

# STONE WALL

FEBRUARY 1998

BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

## THE U.S. ARMY MEDAL OF HONOR IN THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

Get ready for an outstanding presentation at our General Membership Meeting on Thursday, 12 February 1998. Our guest speaker will be Michael E. Duggan, a distinguished member of our Round Table. Michael has conducted exhaustive research on every aspect relevant to the awarding of the Army Medal of Honor (MOH) during the war.

The Medal of Honor is the highest military award for bravery that can be given to any individual in the United States. Established during the Civil War, the MOH was the first decoration authorized by the Federal Government for valor -- at a time when many in Washington felt that military decorations smacked of European monarchies and aristocracies, were contrary to the spirit of U.S. institutions, and, therefore, would not be accepted by the military and the public. But once authorized and awarded, the MOH proved so popular that the prestige and renown of the recipients inspired much envy -- leading to many cases of surreptitious acquisition of the Medal, imitation of Medal design, and impersonation of recipients for personal gain.

During his presentation, Michael Duggan will:

- o Briefly cover pre-Civil War awards for military merit and distinguished service.
- o Discuss the reasons for creating the Medal and the procedures for nomination and approval of the award.
- o Put the MOH in historical perspective -- at that time there was no requirement for "individual gallantry above and beyond the call of duty."
- o Discuss recipients and their deeds with an eye toward the most interesting and unique personalities and incidents.
- o Examine the phenomenon that resulted in hundreds of Medals being awarded decades after the War -- many to veterans who applied for the MOH on their own behalf.
- o Review the facts surrounding the establishment of the MOH Board and its 1917 decision to revoke over 900 Civil War era Medals.

Michael E. Duggan received a B.S. degree in Business Administration from the University of Rhode Island and an M.A. in International Affairs from The Catholic University. While on active duty with the U.S. Army, he served as an Intelligence Analyst in the Federal Republic of Germany where he handled ground forces the Order of Battle for the Balkan area countries. Since 1980, he has served in a number of capacities with the Defense Intelligence Agency. From 1980 to 1991, these assignments focused on Soviet/Warsaw Pact ground forces. His recent duties have been with the Counterdrug Resources Division and the Executive Secretariat Staff.

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**MICHAEL E. DUGGAN**

**THE U. S. ARMY MEDAL OF HONOR  
IN THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR**

**THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 1998  
7:30 P.M.**

**MANASSAS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK  
VISITOR CENTER**

**UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS**

**12 MARCH 98**  
BG John W. Mountcastle, U.S.A.  
The Staff Ride  
Training the Army's Leaders

**9 APRIL 98**  
Dr. Joseph L. Harsh  
Confederate Tide Rising

**LOGO CONTEST DEADLINE EXTENDED**

The deadline for submission of logo designs for the Bull Run Civil War Round Table has been extended until 1 March 1998. The winner will receive a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond, first pick from a selection of books on the Civil War, Free 1999 Round Table Membership, and two reserved seats at all 1998 meetings. Hand deliver or mail designs to Mark Knowles, 169 Applegate Drive, Sterling, VA 20164.

John P. McAnaw

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

First, let me state that we are making steady progress relative to increasing our membership ranks for CY 1998. We have a low budget organization that takes pride in low membership fees, excellent low cost tours to Civil War battlefields and other sites of interest, and a superior guest speaker program. Obviously, our ability to operate at an optimum level is dependent upon the inflow of money from membership dues. Thus, I ask all 1997 members who have not paid their 1998 dues to please do so with celerity. If you have not paid your 1998 dues, this will be the last issue that you will receive--that is, until you re-up for another year. We need your support.

There are a number of challenges facing those who treasure our Civil War heritage and want to preserve those sites that are inexorably linked to that conflict. No site is as close to home as the Manassas National Battlefield Park (MNBFP). Please read the relevant article on the MNBFP in this issue.

The Round Table has an absolutely first rate succession of guest speakers lined up for 1998. I encourage you to attend Michael E. Duggan's presentation on 12 February on "The U.S. Army Medal of Honor in the Civil War". It will be a most informative talk.

Lastly, I ask you for your financial assistance to help a comrade in need -- Theodore C. Mahr. He is a superb historian who has faced adversity for almost nine years with courage and patience. Please help Ted and his wife Esther purchase a specially equipped van for him.

*P.S. I am responsible for this cut and paste edition of our newsletter.  
Everyone else is blameless. J.P.M*



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**SO PLEASE RE-UP NOW!!**

**WE VALUE YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!**

**FAMILY: \$25.00                      INDIVIDUAL: \$15.00                      STUDENT: \$10.00**

Membership runs from January through December. Make checks payable to the Bull Run Civil War Round Table. Either drop the check off at the Membership Table at the next meeting, or mail it to Mark Knowles, 169 Applegate Drive, Sterling, VA 20164.

## SELECTED FEBRUARY BIRTHDATES

by Michael E. Duggan

The Trivia questions at our General Membership Meeting on 12 February 1998 will be on these distinguished individuals:

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Feb Albert Sidney Johnston, GEN CSA (1803-1862)  
2 Feb Abner Monroe Perrin, BG CSA (1827-1864)  
3 Feb Joseph Eggleston Johnston, GEN CSA (1807-1891)  
3 Feb Nathan George Evans, BG CSA (1824-1868)  
6 Feb John Brown Gordon, MG CSA (1832-1904)  
6 Feb James Ewell Brown Stuart, MG CSA (1833-1864)  
6 Feb William Dorsey Pender, MG CSA (1834-1863)  
8 Feb Richard Stoddard Ewell, LTG CSA (1817-1872)  
8 Feb William Tecumseh Sherman, MG USA (1820-1891)  
8 Feb Barnard Elliot Bee, BG CSA (1824-1861)  
12 Feb Abraham Lincoln, President US (1809-1865)  
14 Feb Winfield Scott Hancock, MG USV (1824-1886)  
15 Feb Alexander Stuart Webb, Bvt MG USV (1835-1911)  
17 Feb William Farrar Smith, MG USV (1824-1903)  
18 Feb Lewis Addison Armistead, BG CSA (1817-1863)  
23 Feb Gilbert Moxley Sorrel, BG CSA (1838-1901)  
27 Feb William Buell Franklin, MG USV (1823-1903)

### CORRECTION ON JANUARY BIRTHDATES

BRCWRT member David Passamaneck caught a glaring error concerning the line on the most distinguished soldier of the War of Secession--General Robert E. Lee. The line for General Lee should have read:

19 Jan Robert Edward Lee, GEN CSA (1807-1870)

Thanks, Dave.



### DISABLED CIVIL WAR HISTORIAN/AUTHOR IN NEED

The January 1998 issue of the STONEWALL included an article on distinguished historian/author Theodore C. Mahr, who has been disabled and seriously ill for almost nine years. He needs financial assistance to purchase a specially equipped van. Your help will be appreciated by Ted and his wife Esther. Please send your check to the address below and write BRCWRT-Van on the memo line. Thank you.

Theodore C. Mahr  
1210 Pritz Avenue  
Dayton, Ohio 45410

**UPCOMING BRCWRT TOURS  
AND  
OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS**

The final line-up of tours and other events for 1998 will not be completed until March. However, please mark the following dates as they are "locked in":

- 28 Mar**                    Civil War Sites in Centreville and Union Mills  
                                 Assembly Location: St. Andrews Roman Catholic  
                                 Church Parking Lot (Union Mill and Compton Road  
                                 Intersection)  
                                 Assembly Time: 8:15 a.m.  
                                 Tour Duration: 8:20 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 4-5 Apr**                    The Northern Virginia Relic Hunters Associations  
                                 Civil War Show  
                                 Saturday - 4 April - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
                                 Sunday - 5 April - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
                                 Location: Capital Expo Center (North Building)  
                                 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center  
                                 (Intersection Route 28 and U.S. 50)
- 9 May**                      Civil War Alexandria  
                                 Assembly Location: The Lyceum Parking Lot, 201  
                                 South Washington Street, Old Town Alexandria  
                                 Assembly Time: 9:00 a.m.  
                                 Tour Duration: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Other Tours and Events that tentatively will be scheduled include:

Gettysburg - April  
Cold Harbor to Petersburg - May  
First Manassas - June  
BRCWRT Picnic - July

BRCWRT member involvement in the tours described above either as a Tour Guide or Participant is strongly encouraged.

PRESERVATION CORNER

**GRANT FOR THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY BATTLEFIELDS COMMISSION**

Civil War preservationists, including myself, are disappointed over the lack of progress regarding the protection of the many Civil War battlefields in the Shenandoah Valley. Participants in our BRCWRT 1997 tours to the Port Republic, Cross Keys, and Cedar Creek Battlefields will attest to this fact. The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Historic District and Commission Act of 1996 was signed into law in October 1996. As late as October 1997, members of the Battlefields Commission, created by this Act, advised me that they had received no guidance on how the Commission was to function.

Well, that situation has changed. The Commission held its first meeting on 15 November 1997, and members of the 19-man Commission were sworn in. On 17 January 1998, the Commission met again at New Market and adopted by-laws, elected officers, and formed various committees. While there are other national historic districts and commissions, this Commission is the first authorized to acquire land and given significant start-up funds.

According to a letter from Representative Frank R. Wolf, dated 21 January 1998, the Commission will work with local and state governments to ". . . identify resources, determine the best means to protect the resources, and develop a future management plan. " . . . encompassing ten Valley battlefields, i.e., Kernstown, Second and Third Winchester, Cedar Creek, Fisher's Hill, Tom's Brook, New Market, Port Republic, Cross Keys, and McDowell. The Commission has up to three years to submit an implementation plan to the Secretary of the Interior.

To accomplish its mission, the Commission has been given a \$250,000 grant from the National Park Service (NPS) Heritage Partnership Account in the NPS' budget. A full time staff member of the Department of the Interior (DOI) has been detailed to the Commission. Also, other DOI support will be available to the Commission.

◆ **BEN LOMOND DONATION** ◆

On 10 January 1998, Treasurer Mark Knowles of our Round Table, presented a check for \$250.00 to a representative of the Ben Lomond Manor House Commission in Prince William County. That representation was none other than our Immediate Past President Martha Hendley. She turned the check over to the Prince William County Park Authority. Commission and Park Authority representatives thanked the Bull Run Civil War Round Table for its generous donation.

The purpose of this donation is to have the signatures and other writing on the walls (circa 1861-1862) of the Ben Lomond Manor House in Prince William County examined and documented by an archivist. There is much to learn about the uses of the Manor House during the War of Secession.

John P. McAnaw

**VIRGINIA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
SPEAK OUT  
ON THE PRESERVATION OF OUR CIVIL WAR HERITAGE**

The Department of Virginia, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, held its Winter Conference at Williamsburg on 23-25 January 1998. On Saturday, 24 January, the Council of Administration unanimously approved a resolution supporting allocation of the necessary resources to rehabilitate Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond. This cemetery is the final resting place for over 17,000 Civil War soldiers, the great majority Confederates. Due to neglect and vandalism, the cemetery is in deplorable condition. The voices of VFW members and other Civil War preservationists have been heard by the Virginia legislature. An Amendment to the Budget has been proposed to provide sufficient funding to properly restore this cemetery to a satisfactory condition. Please contact your State Delegate and Senator and voice your support for this Amendment.

At its General Membership Meeting on 2 February 1998, the assembled members (over 60) of VFW Post 8469, Fairfax Station, unanimously passed a resolution opposing the creation of wetland sites by the Smithsonian Institution within the Manassas National Battlefield Park. Further, the resolution called for the restoration of the Manassas Battlefields, as far as practicable, to its physical appearance circa 1861-1862.

Needless to state, there is no love lost between the Veteran community and the Smithsonian. This is due to recent efforts by certain politically correct Smithsonian officials to denigrate the U.S. military, e.g., the Enola Gay fiasco and diminish the importance of our Armed Forces relative to the heritage of our country. In late 1996 and early 1997, officials of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History developed plans to do away with its very popular Armed Forces Hall. The superb Civil War artist Don Troiani took the lead to stop this effort. He was quoted by Deborah Fitts in December 1996 article in The Civil War News as stating that the attempt to shift the focus away from the traditional display of militaria and toward the relationship of the military to civilian culture "is the stupidest thing I ever heard." In the same article, Steven Lubar, Chairman of the Smithsonian's Division of History and Technology, is quoted as stating "I suppose it's the Enola Gay coming back to haunt us; people don't trust us." That is an understatement.

Other VFW Posts are passing similar resolutions concerning the preservation of the MNBFP. Cited resolutions will be voted on at the VFW Department Convention in June 1998.

Dan Paterson

## DEDICATION CEREMONY AT THE LONGSTREET BIRTHPLACE MONUMENT

BRCWRT Vice President, Dan Paterson, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Jamie Longstreet Paterson, attended the impressive dedication ceremony on 10 January 1998 of a monument at the birthplace of LTG James Longstreet, CSA, in Edgefield County, SC. The following are excerpts from the 11<sup>th</sup> January edition of the Augusta Chronicle:

NORTH AUGUSTA -- For more than 100 years the memory of LTG James Longstreet was muddied by a legacy of rumors and lies left by his adversaries.

But on a clear, warm Saturday afternoon in rural Edgefield County, SC, hundreds of Southerners gathered to pay tribute to the man historians now say was one of the greatest military minds of the Civil War.

During a three-hour ceremony at Longstreet's birthplace outside of North Augusta, the Sergeant Berry Greenwood Benson Camp 1672 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans dedicated an eight foot granite monument in his honor.

Men and women dressed in 19th-century costumes mingled with others wearing jeans and operating video cameras.

"I've got eight great-great-granddaddies who fought in the Civil War, and about half fought with Longstreet," said C. Mike Long, Sr., of Lincolnton, who attended the ceremony. "This is long overdue -- he was a true son of the South."

William Garrett Piston, author of Lee's Tarnished Lieutenant: James Longstreet and his Place in Southern History, was the featured speaker. Other distinguished guests included Senator Strom Thurmond (R-SC), who could not attend due to ill health; his statement was read by a representative; Paul Coverdell (R-GA), and representatives Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and Charlie Northwood (R-GA).

Trisha Buie, who made the trip from Darien, GA, wearing an 1860s-era replica dress, said "Remembering Longstreet should be a priority for all Southerners. He was General Lee's senior officer, and everybody knows the love of General Lee, and we respect his officers."

At the event's conclusion, about 75 Civil War re-enactors in full uniform fired their rifles in Longstreet's honor before singing a solemn round of Dixie.

Longstreet, South Carolina's highest-ranking officer in the Confederate Army, attended Augusta Academy before being appointed to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.



He served the Confederacy in almost every major battle, from First Manassas to Appomattox.

After the war, some criticized Longstreet for joining the Republican Party and for cooperating with the Federal Government during its post-war reconstruction efforts.

Some jealous of Longstreet's friendship with Lee began spreading lies about Longstreet's military tactics, blaming him for the South's defeat at Gettysburg. Historians have since rejected such claims.

Descendants of Longstreet simply are happy their ancestor's name is finally being restored. "Longstreet's sin wasn't against the Southern people but against the writers of Confederate history," said William Daniel Paterson, Jr., a great-grandson of Longstreet.

Mrs. Jamie Longstreet Paterson, a granddaughter of Longstreet, received a Confederate battle flag from event organizers and a round of cheers as she helped unveil the monument. "I'm glad this ceremony has finally arrived," she said.

#### ◆ THE LONGSTREET BIRTHPLACE MONUMENT ◆

The inscription on the eight foot, gray granite monument reads as follows:

Lieutenant General  
James Longstreet, C.S.A.

Born at this site on January 8, 1821  
In the home of his father's parents  
He was educated in nearby Augusta  
An 1842 Graduate of West Point  
He served ably in the United States  
Army until June 1st, 1861. Joining  
The Confederate States Army, He  
Became it's Senior Lieutenant General  
Commanding the First Corps in  
General Robert E. Lee's Army of  
Northern Virginia. Known to his men  
As "Old Pete," He was seriously wounded  
In May 1864, yet returned to command  
Through Appomattox in April 1865.  
His excellent record, devotion to duty  
Personal courage and unquestioned  
Loyalty to the Confederacy were best  
Appraised by Lee himself, who called  
Longstreet "My Old War Horse."

He died on January 2nd, 1904 and  
Was buried in Gainesville, Georgia.

Dedicated January 8th, 1998 by the  
Sergeant Berry C. Benson, Camp 1672  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
North Augusta, South Carolina

RECENT AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION PROGRAM (ABPP) PUBLICATIONS

The Winter 1998 issue of Battlefield Update, the newsletter of the ABPP, which is part of the National Park Service, announced the publication of two preservationist publications that will be of interest to Civil War buffs. They are:

- ✓ 1. Historic Resources Along the Rappahannock River (Sep 1997). This report identified cultural sites associated with pre-historic activity, the Colonial period, the Revolutionary War, industrial activity, and the Civil War along cited rivers. The report was prepared by a team of planners and historians (including Erik Nelson and Frank O'Reilly) with the City of Fredericksburg and the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. The 158 page report includes a comprehensive inventory of more than 50 sites plus 50 topographic maps, and 10 illustrations. For more information about this publication, contact Erik F. Nelson, Senior Planner, City of Fredericksburg, at (540) 372-1179. Get a copy free of charge while the supply lasts. It is a first rate publication.
2. Preservation Plan for the Ringgold Gap, GA, Battlefield (Oct 1997). This publication was prepared by consultant Keith S. Bohannon for the ABPP and the Catoosa County Historical Society for the ABPP. The 86 page plan includes an extensive history of the battle. To request copies of the plan, write to the Catoosa County Historical Society, P. O. Box 8, Ringgold, Georgia 30736.

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