

Dear Round Table Leader,

The Bull Run Civil War Round Table (BRCWRT) would like to reach out to you with potential initiatives for establishing a partner relationship and strengthening our respective CWRT's. Consistent with the CWRT Congress initiative encouraging individual CWRTs to partner with other CWRTs as a means to grow and strengthen their programs, this letter identifies functions and areas where BRCWRT has experience and established processes and programs that can serve as a basis for a mutually beneficial relationship.

Established in 1991, the BRCWRT is a 501(c)(3) organization with an experienced Executive Committee and 320 active members. Our purpose is to stimulate interest in the American Civil War by educating its members and the public about the military, political, economic, diplomatic, and social history of the United States of America and the Confederate States of America, including Antebellum and Reconstruction topics of interest. Having been recognized by the then Civil War Trust as the 2011 Civil War Round Table of the Year, and by the CWRT Congress with its Wallace L. Rueckel Innovation Award in 2023, we are excited about the possibility of establishing a relationship with your Round Table.

We look forward to exploring and discussing ways to collaborate and work together toward strengthening and growing our respective CWRTs, and offer the following functions and areas for your consideration:

1. **CWRT Speakers** - We maintain a dynamic database of experienced, knowledgeable and informative speakers, and use the Emerging Civil War (ECW) and the CWRT Congress speaker databases as well – all of which can be leveraged to find speakers for your CWRT. Our website includes recordings of many of our speaker presentations. The link is located at http://bullruncwrt.org/BRCWRT/AudioArchives/Audio_menu.html

BRCWRT's Speaker point of contact is Mark Trbovich, who can be reached at civilwarnut@comcast.net

2. **Newsletter** - We have an award-winning monthly newsletter, the *Stone Wall*, that is distributed to all BRCWRT members. We can work collaboratively with you to share our respective CWRT meeting and speaker information and events for publication in our respective newsletters, thereby increasing visibility of and attendance at the meetings and events, or to assist you in establishing your own CWRT newsletter. You can view previously published editions of our newsletter at <http://bullruncwrt.org/BRCWRT/Newsletters.html>

BRCWRT's *Stone Wall* newsletter point of contact is our Editor, Don Richardson, who can be reached at: don.richardson@erols.com

3. **Field Trips/Tours** – BRCWRT's Field Trip & Tour Committee conducts several field trips to local and regional battlefields/historic sites for our members during each year. Collaboration could include an exchange of sites, as well as the identification of potential tour guides. Suitable joint tours might also be a good value add for both organizations.

BRCWRT's Field Trip & Tour Committee point of contact is Committee Chair Sam Laudenslager, who can be reached at: kapel-meister1@hotmail.com

4. **Lectures** - Reciprocal invitations to attend each other's lecture meetings may prove to be a value-add for both organizations. We can use our respective communications means (newsletters, email, webpage, etc.) to convey the relevant meeting information to our members.

BRCWRT's Membership and Meetings point of contact is BRCWRT Vice-President Mark Whitenton, who can be reached at mark.whitenton@gmail.com

5. College Scholarship Program - BRCWRT annually awards a scholarship to one or more graduating high school seniors, and has been doing so for more than a decade. The awarding of this competitive scholarship is a highlight and real sense of pride for our members as it enriches the respective students' interest in American and Civil War history and helps support the scholarship awardees at their chosen college or university. We'd be happy to share our experience and derived benefits should you like to consider such a program.

BRCWRT's Scholarship Program point of contact is Scholarship Committee Chair John Carter, who can be reached at johnca2@yahoo.com.

6. Website and Media Program - BRCWRT's website is a key source of information for our members, as well as for the general public. We'd be happy to share the structure of our website that has proven most effective.

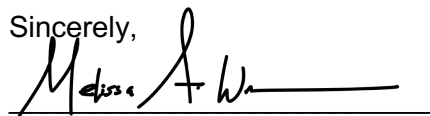
BRCWRT's Website point of contact is Webmaster Alan Day, who can be reached at: walanday@brcwrt.org

7. Annual Picnic – Initiated as part of BRCWRT's 25th Anniversary (2016), the annual picnic has proven to be a highlight for membership. It has fostered valued fellowship and even proven to be an effective marketing tool for maintaining and increasing membership.

BRCWRT's Picnic point of contact is Debbie Whitenton, who can be reached at debd509@aol.com

We thank you for your time and consideration of the ideas presented. Mutually beneficial cooperative efforts can help make our CWRTs stronger and more viable in the Civil War education and preservation environment in which we live. We look forward to hearing from you regarding any of the functions and areas identified above.

Sincerely,



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