



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table— Vol. XIV, Issue 6 - August/September 2007

HISTORIAN JOHN QUARSTEIN ANALYZES THE PENINSULA CAMPAIGN OF 1862

By John McAnaw

A number of BRCWRT members know John Quarstein from past tours that he led. They will attest to the fact that he is a dynamic and articulate historian with an encyclopedic knowledge of a wide range of topics including land and waterborne operations during the Peninsula Campaign of March-July 1862.

John is the Administrator of Historic Services and Museums for the City of Newport News. He is a prolific author, and the titles of some of his books will give you an idea of his interests. They are: *The Battle of the Ironclads*; *C.S.S. Virginia*; *A History of Ironclads*; *The Civil War on the Virginia Peninsula*; *Hampton Roads and Newport News During the Civil War*; *Fort Monroe*; and *World War I on the Virginia Peninsula*.

At present he is working on two books on The Battle of Big Bethel. Additionally, John is the co-author of *The Centennial History of Newport News*. Some of these books will be available for sale and autographing at our 9 August meeting.

John is also well known for historic preservation efforts on the Peninsula. He is a member of several preservation organizations and ad hoc groups that have achieved success in protecting key historic sites. As time permits, he will discuss how to effectively protect our nation's heritage at the conclusion of his presentation on the Peninsula Campaign.

Due to his very busy schedule, it was not easy or inexpensive to get this distinguished historian as our speaker. I urge all members to attend our 9 August meeting. Trust me when I state that you will enjoy his presentation.

SCOTT PATCHAN DISCUSSES HIS NEW BOOK ON THE VALLEY CAMPAIGN OF 1864

By John McAnaw

Our guest speaker at our monthly meeting on 13 September is none other than a former president of our Round Table and a distinguished historian who is well known to many members – Scott Patchan. In fact, Scott

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

9 AUGUST 2007

7:00 P.M. Centreville Library

GUEST SPEAKER:

John Quarstein

SUBJECT:

The Peninsula Campaign
of 1862

Book Signing

is the individual, who in conjunction with the Centreville Regional Library staff, made the arrangements that allow us to meet at our present location.

Scott is a native of Cleveland, OH, and is a graduate of James Madison University. He and his family currently reside in Haymarket, VA. For many years he has been a member of the board of directors of the Kernstown Battlefield Association (KBA). This organization was key in preserving that important battlefield. In fact we will visit the Second Kernstown Battlefield on our Valley tour on Saturday, 15 September.

His latest book *Shenandoah Valley: The 1864 Valley Campaign* was just published by the University of Nebraska Press. It covers LTG Jubal Early's campaign in the Valley up to the arrival of MG Phil Sheridan. Scott's first book was *The Forgotten Fury: The Battle of Piedmont*.

Also, in 2004, he and Gary Ecelbarger (another former BRCWRT President) co-authored a booklet entitled *First and Second Battles of Kernstown: Pritchard-Grim Farm*, for the KBA.

Our guest speaker also authored two articles that were recently featured in Blue and Gray Magazine. They were:

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General Membership meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at:

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For specific meeting dates and information, please visit the WEBSITE:

<http://bullruncwrt.org>

ROUND TABLE BOOK SALES

Please remember to bring your used Civil War books to our meetings to aid in our ongoing book sales. Besides helping to raise money for the BRCWRT, these books help raise our members' understanding of the Civil War. Thank You.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Michael Hall
Linda Carter
John Carter
David Clark
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JOIN US AT THE BORDER CAFE

Do you come directly to the monthly meeting from work and look for a place to eat, or would you just like to come early for dinner? Join the BRCWRT board and our monthly guest speaker for good food and camaraderie.

We are currently meeting at The Border Cafe at 5:15 p.m. just across Lee Highway from the library. **Space is limited so RSVP** to Dale Maschino at smasch1verizon.net or 703.734.3244 no later than Tuesday before each meeting.

Of course, it's always Dutch treat for the 'cheap and the proud'! Bring cash to get us out quickly.



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SUBMISSION DEADLINE
For the October 2007 Issue

E-mail Articles By 9:00 A.M. Monday, Oct. 1
 To scox@capitalav.com

If you do not receive an acknowledgment of your e-mail article by deadline, please call Sandra at 703.675.0702 (cell) or 540.752.9500 (Capital AV) as it may have been blocked by company software.



The President's Column

By John P. McAnaw

Our monthly meeting on 14 June 2007 was a memorable event. It marked the first ever public viewing of the outstanding film documentary entitled *Danger Between The Lines: Hunter Mill Road During The Civil War*. Producer Steve Hull, writer Charlie Balch, historian Tom Evans and researchers Bob Eldridge and Jim Lewis deserve commendation for their effort in making this superlative documentary. All are members of the BRCWRT. A total of 102 members and guests attended this professional presentation.

Photo By Janet Greenfree



Francis Augustin O'Reilly

Frank O'Reilly's presentation on 12 July, entitled *General Robert E. Lee: Marching Out Of Step*, was also well received. He is an historian of great merit and his skills were readily apparent as he covered the post war years of General Lee and his family. Despite vacations and sultry weather, 90 individuals attended and enjoyed his PowerPoint presentation.

As information, a list of guest speakers for the remainder of 2007 can be found on this page. Also, as a reminder, please mark September 15 on your calendar for our field trip to the Second Kernstown and Third Winchester Battlefields in the Valley. More information on that tour can be found on Page 5.

The BRCWRT has now exceeded its membership goal for this year. We are now eight (8) over our goal of 205! I thank you for your support.

Further, please read John De Pue's article on the need for volunteer guides at the Bristoe Station Battlefield. If you can help out, contact John.

Members of the Round Table are involved in many Civil War related activities. A number of them are covered in articles contained in this issue of the *Stone Wall*. Please read them. Enjoy the remainder of the summer and don't forget to carry your insect repellent.

UPCOMING MEETINGS



13 SEPTEMBER 2007

Scott Patchan
SUBJECT:

**Shenandoah Summer: General Jubal
Early's Valley Campaign of 1864**

11 OCTOBER 2007

Stacy Humphreys
Subject:

**The Washington Artillery of New
Orleans: Creole Cannoneers in the
Eastern Theater**

8 NOVEMBER 2007

Greg Mertz
Subject:

**The 1864 Overland Campaign Begins:
The Battle of the Wilderness**

13 DECEMBER 2007

Ron Beavers
Subject:

**Civil War Logistics: The Key to
Victory**

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"The Shenandoah Valley, July 1864: Grant and Lincoln Realize the Need for a New Commander in the Valley" (Vol. XXIII, Issue 3). and "The Battle of Cedar Creek: 19 October 1864" (Vol. XXIV, Issue 1). The latter cited article is still available in bookstores.

Not only has Scott written extensively on Civil War events in the Shenandoah Valley, he is also in demand as a tour guide for that area's battlefields.

Join us not only for Scott's presentation on 13 September but also for Scott's guided tour of the Second Kernstown and Third Winchester Battlefields on 15 September.

CONNECTING TO OUR PAST.....

By Janet Greentree

MEET JIM LEWIS



Jim Lewis probably has the ubiquitous one and only title in our Round Table as a native Northern Virginian. Jim was born and raised here and says he has a decidedly Confederate “tilt” since he grew up going to public schools in the McLean, Vienna, and Herndon areas. Jim played every sport imaginable while growing up but gave up any serious thoughts of further aspirations when it became obvious that he had to earn some money in his early-teens. He lived across from Timberlake, a privately-owned lake and recreation facility, in between Vienna, Oakton, and Herndon as a teenager. The experience was an incredibly exciting one as it was during the topsy-turvy mid-1960s. Reflecting back, he realized that this is when he began serious development of his “sales” skills as a result of having to interface with both the very cantankerous Timberlake owner and the public.

Jim graduated from George Mason University with a B.S. in Business in January, 1972. At that time, the campus only had seven buildings. He took off one semester to go through National Guard Basic and AIT training at Fort Jackson, S.C. and got back four days before the next semester began. That winter happened to be the coldest winter ever recorded down there and he says they all froze. His MOS was 105MM & 106MM recoilless rifles, positioned on a jeep where he was normally selected as the gunner. After graduation, he was determined to join the airlines and live the good life. He was hired into the one reservation class that United Air Lines hired that year as a serious recession was going on. He says it didn’t take long to figure out that the “good life” was perk-oriented with very little job security and poor pay. But while he was there, he earned a number of sales awards. Then he was hired by Xerox Corporation which provided much more opportunity. It was such a prestigious company back then that every applicant was required to go through an exhaustive interview process complete with aptitude tests. He says he didn’t have any problem with the interviews but still wonders how he ever passed the aptitude test. Jim spent 32 years with them and carried a budget the entire time. He worked his way into management for a couple of years, punched those tickets, then realized he could (1) make more money, (2) control his time better, and (3) maximize his passion which was to interface directly with the customer/prospect in the field. He held a variety of sales positions over the years, but the one that he liked the most was a particular specialist position where he was able to interface directly with the customer as well as mentor the younger sales reps. He was

directly responsible for several millions of dollars of revenue annually with their most important products and won many sales awards over the years. Jim became the “go-to” guy when developing product/pricing strategy and penetrating what the company considered “key accounts,” both commercially as well as state and local government. Most folks think of the Leesburg International Training Center when they think of Xerox. However, even though he was tempted several times to go out there and instruct, his heart and passion continued to be “the street” and enabling deals. Nothing better than dealing with decision-makers. Jim decided to retire at the age of 56 in December, 2005, without any kind of “package”. He just decided to hang it up and do some of the things he’s always wanted to do. Doesn’t that sound awesome?

Jim has been happily married for 34 years to Gay Marie who is a naturalized U.S. citizen from Canada. She is completing her 34th year as a teacher in the Loudoun County Public School System. Their current plan is for her to retire after next year so they can do more travel, etc. together. They have one daughter, Sheryl Elizabeth, who is 28 years old and one granddaughter. Jim played many years of very high-level competitive slow-pitch softball and developed into a tournament racquetball player. Hitting to right field and playing racquetball ruined his golf game so he gave that up. After wearing his right hip out, he got it replaced and is now into “non-impact” endeavors, i.e., walking, hiking, biking, and working out in the gym periodically.

Jim says he’s had a desire to learn about the Civil War but was busy with his work, sports activities, etc., but when contemplating retirement, he thought that would be a good time to really learn about it and has put forth the effort. Jim says he’s so happy that he made that decision. He has met so many wonderful people who have taught him that the CW can be a life-long passion. Ironically, his first territory with Xerox included four counties in the Shenandoah Valley, but he had absolutely no clue about the treasure that stood before him. Now, he’s making up for lost time. He really became hooked about one and a half years ago when he was involved in a private tour (with three other CW buddies – one of whom is a tour guide himself) encompassing the Antietam Campaign including the Potomac River crossing, South Mountain, etc. He’s totally and enthusiastically hooked!

Since both of his parents were from West Virginia, it shouldn’t be of any surprise that his ancestor, William Lewis, Corporal, Company K, in the 7th W.Va. Cavalry, was a mounted infantryman who fought and died in the Battle of Droop Mountain, WV on November 6, 1863. That action was part of Averill’s Raid against Lewisburg (named after General Andrew Lewis) and the Virginia & Tennessee Railroad. Unfortunately he died before Averill’s next raid to Salem, which we heard about last fall during a lecture to the BRCWRT. Corporal Lewis also saw action in the Shenandoah Valley against

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Note: If you plan to attend an event, please verify the information given. Advance reservation and fee may apply. If you would like an event posted please e-mail Dale Maschino at smasch1@verizon.net.

8 August – BRCWRT member Dan Paterson discusses his famous great grandfather (LTC Gen. Longstreet) at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum; and presents his new book “Lee and Longstreet at High Tide”, which will be available for purchase. 7:30 pm. Free. Call 703-425-9225, or link to www.fairfax-station.org.

10 August – Tour, “Life of a House: Chatham by Candlelight,” special tours of the Union Headquarters across the river from downtown Fredericksburg. 7:30 and 8 pm. Free. Call 540-373-6122, or link to www.nps.gov/frsp.

11 August – Lecture, “Constellation’s Role and Historical Context in the American Civil War,” at the USS Constellation in Baltimore’s Inner Harbor. 2 pm. Free with admission. Call 410-539-1797, or link to www.constellation.org.

11, 25 August – Brandy Station battlefield tour of Kelley’s Ford, Stevensburg, Fleetwood Hill. Departs from the Graffiti House in Brandy Station at 10 am. \$5. Link to www.brandystationfoundation.com.

11, 12 August – “A Soldier’s City”, Harper’s Ferry in 1864. At the Harper’s Ferry National Historical Park. 11 am – 4 pm. Free with park admission. Call 304-535-6029, or link to www.nps.gov/hafe.

18 August – Living history and book signing. Fred L. Ray signs his “Shock Troops of the Confederacy” plus sharpshooter demonstrations at the Manassas Museum. 2 pm. Free. Call 703-368-1873, or www.manassasmuseum.org.

18 – 19 August – Civil War Antique Arms Show at the Showplace, on the Mechanicsville Turnpike (US 360) near I-64 in Richmond. Hundreds of tables of Civil War material for show and sale. Saturday 9 am – 5 pm, Sunday 9 am – 3 pm. Fee charged. Call 540-672-4845 or, www.nstcivilwar.com.

18 – 19 August – Annual encampment and demonstrations at the Sully Historic Site near the intersection of Routes 50 and 234 in Fairfax County. Free with admission. Call 703-437-1794, or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully.

25 August – Special Event, “Potomac River Crossing” a reenactment of the Sept. 1, 1862, crossing by Robert E. Lee’s Army of the Potomac at White’s Ford. 10th year for the event. Crossing begins on the Maryland side at Dickerson Regional Park off Martinsburg Road in far western Montgomery Co. For details see mdscv.org/1398/river%20crossing.htm.

25 August, & 8 Sept. – Walking tour of the Battle of Second Kernstown 10:30 am and 2 pm at the KBA prop-

erty off Route 11 south of Winchester. 10 am – 4 pm. See www.shenandoahatwar.org.

28 August – Lecture, “Lee versus Pope: Bull Run Revisited”. Presented by Jim Burgess, Manassas Park specialist, at the Bull Run Regional Library, 8051 Ashton Ave. in Manassas. 7:30 pm. Call 703-792-4540 for additional information.

7, 8, 9 Sept. – Reenactment, 145th anniversary of the battles of South Mountain and Antietam near Boonsboro. For details, link to www.marylandmemories.com or www.wmhf.org

8, 22 Sept. – Bus Tour, “John Wilkes Booth Escape Route Tour” Popular 12-hour tour sponsored by the Surratt House Museum in Clinton. \$60. Call 301-868-1121 or, link to www.surratt.org.

8 Sept. – Tour, “Basement to Attic” of Liberia Mansion, a Confederate headquarters site undergoing restoration in Manassas. 10 am, noon and 2 pm. \$25. Call 703-368-1873 or, www.manassasmuseum.org.

16 Sept. – Film and lecture, “Occupied Territory: The War In Fairfax County”, by Naomi Zeavin at the American Legion, 3939 Oak Street Fairfax. 7 pm. \$5. String-fellowbuva@worldnet.att.net or call **703.250.8705**

22, 23 Sept. – Living history and special anniversary programs at Leesylvania State Park, VA I-95, Exit 156. Special tours of Freestone Point Battery, and demonstrations. 10 am – 4 pm. Parking fee. Call 703-583-6904, or www.state.va.us/dcr/parks/leesylva.htm.

29 Sept. – Commemoration of the approval of the Confederate Battle Flag. Marr monument on the corner of Main Street and Chain Bridge Road, City of Fairfax. 10 am. Details: tuckersn@verizon.net.

30 Sept. – Lecture, “Jed Hotchkiss: the Mapmaker for Stonewall” at the Graffiti House (Brandy Station battlefield visitor center). 2 pm. Donations appreciated. Call 540-727-7718, or www.brandystationfoundation.com.

HEADS UP!! BRCWRT TOUR OF THE SECOND KERNSTOWN AND THIRD WINCHESTER BATTLEFIELDS

DATE: Saturday, 15 September 2007

CARPOOL ASSEMBLY TIME AND LOCATION:
7:15 AM—Centreville Regional Library

TOUR LENGTH: 9:00 AM – 3:50 PM

CHIEF TOUR GUIDE: SCOTT PATCHAN

TOUR SIGN UP: On-line at (<http://bullruncwrt.org>) or contact Ken Jones at kjones111@cox.net, John McAnaw at 703-978-3371, or sign up at the Monthly Meeting. Additional information will be provided when it becomes available.

IS UNION GENERAL ALVAN CULLEM GILLEM ROLLING OVER IN HIS GRAVE?

By Janet Greentree

I'm sure you are all asking yourselves why did Janet give this article such a strange name. Stick with me and I'll let you know.



This article is written as a continuation and/or addendum to Nancy Anwyll's article last month about our Tennessee trip in May. You see there was a whole second part of the trip in addition to the wonderful and informative time we had with the Greater Boston CW Round Table and the Bearss "twin", Jim Ogden. After we left our Boston friends, we took off for the University of the South at Sewanee to find the graves of CW Generals Francis Asbury Shoup, CSA, and Edmund Kirby-Smith, CSA. They were the second and third graves on our (well, really my) agenda in Tennessee. The first one was Union General William Price Sanders in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. From Sewanee we were off to Murfreesboro and the Stone's River Battlefield, but of course, there was General Joseph Benjamin Palmer, CSA, buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Murfreesboro. We saw the Hazen Monument which sits right up against a railroad track and a factory. The whole monument is enclosed by a brick wall with graves inside and is one of the oldest erected. On the outside of the wall, there were three more graves. Upon closer look, they were the graves of Colored Troops.

Our next stop was Franklin, and you guessed it, another CW General buried in the McGavock Confederate Cemetery in front of Carnton Plantation. The General was Johnson Kelly Smith, CSA. Six Southern Generals were laid out on the porch at Carnton after they were killed in the battle of Franklin. We toured all the CW places we could find in Franklin including Winstead Hill, the Carter House, and Fort Granger. Then it was on to Nashville with the help of a wonderful book called "Guide of Civil War Nashville" by Mark Zimmerman put out by the Battle of Nashville Preservation Society. The book had nice maps showing the location of all the CW sites in and around Nashville. Well, guess what, there are two cemeteries in Nashville – Old City and Mount Olivet – where twelve – count them – twelve CW Generals are buried. Herein lies the rub. Wouldn't you think they would all be Confederate Generals buried in Nashville? No, just not so. In my haste to put out my flags on each of their graves, General Alvan Cullem Gillem, USA, got a

Confederate flag in front of his marker. I didn't realize this until I got home and started marking down all the Generals found on the trip. I must say I feel really bad about this and sincerely hope he's not rolling over in his grave from the disrespect of a Virginia woman visiting in Tennessee. At least we visited his grave.

After Nashville came Hendersonville, TN where General Daniel Smith Donelson, CSA, is buried. Fort Donelson is named for him. Then there was a little side trip to find Johnny Cash, June Carter Cash, and her parents all buried in Hendersonville. Other than CW Generals, the Cash and Carter family are my first really famous graves. Then we started crisscrossing Tennessee and stopping in all the little towns where Civil War Generals were buried. All in all we visited 21 cemeteries from SW VA, NC, and TN and found 34 Civil War Generals. From the big ones like Ewell, Cheatham, Zollicoffer, Grumble Jones, and lots of lesser knowns, it was great being able to stop, put a flag on their graves, and pay tribute to the men who fought in the Civil War which all of us study so much about.

You're probably wondering how did I get involved in such a hobby. It started the first time I saw Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, and I still think it is the most beautiful one around. That's how I met the Boston CWRT. They were doing a trip to Richmond and going to all the places I wanted to see, so I called up the President, Dave Smith, and asked if I could join them. So since 1997, like they say, the rest is history, I've been the only Rebel on a busload of Yankees who talk funny. They are a great, great bunch and lots of fun.

I found out that Colonel John Singleton Mosby was buried in Warrenton, VA so my youngest daughter and I went there and found his grave. Shortly thereafter www.findagrave.com was profiled in the paper. Then I started sending the webmaster photos of the graves I had found. Mosby was my first that was posted on the site. Now I have over 500 photos on the site. Through these postings, other people have written me about their interest in doing this as well. I believe I'm the only woman that does it though. They send me maps and directions, and we all help each other out. One of my friends showed Nancy and me the grave of Confederate General McCausland which is on the very top of a mountain in West Virginia. That was quite a hike. We even ended up meeting his grandson, Smith McCausland. It's really an interesting hobby, and I have books of photos of all the CW Generals graves I've found. Did you know there are 425 CSA Generals and 583 Union Generals? My collection only includes 96 Union and 154 Confederates so I have a long way to go. Before going on a trip anywhere, I always check to see if a CW General is buried nearby. My trip to Oregon last Thanksgiving to visit my daughter included a trip to Washington state to find the only two buried there – Milroy & Sprague.

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I have lots of “wants” yet – Hancock in Norristown, PA, Meade and others in Philly, and Hooker in Cincinnati. So if anyone would like to join me, or needs a map to find a CW General somewhere, I have lots and lots of maps and directions. Then there’s the story of Nancy and I getting locked in Green Mount Cemetery in Baltimore in a less than nice neighborhood, but that’s another story.



Nancy & I at McCausland Grave

MERRYBROOK OPEN HOUSE

The Open House for Merrybrook, home of Laura Ratcliffe, has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 30th.

The developers of the adjoining 13 acres (Arrowbrook) have indicated a specific interest in making Merrybrook the "center piece" of their new development. We are looking to talk to the Carbon Thompson folks sometime over the next two to three weeks. If they are planning to make a significant commitment to Merrybrook, we would like to make adjustments to the Merrybrook Master Plan and make the appropriate announcements of these plans to all who might attend the Open House.

Some of you have made commitments to help us with the Open House for the earlier date in September (the 9th). Would appreciate hearing from each of you who can be available to help us with Open House on the new date. Please call Terry McCarthy at 703.777.8099.

Please mark the new date on your calendar and plan on bringing your family and friends with you on September 30th. The Open House hours will be from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Thanks in advance for your support.

TOMBSTONE SYMBOLISM

By John P. McAnaw

A BRCWRT tour is planned for later this year that will include a visit to one or more cemeteries where prominent Civil War personages are buried. While visiting the “Cockade City” and nearby battlefields on 14 June 1998, I bought a little booklet from the reception center at Blandford Cemetery titled *Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, Virginia. A Walking Tour*. It was written by Kay Hawkins Carwile. On page two is a listing of some of the more common symbols and their meanings. It is provided below as information to the reader.

SYMBOL	MEANING
Anchor	hope
Angel	watching over the dead
Circle	eternity
Column, broken or draped	support of life broken
Cross and crown	faithful Christian-rewarded in Heaven
Dove	peace
Fern	grief or sorrow
Hands, clasped	we will meet again
IHS	in service to Christ
Ivy	immortality
Lamb	innocence
Lily	resurrection, pure of heart
Mourning figure	mourning is women’s work
Oak leaves	valor
Obelisk	eternal life
Rose	love, beauty, purity
Rose bud	early death
Sabers	soldier laid to rest
Three links of chain	Odd Fellows
Torch, inverted	life extinguished
Tree, trunk broken	support of life broken
Tree, willow	mourning
Tree stump	Woodman of the World
Winged hour glass	time flies

AFTER ACTION REPORT ON “DANGER BETWEEN THE LINES”

By Charlie Balch

Photo by Janet Greentree



L to R Bob Eldridge, Steve Hull, Tom Evans, Jim Lewis and Charlie Balch.

John McAnaw asked me to do an article for the Stone Wall on events following the initial showing of the “Danger Between the Lines” at the Round Table on June 14th.

The positive reaction of the June 14th meeting attendees was so enthusiastic that it gave the film’s producers confidence to go out and tell the world about the DVD. When the knowledgeable members of the Round Table found the information of interest, we hit the ground running.

Among the more significant events related to the rollout are the following:

There have been full page articles on the creation and content of the film in the “Connection” and “Times” newspapers throughout Fairfax.

The press visibility helped us connect with Jim Carson of Vienna whose great-grandfather, Henry M. Lazelle, was commander of the 16th New York Cavalry Regt. (at one point known as Sprague’s Cavalry) from the fall of 1863 to the fall of 1864. His headquarters was in Vienna (not far from Jim Carson’s current house) and also at Camp Buffalo. He was a West Point graduate, fought in the Texas Territory before the war, and established forts in the Dakota Territory after the war. In addition, he oversaw publication of the War Records for a period and was the Commandant of Cadets at the Academy. Henry Lazelle retired as a Brigadier General.

A DVD will be placed in the time capsule of the new Oakton Library where our old friend Jerilyn Polson is soon to take charge as library manager.

We sold out of the DVD supply that we brought to the Round Table.

“Danger Between the Lines” has an Internet fulfillment or sales site connected to HMDL.org and Don Hakenson has a nice write-up on his site.

The DVD is now being sold in stores in Vienna.

We have given a copy of the film to each of the Fairfax County Supervisors, in some cases during face-to-face meetings and have given DVD’s with descriptive cover letters to our State and Federal representatives.

To date over three-hundred of the “Danger Between the Lines” DVD’s have been sold or distributed. It all started with the showing and support of our Round Table. The producers and the Hunter Mill Defense League are very grateful to the BRCWRT for hosting the kickoff event.

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Jackson, at Strasburg and Staunton, Harrisonburg, Cross Keys and Port Republic, Bull Run, and the Defenses of Washington, D.C., etc. Jim visited the National Archives to pull his records.

Jim’s favorite person in the CW is Robert E. Lee. He finds him a truly intriguing individual who was faced with the most difficult of decisions when he sided with Virginia and, consequently, the South. Jim attended a two-day symposium earlier this year dedicated to “Whether Lee Matters.” It was an incredibly informative learning experience and Jim realized that he truly was a great leader of men, albeit a mortal one, and not without faults. Given the task at hand, he believes he did an incredible job and almost pulled off the impossible.

One of the tough things Jim realized about having a CW passion is that the flow of materials is never-ending and relentless. As a result, he describes the books, tapes, CDs, magazines, etc., that he is considering, or is currently reading, as “**the pile**”. The last couple of books he actually finished were Paul Clancy’s “*Ironclad*” which was a very interesting two-prong approach book where Clancy discusses the real-time efforts to bring up the turret of the Monitor while also reliving its history, and Doris Kearns Goodwin’s “*Team of Rivals*,” about the political genius of Abraham Lincoln. He’s also concurrently listening (again) to Bruce Catton’s audio book “*The Civil War*” on seven CDs for the “second time” in his car while driving around. Jim says, obviously, it never ends.....

His current “baby” is the “Danger Between The Lines” DVD which was presented at the Thursday, June 14, 2007 monthly meeting. It represented a two-year volunteer project on his part. The group is now concentrating on marketing/educating local citizenry, various groups, schools, etc. He also is continually going on and planning tours with BRCWRT, his four-man touring group, and individually. Jim also has some friends who are CW re-enactors and he attends some reenactments as well. One of those friends is the first soldier you see on the front of the “Gods & Generals” DVD jacket. His sister, Karen, a recently inducted new member of the BRCWRT, just got interested in living history and recently joined the 8th Virginia Infantry as a nurse.

In the 1½ years since Jim retired, he has made a concerted effort to visit as many battlefields as possible. Early on, he realized you have to “walk the land” to truly understand and internalize what took place. He has visited most of the Eastern Theatre battlefields. So far, his favorite tour has been with his great foursome CW touring buddies who put together a great trip last October encompassing Richmond proper, the 80-mile driving tour around Richmond (including the Seven Days Campaign as well as the final battles in the Overland Campaign), and the Siege of Petersburg. Jim is hoping to do the 1862 Peninsula Campaign and the Bermuda

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AFTER ACTION REPORT: BRCWRT TOUR OF CIVIL WAR SITES IN THE CLIFTON-UNION MILLS AREA, 16 JUNE 2007

By John McAnaw

A total of 22 Round Table members and guests participated in our tour of numerous Civil War sites located within the area described above. The first tour stop had never been previously visited by members of the BRCWRT other than myself. It was the Clifton residence of Steve and Kristen Hermsmeyer. Within the footprint of their beautiful home are, based on research, much of two original Confederate huts! These huts were probably constructed during the August-November 1861 timeframe. The Hermsmeyer's went to great length (and expense) to incorporate and preserve these huts within their spacious residence. One is now their dining room.

I might add that we enjoyed the hospitality (including food and drink) of the Hermsmeyers so much that, only with great reluctance, did we depart for the next tour stop. Before leaving we measured the dimensions of the huts. Photographs were taken of the hut sections in our hosts' home. Also, the Hermsmeyer's were given one of our treasured BRCWRT cups.

After viewing another previously unvisited Confederate site at Stop Two located in the Johnny Moore Creek watershed, we moved cross country to the site of the original Orange and Alexandria railroad bridge over Bull Run. The abutments of this famous bridge, the subject of many Civil War photographs, is immediately adjacent to the present Norfolk Southern Railway bridge over cited stream. We also visited other Civil War sites in the general area along the O&A Railroad and discussed wartime events before breaking for lunch. Courtesy of Father Fasano, the pastor of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church, located at the intersection of Union Mill and Compton Roads, we were allowed to use the picnic tables of that parish for lunch.

The afternoon was spent touring Civil War sites and discussing events that occurred during the war in the general vicinity of the McLean Ford Road, ranging from its intersection with the present Union Mill Road to where that thoroughfare crossed Bull Run into Prince William County. The tour ended precisely on time at 3:40 pm with all participants either present or accounted for. The 22 tour participants were: Ron Beavers, Tom Boyce, Dom Bumbaca, Effie Bumbaca, Jim Daniels, John DePue, Steve Hermsmeyer, Harlan Lenius, Sharon Lenius, Sandra Lennon, Tom Lennon, Jim Lewis, Jack Machey, Dale Maschino, Ron Mayer, John McAnaw, Patrick Quinn, Bev Regeimbal, John Restall, Chuck Siegel, Bill Strutt, and Ed Thoma.

I extend my thanks to all participants in the tour discussed above. Your observations enhanced the enjoyment of the tour.

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Hundred this fall and can't wait to begin planning the Western Theatre in the near future.

Jim says he doesn't have much of anything to share with us since he's just a pup and a newbie and learning from the pro's. However, the recent DVD he put together makes him no longer a newbie and/or pup, don't you think? The one thing he would like to share with us is his really interesting family tree – the Lewis family. He's traced his roots to John Lewis, who "slew the Irish lord," and patriarch of the family who left Ireland and fled to America in 1729, where he established a prominent family that has maintained its identity for more than two and a half centuries. He was an ambitious early pioneer, landowner, and founder of Augusta County, Va., where he located the town of Staunton, Va., the county seat. In addition, 38 miles of I-81, within the boundaries of Augusta County, were designated the "John Lewis Memorial Highway". Margaret Lynn Lewis, John's wife, "is entitled to be ranked in the highest list of women in America." It was in her home that George Washington was trained. It was the quality of that Lewis home that furnished the stern and uncompromising strength for which Washington is most noted, and which seemed at such a variance with his "gentle east Virginian environment." One of his more famous ancestors is General Andrew Lewis who was a colleague of General George Washington at Fort Necessity and during the Revolutionary War. General Lewis led Virginia troops against the Confederacy of Indian Nations at Point Pleasant in October, 1774 where he defeated Chief Cornstalk's forces. General Lewis' statue, along with five other prominent Virginians, surrounds the base of the equestrian statue of George Washington in Capitol Square in Richmond.

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BRISTOE STATION UPDATE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

By John De Pue

The Prince William County Historic Preservation Division, in the person of Dave Born, is continuing to make progress in transforming the County-owned portion of the Bristoe Station Battlefield into a visitor-friendly “battlefield park” in preparation of its formal opening on October 13, 2007. The Division has recently “roughed-out” a circular parking area on the



rear of the battlefield hill, which at this writing, is awaiting paving. It has also laid out trails that will allow visitors access to the Confederate Cemetery and provide a circular tour route of the battlefield. The addition of interpretative signage, however, awaits resolution of monetary issues.

At present, the Division also plans to retain the circa 1950 ranch-style house at the top of “McIntosh Battalion” hill for use as a possible visitors’ center and office. It will, however, remove the adjacent dwelling and outbuildings which post-date the Civil War.

The Historical Preservation Division continues to solicit volunteers to assist in staffing the new battlefield park and, in particular, acting as docents and guides. Our organization, of course, constitutes a fertile recruiting ground for volunteers, particularly as many of our members have been active in efforts to preserve the battlefield from development, have assisted in efforts to identify Confederate burial sites, or have become familiar with the battle through BRCWRT tours. To date, however, Dave has only received two members’ applications to serve in such capacities.

Service as a docent or tour guide provides a truly outstanding opportunity for our members to share their love of Civil War history and expertise with others. In addition to the sense of self-satisfaction you will derive from passing your knowledge on to others, your efforts will result in the creation of a ready-made lobby to support our future preservation efforts. Please do not be deterred from volunteering due to concern that your knowledge of the battle and campaign is not sufficiently extensive. **The Historical Commission plans to provide instruction and several of our members are also available to provide you all the information you will require for suc-**

cessful service as a tour guide. Further, your commitment to this initiative can be as extensive or sporadic as you wish. By volunteering, you will not be locking yourself into an inflexible time schedule that does not comport with your personal requirements. Should you have further questions regarding service as a battlefield volunteer, please don’t hesitate to ask BRCWRT member Rob Orrison, who is the site historian at the Brentsville Courthouse, or call Dave Born at (703) 257-5243. Dave’s office is located in the white bungalow at the foot of the battlefield hill.

In anticipation of enticing additional members to sign on to this effort, the undersigned will maintain a supply of volunteer applications on the back table during our monthly meetings. Please consider taking one.

TEXT FINALIZED FOR OX HILL’S INTERPRETIVE PANELS & MARKERS; Design Contract Signed; Scouts Volunteer to Assist

By Ed Wenzel

The Fairfax County Park Authority’s Ox Hill Interpretive Planning Team met on June 5th to examine comments and revisions made by reviewers of the Team’s draft interpretive texts. As reported in the May issue, Jim Burgess, Manassas NBP Museum Specialist, returned a 13-page review that trimmed excess words from the wayside markers, used more concise language, and retained nearly all of the vital information. Nothing of importance was deleted. In one case, he added information and still managed to reduce the wording. Mr. Burgess also agreed with the Park Authority that dividing the kiosk’s “Overview” panel into three parts, as I had advocated, was not necessary. However, he revised the panel’s text to include missing and deleted information.

All team members praised the efforts of Mr. Burgess in his review, which included editing notes and a revised text. After penciling in some word changes and noting a few questions to be resolved, the team agreed to accept the texts as revised. However, two days later, after rereading kiosk panel # 4, “The Wounded Left Behind”, I attempted (one more time) to have the team add twelve pertinent and descriptive words to the introductory paragraph, including the words “field hospital”, “Millan House”, “surgeons”, “amputations” and that Sgt. Fletcher “had a ball extracted from his knee”. Those words and the correct chronology, I thought, would better introduce the reader to the situation with the wounded prior to quoting Fletcher. What followed developed into a rather disagreeable e-mail exchange. I’ll spare you the unpleasant details, but the bottom line is that team leader, Mike Henry, dismissed the above words and will permit NO changes or additions to the June 5th text.

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THE CIVIL WAR COMES TO FAIR OAKS MALL

By Ed Wenzel

Photo by Charlie Balch



As flyers announced at the last Round Table meeting, a "Civil War Weekend" was held July 21-22 at the Grand Court in Fair Oaks Shopping Mall. The event was sponsored by the Mall management, the Fairfax County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and radio station MIX 107.3. It was billed as a two-day affair honoring the First Battle of Manassas and the Battle of Chantilly, or Ox Hill, part of which was fought where the Mall now stands.

Walking into the Grand Court, unsuspecting shoppers were serenaded by Civil War musicians playing period music. On display were a cannon, a campsite of the 42nd Virginia Infantry with reenactors, stacked muskets and a regimental flag; a Union surgeon with cutting instruments and medicines; a writing desk with paper, pen, hardtack and coffee; a saddle and equipage, and various soldier accoutrements and gear. The program included Col. John S. Mosby (Jeff Smith), Don Hakenson and BRCWRT members lecturing on Mosby, and Chuck Mauro lecturing on the Chantilly/Ox Hill battle; Emily Lapisardi portraying Antonia Ford; author Karla Vernon lecturing on "The Spy in Crinoline"; and Gregg Dudding lecturing on First Manassas.

Don and Chuck were both pleased with the opportunity to talk with uninitiated people who normally wouldn't see a Civil War display or demonstration. Both said the event was a positive experience, and an unexpected experience for the shoppers. Don said hundreds of people wandered through looking at the equipment and talking with the reenactors. One shopper even had an ancestor who rode with Mosby! Chuck Mauro said people paid rapt attention when he told them about the battle that swirled around the Mall and particularly about the South Carolina soldier whose remains were found on the battlefield in 1985. A few shoppers even knew where the Ox Hill Battlefield Park was located. Hey, we're making progress! The event was organized by Bert Morgan, co-producer with Chuck Mauro, of the video docudrama "The Battle of Chantilly."

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The Interpretive Team met again on June 29th, this time with Bob McDonough, VP of Fairfax-based Innovative Projects. The Park Authority wants a sole-source design contract for the markers and panels, and Mr. McDonough was invited to meet with us. To give him an idea of what the markers would look like, I brought a draft mock-up of Marker #1, "The Attack and Death of General Stevens", engraved graphics, and map plates including a line map, a woodland plate and a contour plate. I also brought sample maps to use for graphics ideas. On July 17th, I was told that Innovative Projects had been awarded the contract. The exact dollar amount and the number of panels and markers included have not been learned at this writing.

For those who missed the Round Table meeting on July 12th, William Ridenour, a Boy Scout from Troop 1104, Clifton, came in uniform and offered the assistance of his 50-scout Troop on any project at the Ox Hill Battlefield Park that would interpret the battle or would help visitors to better understand what happened there. The scouts would be working toward merit badge awards. I have since notified the Park Authority of the Troop's availability and hope they'll be utilized during the planned site work.



Famed Civil War artist John Paul Strain has produced a painting he calls "Rose Hill Raid" that depicts Col. John Singleton Mosby's raid on Rose Hill in which Mosby and one of his raiders named Dulany captured the raider's father, Col. Daniel F. Dulany, at the house that once stood at the end of what is now May Boulevard. Strain will present his painting at the **Franconia Museum** on Sat. Aug. 25 at 10 A.M. Call Gregg Dudding at 703.971.4860 to reserve a signed, registered print. The Museum will receive a signed print for permanent display.

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