibit design and fabrication is being coordinated by the PRD Group of Fairfax, which designed the Manassas Museum's permanent exhibits.

The project returned the building as closely as possible to its 1914 appearance while accommodating its modern uses. The character defining architectural elements were preserved. Restored features include original paint colors, wood moldings, reproduction of original doors and light fixtures, and the return of a distinctive clay tile room, supplied by the Ludowici Tile Company, the same firm that manufactured the original 1914 roof. New plaster, repointed brick work and overhaul of plumbing and electrical systems, fire and security systems, new heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment.

AFTER ACTION REPORT

REENACTMENT: THE BATTLE OF ANTIETAM SEPTEMBER 12-14

By Dan Paterson

The biggest reenactment of all time was held on a farm due south of Hagerstown, Maryland, and 10 miles north of the actual battlefield of Sharpsburg. The Bull Run Civil Run Round Table was well represented by Ann Collins and myself. The event was sponsored by the APCWS. During the reenactment Ann worked as a volunteer at the APCWS tent and I was a Captain on the Army Headquarters Staff. This was truly an event whose memories will last a lifetime.

Friday, the first day was spent browsing around trying to meet up with people whom I knew were also going to the event and checking out the massive Sutler's area. There were many demonstrations going on, sort of a pregame to the three battles that were set to go on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday at 1530 hours was A.P. Hill's assault. I was with the Confederate artillery with a birdseye view of the oncoming Yankee troops who overwhelmed the Confederate lines. The artillery fire was quite fierce but our lines could not hold up to overwhelming numbers of blue troops and we were temporarily routed. Then came A.P. Hill's troops, footsore from a long march, who immediately turned the tide of battle in our favor. Our guns were reclaimed and we were able to drive off the Yankee onslaught.

Sunday, at dawn, in a fog so dense you could not see 10 feet in front of you, came the Battle in the Cornfield. The atmosphere was much like it must have been that September day in 1862. I went looking for my artillery outfit only to find it was behind enemy lines! Due to the confusion created by the fog, my day was almost finished early as I narrowly escaped capture and made it back to the Confederate artillery battery which I saw action with on the previous day. Our artillery line was set up on a ridge overlooking the Cornfield and the Yan-

kees attacked at 0630 hours. Our troops, although outnumbered, were able to fight them off with the help of the confusion created by the fog. Our artillery kept up a steady fire until we were flanked and the battle ended. The battle was not without a real tragedy however. Regrettably, a Yankee enlisted man, who reportedly had not felt well the previous afternoon, suffered a fatal heart attack.

That afternoon after the dust had just settled from the Cornfield, came the Bloody Lane Sunken Road scenario. I was fortunate enough to be in the front lines during this action. The split rail fence was set up as it was 135 years ago and our troops were lined up ready for the Yankee attack. On they came too! An awesome spectacle as the 5th NY Zouves in their fire red uniforms came charging across the open field and broke our lines. We pulled out the reserves and kept a steady artillery fire but it was not enough. As our lines were being broken, I realized that I was in a location similar to Longstreet's troops at the Piper Farm field as they held off the Yankee attack after the Sunken road line was breached. I even helped pull an artillery piece back to the line to save it from capture. The Yankees kept coming until our backs were to the woodlines behind us. It was then that the 135th Anniversary of the Battle of Sharpsburg came to a close. This was a real special event, and it was an honor to be a active participant. My thanks go out to Brag and Cathy Bowling of the APCWS who took care of our group. And, of course, a special thanks to General Harry Heth (Mac Butler) for providing the captain's frock coat and pants. (FOOTNOTE: As the Battle of Bloody Lane/Sunken Road was going on, a Smithsonian IMAX film crew were filming the action. And I will be in an upcoming film, *Mark Twain's America*, to be released in March of 1998!

REST

Last June, I read BG Johnson Hagood's book, Memoirs of Secession. The preface contained a poem by the popular Civil War poet, Father Abram Ryan. Its words are worthy of reflection.

Rest

by Father Abram J. Ryan (1834-1886)

My feet are wearied, and my hands are tired,
My soul oppressed -
And I desire, what I have long desired -
Rest - only rest.

'Tis hard to toil - when toil is almost vain,
In barren ways;
'Tis hard to sow - and never garner grain,
In harvest days.

The burden of my days is hard to bear,
But God know best;
And I have prayed - but vain has been my prayer
For rest - sweet rest.

'Tis hard to plant in Spring and never reap
The Autumn yield;
'Tis hard to till, and 'tis tilled to weep
O'er fruitless field.

And so I cry a weak and human cry,
So heart oppressed:
And so I sigh a weak and human sigh,
For rest - for rest.

My way has wound across the desert years,
And cares infest
My path, and through the flowing of hot tears
I pine - for rest.

'Twas always so; when but a child I land
On mother's breast
My wearied little head; e'er then I prayed
As now - for rest.

And I am restless still; 'twill soon be o'er;
For down the West
Life's sun is setting, and I see the shore
Where I shall rest.

Study This List of Birthdays for Our Meeting's Trivia Questions

- 2 Oct George Washington Getty, Bvt MG USA (1819-1901)
- 4 Oct Rutherford Birchard Hayes, Bvt MG USV (1822-1893)
- 7 Oct Bushrod Rust Johnson, MG CSA (1817-1880)
- 7 Oct Richard Herron Anderson, LTG CSA (1821-1879)
- 9 Oct Samuel McGowan, BG CSA (1819-1897)
- 9 Oct George Sykes, MG USV (1822-1880)
- 11 Oct Hunter Holmes McGuire, Med Dir, CSA (1835-1900)
- 12 Oct William Joseph Hardee, LTG CSA (1815-1873)
- 15 Oct Irvin McDowell, MG USV (1818-1885)
- 15 Oct Thomas Lafayette Rosser, MG CSA (1836-1910)
- 18 Oct Charles Sidney Winder, BG CSA (1829-1862)
- 19 Oct Francis Channing Barlow, MG USV (1834-1896)
- 20 Oct Benjamin Franklin Cheatham, MG CSA (1820-1886)
- 20 Oct Daniel Edgar Sickles, MG USV (1819-1914)
- 23 Oct Turner Ashby, BG CSA (1828-1862)
- 30 Oct James Samuel Wadsworth, Bvt MG USV (1807-1864)
- 31 Oct Daniel Butterfield, MG USV (1831-1901)
- 31 Oct Adelbert Ames, Bvt MG USA (1835-1933)

SYMPOSIUM

Peninsula Campaign: Victory Deferred: Robert E. Lee in The Seven Days.

The Civil War Society presents its third annual symposium in Richmond, Oct 16-18 including two days of riding and walking over the battlefields. Speakers include Bill Miller, Robert Krick, William J. Miller and Michael J. Andrus.

Society member \$230.

Non member \$245.

Spouse fee \$25.

Partial program -Thursday & Friday \$140

Saturdayonly without banquet \$140

Saturday only with banquet \$160

Call 800.247 6253 for reservations.. Special room rates at the Radisson Crown Plaza Hotel, 555 East Canal Street, Richmond, 804/788-0900 or 800/333-3333.

Our New Web Page

Ann Collins has designed a new website for the Roundtable. Check it out!

<http://members.aol.com/brewrt/index.htm>

Nationalism and the Civil War A Reading & Discussion Series

**Sherwood Regional Library
Tuesday Evenings at 7:30 PM**

Oct. 7 *Two Roads to Sumter* by William & Bruce Catton. Discussion led by Dr. Whitman Ridgeway.

Oct. 21 *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave* by Frederick Douglass. Discussion led by Dr. Andrew Madigan

Bull Run Civil War Roundtable MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Membership in the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable runs from January to December. Make checks payable to Bull Run Civil War Roundtable. Drop it off at the membership table at the next meeting, or mail it to Mark Knowles 169 Applegate Drive, Sterling, Va. 20164.

PWC's Exec To Speak at Historic Prince William's October Meeting October 16

Prince William County's executive, Bern Ewert will speak at the monthly public meeting of Historic Prince William, the county's historical society, on Oct. 16, 7:30 PM on what he believes makes the county a special place. The meeting will be held at the McCoart Administrative Center.

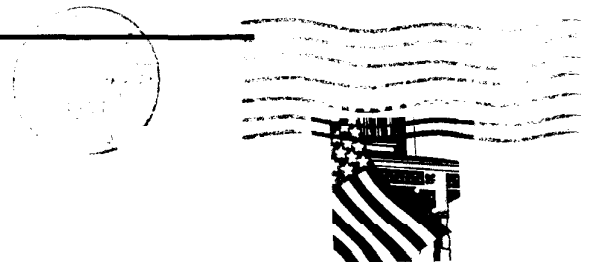
In his first 6 months on the job, Ewert has already announced that his enduring legacy from his tenure will be the development of the county's waterfront along the Potomac River. He intends to implement partnership arrangements to steer development of private lands, and management of state and Federal lands, to create a riverfront setting that will attract tourists.

Ewert is hoping to capitalize on the historic values along the river, in contrast to passively accepting routine suburban development, to stimulate waterfront-focused development. The assets are there - Native American campsites, colonial plantations, Revolution-

ary War paths, Civil War naval batteries, WWI mobilization camps, and Cold War research centers. By tying them together with a bikepath from Occoquan to Quantico, and encouraging what Ewert has called "European styling," he hopes to generate a significant boost to the local economy.

Historic Prince William holds monthly public meetings to discuss the history of the county. Previous topics have included the story of Dumfries, the preservation of the the Brentsville Courthouse, Occoquan and the Ebenezer Church, a reenactment of a Civil War soldier, etc. In addition, the society leads monthly "treks" to still-preserved historic sites in the county. Meetings are free and open to the public. For further information, contact Brad Hedrick, President, at (703) 680-1540, Drawer 2086, Prince William, Va. 22193. Membership in Historic Prince William is \$20 for a family.

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