



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XV, Issue 2—MARCH & APRIL 2008

HISTORIAN McENANY ANALYZES THE IMPORTANT, YET LITTLE KNOWN BATTLE OF OLUSTEE, FLORIDA

By John McAnaw

Brian McEnany was born in Cornwall, NY. He was an "Army Brat" and traveled extensively with his family throughout the U.S. and Japan. By the age of 13, Brian had attended 12 different schools, before enrolling at Brooklyn Technical High School in New York City. Following High School he entered the United States Military Academy as a member of the Class of 1962.

After graduation in June 1962, his first assignment was in the Federal Republic of Germany (FRG). His next assignment was in the Republic of Viet Nam (RVN) as an advisor. In 1968 he successfully completed the course requirements for a Master of Science Degree in Operations Research and Statistics, and also a Master of Science Degree in Management.

In addition to serving in FRG and RVN, Brian also served in the U.S. and the Republic of Korea for a total of 22 years. He served in various positions ranging from artillery battery to division level, including multiple tours in the Pentagon as an operations research analyst.

Following his retirement from the military in 1984, Brian spent the next 22 years working for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) in McLean, VA. While with SAIC he became an Assistant Vice President for Technology. In 1994, he was elected President of the Military Operations Research Society. Five years later he was elected as a fellow of the Society. Until recently, Brian was the Associate Editor of the Society's Military Operations Research Journal. For the past three years he has been a member of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table.

Brian has always been fascinated with military history. The American Civil War provides him an opportunity to use his skills on several topics of interest. Brian is currently working on a narrative of the West Point Class of 1862. He hopes to have his book ready for publication later this year.

To date, the BRCWRT has never had a presentation on the most significant land confrontation in Florida during the Civil War – the Battle of Olustee. In fact, it was the only major battle fought in Florida. Brian's talk on 13 March will fill the void described above. Using his

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

13 MARCH 2008

NOTE CHANGE IN MARCH MEETING LOCATION

**7:00 P.M. The New City of
Fairfax Regional Library
10360 North Street
in downtown area**

GUEST SPEAKER:

Brian R. McEnany

SUBJECT:

**The Federal Invasion of
Florida: The Battle of Olustee,
20 February 1864**

many years of experience in military operations, Brian has prepared an informative presentation that will describe the political and military conditions at the time of the battle and the opposing forces. Further, he will present a battle analysis of this ill-fated Union expedition that was stopped cold 50 miles west of Jacksonville, Florida.



**MARCH MEETING LOCATION
CHANGE!**

See Page 4 for details.

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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.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS****10 APRIL 2008****GUEST SPEAKER:****John C. Carter****Subject:****Welcome the Hour of Conflict:****William C. McClellan and
The 9th Alabama****New Book Signing****8 MAY 2008****7:00 pm****GUEST SPEAKER:****Ed Bearss****Subject:****From Bristoe Station to
the Wilderness:****Prelude to the Overland Campaign of
1864****12 June 2009****7:00 pm****GUEST SPEAKER:****Gary Ecelbarger****Subject:****Stonewall Jackson's Fog of War: The
Operational Triangle of 24 May 1862****New Book Signing**



The President's Column

By John P. McAnaw

March will be an active month for the BRCWRT, take the time to note the following dates:

13 March (Thursday) – 7:00 pm. the Round Table will hold its monthly meeting at the brand new Regional Library in the City of Fairfax. It is centrally located at 10360 North Street, and the meeting will take place in Room 101. Members and guests are invited, there is plenty of nearby public parking space available.

15 March (Saturday) – John Wilkes Booth Escape Tour. Paid participants only should arrive at the assembly location at the Vienna Metro Station NO LATER THAN 7:45 am. The assembly point is in the vicinity of the bus stop near the Fairfax/George Mason University (South Side) entrance/exit. The tour will begin at 8:00 am. Please read the other articles on the tour in this newsletter.

Our 2008 tour season began on Saturday morning 1 March when five members joined the indefatigable Ed Wenzel on a walking tour of the Ox Hill Battlefield. He briefed attendees on the draft interpretive signs and the engineering work planned by the park in the near future. By the way, these signs are first rate. The phosphorus problem and the disabled persons trail at this 4.9 acre park were also addressed. I believe that there would not be an Ox Hill Battlefield Park had not Ed Wenzel dedicated 20 plus years fighting for its preservation. Don't forget to mark 10 May on your calendar for the Spring Tour of the Wilderness Battlefield, led by Field Trip Chairman Kevin Anastas.

On page 2 of this newsletter is a list of guest speakers for the period April through June. These individuals attest to the high quality of our guest speakers. All BRCWRT meetings from April thru December 2008 will be held in the Centreville Regional Library.



Dan Paterson photo by Janet Greentree

Before continuing, I want to thank former BRCWRT President Dan Paterson for his most informative PowerPoint presentation on the Longstreet family. The centerpiece of his talk, obviously, was his Great

ROUND TABLE HISTORIAN PRESENTS THE CIVIL WAR LETTERS OF VETERAN ALABAMA INFANTRYMAN WILLIAM COWAN McCLELLAN

Our guest speaker for our monthly meeting on 10 April 2008 will be John C. Carter. He was raised in the Northern Virginia area and graduated from Washington-Lee High School in Arlington. Later he earned an Associate in Arts degree from Ferrum College, a Bachelor of Art in History from the University of Tennessee, a Master of Art in History from George Mason University, and a Master of Art in Psychology from George Mason University. While he has worked in college administration for over 30 years, John's passion is early Virginia history, as well as the history of the South up to the Civil War. His book, *Welcome the Hour of Conflict – William Cowan McClellan and the 9th Alabama*, was published last spring by the University of Alabama Press. John is married, lives in Oakton, Virginia and has two grown children. He is currently an Admissions Associate with Christopher Newport University of Newport News, Virginia.

Pvt. William Cowan McClellan served throughout the war in the Army of Northern Virginia with the 9th Alabama Regiment until his capture two days before the surrender at Appomattox. William grew up in Limestone County Alabama, the son of Thomas Joyce McClellan, a delegate to the Alabama Secession Convention who voted against secession. John's presentation will cover the 9th Alabama Regiment's stay in Northern Virginia during the first year of the Civil War, as reported by Pvt. McClellan. He will also cover the changes that the soldiers went through as they grew as men and soldiers, and he will cover the changing composition and role of the 9th Alabama Regiment as the war progressed. Topics will also include: the relationship between morale on the front lines and the home front, the day-to-day routines at Centreville; and the high rates of death, sickness, discharge, and desertion that constantly reduced the ranks.

Grandfather Lt. Gen. James Longstreet. A total of 79 members and guests attended cited meeting on 14 February 2008.

The officers of our "Cheap and Proud" Round Table are making every effort to keep the cost of organized activities to a minimum. The upcoming bus tour of John W. Booth's Escape Route is a case in point. The low sales price of quality Civil War books at our monthly meetings is another. These books are donated by members. Membership dues are the lifeblood of our Round Table. Without the revenue generated by the timely receipt of these dues, the scope of our activities must necessarily be reduced. Therefore, I ask all members who have not already done so, to pay their CY 2008 dues. Thank you. We need your support.

CONNECTING TO OUR PAST.....

By Janet Greentree

Meet Matt Cosner



Matt is one of our newer members and grew up right here in Northern Virginia in the Herndon area. After graduating from Virginia Tech in 1997 with a degree in economics, Matt joined the Navy and trained as a naval flight officer on the P-3C Orion aircraft. He says he bounced around quite a bit during his eight years in the Navy spending about three years in Hawaii, and two years in the Middle and Far East, with a short detour to Afghanistan. His last tour of duty was as an ROTC instructor at the College of the Holy Cross. Matt left active duty in 2005 and is currently employed as a defense analyst in Alexandria doing consulting work for the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. He keeps pretty busy in his free time, and his hobbies include traveling, running, camping, and hiking. He's also working on his Masters in Public Policy at George Mason University and should be done later this year.

Matt became interested in the Civil War while growing up in Northern Virginia. He says it's pretty hard not to have at least a passing interest in the Civil War living in such a historic area. He remembers attending the anniversary of First Manassas back in the 80s, which is what initially caught his interest. Matt was also fortunate enough to take both semesters of Professor "Bud" Robertson's Civil War class at Virginia Tech. He says it was definitely one of the best classes during his four short years in Blacksburg! Robertson really made the era and the people seem real and vibrant.

Matt recently discovered that his great-great-grandfather, Daniel P. Grant, served as a corporal in the 6th New Hampshire. He joined the regiment in November, 1861 and apparently saw some action during the North Carolina coastal expedition under General Ambrose Burnside. The 6th NH was reassigned to the Army of the Potomac just in time for the 2nd Manassas Campaign. It was heavily engaged on August 29th in one of several attacks against Jackson's lines along the unfinished railroad. Daniel Grant was wounded and eventually had to have his leg amputated. He was mustered out in October, 1862.

As far as favorite people in the Civil War go, on the Northern side, Matt has always been fascinated by General William T. Sherman. His pure military genius, combined with just a little bit of mental instability, makes a pretty interesting character. On the Southern side is General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, and for all the same reasons.

The last Civil War book Matt read was the *"Landscape Turned Red"* (Antietam) by Stephen Sears. Matt likes to do the occasional random battlefield tour — particularly when the weather is nice. He's been to one of the annual Civil War symposiums down at Virginia

Tech and would really like to go to another. Matt says he has visited ten of the Civil War's battlefields: Antietam, Chancellorsville, Ox Hill, Manassas, Fredericksburg, Brandy Station, Monocacy, Winchester/Kernstown, Charleston, SC, and Gettysburg.

Matt hasn't held any Round Table position as yet but said he would like to someday when he has more time! Matt says he's really happy to be a part of our Round Table. Welcome aboard, Matt, and hope to see you at many more events and meetings.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

CHANGE IN LOCATION FOR ROUND TABLE MEETING ON 13 MARCH

By John McAnaw

Due to a county government conference at the Centreville Library, the location of our monthly Round Table meeting for Thursday, 13 March 2008, has been changed to the newly opened Regional Library situated at 10360 North Street in the center of the City of Fairfax. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. in Room 101.

The accompanying map shows the location of the City of Fairfax Regional Library. The entrance to the Library's underground parking garage is off University Drive. There are also several other parking lots close to the library. The largest is just north of the library in the Courthouse Plaza



shopping center just a short walk from the library. There are entrances to Courthouse Plaza off both University Drive and Old Lee Highway. Summing up, there are many parking spaces near the City of Fairfax Regional Library. Join us on 13 March for Brian McEnany's first ever presentation on the Federal Invasion of Florida in February 1864. You will be impressed by Brian's presentation and the brand new Library in Fairfax City.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



By Dale Maschino

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 Mar — Living history, "Fireside Mosby," Civil War stories at the Rector House in Atoka, four miles west of Middleburg off Rt. 50. 7:30 pm. \$5/adult. Call 540-687-6681, or www.mosbyheritagearea.org.

8 Mar — Union and Confederate artillery demonstrations at the Manassas National Battlefield. Free with park admission. Call 703-361-1339, or www.nps.gov/mana.

15 Mar — Conference, "Maryland and the Civil War" at Carroll Community College in Westminster. 8:30 am – 3 pm. Call 410-386-8100 or, www.carrollcc.edu.

16 Mar — Antietam battlefield hike, "The Advance of the Iron Brigade." Meets at the Stone Observation Tower, 1:15 pm. Free with park admission. Call 301-432-5124, or link to www.nps.gov/anti.

29 Mar; 19 Apr — Tours, "First Battle of Kernstown" at Rose Hill near Winchester. Rarely opened property will be open 1-4 pm for self-guided tours. \$5 or free with admission to the Museum. Call 888-556-5799 or www.shenandoahmuseum.org.

30 Mar — Antietam battlefield hike, "Union Advance, Burnside Bridge." Begins at tour stop 9 at 1:15 pm. Free with park admission. Call 301-432-5124, or www.nps.gov/anti.

5 Apr — Civil War Preservation Trust work day. Annual event draws volunteers to local Civil War sites across America for cleanup and improvement. Link to www.civilwar.org.

5-6 Apr — Civil War military show, tables of Civil War items for sale at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. Open Saturday 9 am- 5 pm., Sunday 10 am- 4 pm. Admission fee. Call 703-823-1958.

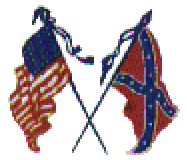
19 Apr — Battlefield hikes at the Monocacy National Battlefield near Frederick Md. Two hour, ranger-led hikes feature different parts of the field, at 8:30 and 11 am and 1:30 pm. Free. Reservations required. Call 301-662-3515 or link to www.nps.gov/mono.

26 Apr — "Week of Bliss, Prelude to Battle: An Exploration of Belvoir" — special tour of the ruins of the home where Stonewall Jackson spent the last week of his life. Meet at Lee Hill Elementary School in Fredericksburg. 10 am. Free. Info www.nps.gov/frsp.

27 Apr — Battlefield hike, "The Cornfield" at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Begins at the visitor center 1:15 pm. Free with admission. Call 301-432-5124, or www.nps.gov/anti.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY CIVIL WAR EVENTS

27 March If you missed the exciting premier of "**Danger Between the Lines**" at our June '07 BRCWRT meeting, here is another opportunity! **Round Table members Jim Lewis, Charlie Balch, Bob Eldridge, Steve Hull and historian Tom Evans** produced this excellent video



portraying the Civil War Conflict and the resulting anguish experienced by soldiers, neighbors and raiders along the seven mile stretch of Hunter Mill Road in Oakton, Vienna, and Reston, Virginia. The Hunter Mill Defense League production was made with a desire to educate and to help preserve this historic Virginia Byway. A rarely seen perspective of the Civil War is shown using period photographs, sketches, journals and letters to bring the military and civilian experience to life. Control of the Hunter Mill Corridor alternated ten times between Confederate and Union forces during the War. Civilians living along the road were a mixture of Union and Confederate-leaning farmers, many with deadly strong convictions. Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Ave, Manassas 20110. 7 pm. Free. Call 703-257-5243.

19-20 April. In April of 1861, residents of Prince William County met in Brentsville and voted to endorse Virginia's secession from the United States. That same month, several military units were formed in Brentsville to prepare for the defense of Virginia. Join Civil War living historians to learn about the formation of these units and how they were mustered, trained and drilled. Civil War encampment with drills and demonstrations offered periodically throughout both days. 11-5pm FREE

Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre
12229 Bristow Rd
Bristow, VA 20136
703-365-7895

24 April "It Started in Prince William County, JEB Stuart's Controversial Ride to Gettysburg June 25th 1863". In July of 1863, General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia was drawn into armed conflict on ground not of his choosing at Gettysburg. Many historians argue that General JEB Stuart is to blame. **Speaker and BRCWRT member Mark Trbovich** will trace the 8-day ride made by Stuart in late June 1863 and shed light on the reason for his absence which left the Army of Northern Virginia blind in enemy territory. Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas 20110. 7 pm, Free. Call 703-257-5243

ANOTHER CHANGE AT OX HILL; “RAIN GARDENS” OUT, TOO EXPENSIVE; CONSERVATION EASEMENT RED TAPE; OFF-SITE MARKERS MAY NOT BE FUNDED

By Ed Wenzel

One step forward and one step backward—the Fairfax County Park Authority has decided that the “rain gardens” needed at the Ox Hill Battlefield Park to satisfy stringent water quality requirements would have been too large and thus too expensive to build. The rain gardens will now be replaced by three or more “filtering facilities” constructed under the parking area and under portions of the park’s interpretive trail.

The purpose of these facilities is to filter the phosphorous from rainwater falling on the park. This requirement is mandated by environmental law to protect the Occoquan watershed, and is enforced by the county’s Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPW&ES). The requirements for the Occoquan River exceed those for the Chesapeake Bay.

According to John Lehman, Park Authority manager of the Planning & Development Branch (which will oversee the site work), the surface of the parking area will be porous, and the filtering facility to be built beneath it will consist of about three feet of graded stone over a network of collector pipes. The collector pipes will drain the filtered storm water into a single pipe that will carry the water into a nearby storm sewer. Other filtering facilities will also be constructed under two or three sections of the park’s six-foot wide trail, the length of each segment to be determined by environmental engineers. I presume that the other facilities will also have collector pipes and drain pipes. Mr. Lehman said that visitors will not realize that these filtering facilities exist.

Also, a bureaucratic problem surfaced recently regarding the “conservation easements” that the Park Authority plans to establish in the wooded buffer areas around the perimeter of the park. These easements are a necessary adjunct to the water filtering facilities and will offset a certain percentage of the mandated phosphorous reduction. I was told that these easements would prohibit the Park Authority from mowing, maintaining, cutting or removing, or planting any trees or other vegetation within the established easement areas. When I contacted Project Team leader Michael Rierson about this prohibition and asked how they planned to replace dead trees, or plant others needed to screen the park from the surrounding development, or replicate the 1862 woods north of the rail fence, I was simply told that the easement areas are a “no touch zone”, and that the “landscaping (adding additional trees) will be as per the site plan...that is what will be permitted by DPW&ES”.

Thinking this policy made no sense, I sent two memos to DPW&ES, one concerning a missing tree planting area on the landscape plan, and one on the use of environmental regulations that seem to shackle the Park Authority in its ability to properly manage the park.

Three weeks went by without a reply. Finally, I telephoned the director, James Patteson, who informed me that he had passed my inquiries to his staff, but suggested that the matter ultimately rested with the Park Authority and to check with John Lehman. In a phone conversation with Mr. Lehman, I learned that noxious weeds, invasive plants and dead trees *could* be removed from the easement areas, and that *with the permission of DPW&ES*, the Park Authority *could* replace or replant trees and even plant others if needed. So, that’s how the matter now stands.

While the above was going on, Mr. Rierson announced that the Ox Hill Project Team was disbanded and the project transferred to Mr. Lehman’s Planning and Development Branch. The announcement also stated that the planned off-site markers were “subject to future work and funding.” This news contradicted information received in January that these markers were funded. Upon my inquiry, Mr. Rierson said that until the bids for the site work are known, he can’t say if the money is there or not. Since the new environmental facilities add to the overall cost, they will probably take money intended for the six off-site markers. However, in a conversation today with Mr. Lehman, he informed me that he believes enough money will be left to finish the entire job, *including* the off-site waysides. Good. Stay tuned.

AFTER ACTION REPORT: OX HILL BATTLEFIELD PARK TOUR

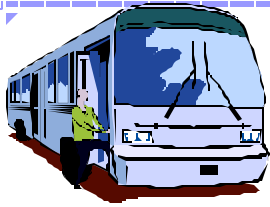
By Ed Wenzel



The tour scheduled for February 23rd at the Ox Hill Battlefield Park was cancelled due to icy conditions the day before and rescheduled. It was a good thing too, because melting ice water dripping from the trees, and a bone-chilling, damp cold would have made the outing miserable. Saturday, March 1st turned out sunny, beautiful and a little windy. But the wind didn’t stop five curious Round Table members from walking the planned loop trail and getting a sneak peak at advance color proofs of the park’s kiosk panels and wayside markers. The six panels and nine waysides produced by Innovative Projects, Inc. of Oakton were a big hit, and received many praiseworthy comments.

Starting at the kiosk site, we viewed the information on each panel just as future visitors will do.

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BOOTH ESCAPE TOUR 'ADMINISTRIVIA'

by Mark Knowles

Finishing touches are underway to make this tour a success. The bus contract has been signed, the recon team mapped out the route and selected the best sites to visit within our operational window, and the dining facilitation team negotiated a sumptuous lunch menu that is sure to enliven the most discriminating pallet.

I stopped by the bus depot to check on the buses and their condition. I was impressed with their cleanliness, comfort and the large viewing area the windows offered.

A couple of housekeeping items about the bus: 1. No food can be eaten on the bus. However, we have been granted permission to bring a couple of coolers stocked with iced bottled water. 2. The onboard comfort facility (bathroom), although clean, does not have a sink. Instead, the bus uses hand sanitizer lotion that evaporates when you rub your hands together. We will bring extra toilet paper & paper towels. 3. It is most important that we stick to a firm schedule so that we are not late in returning to Vienna metro station at the end of the day. We will be charged approximately \$100 per hour for overtime.

For those who will be eating lunch at Captain Billy's, I will be collecting the fee (\$18.50) and your lunch selection prior to boarding the bus. Cash or check will be accepted. In addition, we will be passing the hat to show our appreciation to the bus driver. You are not obligated to donate, but if you would like to, I'm sure an extra dollar would be greatly received.

As of Sunday 3/2/08, we only have 2 seats available. Those seats will be assigned on a first-come first-paid basis, based on when I receive your payment. If you would like to join the tour, and it is determined to be sold out, I would suggest you send payment to me, the Treasurer (Mark Knowles), so I can add you to the wait list, in case there is a last minute opening. As this is a limited seat tour, we won't be able to accommodate a 'walk up' the day of the tour.

See you on the 15th!



BOOTH ESCAPE TOUR LUNCH UPDATE

By Nancy Anwyll

On March 15th, Booth Tour participants will eat at the well-known Captain Billy's Crab House, "Southern Maryland's Oldest Crab House" on Pope's Creek. The total cost will be \$18.50 per person, which includes the entrée, one or two sides, beverage, tax and tip.

In order for us to take as little time as possible for a bus of over 40 people to eat lunch, and to maximize your enjoyment of the food and view, we'll ask you to select from a menu that we'll distribute on the bus. We'll then collect your money for your lunch before we arrive at the restaurant.

The restaurant management asked us to pre-select five entrees from the menu to offer our group. The recon committee chose: World Famous Crab Cake on roll, Popes Creek Crab Melt on muffin, Boater's Chicken on roll, Rio Grande Chicken on roll, and Hamburgers. The sides include cole slaw, French fries, and potato salad.

For those that wish to bring their own lunch, there are limited places to eat outside the restaurant. We are not allowed to eat on the bus.

Since lunch may not be served until 1:00 pm or 2:00 pm, and since there are no snack facilities available at any of our morning stops, we encourage you to bring your own personal snack for mid-morning hunger pangs. However, there will be a snack stop near the end of the tour before the drive back to Vienna.

If you have questions, call Nancy Anwyll at 703.866.2230.



Captain Billy's Crab House, Newburg, MD

BRANDY STATION FOUNDATION LECTURE & TOUR SCHEDULE

Submitted by Mike Block

The lectures this season are a departure from our past, which have typically emphasized only events that related to Culpeper County. This year talks will be given on the Atlanta Campaign, West Point and Jubal Early's threat to Washington. All lectures are held on the last Sunday of the month, beginning at 2pm. Light refreshments will be served following the talk. The Brandy Station Foundations asks a five (\$5) Dollar donation to help defray costs and to benefit efforts to preserve the Graffiti House and the Battlefield.

March 30: The Music of the Civil War: preformed by Evergreen Shade (John Tole and Ann Howard)

April 27: Desperate Engagement – Jubal Early's Threat to Washington: presented by Mark Leepson

May 25: The Atlanta Campaign: presented by Richard Deardoff

June 29: The Union Executions at Beverly's Ford: presented by Bud Hall

July 27: West Point at the Outset of the War – the Class of 1862: presented by Brian McEnany

August 31: Cavalry Fights in Fauquier County - Coffee Hill/Buckland Races: presented by Joe McKinney

September 28: J. Egbert and Amanda Farnum: presented by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. M. Kelley

October 26: The Disinterment of Will Farley: presented by Dale Brown

The Foundation will continue its recurring four-part Battle of Brandy Station Tours. The tours take place every other Saturday from April until September. The series need not be taken in order as they stand by themselves. Tours are ten (\$10) for each segment, and no reservations are necessary. Of course all proceeds go to the Foundation for its efforts. The tour begins from the Graffiti House at 10am and concludes around noon.

Beverly Ford/Saint James Church: **April 5, May 31, July 26**

Kelly's Ford/Stevensburg: **April 19, June 14, August 9**

Fleetwood Hill: **May 3, June 28, August 23**

Buford's Knoll and Yew Ridge: **May 17, July 12, September 6**

We will also continue our tour of Brandy Station by Horseback. This tour will only be given once this summer, on Saturday June 21. Reservations are required for this tour, as there is a maximum of twelve riders allowed. Riders must furnish their own horses. The cost for a truly unique look at the Battle of Brandy Station is twenty (\$20) dollars per rider.

BRANDY STATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL DINNER

Submitted by Mike Block

The Brandy Station Foundation will hold its' annual dinner on April 18, 2008 at the Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department Hall. The dinner will begin at 7 PM with a gathering time at 6:30. Cost for the evening's event is \$25.00 which includes a roast beef or vegetarian dinner. There will also be a cash and wine bar.

This year, the theme of the dinner will be a celebration of the Graffiti House, which celebrates its 150th birthday this year.

Speakers for the evening will include Broadus Bowman and Ed Kelly, descendants of two of the signers of the Graffiti House walls. Also, David Bridges will relate the Civil War story of James Breathed of the Stuart Horse Artillery (and the Maryland Scroll). Finally, the Foundation will hear an architectural and graffiti preservation report from the firm Dalgliesh, Gilpin and Paxton, who were contracted to do a study. The dinner will also serve as the Annual Meeting for the Brandy Station Foundation.

For more information, contact Della Edrington at 540-825-4543

or email graffitihouse@brandystationfoundation.com

BE A PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Recruitment/Orientation Event

Thursday, April 10, 2008

7:00 PM—8:30 PM

Old Manassas Courthouse

9248 Lee Avenue

Manassas, VA 20110

Join us to learn about volunteer opportunities at one of our many Prince William County historic sites. Sites include Ben Lomond Historic Site, Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, Lucasville School and Rippon Lodge Historic Site. Volunteers are needed for positions in historic research, interpretation, tour guides, leading school groups, collections management, archaeology, gardening and landscape maintenance. With many of these sites recently opening to the public for the first time, this is a great opportunity to get involved on the ground floor. Make a difference in the community and help preserve this area's great history and heritage. For more information call 703-499-9812.

CIVIL WAR PRESERVATION TRUST TO REVEAL NATION'S MOST ENDANGERED BATTLEFIELDS

The Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) will release an investigative report on the status of the nation's battlefields at a news conference on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. The report, entitled 'History Under Siege: America's Endangered Civil War Battlefields', will identify the ten most threatened Civil War sites in the country and what is being done to rescue them.

CWPT President James Lighthizer will be joined at the news conference by platinum-selling Country Music artist Trace Adkins. Known for hit songs like "(This Ain't) No Thinking Thing," "Ladies Love Country Boys" and "Honky Tonk Badonkadonk," Adkins is a lover of history and a staunch supporter of preserving America's rapidly disappearing Civil War battlefields.

The news conference will be held at 10 a.m. in the Frank Holeman Lounge of the National Press Club. Copies of the report will be available at the event. Refreshments will be served.

WHAT: News conference to announce the ten most endangered Civil War battlefields in the U.S.

WHO: Platinum-selling recording artist Trace Adkins and CWPT President James Lighthizer

WHEN: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Frank Holeman Lounge of the National Press Club, 529 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

With 65,000 members, CWPT is the largest non-profit battlefield preservation organization in the United States. Its mission is to preserve our nation's remaining Civil War battlefields. Since 1987, the organization has saved more than 25,000 acres of hallowed ground. CWPT's website is located at www.civilwar.org



"POLITICS AND PERSONALITIES": The Wilderness Campaign, 1864 Friday, May 9, 2008 – Sunday, May 11, 2008

Sponsored by Friends of Wilderness Battlefield (FoWB), the weekend will commemorate the 144th Anniversary of the Battle of the Wilderness.

FoWB is thrilled to announce the roster of guest historians for the 144th Anniversary. Joining Gordon Rhea, Clark "Bud" Hall and Greg Mertz are Chief Justice Frank Williams of the Rhode Island Supreme Court and Chairman of the Lincoln Forum and Dr. John Y. Simon, the Executive Director and Managing Editor of the Ulysses S. Grant Association.

The weekend will include presentations with guest speakers, battlefield tours with noted historians, a special tour at Ellwood of Warren's Headquarters (newly restored), an optional evening program at Guinea Station commemorating Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson's final evening and the annual Dinner and Auction as well as breakfasts, lunches, snacks and transportation. Please, check the FoWB Website www.fowb.org for updates, fees and reservation information.

The programs will offer a thorough examination of the influencing politics, personalities and subsequent planning, on both sides of the Rapidan, during the Winter Encampments of 1864, followed by an investigation of the complexities of leadership and the resulting successes or failures.

Guest speakers and battlefield guides will explore the relationships between political and military commanders that underpinned the Overland Campaign at its outset. It is now 1864, an election year for the Lincoln Administration, and yet the bloody war drags on, draining Northern coffers amidst waning public support.

To fully comprehend the placement of Lt. Gen. U.S. Grant as military commander of "all the armies of the United States," one must study the role of President Lincoln as both a candidate for reelection, while simultaneously serving the nation as Commander-in-Chief. As the weekend unfolds, participants will learn how Grant implements Lincoln's overall political dictates within the framework of initiating a watershed military campaign. Further, Gen. Robert E. Lee's responses to Grant's military purposes will be covered in detail.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning participants will join leading historians as they explore the "real" story that began during the Winter Encampment of 1864 and was solidified in the horrific battle of the Wilderness. These two events would set the tone for the Overland Campaign and the beginning of the end at Appomattox.

On Saturday evening FoWB will sponsor its annual Dinner and Auction.

Reservations for the conference are limited, and a strong response for this first-ever conference is expected. FoWB is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization and all proceeds benefit the Ellwood Restoration Project.



Friends of Wilderness Battlefield is a non-profit, all volunteer organization devoted to assisting the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park to preserve the Wilderness Battlefield in Orange and Spotsylvania Counties. With more than 230 members, the Friends provide advocacy, educational programs and service projects for the battlefield.

CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

By Janet Greentree

February 16th was another day on the road for Ms. Rebelle, Yankee Nan, and Ms. Lori TomTom. We were rewarded with a beautiful blue-sky day after so many gray ones this winter. It was a little nippy at times but bearable. We have done two Booth Escape tours recently, and because of our upcoming Round Table tour, we wanted to find the boyhood home of John Wilkes Booth and the Booth family in Bel Air, Maryland. After checking several sources quite a while ago, it was determined that the house was privately owned and surrounded by trees. The only time one is able to see it is when the leaves are off the trees. One last check prior to departure revealed that the Booth house was recently bought by Harford County, Maryland and is now the Center for the Arts. How fitting is that with its most famous occupants, the Booth family? Ms. Lori was programmed for the destination of 17 Tudor Hall Lane, Bel Air, Maryland, and we were off. This time we didn't carry along numerous maps and map books highlighted with the directions. We just let Ms. Lori take us there. I must say she did a fine job. It took a little less than two hours to get there from Springfield. She even kept working through the Baltimore tunnels. How is that possible? The screen went to black and white but you could see the car going and the water overhead. Just amazing.



BOOTH FAMILY HOME

A long curving lane leads down to the house. Beautiful, huge, stately trees line the driveway. There is a small pond off to the right in front of the house. The house is in remarkable condition and looks exactly like pictures we've seen of it. It was deserted so Ms. Rebelle looked in the window. Yankee Nan decided to stay in the car. At the end of the entrance hall was a painting of Junius Brutus Booth. I truly wished we could have gone inside, but that wasn't meant to be on this trip. There is a Maryland historical marker on Route 22 stating that the house is "near here". Don't you just love the vague directions on those markers? It mentions that Junius Brutus Booth lived there and

his son, Edwin Booth, was born there on November 13, 1833. There was no mention of any other Booth children, nor John Wilkes. Nancy and I felt we were extremely lucky to come there when the house wasn't privately owned, there was no chain across the driveway, and it was so deserted. Both of us expected to have to peek at it from a distance but driving right up to it was awesome.

Junius first built a log cabin on the 137 acre property. In 1822 he moved the log cabin to the present day location of the house and kept adding onto the house for the next thirty years until it looked like it does today. Logs in the basement are part of the original log cabin, but when he added porches and more rooms, no one suspected that the original log cabin was indeed part of the current house. Junius, and his second wife, Mary Ann Holmes, raised ten children there. John Wilkes was next to the youngest. When his mother learned of the terrible deed John Wilkes did, she collected all his clothes, letters, and photographs and burned them in one of the fireplaces of the house. John's sister, Asia, rescued some of the items from the fire. Today the house sits on 8½ acres of land, contains 18 rooms, and five fireplaces. Junius designed the house in the Tudor style so that is how the name Tudor Hall came to be. John Wilkes' bedroom is on the second floor with a balcony so he could practice his craft. There is also a stage on the second floor where the family put on plays. John Wilkes scratched his initials in a window pane to the left of the entry which can still be seen today. Note to self: "Do the research first so you could have checked out the initials!"

Our next programmed stop was New Cathedral Cemetery in Southwest Baltimore. Ms. Lori took us through the city with no problem. She knows the one-way streets, and she knows the streets on which you are unable to turn left. We again ended up at the gate of the cemetery with no problems. My last remaining General in Baltimore, Lucius Bellinger Northrop, CSA, is buried there. This was our third visit to Baltimore to find the Generals. Even with maps it took a little doing to find him. A Confederate flag was placed in front of his stone in his honor. He was from Charleston, SC. I wonder how he ended up in Baltimore. He died in Pikesville, Maryland in 1894 and was a farmer after the war. He was the Commissary General of the Confederacy and a favorite of President Jefferson Davis. That must have been quite a job. There are other notables buried there: Henry Mears, who was Booth's undertaker, Dr. William Cole, a Confederate surgeon, George Kane, the police chief during the Baltimore President Street riots, and John Surratt, son of Mary Surratt. We found everyone but George Kane who was supposed to be buried near Dr. William Cole. However, either because of the wind on the hills, vandals, or time, many of the tombstones were toppled over, which is truly sad. As we were leaving, we noticed way off in the distance, a beautiful view of the skyline of Baltimore and the Key Bridge.

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Our third programmed destination was G&M Restaurant in Linthicum, MD. Again Ms. Lori took us there so easily. If you like crab cakes, this is the place to go. The crab cakes are at least 4" x 3" and absolutely chocked full of jumbo crabmeat. Being from 'Crab town', a/k/a Annapolis, I love crab cakes, and this place by far has the best I've ever eaten. No other crab cake will be worthy after dining in this establishment. The manager said they could accommodate a group at lunch, so if the Round Table ever wants to do another Baltimore tour, this is the place to stop for lunch.

After lunch Nancy suggested that we stop at Relay, Maryland to see the Thomas Viaduct Bridge again since the leaves were off the trees. This is definitely the time to go. Ms. Lori didn't recognize Relay though, so we programmed in the nearby town of Elkridge, and found it OK. The famous obelisk monument at the railroad track intersection can be seen from several angles through the trees. The last time we were there, I had no idea that it was so close to the bridge and tracks. The 15-foot obelisk was dedicated when the bridge was finished in 1835. The Thomas Viaduct Bridge over the Patapsco River is the oldest stone arch bridge in use today. It is 704 feet long, 60 feet high, and was once the country's largest bridge and the first bridge built on a curve. The bridge was designed by Benjamin F. Latrobe, Jr. It was made a National Historic Landmark in 1964 and was named for Philip E. Thomas, the first president of the B&O Railroad. During the Civil War it was heavily guarded by Federal troops along its length. It was used as shelter for the Underground Railroad during the Civil War as well. The 6th Massachusetts set up camp on Lawyer's Hill overlooking the Viaduct. General Benjamin Butler, USA, was in command to guard the bridge and control the rail traffic at Camp Essex.



My grand total of located Civil War Generals' graves is now 286...126 Yankees and 160 Confederates!

Ms. Rebelle's Disclaimer: I do not sit on the board or have stock in TomTom. However, this trip was the most effortless trip through a city that I've ever done. Nancy, my excellent map-reader, could actually sit back and enjoy the trip this time. I love my TomTom. No connection to G&M Restaurant either but they sure have good food, and it's out in record time.

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Panel #3, an aerial photograph entitled "Where the Battle Was Fought" was a big attention getter. It shows troops and attack arrows superimposed over the highways, streets and buildings. As the tour progressed, we stopped at each marker site to look at the color proof, graphics, map and text. We also viewed the site plan and discussed the trail, the landscape restoration for the grassy field and cornfield, the future Union and Confederate monuments, rail fence lines etc. Those attending included BRCWRT president, John McAnaw; secretary, Dale Maschino; photographer, Janet Greentree; Patrick Quinn, Frank Spicer and the writer. Also, John provided everyone with a 30-gallon trash bag for picking up bottles, cans, paper and plastic trash as we walked the park. By the end of the tour, the Park Authority's trashcan by the Monument Drive entrance was full and overflowing. Thanks everyone.



L-R - John McAnaw, Patrick Quinn, Ed Wenzel, Frank Spicer, Dale Maschino, Janet Greentree

Photos by Janet Greentree

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