



STONEWALL



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Longstreet and Jackson Compared

Corps Staffs and the Exercise of Command in the Army of Northern Virginia

No event in American History has been written about in more extraordinary detail than the American Civil War. Campaigns, battles and individual personalities have been covered in what would seem to be exhaustive detail. Despite this wholesale consumption of wood pulp, however, there are some crucial issues that remain unexplored. One of these is how the Union and Confederate commanders and their staffs functioned during campaigns and battles. How did Civil War generals exercise command? How does one exercise command when the new element of tactical dispersion is added to the chaos of battle?

"Longstreet and Jackson Compared: Corps Staffs and the Exercise of Command in the Army of Northern Virginia," looks at a surprisingly neglected aspect of command and administration during the Civil War, the organization and functioning of higher level staffs. Dr. R.L. DiNardo displays the development of a better understanding of Longstreet's professional competence as a soldier, a commander who gave his staff officers considerable authority to interpret his orders in the light of tactical developments, rather than merely using them as glorified messengers.

This presentation describes a crucial aspect of Civil War military practice that has received very little attention. Despite his brilliance on the battlefield, Stonewall Jackson had a rather chaotic command structure, while Longstreet's staff was equal or superior to those of most American or European

generals. DiNardo explores how Jackson and Longstreet employed their respective staffs, and what this tells us about "Stonewall" and "Ole Pete" as commanders.

Dr. Richard L. DiNardo is a contributing editor to the most recent James Longstreet biography, "*James Longstreet: The Man, the Soldier, the Controversy*," a book that grew out of a conference on General Longstreet held in October of 1993 under the auspices of the New York Military Affairs Symposium in cooperation with the Longstreet Memorial Fund. This was the initial fundraiser for that monument project. He has been an ardent supporter of the fund throughout the project, speaking at the Richmond symposium in 1996 and again at the Smithsonian Seminar on James Longstreet in October of that year. He is currently an Associate professor at the Marine Corps Command and Staff College at Quantico and received his Ph.D. in history from the City University of New York. He has written many articles for various military publications on command in the American Civil War and the European theatre as well. He lives in Fredericksburg, VA.

Excerpts from *James Longstreet, The Man, the Soldier, the Controversy*

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The Bull Run Civil War Round Table meets the second Thursday of the month at the Fairfax County Government Center, 7:30 PM. Website of the Roundtable is <http://members.aol.com/brcwr/index.htm>.

Greetings Members & Friends,

Many developments have occurred since the last meeting. First of all, **t-shirts and hats** with the Bull Run Civil War Round Table logo on them are being produced. We hope to have these available by the Relic Show, which is the second week of April. The logo will be a belt buckle with both the Confederate flag and the U.S. flag on it incorporating the logo that was the contest winner from last year. I am excited and proud to make these available to members and nonmembers and their sale is the first of what I hope are many fund raisers for our organization.

The **Relic Show** in Chantilly is the weekend of April 10-11 and we need volunteers to man our table. There will be a sign up sheet at the general membership meeting March 11th. Our round table did very well at the show last year and it's a great way to advertise what we're doing and what we're about. If we get enough volunteers we hope to have two to three hour shifts, giving everyone who works a chance to browse the other tables and exhibits.

The Round Table is in need of **books** for our book raffle. Although we have a good amount of books from which to choose, including those that are sent to us from publishers, we're always looking for diversified Civil War literature. Anyone who is spring cleaning their libraries and has any Civil War books they no longer want to keep on their shelves, please consider donating them to the Round Table. It will be greatly appreciated by all.

The spring and summer season will be upon us very soon and that means our tours will be picking up starting with at large board member Mike Duggan's **tour of Arlington National Cemetery** April 3rd. Details are included in this newsletter and signup sheets will be passed around at the meeting. Our tours will continue to be top notch and at an unbeatable cost to you. As always, our speaker schedule will continue to be amongst the best in the area.

We continue to urge members to bring guests who have an interest in the Civil War as we are always looking for new members. See you at the next meeting!

Dan Paterson, President

MARCHING ORDERS

Upcoming Roundtable Tours

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

April 3, 1999

Tour highlights

- Overview. History of the Custis family and Arlington House.
- Tour Arlington House.
- Overview: The Estate becomes a cemetery.
- Memorial to the Unknown Dead of the Civil War.
- The Field of the Dead – the Civil War enlisted burial section of the Cemetery.
- Officer's section (includes brief bio sketches).
- LUNCH
- Individual gravesites (includes brief bio sketches).
- View the site of Freedman's Village.
- Tomb of the Unknowns and the changing of the guard.
- Confederate Memorial.
- Contraband section: the burial sites for residents of Freedman's Village and United States Colored Troops (USCT).
- Visit the grave of the first serviceman interred at Arlington.

Meet 8 A.M. at the Fairfax County Government Center, parking lot section 11. To get there, enter the lot at Post Forest Drive traffic signal and take the third left. Turn left again into section 11 (look for the sign on the light pole).

Depart 8:10 A.M. Vehicle convoy to Fort Myer.

Duration 9 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. app.

Lunch Bring your own purchase from the Fort Myer snack bar. No food or drinks are allowed on the cemetery grounds.

Sign-up deadline March 20. Sign up sheets will be at the March 11 meeting. Or telephone me at 703.503.8825. *Sign up is essential because the Fort Myer provost marshal requires a list of visitor names prior to our entering the post.*

Terrain Mostly flat. Some slight paved inclines and small hills. Total walking distance: about 1 ¼ miles.

Contact Mike Duggan, (703) 503-8825

CENTREVILLE & UNION MILLS

April 24, 1999

Tour highlights

The Centreville-Union Mills area has a rich and fascinating Civil War history. Despite the ravages of time and development, many sites remain intact. This tour will visit numerous sites that are rarely visited. It is designed to give attendees a thorough understanding of the following:

- Strategic importance of the Centreville-Union Mills area.
- Location and purpose of earthworks and fortifications used by both sides.
- Important events associated with the sites.
- Locations of Confederate and Union forces.
- Impact of the war on the civilian population.
- Sites that have been destroyed and are currently threatened by development.
- Ongoing actions to protect threatened sites.

The BRCWRT is the only organization that conducts a comprehensive tour of Civil War Centreville and Union Mills.

More info will be published in the April newsletter.

Duration 8 A.M. - 3 P.M. app.

Sign-up Sign up sheets will be at the March 11 meeting. Or telephone me at 703.503.8825. Due to prior planning and the necessary acquisition of permissions required to access certain locations, I need an idea, asap, regarding the number of interested members and guests.

Contact John McAnaw, (703) 978-3371

Chantilly Relic Show Planned for April 10-11 Volunteers Needed

The premier Civil War event in the Washington D.C. area is the annual Civil War Memorabilia, Relic, Book and Art Show sponsored by the Northern Virginia Relic Hunters Association.

The event will be held Saturday, April 10th and Sunday April 11th, 1999 in the north building of the Capitol Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly.

The Capitol Expo Center is located a short distance southeast of the intersection of Route 28 and Route 50. Show hours are 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Saturday and 10:00 am-4:00pm Sunday.

Admission is \$5.00, children aged 12 and under are admitted free if accompanied by an adult.

The BRCWRT will once again have an exhibit table, displaying information and photographs about our organization and its activities, including the guest speakers, field trips and preservation.

Volunteers are needed to work our table. A sign-up sheet will be passed around during the March 11 meeting.

For more info, call John McAnaw, (703) 978-3371.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EXHIBITS

Ongoing. MEDICAL EXHIBIT. New exhibit "Every Kind of Wound and Disease – The Confederate Medical Department." Hospitalization methods during the war, advancements in medicine, and reality of death and disease. Museum of the Confederacy, Richmond, (804) 649-1861.

Thru Oct 99. 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.

10-11 Apr – 27th Annual Civil War Memorabilia, Relic, Book, Art, & Antique Weapons Show, Capital Expo Center, Chantilly. Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm. No. Virginia Relic Hunters Assn, (703) 823-1958.

LECTURES

14 Mar – The Zouaves by Patrick Schroeder. Stonewall Jackson Museum at Hupp's Hill, Strasburg. 3pm, (540) 465-5884.

8 Apr – Talk by Ed Crebbs, president of the Trevilian Station Battlefield Foundation, on the cavalry fighting at Trevilian Station. Central Rappahannock Regional Library, 7-9pm. Friends of the Fredericksburg Area Battlefield, (540) 972-9954.

11 Apr – Talk about the Louisiana Tigers by Jim Gannon. Stonewall Jackson Museum at Hupp's Hill, Strasburg, 3 pm, (540) 465-5884.

TOURS

20 Mar – Guided walking tour of the Bloody Angle, Spotsylvania Battlefield, led by Lee Ann Williams. 2-3:30pm. Meet at NPS Tour Stop #14: Bloody Angle, (540) 972-9954.

3 Apr – BRCWRT TOUR. A Civil War tour of Arlington National Cemetery. Meet at the Fairfax County Gov'n't Center parking lot at 8am. See details on page 3 of this newsletter

26 Apr – Centerville Union Mills tour.

LIVING HISTORY

17-18 Apr – "In the Trenches" living history program with the 5th (Pridgeon's) Battalion at Stonewall Jackson Museum at Hupp's Hill, Strasburg. Proceeds benefit archaeological interpretation of the site which has 1864 infantry and artillery trenches. (540) 465-5884.



Preservation Corner

The January/February issues of the Stonewall contained articles of critical importance to preserving the earthworks located on a 14.33 acre tract east of Centreville Road (Route 28) in Centreville that are slated for development. I recently received a letter from another distinguished Civil War Historian, J. Michael Miller, who addresses the reasons why the Centreville earthworks *must* be preserved. The following are excerpts from that letter:

"The trench lines in Centreville provide a unique opportunity to bring the past to life to current and future generations. The presence of both Federal and Confederate trenches on the same site allows the story of our ancestors from both North and South to be studied and interpreted at the same time. Inevitably, the story of the common soldier can be told based on the variety and design of the earthworks constructed as well as the positioning of the facing trenches. This site also enables Fairfax County to interpret all war years from 1861-63 at one site. Indeed, these trenches mark the last and farthest advance of the Army of Northern Virginia that would never again get as close to Washington, D.C. There is so much that can be done to preserve the history of Fairfax County and at the same time allow for the planned and controlled growth that will come to our country in the future."

In other developments, our last speaker, Art Candenquist, received invaluable help from Historian and preservationist Carol Drake Friedman. She and her husband, Dan, were our honored guests. President Dan Paterson and Preservation Chairman John McAnaw also praised Carol for her productive efforts to preserve Civil War Sites in the Centreville area. Without her tireless efforts Centreville would be a veritable historical wasteland, bereft of tangible signs of rich Civil War heritage! We owe Carol a vote of sincere gratitude to a job well done.

At our last general membership meeting, I advised members of the excellent initiative of member Mark Trbovich to increase the public's awareness of the rich Civil War heritage of Prince William and Fairfax Counties. Two days prior, Mark and I discussed our recommendations for the placement of interpretive signs at important Civil War sites along Bull Run and vicinity with the Prince William Historical Commission. In every case these sites are currently unmarked. The presentation was well received and we were informed that we would receive another invitation to meet with them in the near future. We are currently hunting for interested government agencies and private firms willing to contribute the funds required for the signs. If anyone has any ideas please let Mark or I know.

On March 3rd, 1999, I spoke to Annie Snyder's husband Pete, who informed me that Annie is slowly getting better. She has spent weeks in intensive care at Prince William hospital and is now in a rehabilitation center where she will spend the next two to three weeks. The BRCWRT's members and executive committee extends our prayers for Annie's speedy recovery. Annie Snyder is a key figure in local preservation and is a life member of the BRCWRT.

John McAnaw
Preservation Chairman

SELECTED MARCH BIRTHDAYS BY Mike Duggan

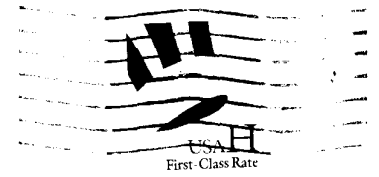
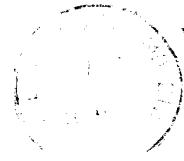
- 2 -- Carl Schurz, MGen USV (1829-1906) – Born in Prussia, emigrated to the US in 1852. Politically commissioned a brigadier by Lincoln. His 3rd Division, XI Corps was routed at Chancellorsville, and his 1st and 3rd Divisions, XI Corps were routed at Gettysburg earning these “Dutch” units a poor combat reputation throughout the Army of the Potomac.
- 4 -- John Buford, MGen USV (1826-1863) – At Second Manassas, on 30 Aug 62, Buford’s Cavalry Brigade (plus the 4th NY) engaged Beverly Robertson’s Brigade on the Lewis Farm – on the southern edge of the battlefield – marking one of the first times in the war that Union Cavalry initiated a stand-up fight. Buford was one of the few Union officers to emerge from Pope’s campaign with an enhanced reputation. Was presented his commission as MGen USV (to rank from 1 Jul 63) on his deathbed. Died of typhoid fever. Half-brother of US Bvt MGen Napoleon Bonaparte Buford and cousin of Confederate BGen Abraham Buford.
- 6 -- Horatio Gouverneur Wright, MGen USV (1820-1899) – Graduated second in the West Point class of 1841. In Apr, 61, he was captured during an abortive attempt to destroy the Norfolk Navy Yard dry dock before its evacuation by the Federals, but was released shortly thereafter. Succeeded to command of the VI Corps following the death of Sedgwick at Spotsylvania, and led it for the duration of the war.
- Philip Henry Sheridan, MGen USA (1831-1888) -- Was a comparatively old lieutenant at the start of the war, but his rise in rank and responsibility were meteoric after he was promoted to Colonel of the 2nd Michigan Cavalry (May 62). Commissioned MGen in the Regular Army (Nov 64) for his performance at Cedar Creek. Promoted to LGen in 1869, when Grant became President; appointed commanding general of the Army when Sherman retired in 1884; and was elevated to Full General a few months before his death. His wife was the daughter of Bvt MGen D. H. Rucker.
- 11 -- Marsena Rudolph Patrick, Bvt MGen USV (1811-1888) – Named Provost Marshal General (PMG) of the Army of the Potomac by McClellan (Sep 62), Patrick was retained in that post by every successive army commander. Ultimately, Grant appointed him PMG of all the armies against Richmond.
- 16 -- John Pope, MGen USV (1822-1892) – Following his victories at New Madrid and Island Number Ten, and his contributions to the Corinth campaign, Pope was awarded command of the newly constituted Army of Virginia which he led at Second Manassas. His ascendancy to command was supported by political, ideological, and familial connections, to include: his Republican politics – rare among the largely conservative professional army; his father-in-law was a close friend of Secretary of the Treasury Salmon Chase; Lincoln had practiced law before Pope’s father – a Federal circuit court judge in Illinois; and one of Pope’s second cousins was married to Mary Todd Lincoln’s eldest sister.
- 16 -- Patrick Ronayne Cleburne, MGen CSA (1828-1864) – From Ireland, he was one of two foreign-born officers to attain the rank of major general in the Confederate service (the other was Camille Armand Jules Marie, Prince de Polignac). Called the “Stonewall Jackson of the West”, Cleburne was a superb combat officer in the western army. Killed at Franklin, his death was a calamity to the Confederate cause perhaps only exceeded by the death of Jackson.
- 22 -- Braxton Bragg, Gen CSA (1817-1876) – Was appointed full general (date of rank: 6 Apr 62) upon the death of Albert Sidney Johnston. Unable to successfully command the Army of Tennessee, Bragg was relieved at his own request. A favorite of President Davis, Bragg reported to Richmond in Feb 64 to become Davis’ principal military advisor, charged, under the President, “with the conduct of the military operations of the armies of the Confederacy.” He held this post until R.E. Lee was appointed General-in-Chief of the Armies of the CS in Jan 65.
- 23 -- Don Carlos Buell, MGen USV (1813-1898) – In Oct 62, he was relieved of command of the Army of the Ohio for failing to aggressively pursue the retreating Bragg following the battle of

(Perryville. After more than a year awaiting orders, he was mustered out of service in the spring of 1864.

- 24 -- Isacc Ingalls Stevens, MGen USV (1818-1862) – Stood only 5'1" tall. Graduated first in the West Point class of 1839. At Second Manassas he commanded the 1st Division, IX Corps. Killed at the battle of Chantilly.
- 26 -- Herman Haupt, BGen USV (1817-1905) – A child prodigy and mechanical genius, he graduated from West Point at the age of 18. Served brilliantly as the chief of construction and transportation on US Military Railroads from Apr 62, until he resigned in Sep 63.
- 28 -- Wade Hampton, LGen CSA (1818-1902) – In 1861 he was reputed to be the largest landowner in the South. Organized the Hampton Legion, equipped it at his own expense, and led it at First Manassas where it virtually single-handedly defended along the Warrenton Turnpike and Robinson house lane during McDowell's two-and-one-half hour delay at mid-day. The Legion's initiative bought valuable time for the Confederates to reform, reinforce, and deploy on Henry Hill. After Stuart's death, Hampton succeeded to command of the Cavalry Corps. He was one of three civilians without formal military training to attain the rank of LGen (the others were Richard Taylor and Nathen Bedford Forrest).
- 29 -- Robert Emmett Rodes, MGen CSA (1829-1864) – After graduating from VMI, he taught there until T. J. Jackson was given the post he had wanted. His division constituted the van of Jackson's Chancellorsville flank attack. For this performance Rodes was promoted to MGen – this was "the nearest approach the Army had known to promotion on the field for valor" (D. S. Freeman). Mortally wounded at Winchester while directing a counterattack.

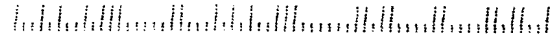


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Membership form - Last Chance to Renew for 1999!

Membership in the Bull Run Civil War Round Table is open to anyone interested in the events which transpired during the War between the States.

Family \$25
Individual \$15
Student \$10

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Drop the form at the membership table at the meeting, or mail it to Treasurer, Bull Run Civil War Round Table, PO Box 196, Centreville, VA 20122.