

The Holiday Spirit

The Civil War Santa, Kevin Rawlings, visits our round table this month. This will be a fun evening filled with tales of what the soldiers did to celebrate the holidays.

Mock dress parades usually came on holidays as part of extensive programs featuring sports, horse races, competitive firing, feasting, drinking and other activities...Frequently at Christmastime and on St. Patrick's Day, regimental streets and quarters were elaborately decorated with evergreen wreaths, arches and other appropriate ornaments.

In shooting matches, foot races, hurdles, sack races and wheelbarrow races, representatives of companies usually competed for cash prizes of one to five dollars. Chasing greased pigs or climbing slick poles at the top of which were nailed five-dollar bills were ordinarily free-for-all affairs, with the porker or money going to the first successful contestant...Whisky flowed freely on these occasions, adding to the festivity and producing on the morrow a heavy crop of hang-overs.

from *The Life of Billy Yank*, by Bell Irvin Wiley

Word from other roundtables who've hosted Mr. Rawlings say this is a great performance.

Come early, cookies and other refreshments will be in the lobby.

The kids might enjoy this Civil War subject.

KEVIN RAWLINGS

Thursday, Nov. 11
7:30 PM

*Manassas National
Battlefield Park
Visitor Center*

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the Round Table is: [http://mem-
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

First, I want to take the opportunity to wish you a blessed and enjoy-
able holiday season. Our round table has had a productive year and I
want to thank everyone who contributed to our success.

I strongly encourage every member to attend our December meeting. Our
guest speaker, Kevin Rawlings, has dedicated his presentation *A Civil
War Christmas* to our late secretary, Marilyn Clark-Snyder, who passed
away this July. This presentation was a particular favorite of Marilyn.

We have an outstanding list of guest speakers lined up for 1998, plus a
number of first class, and low cost, tours.

If you have not paid your 1998 dues, I strongly urge you to do so; other-
wise, your membership expires December 31.

As a heads up, the battle to save the Stone House intersection, U.S. 29
and Rt. 234, is far from over. Also, believe it or not, the Smithsonian Insti-
tution wants to create wetlands at various locations within the Manassas
National Battlefield Park, including the area near Stone Bridge. I will
have more on these issues in the next newsletter.

Happy holidays.

John McAnaw

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Our roundtable
needs one. Bring it
to the meeting or
mail it to our post of-
fice box soon!

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COMING UP - Speakers

Jan. 8

PHILIP T. TUCKER

*The South's Finest: Maj. Gen. John S.
Bowen & the First Missouri Brigade,
C.S.A.*

Feb. 12

MICHAEL E. DUGGAN

*The Army Congressional Medal of Honor
during the Civil War.*



PRESERVATION CORNER

The Green Green Grass of Home

By John P. McAnaw

During our rescheduled Centreville to Union Mills tour of Oct. 25, we visited the old Centreville Methodist Church, also known as the Stone Church. This building is now the Anglican Catholic Church of the Ascension. Senior Warden Thomas Pollard, a retired Army officer, graciously led us on an informative tour of the church and its grounds. At that time, he mentioned that the priests and members of another parish, St. Columba in Lebanon, Va., also had a great interest in our War of Secession.

On Nov. 25, *The Washington Times* carried an Associated Press article corroborating Mr. Pollard's comments. According to the article, Rev. Francis Blair celebrated a requiem Mass at St. Columba Church on Nov. 22 for five Confederate soldiers whose remains were recently returned from the prisoner of war cemetery at Fort Delaware,

Delaware. All five had enlisted in the Confederate army at Abingdon, Virginia and were POWs when they died at Fort Delaware. During the Mass, Rev. Blair said, "This is not a reenactment. This is the first and only funeral these men will receive."

Some time ago, Bill Milhorn of Bristol, Va., discovered a letter from a Confederate POW at Fort Delaware to his family. Private Eli D. Anderson of Lee County, Va. Advised his family he probably would not survive the amputation of his gangrenous leg and asked them to bring his body home rather than let it remain buried in Yankee soil. Mr. Milhorn met with Rev. Strother Smith of St. Columba, and soon plans to bring the remains of Private Anderson home were made. He was laid to rest at the newly consecrated St. Columba cemetery on May 26, 1997. The five warriors in gray joined him. *Requiescat in Pace.*

The Birthday Trivia Quiz

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| Dec 1 | MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM MAHONE, C.S.A. 1826-1895 | Dec 19 | BRIG. GEN. JAMES JAY ARCHER, C.S.A., 1817-1864 |
| Dec 1 | BRIG. GEN. MICAH JENKINS, C.S.A., 1835-1864 | Dec 22 | MAJ. GEN. JOSEPH KING MANSFIELD, U.S.V., 1803-1862 |
| Dec 3 | MAJ. GEN. GEORGE BRINTON MCCLELLAN, U.S.A., 1826-1885 | Dec 25 | BRIG. GEN. MILLEDGE LUKE BONHAM, C.S.A., 1813-1890 |
| Dec 5 | MAJ. GEN. GEORGE ARMSTRONG CUSTER, U.S.V., 1839-1876 | Dec 25 | NURSE CLARA HARLOWE BARTON, 1821-1912 |
| Dec 6 | COL. JOHN SINGLETON MOSBY, C.S.A., 1833-1916 | Dec 26 | BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM NELSON PENDLETON, C.S.A., 1809-1883 |
| Dec 12 | BRIG. GEN. JOSEPH ORVILLE SHELBY, C.S.A., 1830-1897 | Dec 27 | BRIG. GEN. LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, U.S.V., 1813-1896 |
| Dec 13 | FIRST LADY MARY TODD LINCOLN, U.S., 1825-1867 | Dec 29 | VICE PRES. ANDREW JOHNSON, U.S., 1808-1875 |
| Dec 16 | BRIG. GEN. ROBERT SELDON GARNETT, C.S.A., 1819-1861 | Dec 31 | MAJ. GEN. GEORGE GORDON MEADE, U.S.A., 1815-1872 |
| Dec 18 | MAJ. GEN. CHARLES GRIFFIN, U.S.V., 1825-1867 | | |

GETTYSBURG ON REMEMBRANCE DAY

By Dan Paterson

On a cold and cloudy day, the Remembrance Day Parade made its way through the streets of Gettysburg on Nov. 11. As we waited to form up, the familiar commanders such as Lee, Jackson, Longstreet and Heth could be seen organizing the columns getting ready to march. The Confederate column started to take shape, and we watched and waited as the Federal troops marched up the road with banners flying. What a glorious sight!

My position in the Confederate column was with the color guard, the second line of the column. When the end of the Federal column pass by, the order to march was sounded and the Confederates started, with our banners flying. And I could see the bayonets shining, even though it was a cloudy day. The fifes and drums played all the songs of Dixie, and crowds cheered all along the street up to the Cyclorama. Flowers were thrown to the troops. This was my first Remembrance Day parade and I was honored to represent Gen. Longstreet on such a special day.

The parade ended at the Cyclorama and was followed by a ceremonial shaking of hands across the wall at the angle. As this got underway I went to another ceremony, given by Brian Pohanka and the Fifth New York at Little Round Top, an annual tribute which this regiment gives to honor G.K. Warren at his statue. I was the only Confederate present, and felt truly honored. Mr. Pohanka gave a very moving speech and I must thank him for acknowledging Longstreet's contributions to the battle and the war. It meant a lot to me to represent General Longstreet, and to have been invited to participate in the Fifth New York's ceremony.

I'd also like to thank Gen. Harry Heth (aka Mac Butler) for getting me in the show! What a great organizer he is. Thanks also to the Homestead for giving us a warm place to stop by and get out of the cold. I'll be back next year.

DEDICATION The Monument at Longstreet's Birthplace

Jan. 10

North Augusta, S.C.

As many of you know, our roundtable's vice president, Dan Paterson, is Gen. James Longstreet's great grandson. Consequently, he's active in promoting the memory of this great soldier.

One of Dan's interests is fundraising for the renovation or commemoration of places associated with General Longstreet.

On Jan. 10, the long and eagerly-awaited granite monument erected at the site of Longstreet's birthplace will be dedicated. The ceremony takes place at 2 p.m. in North Augusta. Keynote speaker is Dr. William Garrett Piston, author of *Lee's Tarnished Lieutenant: James Longstreet and His Place in Southern History*. Dan, of course, will be there. If anybody intends to attend the ceremony, Dan and Karen Fojt have directions (see page 2 of this newsletter for their telephone numbers).

Celebrate a Civil War Christmas!

This holiday season, why not give the Civil War buff in your life (or yourself!) the gift of a *personalized* presentation copy of an important Civil War book? On Saturday, Dec. 13, between 1 & 5 p.m., Clio's History Bookshop will be holding its 3rd annual *Civil War Christmas*. You are cordially invited to meet & "talk about the war" with TWENTY outstanding Civil War historians, who will also be available to sign copies of their latest books.

LIST OF SCHEDULED PARTICIPANTS (and some of their books)

- Greg Clemmer. (*Valor in Gray: Recipients of Confederate Medal of Honor*)
- Benj. F. Cooling. (*Monocacy; Ft. Donelson's Legacy* + several add'l. books)
- Tom Desjardin. (*Stand Firm Ye Boys from Maine: 20th Maine & Gettysburg Campaign*)
- Gary Ecelbarger. (*"We Are In For It": First Battle of Kernstown*)
- Tom Evans & Jim Moyer. (*Mosby's Confederacy; Mosby Vignettes*)
- Edwin Fishel. (*The Secret War for the Union*)
- Kim Holien. (*Battle at Ball's Bluff*)
- Ed Longacre. (Bios. of Buford, Pickett, Custer + several add'l. books)
- Tom Lowry. (*The Story the Soldiers Wouldn't Tell: Sex in the Civil War*)
- Horace Mewborn. (*43rd Battalion Virginia Cavalry: Mosby's Command*)
- Kevin Ruffner. (*Maryland's Blue & Gray: ... Union & Confed. Jr. Officer Corps*)
- Timothy Smith. (*Devil's Den: A Hist. & Guide; Story of Lee's Headquarters: Gettysburg*)
- Bronwen & John Souders. (co-authors w. John Divine of *When Waterford & I Were Young* and *"To Talk is Treason"*)
- Craig Symonds. (Bios. of Pat Cleburne & Joe Johnston + 2 C.W. atlases)
- Keith Toney. (*Battlefield Ghosts*)
- Noah Trudeau. (*Bloody Roads South: Wilderness to Cold Harbor, Last Citadel: Petersburg; Amer. Heritage Hist. of the C.W.*)
- Peggy Vogtsberger. (*Dulanys of Welbourne: A Family in Mosby's Confed.*)
- Robert Willett. (*One Day in the War*)

PLEASE NOTE: Musical entertainment will be provided by C.W. troubadour Jim Morgan who will perform two programmes of C.W. songs and refreshments will be served. Please call for further details. [Store open every day except Tuesday]

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