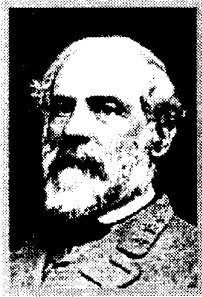




STONEWALL

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE



Gettysburg – The Third Day

Why did Pickett's Charge fail? Did General Lee expect too much? Or did Longstreet and A. P. Hill fail to carry out their instructions properly? Or were there just too many Yankees on Cemetery Ridge?

Speaker: J. Michael "Mike" Miller, USMC

Marine Corps University, Quantico, VA

THE VICTORY AT MANASSAS



Date: Thursday, September 9, 1999, 7:30 PM

**Location: Manassas National Battlefield
Visitors Center**

Next Month

Unable to subdue **Vicksburg** by military means, General U. S. Grant resorted to a feat of engineering skill in an attempt to capture the last Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River. Author/Engineer **David Bastian** discusses "**Grant's Canal**" on October 14, 1999, at the Manassas Battlefield Visitors Center at 7:30 PM.

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Dear Members:

Welcome to another New Year at Bull Run CWRT (Where else can you have a New Year's Eve Party in September?). Fortunately, we have amended our by-laws to change our year to a calendar year beginning in January 2001. This time of the year brings about much reflection upon the history and future of our organization. Having served as President of BRCWRT several years ago, I cannot help but notice the many new faces that signed on since that time as well as many "old timers."

My first involvement with the Round Table came as the Newsletter Editor back in 1993. At that time, I had the privilege of working closely with our founder, William J. "Bill" Miller. Bill and I spoke often about goals and dreams for BRCWRT. Looking back over the years, it is truly amazing at the growth we have experienced. When I stepped down as President in 1995, the RT had slightly more than 100 paying members. As of last month, BRCWRT has 158 dues paying members – a 58% increase over a four year period. In 1995 we had approximately \$1,000 in the treasury. We now have approximately \$3,000 with our next membership drive just around the corner.

That BRCWRT has prospered over time is a tribute the organizational values established by our founders and the hard work and dedication of those who have volunteered their own time to serve the membership. As such, I would like to thank last year's Officers and Executive Committee members for their dedication to our organization. Bravo for a job well done.

We have also had our share of growing pains as well. Last year when we left Manassas due to renovations, we moved to the Government Center. While the Government Center is a fine facility, it lacks permanence, is unavailable in September and October and has already caused us to reschedule meetings due to the County's policies on meeting room priorities. As we are meeting at Manassas Battlefield this month and next, it seems natural that we simply stay there. Yet in spite of the recent renovations to the Visitor's Center, the auditorium has not yet been renovated. As such, the Superintendent made it clear that we can use that our use of that space is limited to September and October. Additionally, the battlefield will no longer provide us meeting space free of charge.

BRCWRT's goal is to provide the membership with a comfortable and consistent meeting place. I dread the thought of members having waiting for the newsletter to learn where the next meeting will be held. At the same time, we want to ensure our guest speakers that they will have access to quality audio/visual equipment for their presentation. To meet these goals, BRCWRT will meet at Centreville Regional Library beginning in November 1999. The Library will provide us with a consistent venue and will publish notices of our meetings in its monthly newsletter. Centreville library also has a tremendous collection of Civil War books, including a complete set of the Official Records of the War of the Rebellion. I strongly encourage all members to take advantage of this excellent collection and sign out some of the books available to you FREE of charge at the Library.

Finally, we will be formally ratifying the change in our operational year to a January 1 to December 31 calendar year. The change will go into effect on January 1, 2001. The current operational year will end December 31, 2000.

Yours in the cause,

Scott C. Patchan

Upcoming BRCWRT Tours

September 11, 1999: Ox Hill Battlefield, Vienna and Lake Accotink CW sites.

Contact: John McAnaw, 978-3371

October 2, 1999: Petersburg: The Killing Season, Summer 1864

Contact: John McAnaw, 978-3371

November 6, 1999: The Two Battles of Kernstown

Contacts: Scott Patchan, 803-2927 and Gary Ecelbarger, 406-4933

MARCHING ORDERS: Civil War Tour of Fairfax City-Vienna and Vicinity

- **Saturday, 11 September 1999:** Despite extensive land mauling in the Fairfax City-Vienna area, a number of interesting Civil War sites still remain. Join us for a leisurely paced tour of these important yet little appreciated sites.
- **Chief Tour Guide:** John P. McAnaw
- **Assembly Location:** South side of parking lot (near Monument Drive) in Fairfax Towne Shopping Center located in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of West Ox Road (Route 608) and Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway (U.S. 50). See Map.
- **First Stop:** Ox Hill Battlefield--located just south of Monument Drive from the Fairfax Towne Center parking lot.
- **Tour Duration:** 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Lunch:** Civil War site in Vienna. Bring your own or purchase at nearby eatery. Beverages also available.
- **Amount of Exertion Required:** Light
- **Coordination:** Strip maps will be issued at the Assembly Area.
- **Sign-up:** At the 11 September 1999 General Membership Meeting or call John McAnaw at (703) 978-3371 NLT 9 September 1999.

MARCHING ORDERS: Onward to the Cockade City: The Petersburg Campaign - Part II

Saturday-Sunday, 2-3 October 1999: Participants can enjoy either a one or two day tour of sites associated with the Petersburg Campaign during period mid Summer 1864 to early Spring 1865. These include the following battles/raid:

- Weldon RR (Globe Tavern)* - 18-21 August 1864
- Ream Station* - 25 August 1864
- Hampton's Beefsteak Raid* - 14-17 September 1864
- Peebles Farm - 30 September 1864
- Pegrams Farm/Squirrel Level Road - 29 September - 2 October 1864
- Fort Stedman* - 25 March 1865

As a minimum, these sites will be visited on Saturday, 2 October. Other sites that will be visited: time permitting include:

- Visitors' Center, Petersburg National Battlefield Park
- Poplar Grove National Cemetery
- Blandford Church/Cemetery
- Siege Museum and other Civil War sites in historic downtown Petersburg
- Tombstone House
- **Tour Guides:** John McAnaw, Mark Knowles, James Gettings, and Fredrick Schmidtman
- **Assembly Time:** 6:45 a.m., 2 October 1999

Onward to the Cockade City: The Petersburg Campaign - Part II, Continued

- **Assembly Location:** Parking Lot in front of the McDonald's Restaurant located in the University Mall, southeast quadrant of the intersection of Braddock Road (Route 620) and Ox Road (Route 123). Mall is just south of George Mason University campus on south side of Braddock Road.
- **Departure Time:** 6:55 a.m.
- **Tour Route:** South on Route 123 to I-95. South on I-95 to I-295. South on I-295 to Hopewell Exit 9. Then travel very short distance northeast on Oaklawn Boulevard (Route 36) to Colonial Corner Shopping Center and park in Hopewell Tourism and Visitor Center parking lot at 4100 Oaklawn Boulevard (120 miles) (STOP 1).
- **Estimated Arrival Time:** 9:00 a.m. at Hopewell Tourism and Visitor Center (STOP 1).
- **Tour Duration:** From 6:55 a.m., 2 October 1999, to 2:30 p.m., 3 October 1999.
- **Provisions/Equipment:** Bring own water and lunch for 2 October plus good hiking boots and insect repellent.
- **Lodging:** Just east of Hopewell Visitors Center at the Innkeeper, 3952 Courthouse Road. (804) 458-2600. BRCWRT Rate: Double about \$28.00 (each); Single about \$45.00 (still negotiating).

- **Saturday Night Dinner:** At 6:30 p.m., Rosa's Pizza, next to Innkeeper, in Colonial Corner Shopping Center. (804) 541-1800
- **Clothing/Equipment:** Dress appropriate to weather conditions. Hiking shoes and water canteens are recommended.
- **Amount of Exertion Required:** Light.
- **Coordination:** Strip maps will be issued at Assembly Area. Campaign maps will be issued, when appropriate.
- **Sign-up:** At the 11 September 1999 General Membership Meeting or call John McAnaw at (703) 978-3371. Need to know who will require lodging for the night of 2 October NLT 15 September 1999 to get reduced group rates.
- **Inclement Weather Date:** 9 October 1999

- **More Information:** John McAnaw at (703) 978-3371

THE TOMBSTONE HOUSE, John P. McAnaw

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. Sure enough, the exterior walls of this somber looking dwelling were made of tombstones! Join our BRCWRT tour of Petersburg and vicinity and see for yourself. There is an interesting story concerning this house

BRCWRT - Announcements

As announced in the August edition of *the Stonewall*, the executive board had voted to make a donation to the Longstreet Society of \$500.00. 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.

We are moving the BRCWRT's website from <http://members.aol.com/brcwrt/index.htm> to

<http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/Barracks/5272/brcwrt.htm>

Geocities offers free web space versus AOL's 21.95 per month, a savings of \$263.40 per year. Make sure to bookmark the new site.

TOURS

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

11-12 Sep – “Fire on The Mountain”, Battle of South Mountain. Sponsored by the Central Maryland Heritage League. Monroe Road near Boonsboro, Maryland. Their websites are: <http://nfis.com/-dougdobbs/battlcpagc.htm>
<http://www.cmhl.org/reenact.html>

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.

PRESERVATION CORNER, *BY JOHN P. McANAW*

There is so much happening on the preservation front that it is impossible, due to space limitations, to fully cover all matters of importance. Thus, permit me to cover only what I believe are the most important to Civil War preservationists in Northern Virginia.

On 13 September 1999, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will consider expending \$150,000 for a comprehensive inventory of Civil War sites in Fairfax County.

Also, CENTEX Homes personnel are scheduled to begin clearing the western half of the 14.33 acre tract in Centreville containing Civil War earthworks in mid to late September. According to CENTEX official, Michael Hummel, work on the eastern half of the Deerfield Ridge development (total of 126 townhouses) will commence in June 2000. At this point, the only way to preserve all of the Centreville earthworks is for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to acquire the 14.33 acres as a badly needed park.

Thus, I again ask BRCWRT members to write (and call) Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Kate Hanley, and other BOS Members to:

1. Approve the expenditure of \$150,000 to fund a comprehensive inventory of Civil War sites in Fairfax County, and
2. Acquire the 14.33 acre tract in Centreville containing Civil War earthworks of "national importance" (located on the site of the Deerfield Ridge development of 126 town houses) as a county park.

On 22 July 1999, the Fairfax County Planning Commission recommended disapproval of a proposed 120 acre sports complex in western Fairfax County. The acreage for this venture is owned by the Southwestern Youth Association (SYA) which wants to build a \$20 million complex of lighted athletic fields and indoor courts. Part of the SYA property is within the authorized boundary of the Manassas National Battlefield Park (MNBP). Of note, MNBP Superintendent, Robert Sutton, was not informed of the 22 July meeting until the day prior. The County staff report of 7 July 1999 recommended that Special Exception-00-Y-016 (Southeastern Youth Association) "be denied as submitted."

The SYA sports complex proposal will again be addressed by the County Planning Commission on 22 September. More in the next issue.

BATTLES/ACTIONS FOUGHT IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

1-30, 1864 – Petersburg, VA.

1.1862 – Chantilly (Ox Hill), VA (Second Manassas Campaign). Following the Battle of Second Manassas (29-30 Aug), Lee sent Jackson's Corps around the Union right. He was met by Isaac Stevens and Phil Kearny. After severe fighting in heavy rain that lasted until evening, the Federals withdrew. Stevens and Kearny were killed.

8. 1863 – Sabine Pass (Fort Griffin), TX (Initial undertaking of Banks' Texas Coast Operations). Federal transports and 3 gunboats from New Orleans entered the Sabine Pass in Texas to attack a small Confederate defensive fort. Within an hour the Federal force suffered an embarrassing defeat and the spirits of the Western Confederates were boosted considerably.

8-10. 1863 – Cumberland Gap, TN. This critical point was recaptured from Bragg by the Federals under Burnside with a Confederate loss of 36 guns, 3,000 stand of small arms, and its garrison of 2,500.

10, 1861 – Carnifax Ferry, VA (West Virginia Operations). Confederates under Floyd fell back after being attacked by General Rosecrans. The Federal victory was instrumental in helping to preserve western Virginia for the Union.

11-13, 1861 – Cheat Mountain, VA (West Virginia Operations). R.E. Lee's first campaign of the War, intended to recover the portions of western VA that McClellan had captured from Garnett. Severe precipitation and difficult terrain prevented Lee from carrying out a planned surprise attack against Federal General John Reynolds and the Rebels pulled back. This Union victory secured the area of western Virginia for the North. Coupled with Carnifax Ferry (10 Sep), it was a disaster to confederate plans to regain western VA.

12-20, 1861 – Lexington, MO. General John Fremont's inaction in bringing relief to Lexington led to the enforced surrender of 3,600 Federal troops to Sterling Price after more than a week of siege. New charges of dereliction of duty were levied against Fremont.

14, 1862 – South Mountain (Boonesboro, Crampton's Gap, Fox's Gap, Turner's Gap), MD (Antietam Campaign). Crampton's Gap: The left wing of McClellan's army under William B. Franklin moved toward the Gap in an effort to relieve the Harper's Ferry garrison and to cut off Confederates advancing to that stronghold. Franklin carried the pass against McLaws, but overestimated the enemy force and did not push on to Harper's Ferry; South Mountain, Fox's and Turner's gaps: Federal cavalry under Pleasanton fought against D.H. Hill's Confederates until the two Federal corps of Reno and Hooker of the right wing under Burnside came up. After severe fighting the Confederates withdrew late in the evening, as both flanks were enveloped.

14-17, 1862 – Munfordville, KY (Bragg's Invasion of KY.). Initial Confederate assault is repulsed, but the rest of Bragg's army moves up and surrounds the town culminating in the Federal surrender.

15, 1862 – Harpers Ferry, VA (Antietam Campaign). Confederate forces under Stonewall Jackson attack and 12,000 Union soldiers surrender after a relatively brief defense.

16, 1864 – Coggin's Point, VA (Great Cattle Raid). (South of the James River, 6 miles below City Point.) Wade Hampton and his Confederate cavalry engaged a force of Federals herding cattle and, after defeating them, lead over 2,400 head of beef back to the hungry army at Petersburg.

17, 1862 – Antietam (Sharpsburg), MD (Antietam Campaign). Badly outnumbered, Lee faced McClellan, who threw his corps piecemeal against the Confederates and failed to use his strong reserve. The battle consisted of three virtually separate uncoordinated actions: the cornfield and the woods, Bloody Lane, and Burnside's Bridge. The Federal advance was halted at the end of the day by A.P. Hill's "Light Division" – having just arrived from Harper's Ferry.

17, 1862 – Cumberland Gap, TN (Kirby Smith's Invasion of KY). Pro-Unionists in the TN mountains suffered a setback when BG George W. Morgan was forced to evacuate Cumberland Gap under pressure from the advance of Kirby Smith.

19, 1862 – Iuka, MS. In MS, the Confederates were attempting to prevent the Federals under Grant from reinforcing Buell, who was opposing Bragg in KY. At Iuka, the Rebels, under Sterling Price, clashed with Grant's main advance under Rosecrans. The Federals took the town and the Confederates retreated southward.

19-20, 1863 – Chickamauga, GA (Chickamauga Campaign). The Federal Army of the Cumberland under Rosecrans met the Rebel Army of Tennessee under Bragg. Longstreet exploited a gap in the Union line causing a major portion of the Federal troops to flee in disorder and retreat toward Chattanooga. General George Thomas formed a new line on Snodgrass Hill, blunted the Confederate drive, and covered the Union retreat. The battle was a great tactical victory for the South.

BATTLES/ACTIONS FOUGHT IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, contd.

19, 1864 – Winchester (Opequon), VA (Sheridan's Shenandoah Valley Campaign). North and East of the town Sheridan's force of about 40,000 hit Early's force of about 12,000, but bottlenecks developed as the Federals attempted to cross the Opequon and for a time it appeared the Confederates may repulse the attack. But numerical superiority ruled the day and Early was forced into a full retreat.

22, 1864 – Fisher's Hill, VA (Sheridan's Shenandoah Valley Campaign). After his defeat at Winchester, Early withdrew up the Valley and occupied Fisher's Hill, overlooking Strasburg. A flank march by Federal general George Crook surprised Lomax' dismounted cavalry while the Federal VI and XIX Corps attacked frontally and completed the route of the Confederates.

23-24, 1864 – Athens, AL (Forrest's Operations During the Atlanta Campaign). Nathan Bedford Forrest attacked and captured a 600-man Federal garrison during his raid into northern Alabama as part of a concerted Confederate effort to harass Sherman's line of communication to Atlanta.

27, 1864 – Pilot Knob, MO (Price's Raid in Missouri). A Confederate attack was repulsed in the first engagement of Sterling Price's raid to attempt to recover Missouri.

27, 1864 – Centralia, MO. A 30-man confederate guerrilla force under Bloody Bill Anderson – including the James brothers – looted and burned the town. Twenty-four unarmed Federal soldiers were killed.

29-30, 1864 – Fort Harrison (Chaffin's Farm, New Market Heights), VA (Petersburg Campaign). Part of a two-pronged Federal drive. Here, Grant ordered a surprise attack north of the James River against the Richmond defenses to prevent Confederate reinforcements from being sent to Early in the Shenandoah Valley. Grant attacked with two Corps: the Tenth under Birney and the Eighteenth under Ord. Stannard's Division stormed and captured Fort Harrison. Confederate counterattacks the next day failed.

29-2, October 1864 – Poplar Springs Church (Peeble's Farm), VA (Petersburg Campaign). Part of a two-pronged Federal drive. Here, west of Petersburg, Grant sought to extend the Union lines and penetrate to the South Side Railroad and the Appomattox River. After four days of fighting the Union siege lines were extended three miles to the west.



Antietam pictures from left to right: All from Alexander Gardner

1. Dunker Church
2. Burnside's Bridge, 12 graves of the 51st New York volunteers who died taking the bridge. The graves are marked with wooden markers.
3. Bloody Lane

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