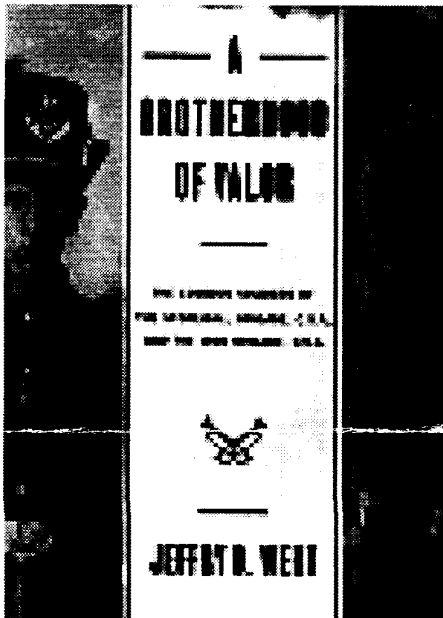


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STONE WALL

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE



A BROTHERHOOD OF VALOR

*The Common Soldiers
of the Stonewall Brigade, C.S.A.,
and the Iron Brigade, U.S.A*

Jeffry Wert's new book describes two of the Civil War's most redoubtable units, the Iron Brigade and the Stonewall Brigade.

The farmers from Indiana, Michigan, Virginia and Wisconsin wrote home of their battles, their marches, and their camp life. Wert used their letters to examine their life as soldiers, as well as the things that made them such worthy adversaries – their tenacity in battle, and their convictions about duty and honor. The brigades fought in most of the more hellish engagements in the Eastern Theater. And they faced one another on the field three times.

Jeffry D. Wert

Thursday, August 12, 1999, 7:30 pm
Fairfax County Government Center

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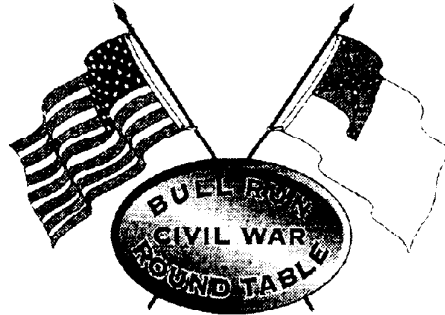
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The Stonewall is published monthly by the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable. Submissions are welcome. Contact Karen Fojt, 330-1965.

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/brcwrt/index.htm>.



Greetings Members and Friends,

Time flies when you are having fun! It seems only yesterday that I wrote my initial address as president of the BRCWRT. Last September doesn't seem that long ago. Well, another season comes to a conclusion and I feel that we, as an organization, have had a very successful year. Since the move to the Government Center last November, our membership has increased, approaching 200 members. With the increase in membership comes an increase in the treasury. Financially, the BRCWRT is in the best shape ever as an organization. Our schedule of speakers has had the impact I hoped it would and we managed to make it through the year with only two cancellations!

During the executive board meeting of 22 July 1999, more changes to the **by-laws** were voted on and approved by a majority vote of the board. Change one is to Article III, Section 3, Meetings. We voted to change the number of required board meetings to 5 a year from 2. Change 2: Article V, Operational Year to be changed from September 1-Aug 31 to Jan 1-Dec 31 to coincide with the fiscal year. The third and final change for my tenure is to Article VIII-Amendments.

To pass an amendment to the constitution presently takes a vote of at least six, we decided to change this to 5 to coincide with the rest of the by-laws. These changes will be voted on at the September meeting. The changes to be voted on by the general membership at the August 12th general membership meeting will be to the description of the duties of the treasurer, Article II Section 2, Part D, and to Article III, Section 5, funds. Please come to the general membership meeting August 12 and participate in this significant change for the benefit of the organization.

Another decision voted on by the executive board was the **donation to the Longstreet Society of \$500.00**. It is the annual tradition to donate a sum of money to a cause of the president's choosing and I continue this tradition. As many of you know, the Longstreet Society is renovating the remains of the General's Piedmont Hotel into a museum to contain the General's remaining artifacts and to be the HQ of the Society.

In conclusion, I would like to **thank** all the members of the executive board. Scott Patchan as VP, John McAnaw for his dedicated work with preservation issues, Mark Knowles for his tireless approach to managing the treasury, Ann Collins for her wonderful job of maintaining our web page and keeping the minutes to our many meetings as secretary, and her assistance to Karen Fojt with getting the newsletter out. Karen Fojt as the newsletter editor, and Mike Duggan, Dan Jenkins and Bob Ford also get my sincere thanks for their multiple contributions to the organization through out the past year. Each of these individuals' contributions to the BRCWRT is greatly appreciated and we could not have done it without them. I also would like to thank the general membership for the wonderful attendance throughout the year and for helping to make the BRCWRT what it is.

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. The task will continue during the coming year. At this point our task is to identify the rules and clarify procedures. Gradually we will rewrite each section into clear, plain English. We will vote on the rewritten version later in the year. We have received comments and would appreciate your continuing to make suggestions.

By our organization's rules, we must publish these changes twice and then hold a vote for the roundtable's membership to approve or disapprove.

The August Vote

We will vote on the following issues at the August meeting.

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 & designating 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 report 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.

The September Vote

We will vote on the following issues at the September meeting.

ARTICLE III - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 3. Meetings. The Executive Committee shall meet for a planning meeting prior to the first meeting of the Organization year. It shall meet thereafter at the call of the President or upon call of the majority of its members, but in any case a minimum of five times during the year. A majority vote is required for any decision by the executive committee.

ARTICLE V -- OPERATIONAL YEAR

The Roundtable year shall extend from January 1 to December 31 of each year. The Organization shall meet monthly. Officers for the forthcoming Season will be

elected at the November meeting. Each Officer and Committee Chairman shall be prepared to report to the Membership on the activities of his office or committee during his tenure of office at the November meeting.

ARTICLE VIII -- AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws will be proposed in writing to a Constitution and By-Laws Committee appointed by the President as necessary. The committee will review the proposal, make any changes and recommendations and report to the Executive Committee who must approve it by a majority vote of those executive board members present. The committee will then report to the membership at a regular meeting. Proposed amendments will be presented at two successive meetings and voted upon by the Membership at the second meeting

PRESERVATION CORNER *BY JOHN P. McANAW*

Fairfax County Supervisors Continue to Discuss Impacted Civil War Sites

The Fairfax Board of County Supervisors voted unanimously to allow the proposed development at Evans Farm to go forward. Meanwhile, it appears that Centex Homes is revising their site plan for Phase 2 of their development to preserve the earthworks in Centreville.

The Washington Post published an article in its July 29th edition concerning the possibility that Fairfax County may fund an inventory of Civil War sites.

Available at the meeting will be copies of articles related to historic preservation. Both were in the Centreview newspaper. One, written by Bonnie Hobbs, addressed our fight to save the Centreville earthworks (15-21 July edition.) The other was a letter to the editor by Elliot Gruber, the Executive Vice President of The Civil War

Trust (22-28 July Edition.) It is reproduced on Page 7 of this issue. In his excellent letter Mr. Gruber also addressed the Centreville earthworks issue and the need for Fairfax County to inventory all Civil War sites.

Please read these letters. As many of you know, I have been inventorying Civil War sites in western Fairfax and eastern Prince William counties for a number of years. However, I know that my list is far from complete.

Therefore, I ask all members to take the time to either tell me or write me concerning Civil War sites in the area described above. An accurate and complete inventory may well help save these sites.

The Civil War Trust will continue to post news releases on this issue, as events occur on its Web site, www.civilwar.org. Click "What's New."

MARCHING ORDERS

Prepare to March on the Cockade City: The Petersburg Campaign Part II

Saturday, 25 September 1999

Our last tour covered sites associated with events that occurred during the period 9 June-30 July 1864. It concluded with on-site coverage of "The Battle of the Crater." This tour will visit the sites associated with the following:

- Civil War Petersburg, including a visit to the Siege Museum and Blanford Church/Cemetery
- Weldon RR/Globe Tavern, 18-21 Aug 1864
- Reams Station, 25 Aug 1864
- MG Wade Hampton's Beefsteak Raid, 14-17 Sept 1864
- Battle of Peebles Farm, 20 Sept 1864
- Boydon Plank Road
- Fort Stedman

We will discuss the tour at our August meeting. If there is sufficient tour interest, we can easily expand the tour to two days.

SIDEBAR: The Tombstone House

During our reconnaissance of Petersburg and vicinity on 31 July 1999, Mark Knowles, Fred Schmidtman and I were advised of a residence in the Cockade City built of tombstones. We took the time to locate it and sure enough, the exterior walls of this somber-looking dwelling were made of tombstones! Join our BRCWRT tour or Petersburg and vicinity and see for yourself. There is an interesting story concerning this house.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1. Maxcy Gregg, BGen CSA (1814-1862) -- Mortally wounded at Fredericksburg.

3. Thomas Francis Meagher, BGen USV (1823-1867) -- Appointed BGen in February 1862 to command the "Irish Brigade" which he had just raised in New York City. Presumed drowned in the Missouri River after falling from the deck of a steamer (Probably while drunk.).

7. Evander McIvor Law, BGen CSA (1836-1900) -- Distinguished regt/bde commander under Longstreet. After recovering from a wound received at Cold Harbor, relieved from duty with the Army of Northern Virginia, at his request.

8. Nelson Appleton Miles, MGen USV (1839-1925) -- Served as the jailor of Jefferson Davis at Ft Monroe. Married a niece of W.T. Sherman in 1868. Served as General-in-Chief of the Army from 1895-1903. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery in a mausoleum, the construction of

which he had directed himself, years before.

18. William Farquhar Barry, Bvt MGen USA (1818-1879) -- Irvin McDowell's chief of artillery at First Manassas.

23. Rufus Ingalls, Bvt MGen USV (1818-1893) -- Described by Warner (Generals In Blue) as "perhaps the only officer in a position of great responsibility who gave satisfaction to every commander of the Army of the Potomac from the first to the last..." Served as Chief Quartermaster.

24. George Hume "Maryland" Steuart, BGen CSA (1828-1903) -- After the Battle of Winchester (May '62), refused to obey a direct order from Stonewall Jackson (through a staff officer) to pursue the retreating Federals because it had not come through his immediate commander (Ewell).

25. John Newton, MGen USV (1823-1895) -- At the end of the first day at Gettysburg he was selected

over Doubleday to command the I Corps after the death of John Reynolds, even though he served in a different corps.

27. James Alexander Walker, BGen CSA (1832-1901) -- Dismissed from VMI during his senior year on a charge preferred by his instructor, T.J. Jackson. Walker challenged Jackson to a duel, but the two did not meet. In May, 1863, at the request of Stonewall Jackson, Walker was promoted to BGen and given command of the Stonewall Brigade.

31. Fitz John Porter, MGen USV (1822-1901) -- Following Second Manassas, was brought to trial by court-martial by John Pope, charged with disloyalty, disobedience, and misconduct in the face of the enemy. Lincoln's secretary, John Hay, referred to Porter as "the most magnificent soldier in the Army of the Potomac, ruined by his devotion to McClellan."

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.

Thru 30 Sep 99 – **"Confederate Infernal Machine H.L. Hunley: 'Disappearance and Discovery,'"** at The Navy Museum, Washington Navy Yard. Friends of Hunley traveling exhibit. Story of Horace Hunley's development of the submarine, its action, sinking of the USS Housatonic, and the 1995 discovery in Charleston Harbor. (202) 433-6897.

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.

4 Sep – **5th Annual Civil War Music Muster** at Gettysburg National Military Park with Civil War bands giving concerts on Cyclorama lawn followed by an evening jam session at the Pennsylvania Monument. (717) 334-1124, ext. 422.

LECTURES

15 Aug – **"Stonewall's True Firsts,"** by Joe Whitehorse. 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.

12 Sep – **"Shortages and Substitutes"** by Mary Orr. Stonewall Jackson Museum at Hupp's Hill, Strasburg. 3pm. (540) 465-5884.

25 Sep - The 100th Anniversary of the Unveiling of the Mosby Monument. Prospect Hill Cemetery, Front Royal. Speaker: Horace Mewborn. 11 a.m. Call 540-635-5078. Email: hardtack@rma.edu

TOURS

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.

4 Sep – Guided walking tour dealing with Confederate Irish at Fredericksburg on top of **Marye's Heights** led by NPS historian Kelly O'Grady. Meet at Tour Stop #1. 6-7:30 pm. (540) 972-9954.

2-3 October, Bus & Walking Tour: **Fredericksburg and Wilderness Battlefield.** Sponsored by the Longstreet Society. Guides: Bill Piston, Rich DiNardo, Ron Furqueron and Elsa Lohmann. Fee: \$ 125. Call 540-286-8321.

LIVING HISTORY

11 Sep – **"In the Trenches"** living history program with artillery demonstrations by Cutshaw's Battery. Stonewall Jackson Museum at Hupp's Hill, Strasburg, 1-5 pm. (540) 465-5884.

18-19 Sep – **Annual Sharpsburg Heritage Festival.** Living history portraying the town as "one vast hospital" after the Antietam battle. (301) 432-7396.

REENACTMENTS

25-26 Sep -- "The Last Full Measure" Gettysburg battle reenactment at "Gettysburg" movie site, Gettysburg. Saturday: Bull Run 1861, Emmitsburg Road & Peach Orchard 1863. Sunday: Petersburg, Federal assault, trench warfare, 1864-65. (717) 338-1525.

MANASSAS MUSEUM NOTES

The Manassas Museum has changed its day for free admission to Sunday of each month. The museum fee has increased by a half dollar, and is now \$3 per adult. Senior, student and group rates is \$2. Children under six are free of charge.

The Manassas Museum is open Tues-Sunda, 10-5. It is located at 9101 Prince William Street in Manassas, 703 368-1873.

Do You Have Too Many Books on the Civil War?

Running Out of Shelf Space?

Thinking about Paring Your Collection?

Donate your books to the Roundtable. We'll gladly use them in our popular raffles!

Items We Will Vote On

At the August Meeting

During the business part of August's meeting we will consider the first of the proposed changes to the bylaws and vote on them.

At the September Meeting

During September's meeting, we will consider the proposed donation of \$500 to The Longstreet Fund toward its renovation of General Longstreet's Piedmont Hotel in Gainesville, Georgia.

We will also vote on the second of the proposed changes to the bylaws.

Preserve Centreville Earthworks,
Centre View, July 22-28, 1999

To the Editor:

The most recent tragedies in the tug of war between historic preservation and urban sprawl in fast-growing Fairfax County are the destruction of 138-year-old Civil war earthworks in Centreville and the townhouse development planned on the site of the 1861 Battle of Lewinsville Church in McLean.

Fairfax County has a rich Civil War history. Located between the Union capitol of Washington, D.C., and the Confederate capital of Richmond, the county was the scene of battles, skirmishes, scouting forays, raids and marches. Union soldiers built forts in Fairfax to defend Washington from Confederate attack. John Singleton Mosby, the Confederate guerrilla known as the "Grey Ghost", captured a Union general at Fairfax Court House.

Unfortunately, the county has a disappointing record when it comes to preserving this legacy. The well-known battlefield at Manassas (Bull Run) is at least partly protected as a National Park, but the battlefield at Chantilly (or Ox Hill) right across from Fair Oaks Mall – is the first example preservationist's list when discussing "lost" resources. Elliot Gruber, executive vice president of the Arlington based Civil War Trust, attributes the county's poor track record to ignorance rather than intent. "The Board of Supervisors knows the value of Fairfax's irreplaceable Civil War resources", he stated. "The problem is that there is no clear inventory of Civil War sites in the county to facilitate responsible planning. Right now, the county doesn't know the land is historically significant until the bulldozers are parked on top of it". David Edwards, the director of the Winchester Regional Office of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, stressed that "an inventory of historic sites in Fairfax County is essential. It should be the basis for all preservation decisions".

Recently, Fairfax County approved construction on a 14-acre parcel in Centreville near the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 28, where a seven-mile stretch of Confederate earthworks exists as a unique historic resource. The L-shaped trench was first dug as a defensive measure by Confederates after the First Battle of Manassas in 1861. It was later reshaped by Union soldiers who occupied it facing in the opposite direction. Centex Homes Corporation of Dallas, Texas, plans to build a new townhouse development on the site. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the plans and rezoned the property to allow development without sending anyone to check out the site. The only documentation the Board of Supervisors had when it made the zoning decision was a paper by an anonymous staffer that stated that "there may be a Civil War trench" on the parcel. The county did require Centex to conduct an archaeological survey of the land. This requirement is meaningless, however, since the developer has the right to begin construction immediately regardless of the results of the report. (The report recommended further investigation based on the historic significance of the property).

A second Civil War site that may be doomed by the county's ignorance is the battleground of Lewinsville Church, known today as Evans Farm. Citizens have gathered more than 6,000 signatures on a petition to stop the construction of more than 150 townhouses on a 24-acre tract that is one of the rare pieces of open land left in congested McLean. The Fairfax County Planning Commission has already voted to rezone the property to allow West Group Development Corp. to build the new subdivision. The Board of Supervisors will meet next Monday, July 26, to approve the commission's recommendation. The historic significance of the property has not even been made a part of the argument. In fact, there were two skirmishes at Lewisville Church in 1861, where the Union forces of George B. McClellan clashed with

the Confederates under flamboyant cavalryman J.E.B. Stuart. Julia Ward Howe's visit to the area inspired her to write one of America's most famous anthems, the "Battle Hymn of the Republic". The Lewinsville church itself still stands where it did during the two years that it was occupied by the Union Army.

The Civil War Trust, the nation's largest battlefield preservation organization, is urging the Board of Supervisors to inventory the significant Civil War sites in Fairfax County. Until such an inventory has been completed, any decisions about the fate of Lewinsville church/Evans Farm and any other Civil War site should be postponed. "We have saved more than 6,500 acres of battlefield land across America", Gruber said, "but we are losing sites like Centreville in our own back yard because historic significance hasn't appeared on Fairfax County's radar. We need this inventory before all the history in Northern Virginia is paved under. You've heard the Loudoun County preservationists say, "Don't Fairfax Loudoun". Well I say, "Don't Fairfax Fairfax". The only way that Fairfax County officials can ensure responsible development in an age of urban sprawl is by knowing all the facts. Without a clear inventory of all the Civil War resources in the county, we risk losing another piece of our nation's history due to ignorance.

Elliot Gruber
Executive Vice President of The Civil War Trust
Wilson Boulevard
Arlington

1999-2000 SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS

First, take a close look at the location where we will meet. We will meet at the Manassas National Battlefield Park in September and October. We'll go back to the Fairfax County Government Center in November and thereafter.

We will continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month.

DATE	SPEAKER & TOPIC	LOCATION
September 9	<i>J. Michael Miller</i> The Third Day at Gettysburg	Manassas National Battlefield Park
October 14	David Bastian The Vicksburg Campaign: Grant's Canal	Manassas National Battlefield Park
November 11	Ed Bonekemper How Lee Lost the War	Fairfax County Government Center
December 9	Jeb Stuart's Disaster: The Battle of Dranesville	Fairfax County Government Center
January 13	Robert G. Poirier Norwich Military Academy: Citadel of the North	Fairfax County Government Center
February 10	Joseph Reidy Black Sailors in the Union Navy	Fairfax County Government Center
March 9	Scott C. Patchan James A. Mulligan and his Irish Brigade	Fairfax County Government Center
April 13	TBA	Fairfax County Government Center
May 11	Edwin Bearss The Atlanta Campaign	Fairfax County Government Center
June 8	John McAnaw Petersburg, 1864	Fairfax County Government Center

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