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BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

IMPORTANT NEWS About Our Meeting Place!

The October meeting will be the last time the Roundtable meets at Henry Hill Visitor Center. The National Park Service has requested that we find another location to meet. Therefore, we will meet at Henry Hill Visitor Center on OCTOBER 8.

On NOVEMBER 12 we meet at the Fairfax County Government Center. Directions to the government center will be available at the traffic table and in the November newsletter.



FROM THE BOWERY TO BULL RUN *The Fire Zouaves*

No Federal unit marched off to war in those heady first weeks of the conflict with more exalted expectations of military glory than the 11th New York Infantry - Ellsworth's Fire Zouaves. The Northern public expected great deeds from the red-shirted volunteer firemen, whose bloodthirsty image and swaggering bravado seemed to promise a glorious record. But as students of First Manassas know, the Fire Zouaves were swept away in the great skedaddle, and bore much of the post-battle criticism for their actions on Henry House Hill.

BRIAN POHANKA, who is editing a collection of letters from a veteran of the 11th New York, will talk about Elmer Ellsworth, the Zouave Craze that swept America on the eve of Civil War, and the controversial military record of Manhattan's

Fire Zouaves that began in glory and ended in disgrace.

Brian C. Pohanka has been a senior researcher, writer and advisor on all of Time-Life Books' Civil War projects and as Series Consultant for the A&E/History Channel documentary "Civil War Journal." He is a member of the advisory boards of "Civil War Regiments," "Columbiad" and "Civil War Times Illustrated," and is a contributing editor for "Military Images Magazine." He was among the founders of the APCWS and has served on the boards of the Save the Battlefield Coalition and The Brandy Station Foundation. He is Captain of Co. A, 5th NY Infantry (Duryee's Zouaves).

Thursday, October 8
7:30 PM

Manassas National
Battlefield Park
Visitor Center



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Greetings Members and
Friends,

A major change is right around the corner for our round table meeting place. As some of you may have already read in the Civil War News, the MNBP visitor's center is undergoing major renovation over the next six months necessitating a move for our monthly meetings.

Our October general membership meeting will be the last at the MNBP visitor's center. The November meeting scheduled for Thursday the 12th will be held at the Fairfax County Government Center, a location central to the majority of our membership. The MNBP plans to have construction on the visitor's center for six months. They also plan to start charging us \$75.00

per meeting when the center becomes available.

As a result of the charge, we will continue to hold our meetings at the government center where we will be able to have our meetings at no charge. We apologize for any inconvenience this move might pose to any of our membership.

My thanks go out to Scott Patchan for his quick response time on this important issue. See you at the next meeting.

My trip to Chattanooga 19-20 September was both inspirational and educational. The Longstreet Society's first seminar was a success. They were able to raise \$3,500.00 for the Piedmont Hotel restoration project. Ron Furqueron was our tour guide for the battle of Chickamauga's second day and he did a magnificent job. I was able to see parts of the field I'd never seen in my prior trips such as the Alexander Bridge and the Reed's Bridge where the battle opened. We also saw the restored Lee & Gordon's Mill that appears in the most famous

photograph of the area from the time of the battle. At the mill I met Mr. Adair Brotherton, descendent of Tom Brotherton who was a guide for General Longstreet during the battle. The park has traffic problems similar to our own Stone House intersection. State route 27 goes directly through the park and is a very busy road. Their solution to the problem is they are having a by-pass built.

The reenactment at South Mountain was a great time. For those that missed it I recommend going next year, as it is an annual event that raises money toward the preservation of the actual battleground of South Mountain. My thanks go out to the 7th MD for their outstanding hospitality and to Ann Collins for introducing me to such a great group of people.

Dan Paterson

ANOTHER Imminent Preservation Issue Alert

A rezoning request to increase residential density on land adjacent to the Hamilton Thicket of **The Wilderness Battlefield** has been presented to the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors. At a meeting on September 22, the supervisors voted to table the request pending further review.

Senator John Warner has begun efforts to request federal funds so that the National Park Service can purchase the land directly instead of only accepting it by donation.

The NTS Development Corporation owns 480 acres on the Hamilton Thicket Tract. Development on and around the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Battlefields has prompted the National Trust for Historic Preservation to list the park as among its Ten Most Endangered Historic Sites.

This issue could develop into another prizefight.

STONE BRIDGE Needs Repairs

Dozens of field stones have fallen off the walls of Stone Bridge into the bottom of Bull Run or its banks. The bridge was restored to its original appearance in 1990, when \$250,000 of renovations were done. Park officials said the renovating groups desire to make the span true to its nineteenth century appearance has led to the deterioration.

In the 1920s, concrete capping was added along the top of the bridge's walls to keep moisture and freezing weather from penetrating. The cap was removed in 1990, but was not replaced when work was completed.

Field stone sections as large as 7 feet have fallen from the 160 foot span. Park mason Rick Maestas has made several repairs but extensive work is now required. The Williamsport Preservation Training Center, a Maryland-based branch of the National Park Service that oversaw the 1990 work, estimated in 1996 that the repairs would cost no more than \$50,000 and would take about 7 weeks.

OCTOBER Birthdays

4 Rutherford Birchard Hayes, Bvt MGen USV (1822-1893) -- The Dictionary of American Biography describes his military service as "varied and capable but not distinguished," but he exhibited considerable personal gallantry on a number of fields.

7 Richard Herron Anderson, LGen CSA (1821-1879) -- Following Longstreet's wounding in the Wilderness (6 May 64), Anderson assumed command of the I Corps -- which he led until Longstreet's return on 19 Oct 64.

9 Samuel McGowan, BGen CSA (1819-1897) -- Served as a volunteer aide-de-camp to Gen. Milledge Bonham at Blackburn's Ford and First Manassas. When not disabled by wounds, he participated in every engagement from the Seven Days to Appomattox.

9 George Sykes, MGen USV (1822-1880) -- Commanded a Battalion of U.S. Regulars at First Manassas. Succeeded Meade in command of the V Corps. His

nickname was "Tardy George," but the *Dictionary of American Biography* says his tardiness was mental, not physical.

12 William Joseph Hardee, LGen CSA (1815-1873) -- Wrote *Rifle and Light Infantry Tactics* (1853-55), published in 1861. Known as *Hardee's Tactics*, it was used by both sides during the war.

19 Francis Channing Barlow, MGen USV (1834-1896) -- Finished first in his class at Harvard and was a member of the New York Tribune's editorial staff before the war.

20 Daniel Edgar Sickles, MGen USV (1819-1914) -- In 1859, he killed his wife's paramour -- the son of Francis Scott Key. Pleading temporary insanity, for the first time in legal history, he was acquitted (his defense council was headed by Edwin M. Stanton).

31 Adelbert Ames, Bvt MGen USA (1835-1933) -- Commanded a section of Griffin's battery at First Manassas. Was the last survivor of the full-rank general officers on either side.

BRCWRT 1998-1999 SPEAKER SCHEDULE

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

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WHERE THE ROUNDTABLE MEETS

**On OCT 8, 7:30
MANASSAS NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK**

**On NOV 12, 7:30
FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER**

Events of interest

EXHIBITS

Thru 3 Jan 1999. SHARED DESTINY: ENCOUNTERS ALONG BULL RUN, 1861. Focus on 29 individuals – soldiers, civilians, and politicians – who were affected by the 21 July 61 battle, Portraits, letters, engravings, prints, and artifacts. Manassas Museum. (703) 368-1873 including Beauregard, Jackson, Custer, Sherman, Stuart, Mosby, Early, and Ewell.

Thru Oct 1999. FORAGE CAPS AND FEATHERED HATS: HEADGEAR OF THE CIVIL WAR. Free exhibit of Union and Confederate headgear for officers and enlisted men. Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, Alexandria. (703) 838-4848.

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

10 Oct THE ART OF MOURNING IN THE CIVIL WAR ERA. Exhibits with rare artifacts, and discussions with living historians. 11am-4pm. National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, MD. (301) 695-1864.

17-18 Oct. NINTH ANNUAL REENACTMENT WEEKEND ON CEDAR CREEK BATTLEFIELD, Middletown, Va. (540) 869-2064 or (888) OCT-1864.

24-25 Oct. THE BATTLEFIELD EMBALMER – PRESERVING THE CIVIL WAR DEAD. James Lowry as embalming surgeon. National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, Md. (301) 695-1864.

7 Nov. MUSIC AND MEDICINE IN THE CIVIL WAR. George Wunderlich, musician. 10am-3pm: programs at 10:30 and 11:30am, and 1:30pm. National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, MD. (301) 695-1864.

21 Nov. TRIBUTE TO MAJ. GEN. WINFIELD SCOTT HANCOCK. At his headquarters cannon, across from the Pennsylvania Monument, Gettysburg. 11am.

21 Nov. 42ND ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE IN GETTYSBURG, noting Lincoln's dedication of the battlefield and national cemetery. Starts at 1pm.



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