

STONE WALL

BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

JUNE 1998

THE LAST DAYS OF "STONEWALL" JACKSON: THE LEGACY OF A HERO

Our guest speaker for our General Membership Meeting on 11 June 1998 is the distinguished Civil War historian--Frank A. O'Reilly. He is one of the most knowledgeable historians concerning the wartime career of LTG Thomas J. Jackson. His presentation will be "The Last Days of "Stonewall" Jackson: The Legacy of a Hero."

Mr. O'Reilly received his undergraduate degree in 1987 from Washington & Lee University. Following graduation, he joined the National Park Service as a temporary historian at the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. He then completed a stint as an historian at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, PA. In 1990, he returned to Fredericksburg, VA, to take the position of permanent historian at the "Stonewall" Jackson Shrine at Guiney Station.

Mr. O'Reilly is the author of the critically acclaimed book, "Stonewall" Jackson at Fredericksburg: The Battle of Prospect Hill, December 13, 1862." This book was published in 1993 by H. E. Howard, Inc., Lynchburg, VA. Frank O'Reilly has also authored a dozen articles on various topics concerning the war vicinity the Rappahannock River Valley. Additionally, he has written introductions to new editions of several classic regimentals and the "Personal Memoirs of General Philip H. Sheridan." Currently, he is writing a book on the Fredericksburg Campaign and conducting research for another on the Battle of Chancellorsville.

LTG Thomas J. Jackson was one of the greatest and most revered combat leaders of the War of Secession. His niche in the pantheon of American military heroes is secure. Dr. Douglas S. Freeman wrote the following about the impact of the death of "Stonewall" Jackson: ". . . a few only of the millions who had admired Jackson had the opportunity of paying tribute to him. With voice or with pen, those who could not march in procession or stand bareheaded on the street, sought to express what Jackson had meant to the Confederacy and to them. . . Lee himself, in general orders of May 11, spoke of "the daring, skill and energy of this great and good soldier," and often besides, in referring to the dead General, he used those same simple adjectives, "great and good." So deeply was Lee moved by the loss that he scarcely could speak of Jackson without tears, and, to the end of his days, he never mentioned his greatest lieutenant otherwise than with deep, affectionate admiration. "Such an executive officer," he said, "the sun never shone on." Any disparagement of Jackson was an offense to him." (Lee's Lieutenants. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Vol II, p. 682, 1946).

**THURSDAY, 11 JUNE 1998, AT 7:30 P.M.
MANASSAS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD VISITORS CENTER**

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DISABLED CIVIL WAR HISTORIAN/AUTHOR IN NEED

The officers of the BRCWRT will not give up their efforts to assist Theodore C. Mahr who has been disabled and seriously ill for nine years. For the past six months, we have asked, on behalf of Ted and his wife, for donations to assist this stricken historian/author. All donations will be used to purchase a specially equipped, used van for Ted. 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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MEMBERSHIP - CY 1998

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.

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11 June 1998
Frank A. O'Reilly
The Last Days of "Stonewall" Jackson:
The Legacy of a Hero

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9 July 1998
William J. Miller
Lee and Jackson:
Peninsula Campaign of 1862

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13 August 1998
Gary L. Ecelbarger
Jackson's 1862
Valley Campaign Revisited

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

John P. McAnaw

Do you remember Michael E. Duggan's superb presentation on the U.S. Army Medal of Honor in the American Civil War at the General Membership Meeting on 12 February 1998? He began by saying "Welcome to Yankee night at the Bull Run Civil War Round Table." Well, our monthly meeting on 14 May 1998 began with "Welcome to Marine night at the BRCWRT." And what a memorable night it was!

Former Marine Annie Snyder was awarded the Round Table's FIRST Life Membership for her outstanding leadership in protecting the Manassas Battlefields and other important Civil War sites from the tender embraces of land maulers and unscrupulous politicians. Active Marine Rick Wolfe received a BRCWRT Certificate of Achievement for his unfailing support of the organization's activities and for his distinguished service as a tour guide on Round Table field trips. Rick is retiring from active service with the Corps and moving to his beloved West Virginia. And our guest speaker that evening, another former Marine and veteran of World War II, Ed Bearss, gave an absolutely magnificent presentation on The Red River Valley Campaign of 1864. Judging from subsequent comments to me, Ed Bearss' talk was an eye opener to many in the audience. If any of you in attendance taped Ed Bearss' presentation, please contact me. It was so good it should be preserved for posterity!

No one enjoyed Ed Bearss' presentation more than a nine year old girl named Lisa who was sitting in the front row with her aunt. She was completely enthralled by his talk. Her comments on the Civil War and battlefield preservation can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The BRCWRT will conduct one of its most ambitious field trips ever on 13-14 June 1998. Space for this tour is limited, therefore, if you are interested in attending, please contact me as soon as possible at (703) 978-3371. We will visit a number of historically important sites, ranging from vicinity Cold Harbor, Flowerdew Hundred on the James, City Point, Petersburg, and nearby battlefields. We will also observe some well trained reenactors in action.

The next Round Table sponsored tour will be on Saturday, 25 July 1998, that is, if enough members sign up. It will be a tour of the Bull Run fords ranging from Island Ford downstream to Yates Ford. Included in this hiking tour will be the crossing point of the Confederate Military Railroad plus Mitchell, Blackburn, McLean, and Union Mills fords, plus nearby Civil War sites of historical interest. Participants should be in good physical condition and be able to carry their own water, food, personal items, etc.

Our 1998 membership is steadily growing. I believe that we are now at the organization's greatest membership level ever! Keep up the good work and spread the word.

Lastly, I ask you to be generous and assist the disabled historian/author, Ted Mahr. He needs our help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Michael E. Duggan

- 13 Jun BRCWRT Tour of Cold Harbor to Petersburg
14 Jun
- 27 Jun Living History: 136th Anniversary of the Battle of Malvern Hill.
- 28 Jun Battery A, 5th U.S. Artillery living history encampment at Malvern Hill. Artillery demonstrations and walking tours. Information: (804) 226-1981.
- 3 Jul Longstreet Dedication: At Gettysburg. Dedication of General James Longstreet Monument, 9:30 a.m. at Pitzer Woods. Keynote Speaker: Dr. William Garrett Piston. Information: (919) 258-6966.
- 3 - 5 Jul 135th Reenactment: At Gettysburg. From Heth to Pickett with full scale Pickett's Charge. Off Pumping Station Road. Hosted by Civil War Heritage in cooperation with Gettysburg Living History. Information: (908) 903-1064.
- 18 Jul Memorial Dedication: At Washington, DC. Dedication of African-American Civil War Memorial--"Spirit of Freedom" sculpture at new Memorial Plaza, 10th and U Streets, N.W. 10:00 a.m. Reenactor's Parade Salute to U.S. Colored Troops. 2:00 p.m. Unveiling of memorial and park. Information: (202) 667-2667.
- 18-19 Jul Anniversary Weekend of the First Battle of Manassas: At Manassas National Battlefield Park:
- Living History Programs:
- 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.: Infantry tactics and musket firing demonstrations. A 30 minute program at Stuart's Hill Visitor Center.
- 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.: Cavalry tactics and weapons firing demonstration. A 30 minute program at "Portici".
- Guided Walking Tours:
- 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.: Opening shots. This 90 minute tour will cover the opening shots of the First Battle of Manassas. The tour will begin at Stone Bridge (TOUR STOP #12).
- 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.: The fight for Matthews Hill. This 60 minute tour will highlight the Confederate attempt to delay the advancing Union Army (MEET AT TOUR STOP #3--DOGAN RIDGE).
- 11:15 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., and 4:15 p.m.: The fight for Henry Hill. This 30 minute program provides an overview of the First Battle of Manassas with an emphasis on the climatic fight for Henry Hill. Meet at Henry Hill Visitors Center.

**BRCWRT ONE OR TWO DAY TOUR
SATURDAY - SUNDAY - 13-14 JUNE 1998
COLD HARBOR TO PETERSBURG**

MARCHING ORDERS

TOUR GUIDES: John McAnaw, Dan Paterson, Mark Knowles, and knowledgeable individuals on site

DAY 1:

ASSEMBLY TIME: 7:00 a.m., Saturday, 13 June 1998

ASSEMBLY POINT: Fairfax Station Square Shopping Center (in front of the 7-11 Store). The shopping center is located on the west side of Ox Road (Route 123) in Fairfax Station between Fairfax Station Road and Historic St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church (to the north) and Burke Centre Parkway (to the south)

DEPARTURE TIME: 7:10 a.m., Saturday, 13 June 1998

TRAVEL STRIP MAPS: Will be provided to every participant

STOP #1

8:58 a.m. National Park Service Facility at Cold Harbor Battlefield (off Route 156)

STOPS #2 - #8

9:00 - 11:45 am Cold Harbor Battlefield

STOP #9

12:30 p.m. Flowerdew Hundred/Brown Bag Lunch; Tour of Windmill Point

STOP #10

2:40 p.m. City Point

STOP #11

4:00 p.m. U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum

STOP #12

5:12 p.m. Baylor's Farm

STOP #13

5:35 p.m. Check in - INNKEEPER MOTOR INN (Route 36 & I-295)
Telephone Number: (804) 458-2600

DAY 2:

ASSEMBLY TIME: 8:00 a.m., Sunday, 14 June 1998, Lobby of Innkeeper

DEPARTURE TIME: 8:05 a.m.

STOP #14

8:15 a.m. Visitors Center, Petersburg National Battlefield Park

STOP #15 - #20

8:45 a.m. Petersburg National Battlefield Park including military demonstrations/Lunch

STOPS #21 - 27

12:45 p.m. Civil War forts, battlefields, and Poplar Grove National Cemetery vicinity the Flank Road (Siege Line)

LAST STOP

3:00 p.m. Fort Fisher, or time permitting, Fort Gregg

**COORDINATING
INSTRUCTIONS:**

- o Bring own food, water, and other necessary personal items such as sun screen, insect repellent, and change of clothing. Brown Bag Lunch on both days. **TRAVEL LIGHT!** Several coolers will be needed for food and liquid refreshments.
- o BRCWRT has reserved eight (8) rooms with two (2) beds and four (4) with a king bed at the INNKEEPER which has given our group a discount rate of \$54.00 single/double occupancy. Members who have signed up for the tour have responsibility to make own reservations at the INNKEEPER, Hopewell, VA (Routes 36 & I295). Telephone Number: (804) 458-2600.
- o If you have not yet signed up, contact John McAnaw at (703) 978-3371 as soon as possible or see him at the General Membership Meeting, Thursday, 11 June 1998.
- o There will be a meeting for all members going on this tour following the end of the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, 11 June 1998.

REMINDER:

Everyone on this tour is participating on their own volition. Drivers are urged to obey the speed limit and other regulatory signs. The BRCWRT is not responsible for theft of property, injury, or any other action that would adversely affect any participant on this tour.

SELECTED JUNE BIRTHDATES

Michael E. Duggan

The Trivia questions at our General Membership Meeting on 11 June 1998 will be on these distinguished individuals:

1 Jun	John Hunt Morgan, BG CSA (1825-1864)
1 Jun	John Bell Hood, GEN CSA (1831-1879)
2 Jun	Philip Kearny, MG USV (1815-1862)
3 Jun	Jefferson Finis Davis, President, CSA (1808-1889)
5 Jun	Beverly Holcombe Robertson, BG CSA (1827-1910)
5 Jun	Marcus Joseph Wright, BG CSA (1831-1922)
11 Jun	James Lawson Kemper, MG CSA (1823-1895)
12 Jun	Samuel Cooper, GEN CSA (1798-1876)
13 Jun	Winfield Scott, Bvt LG USA (1786-1866)
13 Jun	Philip St. George Cooke, Bvt MG USA (1809-1895)
16 Jun	Welsey Merritt, MG USV (1834-1910)
17 Jun	Strong Vincent, BG USV (1837-1863)
20 Jun	Jesse Lee Reno, MG USV (1823-1862)
21 Jun	James Brewerton Ricketts, Bvt MG USV (1817-1887)
23 Jun	Edwin Henry Stoughton, BG USV (1838-1868)
26 Jun	Abner Doubleday, MG USV (1819-1893)
27 Jun	Junius Daniel, BG CSA (1828-1864)
28 Jun	William Tatum Wofford, BG CSA (1824-1884)

COLD HARBOR TO PETERSBURG - TOUR STOP THE U.S. ARMY QUARTERMASTER MUSEUM

John P. McAnaw

Time permitting, we will visit the U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum at Fort Lee, VA, during our tour scheduled for 13-14 June 1998. Fort Lee is located adjacent to the eastern boundary of the Petersburg National Battlefield (PNB). Of interest, there are numerous trenches, bunkers, etc. within the PNB that date not from our War of Secession but from World War I when the 80th Infantry Division and other units trained at Camp Lee. The PNB was not created until 1924.

As background, in 1941 Camp Lee was designated as the U.S. Army's principal Quartermaster training center and, in 1962 Fort Lee (now a permanent installation) became the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center. Appropriately, this logistics installation is located in close proximity to City Point which provided the necessary "sinews of war" for Union forces besieging the Cockade City.

The primary tourist attraction at Fort Lee is the U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum. This facility covers the history of the Quartermaster Corps from its creation in 1775 (only two days after the establishment of the Army) to the present. At one time or another during its history, the Quartermaster Corps was responsible for every service function in the U.S. Army, i.e., food, clothing, transportation, petroleum products, supply (including aerial), and mortuary services. There are exhibits on U.S. Army military uniforms, flags, heraldry, food service, transportation, and horse equipment.

Exhibit material emphasizes the importance of horses and mules to the U.S. Army from 1775 to well into World War II. Among the Civil War artifacts is the saddle used by LTG U.S. Grant. According to an information board, over 65,000 horses and mules supported the Union Army during the Petersburg Campaign of 1864-1865 which lasted nine months and 18 days.

The exhibit on Quartermaster Corps responsibilities regarding mortuary services was impressive. I copied the following quote printed on a placard:

"Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead and I will measure exactly the sympathies of its people, their respect for the laws of land, and their loyalty to high ideals."

-William E. Gladstone, British Prime Minister,
1868-74 1880-85; 1886; 1892-94

Every serious student of warfare should visit this Quartermaster Museum to gain an appreciation of the importance of combat service support to the successful conduct of combat operations during our War of Secession or, for that matter, any other armed conflict.

A YOUNG GIRL'S VIEW OF THE CIVIL WAR AND BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION

If you attended our memorable General Membership Meeting on 14 May 1998, you undoubtedly noticed the young girl in period costume accompanying our Treasurer, Ann Collins. Her name is Lisa. Like her Aunt Ann, she is a reenactor with the 7th Maryland Volunteer Infantry (Union). Her hobbies are reading, reenacting, swimming, and gymnastics.

Commencing on 26 May 1998, Lisa began a page for young people on our Web Site (BRCWRT5@AOL.COM). Her updated pages as of 2 June 1998 (minus photographs) is as shown below. I believe you will thoroughly enjoy her comments.

LISA'S CIVIL WAR PAGE FOR KIDS

"Hi! my name is Lisa, I'm 9 but, I will be 10 on July 21st. My birthday also happens to be the same day as First Manassas (which was called Bull Run by the Union). Its very hard to understand but, the Confederates named the battles after the closest town, the Union named the battles after the nearest body of water.

I like the Civil War because its fun to reenact and you get to learn a lot of stuff. This war was very important because it made us "The United States" and it ended slavery. Before the Civil War, American people thought of their state as their country, not as a state. The Civil War changed that, it really made us united.

Some people want to build malls and shopping centers where the battlefields are. But they should build it somewhere else because it would be ruining history and people in the future wouldn't be able to see it there like it was when it happened. I hope that people won't widen the Stone House Road at Manassas because that's where General Pope's headquarters were and they'd ruin it. I think people not visiting the battlefield should drive on a big highway, Route 66. They shouldn't drive thru the battlefield and ruin it if they aren't visiting it. If you want to help save the battlefield, write Representative Wolf and tell him why its wrong. Kids should have the right to stand up for what they believe. If you want to write him here's his address: The Honorable Frank R. Wolf, 241 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20515-4610.

I got to meet Ed Bearss. He was the head historian but now he's retired from the Park Service. I've seen him on Civil War Journal and the Ken Burns Civil War series. He's like a computer because he knows everything about the Civil War and some stuff about other wars too. He was a Marine in World War II, so he knows what its like to be in a battle. He's really cool and really nice. I asked him what his favorite Civil War general was and he said it was Nathan Bedord Forrest. He was called the "Wizard of the Saddle."

General Sherman (he was Grant's fav) called him "That devil Forrest." He was the oldest of 10 kids and his Dad died when he was 16. He had to take care of his family as a boy. He didn't get much education but he was very bright. During Brice's Crossroads, he outsmarted General Sturgis (who I think looks like Larry of the Three Stooges).

Young Girl's View (Cont'd)

General Forrest used the heat and humidity of the South as a weapon on the Yankees. He also used the land to hide the fact that he only had 800 of his 4000 men on the field. He only had 12 cannon, General Sturgis had 18 cannon and 8500 men. General Sturgis (the Stooze guy) thought he was outnumbered but really General Forrest was. General Forrest had his head cannon guy Morton bring up his cannon to 200 yards of the Yankees and then fire on them. Then he split his force and had them envelop the Yankees. General Forrest captured 14 of the Stooze Guy's cannon (so the Stooze guy only had 4 left!) and also captured half his men and his whole wagon train! So the Stooze guy lost! General Sturgis then told his men "For God's sake if Mr. Forrest will let me along I will let him alone. You have done all you could and more than was expected of you. And now all you can do is save yourselves." See General Forrest was really smart. He also had a lot of horses shot from him, more than any other general. I like him.

My favorite General is Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain of the 20th Maine, who also fought in my favorite battle, Gettysburg. He helped save the Union left flank at the Little Round Top. He's really cool and brave. They ran out of bullets and he ordered a bayonet charge. He's also very handsome! I also like General Longstreet and Chamberlain's brother Tom. I also like General Lee because he's cool and he was the big cheese of the Army of Northern Virginia.

I like to read A LOT!! Sometimes I get in trouble because I won't go to bed. I read by flashlight and get in trouble! I have read some really cool books on the Civil War. Here's what I like so far:

- o "Growing Up in the 1850's the Journal of Agnes Lee," by Mary Custis Lee DeButts. Its General Lee's daughter Agnes, she's very pretty.
- o "Mary Boykin Chesnut" its a southern lady's journal. It really shows what the southern people went through.
- o I also read "What a Girl Saw and Heard, the Diary of Tillie Pierce," its really good and I give it 4 stars! Because it explains the life of a kid in the middle of a battle!

I am going to add more books later as I read them.

Check out my Civil War ancestors! My Da (grandfather) looks a lot like his great-uncle James. Da was in World War II just like Mr. Bearss, except he was in the Army.

Bye for now. I've seen Antietam, Gettysburg, and Manassas. Gettysburg is my favorite. I hope to see more battlefields."

On behalf of the members of our Round Table, I extend my congratulations to Lisa for a very well written and informative Web Site page.

**COLD HARBOR
REQUIESCAT IN PACE - II U.S. ARMY CORPS**

John P. McAnaw

There is no doubt that the casualties suffered by the Army of the Potomac during the 1864 Overland Campaign were under-reported. After all, it was an election year and war weariness was evident among many Northern voters. Francis A. Walker, formerly the Assistant Adjutant General of II Corps, stated very clearly in his book "History of the Second Army Corps", published in 1887, that this was the case. Citing the research of a Colonel Robert N. Scott of the War Department, the losses of the renowned II Corps in the Wilderness were not 3,761 as officially reported but at least 5,092, or 1,331 above the official casualty report. Bitterly, Walker recorded that the same "doctoring" of II Corps combat losses also occurred for period 2-12 June 1864. II Corps casualties were at least 3,510, or many hundreds more than tabulated from previously published reports.

Cold Harbor marked the end of II Corps as a well led and formidable fighting force. The loss of a great number of courageous and experienced officers and NCOs during period 5 May - 12 June 1864 was devastating. Leader losses at Cold Harbor on 3 June 1864 were particularly heavy. II Corps never was the same again. Join our tour on 13-14 June 1998 (Cold Harbor to Petersburg) and see the battle grounds where II Corps demonstrated that it was but a hollow shell of its former self.

Francis Walker wrote that "In the long column which wound its way, in the darkness, out of the entrenchments at Cold Harbor, on the 12th of June, 1864, and took the road to the Chickahominy, little remained of the divisions that had crossed that river, on the 31st of May, 1862, to the rescue of the broken left wing; and the historian feels that, as he concludes the story of Cold Harbor, he is, in a sense, writing the epitaph of the Second Corps." (underlining mine) (Walker, Francis A., "Second Army Corps." Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1887, pp. 521-523)

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