



STONE WALL

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE



Maj. Gen. John Peck

When one considers the number of books that have been written about the Civil War, especially about its many military actions, it seems improbable that a campaign which lasted nearly a month and in which almost 50,000 soldiers and sailors participated could fail to inspire a definitive history in thirteen decades of Civil War writing. Yet such has been the fate of the Siege of Suffolk, one of the forgotten campaigns of our most studied war. Such neglect is especially difficult to understand when one explores the relationship of Suffolk to the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. Most references to Chancellorsville mention only in passing that Longstreet himself, with the divisions of Pickett and Hood, was "operating on the south side of the James River, in the neighborhood of Suffolk, "while the great battle raged 120 miles to the north."



Brig. Gen. Mike Corcoran

As a result, few studies do justice to the questions of why Longstreet operated so far from Lee's army, what his mission was at Suffolk, what he accomplished there, and why he failed to return in time to help destroy Hooker's army. Lee himself acknowledged the connection with the Gettysburg campaign when he wrote Davis about his plans for a new invasion of the north. "I had hoped by General Longstreet's operations in North Carolina to obtain sufficient subsistence to commence the movement north."

Longstreet's primary mission at Suffolk was the gathering of subsistence and he performed the mission to Lee's entire satisfaction. The operation at Suffolk was a qualified success despite restrictions placed upon him by Lee and the Richmond bureaucracy. Historians who have concluded otherwise either were ignorant of or consciously ignored Longstreet's real purpose at Suffolk.

THE SIEGE OF SUFFOLK The Forgotten Campaign April 11 – May 4, 1863

Steven A. Cormier's *The Forgotten Campaign* is the definitive history of the Suffolk campaign.

Thursday, July 8, 1999, 7:30 pm
Fairfax County Government Center
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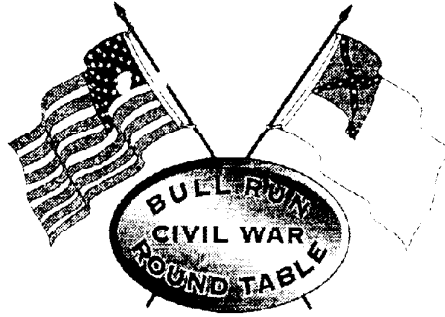
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The Bull Run Civil War Round Table meets the second Thursday of the month at the Fairfax County Government Center, 7:30 PM. Website of the Roundtable is <http://members.aol.com/brcwr/index.htm>.



Greetings Members and Friends,

Last weekend I found myself involved in the biggest **reenactment** of the year in Virginia. As part of the 7th Maryland Volunteer Infantry, I participated in the battle of the Wilderness, Saunders Field, The Mule Shoe, Laurel Hill and Cold Harbor. It was quite an experience being a part of the Wilderness as cameras were rolling for what will eventually become *Gods & Generals*, sequel to the film *Gettysburg*. What I experienced were the true trials and tribulations of the infantry soldier during that battle with the exception of the fires and Minnie balls buzzing through the trees. The whole weekend was an excellent experience, as those who went I am sure will tell you.

The executive board has voted on some changes to the **by-laws** of our organization that will be put to the vote of you, the general membership. First and foremost, we discussed having a budget as part of the written by-laws as well as a more specific rule on spending funds outside of general business costs. Although this is not the most *glorious* aspect of our organization, I felt it necessary to finally bring our by-laws up to date to catch up with the changes our group has gone through over the years.

In this address I will make the final call for the **t-shirts and hats**. I wanted to make sure that everyone had ample opportunity to make their orders, therefore I make the announcement in consecutive newsletters. Please see Mark Knowles at the general membership meeting, Thursday, July 8th if you interested in ordering a hat or shirt with the Bull Run Civil War Round Table logo at \$10.00 per shirt and \$7.00 per hat.

Our **speaker** this month is another of many contacts I have made over the last several years with my involvement in the Longstreet Memorial Fund. I met Mr. Cormier at a seminar on James Longstreet at the Smithsonian of all places. After seeing his presentation there, I immediately went out and purchased the book he spent twelve years researching. *The Siege of Suffolk: The Forgotten Campaign, April 11-May 4th, 1863* dispels another myth about General Longstreet being slow to respond in returning to General Lee. Historians have overlooked this campaign and have consistently described it as another failure on General Longstreet's attempt at independent command. Mr. Cormier has done an excellent job in explaining the facts as well as the actions of a very important and necessary action during the War Between the States. After this presentation you finally know the facts about the actions in and around Suffolk. See you at the meeting.

Dan Paterson, President

Proposed Changes to the Roundtable's BYLAWS

Periodically, an organization's rules need to be reexamined and updated to reflect it's experiences and to clarify items that could potentially be misunderstood. The executive committee recently began to undertake this large task.

We turned our attention first to the financial section, and these proposed changes follow.

By our rules, we must publish these changes twice and then hold a vote for the roundtable's membership to approve or disapprove. We will publish these changes again in August and vote on them at the August meeting.

We would, of course, appreciate any comments.

ARTICLE II

Section 2. Duties of Officers

D. Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the following:

- a. The opening of bank accounts on behalf of the BRCWRT. The Treasurer & President are designated the signatories required therefore.
- b. Keeping the Organizations financial records with detailed accounts in chronological order of the receipts and expenditures affecting the administration of the BRCWRT. Presenting a report to the Executive Committee at each of that body's meetings. Such reports shall show the previous Balance of the Organizations funds, the amount and source of all moneys received, the amount and purpose of all disbursements made and the resulting current balance of the funds.
- c. Presenting each year prior to the end of December 31, a budget containing an estimate of the projected income and expenses associated with performing the duties of administration for the BRCWRT. The budget shall be approved by a majority vote of the executive committee, subject to ratification by the general membership.

- d. Make available to the general membership during the first quarter of each new calendar year, an Income & Expense summary reports for the previous year. The accounting method to be used for the Income & Expense summary report is 'Cash Basis.'
- e. Preparing the annual Federal & State Corporation tax forms.
- f. Reviewing the organizations finances with the exiting President & incoming President no later than one month after the elected President assumes the leadership position.

ARTICLE III

Section 5. Funds.

- a. A proposed budget will be prepared by the Treasurer and approved by the Executive Committee. The budget will be presented to the general membership for ratification at the December meeting.
- b. Before any proposed expenses in excess of the approved budget, the members of the executive committee will review the funding request, and make any changes and recommendations. The members of the executive committee must approve the proposed expenditure with a majority vote. An announcement of the funding will be published once in the newsletter and presented to the general membership for approval at the next general membership meeting.
- c. The current President and the incoming President will review the Treasurer's financial reports no later than one month after the elected President assumes the leadership position.

PRESERVATION CORNER by John P. McAnaw

THE CENTERVILLE EARTHWORKS

I again ask all of you who have not turned in their petitions on the Centerville earthworks and the entire 14.33 acre wooded track as a park to do so no later than our June 8 meeting.

The fight to save this section is approaching a climax. A meeting between concerned citizens and Robert Davis, Division President of CENTEX Homes is planned for July 6. Another meeting with the Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Kate Hanley, is scheduled July 13.

On June 30, we met with Elliott Gruber, the Executive Director of The Civil War Trust and toured the earthworks. His interest in preserving these earthworks "of national importance" was most welcome. Hopefully there is still time to redress a terrible rezoning error in Sully District.

DEVELOPMENTS IN MANASSAS PARK

That portion of Manassas Park located on the series of ridges east of the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks is booming with new home construction. Travel east on Manassas Drive from

Route 28 and see for yourself. Unfortunately a number of Civil War sites have been destroyed by houses and golf course development. In my After Tour Report I addressed the threat of impending development to Camp Carondolet and other winter camps. Only through the efforts of Tom Yanoti and other preservation minded citizens in Manassas Park was Camp Carondolet spared.

Mr. Yanoti asked me, as a representative of our roundtable, to gather a small group of reliable relic hunters to explore the site of the proposed elementary school on the southern side of Camp Carondolet. He added that, if we accepted his offer, these relic hunters would work directly under the supervision of Manassas Park Historical Society and that workers would be required to turn all relics unearthed in.

As there are many responsible relic hunters in our ranks, I informed Tom we would be happy to help out, and he informed the Manassas Park City Council of his proposal. At that time council members voiced no opposition. However, subsequently, opposition by council members did surface and they decided by a vote of 6 to 3 to have a Maryland outfit called SPW do the metal detection work.



(Dan Paterson speaks about keeping General Lee's photo at the recent Richmond Rally)

After Action Report

TOURING UNION MILLS TO MANASSAS JUNCTION, JUNE 26

In 90 degree plus heat and high humidity, 16 diehards gathered early on Saturday June 26 at the parking lot of Manassas Park Public Golf Course to tour sites ranging from vicinity Union Mills to downtown Manassas. The group moved on foot from the assembly area to a Confederate cemetery located near Williams Drive and Bradley Court. New home construction now surrounds this cemetery on three sides. Grave robbers have desecrated many of the graves here.

Tom Yanoti, President of the Manassas Park Historical Society, met us there and told us that about 70 Confederates are buried in this cemetery. Among these are members of Brig. Gen. Richard Taylor's Louisiana Brigade and the 21st Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

Next we traveled to nearby Camp Carondolet, the 1861-62-winter camp of Taylor's Louisianans. Approximately eight acres of this sprawling camp will be spared from development. Yanoti and others addressed various aspects of this still impressive camp. Unfortunately an elementary school is slated to be built, beginning this month, on the southern side of the camp.

After thanking Tom, we head east through the woodlands to the historic Birmingham Road and then to the roadbed of the *original* Yates Ford Road, a road that was in use before the American Revolution. We followed the roadbed down slope all the way to the *original* Yates Ford on the Bull Run. Here the historical significance of the ford was covered, including the famous wagon train incident of October 25, 1863. The group then moved upstream and head back up a ridge to the high ground overlooking Bull Run.

After passing through several Civil War campsites, we continued northward into land in Prince William County that is owned by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. The most prominent landmark in this area is a "fallen monarch of the

forest," the largest tree any of us have ever seen in this part of Virginia - and we have pictures to prove it! Even laying on the ground the tree is magnificent.

The layout of land traffic on the Manassas Park Public Golf Course made it impossible for us to visit several Civil War sites on the park authority's property overlooking Bull Run Bridge. As a result we skirted the golf course and traveled west to the clubhouse where we had lunch (Note: Four star snack bar).

After lunch we traveled to the magnificent site of Signal Hill where John DePue was our guide. As most of you know, it was from Signal Hill that E.P. Alexander sent his famous wigwag message on July 21, 1861 to Shank Evans at the Van Pelt House, "Look out for your left. You are turned." After John's excellent tour, Mark Knowles and I covered other subjects at Signal Hill relevant to the Civil War history of the area, including engagements on August 26-27, 1862 and the Confederate fortifications near Manassas.

Since the main Civil War attractions in Manassas - Liberia House, Mayfield Fort and Cannon Fort - are closed to the public until some time in the year 2000, we traveled to accessible sites, including the Confederate Cemetery, the junction of the Manassas Gap and O&A Railroads, and the Manassas Museum which, by the way, was built on the site of a Confederate earthworks.

We completed the tour at 2:48 with all attendees either present or accounted for. I want to thank John DePue, Mark Knowles and Tom Yanoti who joined me as guides. For the record, the complete roster of participants include Nancy Anwyll, Dominic Bumbaca, Effie Bumbaca, Harriet Condon, John DePue, Rod Duckworth, Howard Ewing, Jim Gettings, Janet Greentree, Mark Knowles, John McAnaw, Bev Regeimbal, Fred Schmidtman, Isaac Seymour, Ed Wenzel, and Keith Young. They made the tour very enjoyable.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EXHIBITS/PROGRAMS

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.

Thru Sep 2002. "TAPS – The Military Bugle in History and Ceremony," at Arlington National Cemetery Visitor Center. Artifacts include the sword and spurs of Gen. Daniel Butterfield. Bugles, photos, sheet music, manuals, uniforms, bugler insignia featured. Open daily.

14 Aug – "Union Drummer Boy: Children in the Civil War" portrayal by Joel Hirst at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, MD. 11am-3pm. (301) 695-1864.

28 Aug – Cavalry program by the 3rd PA Cavalry at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, MD. 10am-3pm. (301) 695-1864.

29 Aug – "The Moon Sisters: Civil War Spies," with Wendy Leckron and Julie Baldwin as the Confederate spies, at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, MD. noon-3pm. (301) 695-1864.

LECTURES

22 Jul – "Christ in Camp" talk by the Rev. Dave Birch. Stonewall Jackson Museum at Hupp's Hill, Strasburg. 3pm. (540) 465-5884.

15 Aug – "Stonewall's True Firsts," by Joe Whitehorne. Stonewall Jackson Museum at Hupp's Hill, Strasburg. 3pm. (540) 465-5884.

21 Aug – "Civil War Dance and Etiquette," by the Virginia Lyceum. Stonewall Jackson Museum at Hupp's Hill, Strasburg. 1-5pm. (540) 465-5884.

TOURS

10-11 Jul – Part of the 135th Battle Anniversary. Sat: Tours of Monocacy Battlefield led by historian B.F. Cooling at 11am and 1pm, free by reservation. Ranger programs at noon and 3pm. Interpretive program about American brass band through Civil War with the Wildcat Regiment Band at 2pm. Concert with the Wildcat Regiment Band and the Stonewall Brigade Band on Gambrill Mansion lawn at 5pm. Sun: Cooling tours, free by reservation, at 10am, noon, and 2pm. Ranger programs on the hour from noon through 5pm. (301) 662-2515.

14 Aug – Guided walking tour of the Laurel Hill area of Spotsylvania Battlefield, 6:30pm-8pm, led by NPS historian Mac Wyckoff. Meet at NPS tour stop #13. (540) 972-9954.

24-25 Jul – Observation of the 138th Anniversary of the First Battle of Manassas and grand opening of the remodeled Visitor Center/exhibit area and bookstore at Manassas National Battlefield Park. Cavalry demonstrations at 11am and 1pm; guided tours at 10am and 1pm; Henry Hill walking tours at 11:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, and 4:15 both days. Saturday only: 3-5pm, Visitor Center opening with the Regimental Band, book signings, unveiling of new art work, refreshments. Outdoor picnic Grand Concert at 6pm with Wildcat Band and candlelight tours of the Stone House from 8-9:30pm. (703) 361-1339.

JESSE JACKSON JR.

LIVING HISTORY

17 Jul – Program on Civil War medicine by Regimental Surgeon Marty Zuckerman, 13th VA Inf. Stonewall Jackson Museum at Hupp's Hill, Strasburg. 1-5pm. (540) 465-5884.

17-18 Jul – "The Battlefield Embalmer: Preserving the Civil War Dead," at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, MD. noon-4pm, both days. Presentation by historian Dr. James W. Lowry as "Dr. Lowry Embalming Surgeon." (301) 695-1864.

7-8 Aug – 8th annual living history event at Frying Pan Park, Chantilly. (301) 694-2907.

REENACTMENTS

10-11 Jul – 135th Anniversary of the Battle of Monocacy. Site opens at 10am, battles at 1pm. Burning of B&O Railroad block house and Monocacy Junction covered bridge by Union troops after retreat. (800) USA-FLAG. 4-6pm, weekdays.

31 Jul-1 Aug – Battle of First Manassas, at Bull Run Park, Centerville. (717) 528-8761.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

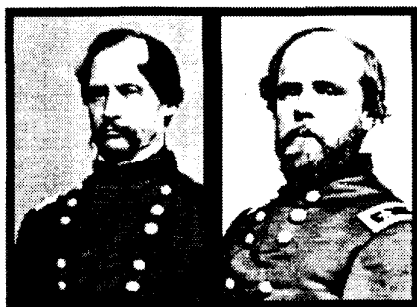
1. Alfred Thomas Archimedes Torbort, Bvt MGen USA (1833-1890) -- Was an officer in both the Union and Confederate armies, simultaneously. (Confirmed as a first lieutenant of artillery in the CSA, ranking from March 16, 1861.)
4. James Johnston Pettigrew, BGen CSA (1828-1863) -- Led Heth's division in "Pickett's Charge." Mortally wounded at Falling Waters during the Confederate retreat from Gettysburg.
5. David Glasgow Farragut, VAdm USN (1801-1870) -- After the death of his parents, was virtually adopted by Commodore David Porter. Promoted Admiral on July 25, 1866, he was the first in the US Navy to hold this rank.
7. Alfred Pleasonton, Bvt MGen USA (1824-1897) -- Born in the city of Washington. Replaced as head of the Army of the Potomac Cavalry Corps by Philip Sheridan.
8. Alexander Hays, Bvt MGen USV (1819-1864) – Suffered a severe leg wound during his regiment's (of Kearny's Division) attack against Jackson's men at the railroad cut at Second Manassas. Killed at the battle of the Wilderness.
Benjamin Henry Grierson, MGen USV (1826-1911) -- Led the 16 day 600 mile "Grierson's Raid" from La Grange, TN to Baton Rouge, LA. (The John Wayne film "The Horse Soldiers" is loosely based on this raid.)
12. Daniel Harvey Hill, LGen CSA (1821-1889) -- Was a brother-in-law of Generals Stonewall Jackson (Hill's wife and Jackson's second wife, Anna, were sisters.) and Rufus Barringer.
13. Nathan Bedford Forrest, LGen CSA (1821-1877) -- Had about six months of formal schooling. Enlisted as a private a month before his 40th birthday.
19. Richard Anderson Pryor, BGen CSA (1828-1919) -- Is said to have declined the honor of firing the first shot at Fort Sumter. Captured around Petersburg in November of '64, he was exchanged by Lincoln's personal order shortly before Appomattox.



(Pettigrew, Pleasonton, D.H. Hill and Forrest)

JULY BIRTHDAYS, cont.

21. David Hunter, MGen USV (1802-1886) --Born in the city of Washington. Rode the Lincoln inaugural train to Washington; accompanied the body of Lincoln to Springfield; and presided at the trial of the Lincoln conspirators.
23. Darius N. Couch, MGen USV (1822-1897) -- Asked to be relieved as commander of the II Corps, Army of the Potomac, following the battle of Chancellorsville because he had no faith in Hooker's ability to command.
27. Ranald Slidell Mackenzie, Bvt MGen USV (1840-1889) -- In his memoirs U. S. Grant stated, "I regarded Mackenzie as the most promising young officer in the army." Became a prominent Indian fighter after the war.
30. Elon John Farnsworth, BGen USV (1837-1863) -- Promoted to brigadier general at the age of 26 (The same day as George A. Custer and Wesley Merritt.). Killed at the battle of Gettysburg.
31. William Clark Quantrill, Col CSA (1837-1865) -- The accidental death of 5 women being held in a Kansas City building provided the impetus for his infamous raid on Lawrence, Kansas.



(Hunter and Couch)

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