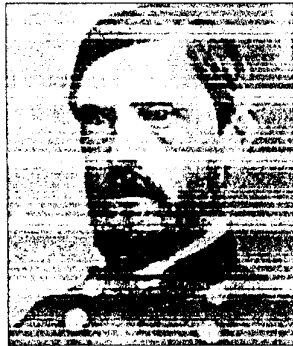


STONE WALL

BULL RUN CIVIL
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"For God's
Sake,
Forward!"

Maj. Gen. John F.
REYNOLDS, U.S.A.

"General Reynolds now rode forward to inspect the field and ascertain the most favorable line for the disposal of his troops. One or two members of his staff were with him. The enemy at that instant poured in a cruel musketry fire upon the group of officers; a bullet struck General Reynolds in the neck, wounding him mortally. Crying out, with a voice that thrilled the hearts of his soldiers, "Forward! For God's sake, forward!" he turned for an instant, beheld the order obeyed by a line of shouting infantry, and falling into the arms of Captain Wilcox, his aid, who rode beside him, his life went out with the words, "Good God, Wilcox, I am killed." *New York World.*

General John Fulton Reynolds, was killed near McPherson's Ridge on the morning of July 1, 1863, the first day of the Battle of Gettysburg. At the time of his death, this solid and aggressive commander led the Union Army's left wing. This gallant soldier had declined the offer to command the army only a month earlier. He died not far from his Lancaster Pennsylvania home.

This month's speaker, Michael A. Riley, is the author of *General John F. Reynolds, USA* of the Civil War Commander Series. Riley is a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania and is a member of Co. E., Thirtieth Pennsylvania (First PA Reserves), following in his greatgrandfather John B. Riley's footsteps. He is currently working on the Reynold family papers for publication.

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 10 1998
7:30 PM

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BATTLEFIELD PARK
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Greetings Members & Friends,

Another successful year has come to a close for the Bull Run Civil War RoundTable. We had what I feel was one of the more successful years ever for our organization. Our speaker and tour schedules were excellent. I would like to personally thank John McAnaw for his tireless effort throughout the year. His will be a tough act to follow.

The upcoming year will continue to contain the quality speakers and tours including members of our own organization and a focus on our own battlefield; something we have missed for awhile. I have a quality roster of speakers this year incorporating some of the contacts I have made over the past several years with the Longstreet Memorial Project. We already have three tours in the schedule and plan to add more. No, we won't be having lectures on Longstreet for twelve months as some of you might be expecting but I do have quite a diverse selection of topics, General Longstreet being among

them.

The past year has been very exciting for me and my family. I was able to participate in a monument dedication to General Longstreet at his birthplace in Edgefield, S.C. and the dedication of the equestrian statue of him at Gettysburg, Pa. Being involved in both of these events is something I have anticipated since I first became a student of the War Between the States. I thank all members who attended the dedications and those who contributed to the James Longstreet Memorial Fund over the last several years. The next project is the renovation of the General's hotel in Gainesville, Georgia. I will be attending a fund raiser for that in Chattanooga, Tenn. in September that coincides with the 135th anniversary of the battle of Chickamauga. I plan on making information on this and other events readily available at all our meetings.

We will continue to maintain our position on preserving our battlefield

here at Manassas. We must keep up the fight to prevent the development of the Stone House intersection as well as other development that is steadily encroaching upon it. We must look to Ed Bearss' address in the previous newsletter as inspiration.

The membership drive for the 98-99 season is on! If any member has a friend that is interested in the Civil War, please feel free to bring them along to a meeting as we are always looking for new members. If you haven't yet, please check out our web page that Ann Collins, our secretary, has done such a great job on. (<http://members.aol.com/brcwrt/index.htm>.)

It will be another exciting year for the Bull Run Civil War Round Table and I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Dan Paterson

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PRESERVATION

Congress Considers Funds to Purchase Critical Civil War Sites

The Federal government may authorize millions of dollars to purchase Civil War battlefield sites. In December 1997, Senator Slade Gorton informed The Civil War Trust that the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior was considering including a provision for the acquisition of Civil War battlefields in the Land and Water Conservation Fund section of the Department of Interior reappropriations bill. (This is in addition to the \$11.1 million already requested by the Clinton administration.) In his letter Senator Gorton asked for assistance in compiling a list of priority sites "which are ready to be executed in cooperation with willing sellers."

In May, The Civil War Trust and APCWS presented a list of funding requests. After the persuasive presentation, the Senate Subcommittee announced that more funds may be available for battlefield purchases and instructed our representatives to expand the list.

The expanded request now includes 11 battlefields and \$12.5 million to begin or complete acquisitions of the following threatened battlefields:

Third Winchester, Virginia \$2.1 million

The Wilderness, Virginia \$2.5 million

Brandy Station, Virginia \$2.5 million

Gaines Mill & Cold Harbor, Virginia \$1.6 million

Brice's Cross Roads, Mississippi \$700,000

Raymond, Mississippi 200,000

Spring Hill, Tennessee \$400,000

Port Hudson, Louisiana \$700,000

Resaca, Georgia \$500,000

Bentonville, North Carolina \$500,000

Honey Springs, Oklahoma \$800,000

Competition for these funds is stiff and passage of this request intact in the House of Representatives this Fall is expected to be more difficult than passage in the Senate. Nevertheless, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has the potential to be the largest funding source in history for Civil War battlefield protection.

This is an important and exciting legislation

that could substantially aid The Civil War Trust's mandate to preserve Civil War battlefields. Passage of the bill is expected in

late September. *Excerpted from The Civil War Trust website (www.civilwar.org)*

WHAT THEY'VE FOUND AT STONE HOUSE

This summer National Park Service and University of Maryland archeologists, working on two digs near the Stone House, have unearthed artifacts that will affect our interpretation of both troop movements and local history. According to NPS archeologist Stephen Potter, they have identified the location of a frame house. Could it be the famous tollbooth that played a part during Second Manassas?

Across the street from the Stone House, a farmer unearthed evidence of a second house as he planted corn.

At the Stone House itself they have identified an area that might have been the location of the field hospital and are unearthing items that might come from a building

that predates the Stone House. A quantity of bands (sabots) from artillery shells fired from Capt. William Renolds battery of James rifled cannons, have also been located and will allow the archeologists to pinpoint the exact location of four cannons.

When I spoke with Dr. Robert Sutton, the superintendent of the Manassas National Battlefield Park, on August 21 he reassured me that he and the leadership of the National Park Service remain unalterably opposed to the proposed road construction projects that would alter the historic Stone House intersection. Please show your support for Dr. Sutton's efforts. Write or email your objections to the proposed widening of this historically significant intersection.
John McAnaw

After Action Report

TOURING THE BULL RUN FORDS

The August 15 Roundtable tour of the Bull Run Fords was conducted under almost ideal conditions for August. All 18 participants were fit and survived the trek down the Fairfax County side of Bull Run in good shape. This walking tour began at the swimming pool parking lot of Bull Run Regional Park and ended at Yates Ford Road in Hemlock Overlook Regional Park.

Historical sites and natural features we visited included: the confluence of Cub Run and Bull Run, the crossing site of the Confederate Military Railroad, Mitchell's Ford, Blackburn's Ford, the Confederate artillery fortifications north of the confluence of Little Rocky Run and Bull Run, the Union breastworks near McLean's Ford,

McLean's Ford and the original road leading northeast to Centreville Road, the confluence of Johnny Moore Creek and Bull Run, the two fords near the old Orange & Alexandria Railroad bridge, the Union blockhouse and fortifications near the railroad bridge across Bull Run, the foundation of the original O&A Railroad bridge, the site of the original Union Mill, the ford downstream from the confluence of Popes Head Creek and Bull Run, the foundations of More Hill manor, one of the proposed sites for Fort Alexander Hayes (?), and the original roadbed of Yates Ford Road.

Participants included Kevin Anastas, Nancy Anwyll, Richard Blackburn, Bill Boyce, Harriet Condon (scout), Shepard Cook (scout), John DePue (oint

man), Howard Ewing, Mark Knowles (rear security), Bill Lawson,

Andrejs Lubkans and son, John McAnaw, Blake Mers (rear security), Jim Nance, Bev Regeimbal, Fred Schmidtman, and Chris Soester.

Our next Bull Run Ford tour will begin at Yates Ford and move downstream to visit nearby historical sites and the following fords: Evans, Woodyard, Shallow, Simpson, Wolf (Wolf Run Shoals), upper Davis (Ryan's Dam), Davis, and Mayhugh. *John McAnaw*

Conference on the Art of Command in the Civil War

STONEWALL JACKSON AS MILITARY COMMANDER

Sept 18-20

Middleburg Community Center, Middleburg, Virginia

SPEAKERS

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Joseph L. Harsh
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We are still working on the roundtable's tour schedule. The following, though, is what we have in mind.

DATE	SUBJECT	MAIN GUIDE
NOV 14	Stonewall in the Valley	Gary Ecelbarger
SPRING 98	Arlington Cemetery	Mike Duggan
SPRING 98	Petersburg to Appomattox	Various

Things to Do

12 SEP Dedication of a wayside educational storyboard depicting Colonels Strong Vincent and Joshua Chamberlain. 2 PM on the summit of Little Round Top, **Gettysburg**.

12-13 SEP NPS Ranger-led hikes on **Antietam** Battlefield. Part of the 136th battle anniversary observance. (301) 432-5124.

17 SEP 136th anniversary ceremony at 6:00pm on **Antietam** Battlefield near the Dunker Church. Lecture in Visitor Center theater at 7 PM 301.432.5124.

17-20 SEP 7th Annual **Sharpsburg** Heritage Festival.. Civil War concerts, living history, walking tours, quilt and artifact displays, craft fair, Christmas shop, and lectures. Info: 800.228.STAY.

18-20 SEP Civil War Weekend in **Middleburg**. Conference on the Art of Command in the Civil War with lectures, book sales, cavalry demonstrations, encampment. Free demonstrations, exhibits,

walking tour. 540.687.3360. Li

26 SEP Walking Tour McLaw's Wedge, a new NPS acquisition at **Chancellorsville** Battlefield. One of the first walking tours of the property, led by park historian Eric Mink. Free. 2 PM Info: 540.972.9954.

3-4 OCT Living History at **Brandy Station** Battlefield. Reenactments and walking tour; cavalry, infantry, and artillery programs; and tactical demonstrations. Saturday 10AM-5PM. Sunday 10AM-4PM. Sponsored by the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites (APCWS). Info: 301.665.1400.

17-18 OCT 9th Annual Reenactment Weekend on **Cedar Creek** Battlefield, Middletown. Info: 540.869.2064 or 888.OCT.1864.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 James Harrison Wilson, MGen USV (1837-1925). When detached from Sheridan's cavalry and sent west to join Sherman, Grant told Sherman "I believe Wilson will add 50 per cent to the effectiveness of your cavalry." He was the only officer ever promoted to troop command from Grant's staff.

3 Armistead Lindsay Long, BGen CSA (1825-1891). His father-in-law was Federal Maj. Gen. Edwin Vose Sumner. Was R.E. Lee's military secretary from June, 1862 until September, 1863. Long was one of only three Confederate officers who attained the rank of Brigadier General of Artillery (the others were E.P. Alexander and R.L. Walker).

6 William Starke Rosecrans, MGen USV (1819-1898). While a cadet at West Point he converted to Catholicism and, in turn, converted his brother, who later became a bishop.

17 Earl Van Dorn, MGen CSA (1820-1863). Assassi-

nated in his headquarters at Spring Hill, Tenn. by a man who alleged as a justification for his act that Van Dorn had "violated the sanctity of his home."

20 John Fulton Reynolds, MGen USV (1820-1863) Captured at Boatswain's Swamp on June 27, 1862; he was exchanged on August 8. He turned down the offer to succeed Hooker as commander of the Army of the Potomac because Washington authorities would not promise him a "free hand" with the Army. His brother, William, was a naval officer during the war, and was retired as a Rear Admiral in 1877. Killed-in-action during the first day at Gettysburg.

22 Stephen Dill Lee, LGen CSA (1833-1908). The youngest lieutenant general of the Confederacy. Captured at Vicksburg and exchanged within a few months. His prior experience with all three branches of the service - artillery, cavalry, and infantry - rendered him one of the most capable corps commanders in the army.

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Membership in the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable runs from January to December.

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BRCWRT 1998-1999 SPEAKER SCHEDULE

<i>SEP 10</i>	General John Reynolds	<i>Mike Riley</i>
<i>OCT 8</i>	The Fire Zouaves	<i>Brian Pohanka</i>
<i>NOV 12</i>	The Round Tops	<i>Gordon Shay</i>
<i>DEC 10</i>	Around Vicksburg	<i>David Smith</i>
<i>JAN 14</i>	Second Manassas	<i>Scott Patchan</i>
<i>FEB 11</i>	The Central Railroad	<i>Art Candenquist</i>
<i>MAR 11</i>	General Staffs	Robert Mc
<i>APR 8</i>	Lee's Tarnished Lieutenant	<i>William Piston</i>
<i>MAY 13</i>	Whatever He Wants	<i>Ed Bearss</i>
<i>JUN 10</i>	Pickett's Charge	<i>Carol Reardon</i>
<i>JUL 8</i>	The Battle of Suffolk	<i>Steven Cormier</i>
<i>AUG 12</i>	The Confederacy's Most Controversial Soldier Longstreet	<i>Jeffrey Wert</i>

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