

# STONE WALL

APRIL 1998

BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

## CONFEDERATE TIDE RISING

Dr. Joseph L. Harsh

The timing for our guest speaker at our 9 April General Membership Meeting could not be better. Only last Friday did copies of his critically acclaimed book titled, you guessed it, "Confederate Tide Rising", become available to the public. Our honored guest speaker is, of course, the distinguished Civil War historian and educator, Dr. Joseph L. Harsh of George Mason University.

Dr. Harsh received his Ph.D in History from Rice University where he had the distinct honor of experiencing the tutelage of Professor Frank E. Vandiver. He then taught at Texas Southern University, Oklahoma State University, and the University of Tennessee at Memphis prior to coming to George Mason University in 1973. He has been the Chairman of the History Department for ten of the past 25 years at George Mason University. Dr. Harsh's book analyzes the military policy and general strategy adopted by GEN Robert E. Lee and President Jefferson Davis during the first two years of the War.

Dr. Joseph J. Sommers, the eminent historian (and another of our guest speakers) with the U.S. Army Military History Institute at Carlisle Barracks, PA, wrote the following about "Confederate Tide Rising":

"Dr. Joseph Harsh is already recognized as an original thinker on Civil War subjects. The publication of this book will establish him as a major scholar in the field, whose assessments all other Civil War specialists will need to consider as they seek to understand the Confederate war effort. Dr. Harsh's scholarship is surpassingly superior in the breadth of his grounding, the keenness of his insights, and the originality of his interpretations. *Confederate Tide Rising* is one of the most significant evaluations of Civil War strategy to be published in the past fifty years. It contributes critically to our understanding of the war, and it will influence the course of Civil War scholarship for decades to come. I cannot overemphasize the importance of this book."

During World War II, British Field Marshal Archibald Wavell gave the following advice to his subordinates, "Never let yourself be trammled by the bonds of orthodoxy. Always think for yourself. And, remember, the herd is usually wrong." Dr. Harsh thinks for himself and has the courage to buck the inhibiting currents of conventional wisdom. Do not miss the opportunity to listen to his distinguished historian on 9 April. It will be a memorable experience for all serious students of the War of Succession.

**THURSDAY, 9 APRIL 1998, AT 7:30 P.M.**

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The Bull Run Civil War Round Table meets the second Thursday of the month at the Manassas National Battlefield Park Visitor Center, 7:30 p.m. Web Site of the Round Table is: <http://members.aol.com/brcwrt/index.htm>

**DISABLED CIVIL WAR HISTORIAN/AUTHOR IN NEED**

For the past four months, there has been an article in our newsletter concerning the plight of historian and author, Theodore C. Mahr, who has been disabled and seriously ill for almost nine years. He and his wife extend their sincere thanks to those BRCWRT members who sent donations to him for the purchase of a specially equipped van. He is still in need of financial assistance. But for the grace of God, you or I could be in the situation confronting Ted and his wife. Please send your check to the following and write BRCWRT-Van on the memo line: Theodore C. Mahr, 1210 Pritz Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45410.

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**BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE**

Family: \$25.00 - Individual: \$15.00 - Student: \$10.00

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, Virginia 20164.

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**UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS**

**General Membership Meetings  
Begin at 7:30 p.m.**

**14 May 1998  
Ed Bearss**

**Red River Campaign of 1864**

**11 June 1998  
Frank O'Reilly**

**The Last Days of Stonewall Jackson -  
The Legacy of a Hero**

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**BOOK SIGNING**

**"CONFEDERATE TIDE RISING"**

**Dr. Joseph L. Harsh will be available at our General Membership Meeting on 9 April 1998 to autograph his book, "Confederate Tide Rising" after you purchase it**

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

John P. McAnaw

Members of the BRCWRT have been very busy the last four weeks. On 28 March, we conducted a very rewarding and enjoyable tour of Civil War sites in Centreville and vicinity Union Mills. On the following weekend (4-5 April), we participated in the great Civil War Show, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Relic Hunters Association, at the Capital Expo Center in Chantilly.

Our table displays and handouts attracted many visitors. Worthy of note, every comment that I heard about the current battle over the Stone House Intersection (U.S. Highway 29 and Route 234), located in the center of the Manassas National Battlefield Park (MNBP), was supportive of the decision of Superintendent Robert K. Sutton and Director of the National Park Service, Robert G. Stanton, to adamantly oppose major road construction at cited intersection. This construction, championed by Rep. Frank Wolf, would include four 1000' left turn lanes. Further, visitors at our table were unanimous in their criticism of Rep. Frank Wolf and his heavy-handed efforts to discredit Superintendent Sutton and force major road construction at cited intersection down the throat of the National Park Service. Visitors from as far away as Maine, Florida, and Colorado were well informed regarding Rep. Wolf's efforts to destroy the integrity of the MNBP. Please continue to express your support for Superintendent Sutton by contacting the individuals listed in our March 1998 newsletter, including Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Robert G. Stanton, Director, National Park Service; Dr. Robert K. Sutton, Superintendent, MNBP; your Senator/Representative; Representative Frank Wolf; and the editor of your newspaper. For a rundown on recent events, I recommend reading the **PRESERVATION CORNER** in the March 1998 issue of our newsletter.

Our membership is steadily increasing thanks, in large part, to the efforts of our present members. Keep up the good work. Your personal recommendation via word of mouth about our Round Table obviously means a lot to your friends and acquaintances.

Lastly, mark your calendars for our upcoming April through June tours. Not only will they be professionally rewarding but very inexpensive.

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## PUBLICIZING THE BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

John P. McAnaw

On 4-5 April 1998, the Northern Virginia Relic Hunters Association hosted its 26th Annual Civil War Memorabilia, Relic, Book and Art Show at the Capital Expo Center (North Building) in Chantilly, VA. The BRCWRT had a table at the show complete with displays to give attendees an appreciation of the organization and its activities. Many visitors stopped by to peruse the display material, pick up handouts, and talk with Round Table representatives.

Vice President Dan Paterson and Secretary Ann Collins were responsible for setting up the displays and preparing the handout material. They did a superb job. Assisting them in manning the table during the two day event were John DePue, Mike Duggan, Andrejs Lubkans, Rick Wolfe, and myself. I extend my thanks to Dan, Ann, and everyone else who helped make our first appearance at the NVRHA Show a success. Hopefully the BRCWRT will continue to participate for many years in the future.

## SELECTED APRIL BIRTHDATES

by Michael E. Duggan

The Trivia questions at our General Membership Meeting on 9 April 1998 will be on these distinguished individuals:

- 1 Apr Simon Bolivar Buckner, LTG CSA (1823-1914)
- 2 Apr Henry Lewis Benning, BG CSA (1814-1875)
- 2 Apr Thomas Howard Ruger, Bvt MG USV (1833-1907)
- 6 Apr Charles William Field, MG CSA (1828-1892)
- 10 Apr Leonidas Polk, LTG CSA (1806-1864)
- 10 Apr Lewis "Lew" Wallace, MG USV (1827-1905)
- 10 Apr Thomas R. R. Cobb, BG CSA (1823-1862)
- 10 Apr David McMurtrie Gregg, Bvt MG USV (1833-1916)
- 11 Apr Ephraim Elmer Ellsworth, COL USA (1837-1861)
- 13 Apr Leroy Augustus Stafford, BG CSA (1822-1864)
- 16 Apr Edward Johnson, MG CSA (1816-1873)
- 16 Apr Orlando Bolivar Willcox, Bvt MG USA (1823-1907)
- 20 Apr John Gibbon, MG USV (1827-1896)
- 25 Apr James Dearing, BG CSA (1840-1865)
- 25 Apr John Wilkes Booth, Assassin (1836-1865)
- 27 Apr Ulysses Simpson Grant, LTG USA (1822-1885)
- 29 Apr Abram Duryee, Bvt MG USV (1815-1890)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

by Michael E. Duggan

- 18 Apr - **TOUR** - BRCWRT tour of the Battle of First Manassas. Assemble at the MNBP parking lot off U.S. Highway 29 vicinity the Stone Bridge over Bull Run (on the Price William County side) by 8:20 a.m. Tour Duration: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Free. Brown bag lunch at Dogan Ridge Picnic Area. POC: Scott Patchan, (703) 803-2927.
- 2 May - **LECTURE** - Historian Ray Brown will discuss the fighting at Salem Church (Battle of Chancellorsville). At Salem Church, 7:00 p.m. Free. (Friends of Fredericksburg Area Battlefields - (540) 972-9954).
- 3 May - **TOUR** - Walking tour of Hazel Grove (Battle of Chancellorsville) led by Lee Ann Williams, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park Historian. 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Free. (Friends of Fredericksburg Area Battlefields - (540) 972-9954)
- 9 May **TOUR** - BRCWRT tour of Civil War Alexandria. Assemble at the Lyceum parking lot, 201 South Washington Street, Old Town Alexandria, by 9:00 a.m. Free. Tour duration: 9:05 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. POC: John McAnaw, (703) 978-3371.
- 16 May- **REENACTMENT/LIVING HISTORY** - "First Blood" reenactment of the first  
17 May skirmish of the War in Fairfax. At Van Dyck Park, Fairfax. Battles both days. (Sponsored by the 17th VA and the Fairfax Museum and Visitor's Center. Information: (703) 273-6130.)
- 24 May **DEDICATION** - Memorial Wall "To Name the Fallen." Unveiling of the names of 520 Confederates on the granite wall around the 1877 Confederate Monument, Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, 2:00 p.m. (Black Horse Chapter, UDC, (540) 347-4408.)

## AFTER ACTION REPORT CIVIL WAR CENTREVILLE - UNION MILLS TOUR

John P. McAnaw

Participants in our BRCWRT-sponsored tour of Civil War sites in Centreville and Union Mills on 28 March 1998 enjoyed near perfect weather conditions. A total of 27 members and guests participated in the tour. Two of the objectives of the tour were to show tour participants Civil War sites that have, thus far, survived the relentless onslaught of short-sighted development and to point out the important historic locations that have been either lost or are in the process of being destroyed. Obviously, the key objective of the tour was to get all those in attendance involved in efforts to preserve what is left of our Civil War heritage in Fairfax County.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to the following individuals who joined me as tour guides at various locations in Centreville and vicinity Union Mills on 28 March:

- Patricia Gallagher, Member
- Tom Pollard, Senior Warden, Anglican Catholic Church of the Ascension which was, during the Civil War, the Centreville Methodist Church, aka the "Stone Church"
- Art Candenuist, Member
- Dave Mollumby, Member, who also is the owner of "Level Green"
- Justin Patton, Fairfax County Park Authority

The iterinary for the tour was as follows:

Assembly Area	St. Andrew Roman Catholic Church parking lot (Union Mill and Compton Roads)
Stop 1	Confederate breastworks on west side of Union Mill Road, just north of St. Andrew Church
Stop 2	Confederate fortifications northeast of intersection of Pickwick and Leland Roads
Stop 3	St. John Episcopal Church
Stop 4	Mount Gilead*, residence of GEN J. E. Johnston, CSA, during fall-winter of 1861-1862
Stop 5	Old Centreville Methodist Church (Stone Church)
Stop 6	By-passed
Stop 7	Terminus of the Confederate Military Railroad (CMRR) and site of first Confederate military executions on 9 December 1861
Stop 8	Section of road bed of the CMRR*
Stop 9	Level Green
Stop 10	Confederate fortification known as the "Great Redoubt" or "A-Fort"* in the Balmoral Tract south of Compton Road that is now under development
Stop 11	Confederate fortification known as the "Ring Fort" or "Cannon Fort"* located south of the "Great Redoubt" in the Balmoral development
Step 12	Confederate breastworks southeast of the "Ring Fort" that are in the process of being destroyed by developers

NOTE:

- \* Denotes land that is owned by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and not the Fairfax County Park Authority.

## PRESERVATION CORNER

John P. McAnaw

### PRESERVATION OF CIVIL WAR SITES IN THE CENTREVILLE - UNION MILLS AREA

An important step regarding the preservation of historically important Civil War sites in the Centreville-Union Mills area, now owned by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS), is to transfer title for the land to the Fairfax County Park Authority. The fact that the BOS holds title to these important land parcels does not guarantee that, in the future, that these sites will remain undeveloped and preserved. Ownership by the County Park Authority provides much better site protection. Do not stand by while the rich, historic legacy of Fairfax County is steadily scraped away by the bulldozer blades of land maulers. See below examples of how to contact your County representative via E-MAIL. See page 8 for a listing of the Board of Supervisors' addresses and telephone numbers.

E-MAIL. If, for example, you want to contact Michael R. Frey, the Sully District Supervisor, send your E-MAIL to:

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For Elaine McConnell, the Springfield District Supervisor, the E-MAIL address is:

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### ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION NEWS

The Spring 1998 issue of the "Battlefield Update", the newsletter of the American Battlefield Protection Program, Department of the Interior, contained the following article.

Congress is currently working to reauthorize or reinvent the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1992 (ISTEA) by May 1, 1998. Congress is under pressure from governors, businesses, and labor groups to complete action quickly to avert delays in billions of dollars worth of planned highway and bridge construction projects. On March 12, the Senate passed **ISTEA 2** (S. 1173), a \$214 billion bill. As this newsletter goes to press, the House is still debating its revised ISTEA bill, known as **BESTEA** (H.R. 2400).

Issues in both reauthorization bills may affect battlefield preservation. These issues include 1) whether to maintain existing funding levels for transportation enhancement projects; 2) whether to keep historic preservation as an enhancement category; and 3) whether to allow state Departments of Transportation to place restrictions on enhancements or to opt out of the enhancement requirement altogether. ISTEA 2, as passed by the Senate, reduces from 10 to 8 percent the amount of funds apportioned to a state for transportation enhancement activities. It appears, however, that

the Senate did retain the mandatory requirement for states to use those funds for only enhancement activities and that the Senate retained historic preservation as a valid enhancement activity under ISTEA 2.

The surface transportation enhancements provision in ISTEA was designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the nation's transportation system. More than 50 Civil War projects in 12 states have benefited from transportation enhancement funding since ISTEA was enacted. These projects represent \$23.6 million in Federal ISTEA funds combined with \$20.2 million in matching funds for a total expenditure of \$43.8 million to preserve and interpret Civil War battlefields and sites.

ISTEA has been the largest source of funding for Civil War preservation projects to date. Enhancement funds have been used to purchase easements on the Antietam battlefield; construct more than 20 miles of interpretive trails at Corinth, Mississippi; develop the Virginia Civil War Trails program; and preserve land at Perryville, Mill Springs, and Camp Nelson in Kentucky.

*Information for this article was provided by The Civil War Trust.*

On 6 April 1998, I contacted Senator John Warner's office for an update. Both the Senate and the House have passed different versions of the Bill. When Congress reconvenes on 20 April 1998, a joint committee will commence work to resolve differences between the two Bills.

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**FIVE STAR COURSE  
BATTLEFIELDS OF THE CIVIL WAR, PART ONE  
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY**

John P. McAnaw

Based on personal experience, I strongly recommend the course cited above. It will be offered by George Mason University this summer. The duration of the course will be 14 days and runs from Saturday, August 1, through (approximately) Friday, 14 August. Students will spend the entire period "in the field", that is, away from home. The instructor for this course will be none other than Dr. Joseph L. Harsh.

Campaigns/sites covered will include Harper's Ferry, Fairfax Court House, First Manassas, Centreville, Fort Ward, Balls Bluff, the Peninsula, Seven Days, Cedar Mountain, Second Manassas, Ox Hill/Chantilly, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg.

The course is offered as History 389 (3 credit hours) at the Undergraduate level and History 615 (3 credit hours) at the Graduate level. Students must obtain a force/add permission slip from the Department of History before registering for cited History 389 or History 615.

Space for the course will be limited to: 20 Undergraduate (History 389); 10 Graduate (History 615); and 10 Non-credit students.

I took this course four years ago and thoroughly enjoyed it. Apply now for a space with Harsh's Motorized Brigade. Adventure lies ahead! For more information contact: Dr. Joseph L. Harsh at (703) 830-8852 (Home).

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**LaSALLE CORBELL PICKETT JOINS HER HUSBAND**  
**AT HOLLYWOOD CEMETERY**  
**REDEDICATION OF THE MG GEORGE E. PICKETT MONUMENT**

Dan Paterson

LaSalle Corbell Pickett, the wife of MG George E. Pickett, got her dying wish Saturday, March 21, 1998, as her remains were laid next to her husband to the sound of cannon fire and the strains of "Dixie". About 400 people, many dressed in Confederate garb, watched as the bronze urn containing Mrs. Pickett's remains was placed inside a silk lined, 13-sided redwood box and lowered into the ground in front of her husband's monument in Hollywood Cemetery. On each side of the box was written the name of a Confederate state. The urn was brought to the site on a horse drawn caisson.

Mrs. Pickett died 67 years ago, outliving her husband by more than 50 years. Dan McGuire, commander of the Virginia Society of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, said, "She's home at last in Richmond." The hour long ceremony, in a light drizzle and raw wind, included remarks by Pickett descendants. Christiancy Pickett, the great-grandson of the couple, said, "This is a solemn but happy affair." He recalled seeing Mrs. Pickett when he was a young child. He said that, in her will, Mrs. Pickett asked for a Christian burial beside the body of her husband. But her request was denied because of a rule against burying women in the "Soldiers" section of Hollywood Cemetery. Instead, she was buried in Abbey Mausoleum, beside Arlington National Cemetery in Northern Virginia. The mausoleum fell into disrepair and Civil War heritage groups, including the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, arranged to bring her remains to Richmond.

General Pickett died in July 1875 while on a business trip to Norfolk. He was 50. Mrs. Pickett went on to appear at numerous reunions of Civil War veterans and extolled her husband's wartime exploits on the vaudeville circuit. She was also an author of several books about her husband. She died in March 1931 at a private hospital in Rockville, MD, after a two-year illness.

On the following day, Sunday, March 22, the monument above General Pickett's grave was rededicated after repairs were made. The project was initiated by Pat and Dwight Wood of Richmond when they found the monument was in bad condition. Many Pickett descendants, as well as descendants of other Confederate officers, were present. Both ceremonies were well worth the trip to Richmond despite the cold, rainy weather. I was able to meet Mr. Christiancy Pickett, Mr. George E. Pickett V, as well as descendants of Generals Imboden and Armistead.

# ANSWERS TO SOLDIER LINGO QUIZ

John P. McAnaw

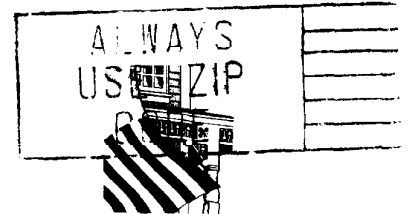
## COLUMN A

1. tent peg (x)
2. whang (q)
3. sinker (m)
4. wagon dog (o)
5. squashmolished (v)
6. deadhead (k)
7. lamppost (u)
8. katydid (t)
9. tiger (a)
10. mudscow (q)
11. forty rod (b)
12. layout (o)
13. sheep dip (b)
14. fire and fall back (h)
15. beehive (j)
16. dog robber (f)
17. old horse (c)
18. cabbaging (y)
19. How come you so? (e)
20. sowbelly (z)
21. pumpkin rind (d)
22. sloper (i)
23. mud lark (n)
24. Snotty-nosed Yank (g)
25. hop, step, and jump (l)
26. pie eater (w)

## COLUMN B

- a. faro
- b. bad whiskey
- c. corned beef
- d. Union lieutenant
- e. intoxicated
- f. cook
- g. New York soldier
- h. vomit
- i. deserter
- j. knapsack
- k. noncombatant
- l. two-wheeled ambulance
- m. bullet
- n. farm pig
- o. skulker/battlefield coward
- p. crude temporary shelter
- q. Army shoe
- r. cheating at cards
- s. Loyal League member
- t. young Confederate
- u. artillery projectile
- v. bad hangover
- w. rural Yankee soldier
- x. bayonet
- y. stealing
- z. bacon

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