



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XVI, Issue 7, OCTOBER 2009

## STEVE FRENCH TO SPEAK ON IMBODEN AND THE WAGON TRAIN OF WOUNDED

By Nancy Anwyll

The speaker for our October meeting is the author of the book, *Imboden's Brigade in the Gettysburg Campaign*, for which he received the 2008 Bachelder-Coddington Literary Award, an award given each year to the best work interpreting the Battle of Gettysburg. Recipients of this award in past years were authors such as Kent Masterson Brown, Jay Jorgenson, and Eric Wittenberg.

Although there have been many books written about the Battle of Gettysburg, as well as recent books about the Gettysburg retreat, this book fills in many gaps explaining what Imboden's Brigade did before and after the Gettysburg battle.

While the book covers the brigade's entire Gettysburg campaign, Steve will center his talk on perhaps the brigade's most well known role, escorting the wagon train of Confederate wounded 42 miles from Cashtown, Pennsylvania to Williamsport, Maryland.

Steve lives and works in that part of West Virginia where Imboden's Brigade often served. He is a graduate of Hedgesville High School and Shepherd College in West Virginia. He currently teaches West Virginia History at South Middle School in Martinsburg.

His work on the Gettysburg campaign ended last summer after fourteen years of hard work. During research for his book, he interviewed many descendants of those involved in Imboden's Brigade, which brought him in contact with the descendants of the colonel of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Va. Mounted Infantry, Colonel George Hugh Smith. Perhaps Smith is remembered more for being the step-grandfather of General George Patton of World War II fame, but French provides much information about Smith's service during the Gettysburg Campaign that helps us remember him for his Civil War service.

Previous work includes a scholarly monograph written for the Blue and Gray Education Society titled *The Jones-Imboden Raid Against the B & O Railroad at Rowlesburg, Virginia*. He edited and published *Four Years Along the Tiltance: The Diary of Elisha Manor*, a diary kept during the Civil War by a Berkeley County miller. He also has written numerous articles for publications such as *The Washington Times*, *Gettysburg Magazine*, *North & South Magazine*, *Maryland Cracker Barrel Magazine*, *The Morgan Messenger* and *The South-*

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**THURSDAY, OCT. 8, 2009**

**7:00 P.M. Centreville Library**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**Steve French**

**TOPIC:**

**Imboden's Brigade in the  
Gettysburg Campaign**

*ern Cavalry Review.*

He is a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Harpers Ferry CWRT, the Stuart-Mosby Society, and the Berkeley County Historical Society. He has spoken to area round tables, and for the last two summers, he has been a featured speaker for the Chambersburg Civil War Seminars based in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. You won't want to miss hearing Steve French.

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## FAIRFAX COUNTY BUDGET DIALOGUES SCHEDULED

By Nancy Anwyll

The Fiscal Year 2011 Fairfax County Budget Dialogues will be held in the next two months to allow residents and employees to consider strategies for closing a projected \$315 million revenue shortfall. A few meetings have already occurred in McLean and West Springfield. The remaining county meetings will be held in October and November. Information can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/BulovaByline>

**Oct. 14**, 7:00 pm. Marshall High School Cafeteria and South County High School Cafeteria

**Oct. 24**, 10:00 a.m. Centreville Regional Library; Reston Regional Library; and John Marshall Library

**Oct. 29**, 7:00 p.m. South Lakes High School Cafeteria and Woodson High School Cafeteria

**Nov. 14**, 10:00 a.m. Kings Park Library, Sherwood Regional Library, and George Mason Regional Library

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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

**NOVEMBER 12**

**SPEAKER:**

**Mark A. Trbovich**

**TOPIC: Stuart's December 1862 Raid**

**DECEMBER 10**

**SPEAKER:**

**Kevin Rawlings**

**TOPIC: Christmas During the Civil War**

**JANUARY 14**

**SPEAKER:**

**William Price**

**TOPIC: Battle of Brandy Station**

**FEBRUARY 11**

**SPEAKER:**

**Ronnie A. Nichols**

**TOPIC: Afro-American Soldiers**

**MARCH 10**

**SPEAKER: Gloria Swift**

**TOPIC: Secrets at the Lincoln Museum**



## The President's Column By Nancy Anwyll

It was good to see many people turn out for the September meeting, and I think all were rewarded with an interesting speaker. Charlie Balch, in his role as the round table's unofficial attendance recorder, informed me that 91 people were in attendance.



Pictured is Michael Kauffman.  
Photo by Janet Greentree

Our speaker for the meeting was Michael Kauffman, author of *American Brutus*. Kauffman presented the story of how Booth organized the Lincoln assassination and how Booth was manipulative of his friends and co-conspirators. As always, there were some good questions asked by our members at the end of the lecture. In response to my thank you the next day, Kauffman replied that the "Bull Run

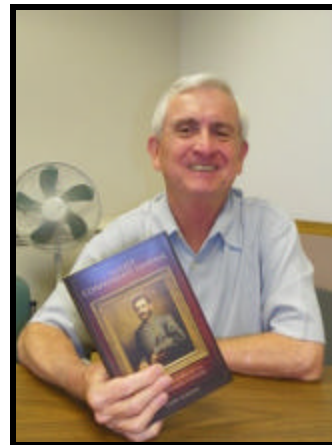
CWRT is an outstanding group; I was thrilled to meet them." One of the interesting bits of information I picked up before the meeting began was to learn that Kauffman will be working with James Swanson, author of *Manhunt*, on a movie made for HBO.

Thanks to Chris Godart and David Meisky for giving us an update of the Orange County Board of Supervisors' disappointing vote on the Wilderness Wal-Mart. I am grateful to John Pearson and John De Pue for attending a meeting with Superintendent Ed Clark of the Manassas NBP on August 31 about the power line construction and the inadvertent destruction of a portion of the unfinished railroad. I also appreciate that John McAnaw walked the power line route several times. You can read more of what has happened with the power lines in a separate article on page 10.

John Pearson has been appointed by Prince Wil-

liam County to be the BRCWRT representative on the board of the Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park. Thanks to Charlie Balch, Mark Knowles, Ed Wenzel, Bob Eldridge, Keith Young, and other members for helping with the BRCWRT booth at Centreville Historic Days. Thanks to John McAnaw for organizing and contributing to the North Anna tour. Unfortunately, Kevin Anastas will not be able to do his Harpers Ferry tour this fall, but there are several Civil War related tours and activities listed in this newsletter that can occupy much of your time in the month of October.

Ed Wenzel is the chairman of the nominating committee for the elections that will be held in December. As I have said to many in casual conversation, I will let someone else "take a turn" in 2010. Being president has been an extremely rewarding experience, but I need more time with my parents, house, and travel. I hope you will let Ed know you want to give it a try. As the previous president, John McAnaw, did for me, I've lined up the first few speakers for 2010, giving a new president time to find speakers for the rest of the year. I also have saved many suggestions for speakers, all given to me by other members and by potential speakers themselves. You will have lots of help from past presidents, the Executive Committee, and several good members. Take a turn!



Thanks to our August speaker Larry Gordon  
Photo by Janet Greentree

### SAVAS BEATIE TO CONTRIBUTE TO BRCWRT

As announced at the August general membership meeting, the Bull Run CWRT will have a chance to raise some funds when its members order books from Savas Beatie booksellers. Savas Beatie has a wide selection of military history books, and most of the books are either signed by the author or shipped with a customized signed book plate.

When any of our members, or their family and friends, purchase a book from the Savas Beatie website and use the BRCWRT's code at check out, Savas Beatie will donate 30% of the cost of the book to our round table. It can be any book on any topic, not just Civil War.

Here's how it works. Browse the selection of books at <http://www.savasbeatie.com>. When you order, include the Coupon code of **CWRTBullRun** with the PayPal purchase. You can also call in, fax, or mail an order using the CWRTBullRun coupon code. Their phone is 916-941-6896, and their fax is 916-941-6895. Savas Beatie will write a check quarterly directly to our round table.

## CONGRATULATIONS JANET GREENTREE!

By Sandra Cox

Photographer Janet Greentree, aka 'Ms. Rebelle' has won again. With more than 2,500 photographic submissions in four different categories, the Civil War Preservation Trust awarded third place in their 2009 Photography Contest's 'Then & Now' category to Janet for her photo of Harpers Ferry and honorable mention for her 'Then & Now' photo of the lower wharf at Belle Plain.

that one, and no one has ever done that before to my knowledge."

This isn't Janet's first win. She has entered the CWPT photography contest five times and won three times. In 2006 she won third place in the Close-up Division for General Armistead's Masonic statue in front of the National Cemetery in Gettysburg. "I had never seen that before. My cousin Alan, who is a Mason, wanted to know where it was. So I found it for him. The next year, 2007, was the angel, but really Zeus, on top of the Pennsylvania monument in Gettysburg. I got second place for that in the Close-up Division. Nancy and I



Alexander Gardner's 'Then' photo of Harpers Ferry with Janet's 'Now' photo below. Right is photo of Belle Plain 'Then' and Janet's 'Now' photo.

Janet said, "I'm so excited! The funny thing is that I wasn't trying to do this at all. Nancy [2009 BRCWRT President] and I were out looking for fall foliage and ended up in Harpers Ferry. I saw the "Then" photo later and matched mine up with it." Referring to the Belle Plain photo, she added, "I really worked hard on



were up there on a very windy day. The sky was deep blue and the sun was shining on the monument. It's a wonder I was able to hold the camera still but somehow I did. Last year no prize. This year was third place and honorable mention. They have cut out the Close-up Division which was my best"

How did Janet become aware of the contest? Janet said, "Nancy got me into this. She told me that I should join CWPT so I could enter their photography

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



*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](mailto:smasch1@verizon.net)*

**4 Oct** – Tour, “The Civil War in Arlington County,” a Smithsonian tour. Leaves DC at 12:15 p.m. \$79. Link to [www.residentassociates.org](http://www.residentassociates.org).

**4, 11, 25 Oct** - Two-hour walking tours covering John Brown’s Raid at the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. 11 a.m. Free with Park admission. Call 304-535-6029 or, [www.nps.gov/hafe](http://www.nps.gov/hafe).

**9-10 Oct** – Civil War Institute, “Battle of Cross Keys and Port Republic” at Shenandoah University in Winchester. Tours and lectures. More info: 540-535-3543 or email [ssnyder@su.edu](mailto:ssnyder@su.edu).

**10 Oct** - Living history, Civil War medicine demonstrations at Ellwood, historic home on the Wilderness Battlefield west of Fredericksburg, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Call 540-373-6122, or [www.nps.gov/frsp](http://www.nps.gov/frsp).

**10 Oct** – “Tools of the Soldier’s Trade: Civil War Firearms,” special program with firing demonstrations at Ft. Ward in Alexandria. 1 p.m. Free. Call 703-838-4848 or link to [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org).

**10 Oct** – Van tour, “The Campaign and Battle of Bristoe Station.” Space is limited for this Manassas-area tour. Cost includes admissions and lunch. \$80. Details, reservations call 703-365-7895.

**10-11 Oct** – Living history, camps and demonstrations at Sky Meadows State Park near Delaplane. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parking fee. Call 540-592-3556.

**17 Oct** – Lectures, displays, tours, living history and more, commemorating the Civil War Sesquicentennial at the Thomas Balch Library, 408 W. Market St., Leesburg. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free. Link to [www.leesburgva.gov](http://www.leesburgva.gov).

**17-18 Oct** – Large annual reenactment event on the original Cedar Creek battlefield near Middletown. Demonstrations, lectures, music and much more. Camps open at 9 a.m. each day. Link to [www.cedarcreekbattlefield.org](http://www.cedarcreekbattlefield.org).

**18 Oct** – Illumination on the Ball’s Bluff battlefield near Leesburg. Taps played on the half-hour, 7-8:30 p.m. [www.nvrpa.org/parks/ballsbluff](http://www.nvrpa.org/parks/ballsbluff).

**24 Oct** – Battlefield hikes on the Monocacy National Battlefield near Frederick. Ranger-guided, two-hour walks at three different parts of the battlefield. 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free. Reservations required. Call 301-662-3515 or [www.nps.gov/mono](http://www.nps.gov/mono).

**24 Oct** – “Slavery and Flight in the Mosby Heritage Area.” Special program includes tour of Waterford. Begins at the Mt. Zion Church Cemetery, 200 Old Waterford Rd. NW, Leesburg. 9 a.m. \$15/adult. Details [www.mosbyheritagearea.org](http://www.mosbyheritagearea.org).

**31 Oct** – Living history, infantry camp and demonstrations at the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg. Free with park admission. Call 301-432-5124 or [www.nps.gov/anti](http://www.nps.gov/anti).

**31 Oct** – Guided lantern tours with historical characters at the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 866-515-1864, or [www.vmi.edu/newmarket](http://www.vmi.edu/newmarket).

**31 Oct** – Living history, “Under Fire: The Battle of Harpers Ferry 1862,” at the Bolivar Heights battlefield, part of the Harpers Ferry National Park. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free with park fee. Call 304-535-6029, or link to [www.nps.gov/hafe](http://www.nps.gov/hafe).

**2 Nov** – Walking tour, “Freedman’s Farm and Confederate Winter Camp,” at Montpelier, home of James Madison, near Orange. Free with admission. Call 540-672-2728 ext. 441, or [www.montpelier.org](http://www.montpelier.org).



## NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2010

By Ed Wenzel

**Notice to all members of the BRCWRT:** The membership is reminded that the election of officers for the next term will take place in December. Any member of the Round Table is invited to run for any of the following offices: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Adjutant and Treasurer. Our current Secretary/Adjutant, Dale Maschino, and our Treasurer, Mark Knowles, will run for another term. However, Nancy Anwyll and John De Pue are stepping down as President and Vice President, leaving those key offices without incumbents. John Pearson, At-Large Member of the Executive Committee, will run for Vice President and serve in that position if elected. That leaves only the office of President without a nominee.

The BRCWRT is blessed with many talented and capable individuals who would make worthy candidates. Nancy states that she has monthly speakers lined up through March and that the Executive Committee and regular members have many ideas and will gladly assist the new president in that regard. The BRCWRT needs *You!* Members wishing to run for any of the four offices or wishing to nominate a member, please notify Ed Wenzel at 703-938-5784, or see Ed at the October meeting. The call for nominations will close at the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The election will be held at the regular meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## FOLLOW THE 2<sup>ND</sup> CORPS TO GETTYSBURG: After Action Report

Submitted by Jim Lewis and Brian McEnany



Tour Guides Brian McEnany and Jim Lewis.  
Photo by Janet Greentree

Brian McEnany and Jim Lewis gathered the members of the tour group at Burke Centre Shopping area in the early morning hours of August 8, 2009, to begin a 50-plus mile driving tour over the historic route taken by the II Corps of the Army of the Potomac in

June 1863 as they passed through Fairfax, Prince William, and Loudoun counties on their way to Gettysburg. To illustrate the trials and tribulations of this movement, the Union 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps was selected and the tour followed its historic route from the Occoquan to Edwards Ferry.

Starting at Wolf Run Shoals, where colonial armies in 1781 and 1782 as well as Hooker's Army of the Potomac crossed into Fairfax County, a discussion took place regarding the organization of Lee's and Hooker's army after the Battle of Chancellorsville, the Occoquan defenses, and the general situation facing both armies in early June 1863. After walking down the hill on the famous Washington Rochambeau Wagon Route, everyone was able to see where the Army of the Potomac (AOP) actually crossed the Occoquan River while period photographs and extracts from letters, diaries and history books were used to enrich the discussion. In particular, Charlie Balch "became" 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Tully McCrea of Company I, 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Artillery in Capt. John Hazard's II Corps Artillery Brigade. His description of the horrible conditions facing the entire army in the middle of a heat wave provided a vivid account of what those soldiers had to endure during this march towards Gettysburg. His most vivid words were "A great many died in the road with sunstroke. The ambulance train was unable to carry all those that gave out. A great many had to be left on the road, and at night when we got into camp the ambulances were unloaded and sent back again..." Thus, the tour began as everyone internalized the quotes and period photos.

The second tour stop took place across from the Fairfax Station Museum providing an opportunity to util-

ize period photos and a map to detail the area in 1863 including the location of the railroad depot. This was where the II Corps encamped from 17 June through 18 June. A key sub-plot regarding Hooker's antagonistic relationship with General-in-Chief Halleck was discussed as Lee moved his army up the Shenandoah Valley. Hooker's task was made even more difficult as there was a general lack of credible information regarding the whereabouts of Lee's army and what the Army of the Potomac could do to prevent Lee from turning toward Washington or continuing up the Cumberland Valley into Pennsylvania. On another note, we learned where 3,000 Union casualties were assembled for transport back to Alexandria and Washington D.C. after Second Manassas and Chantilly ten months earlier. Assistance by Ron Beavers, John McAnaw and Jack Machey a week earlier in educating Brian and Jim about the area was incorporated into the presentation. John McAnaw also arranged for everyone to park in the museum's parking lot, which made it very convenient for all involved.

The 13-car convoy wound its way up Colchester Road to Centreville where the 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps encamped on 20 June and along the Warrenton Turnpike to the 3rd tour stop at the Deep Cut on the Manassas National Battlefield where the 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps passed by the macabre remains of the soldiers on 25 June, ten months after Second Manassas. Lt. Tully's (C. Balch) description was indelibly etched in everyone's minds as he stated, "Whole human skeletons lie on the ground uncovered. The dead never had been properly buried and the rain has in many places washed off what little dirt was thrown over them...I saw some of our soldiers pick up a skull that was lying beside the road, pass it from one to another, passing all kinds of heartless jokes upon it..." Another soldier joked when he saw a bony hand reaching out of the earth that it looked like "he had his hand out for back pay." It was learned that J.E.B. Stuart had run into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps at Haymarket in the morning as he began his infamous ride to Gettysburg. By this time, Hooker had received confirmation that Lee's army was indeed crossing the Potomac and he issued orders and circulars (which were shown to the group) for the AOP to begin marching to Edwards Ferry.

Everyone was so eager for the next stop (possibly because it was announced that it was the next restroom break area) that Brian and Jim were left behind wondering who was leading the pack. A frantic chase subsequently occurred down a dirt road in which Brian was almost run off the road as he tried to get to the front of the line. We were reminded of an earlier quote by a soldier who said, "this Army is in a hurry to get somewhere!"

The fourth stop was at Gum Spring, today the small village of Arcola, where the group met under a spreading oak tree in the parking lot of the Methodist Church dating back to 1853. The location at Gum Spring coincided with a discussion about the overnight campsite

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## 2nd CORPS

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of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps on 25 June, new unit additions, the departure of General French for Harpers Ferry, a brief history of the surrounding area, and how the other Corps traversed Fairfax and Loudoun counties to reach Edwards Ferry as a result of Hooker's orders and efforts to catch up with Lee as he crossed the Potomac River headed northwards. Ironically, an older gentlemen who assisted our efforts (opened the church for a restroom break) informed several of the folks who were last to leave that location that the original spring (used to be next to a gum tree, hence the origin of its name) was now under a manhole cover.

Before leaving, Brian informed everyone that there was no way they would find the next stop where we would enjoy some of the best BBQ ribs and sandwiches in the area, without following him via a meandering route, complicated by new development and VDOT road systems. Understanding that dire threat, nine of the 13 cars obediently followed Brian through the original Farmwell (Five Corners and Ryan) to Farmwell Station (also once called Farmwell and now Ashburn) for lunch via the old Ashburn Road that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps traveled and where the W&O Bike Trail crossed Ashburn Road. That is, all except four cars that were left behind at the light at Five Corners. Their lead car lost track of the one car he was following. After they drove west for two miles on Waxpool Road, they stopped, figured out how to get back, turned around, and only came in 20 minutes late. Brian and Jim had arranged a personalized lunch with a separate cash register in order to expedite the ordering process. Carolina Brothers BBQ now occupying the old Partlow Store (built 1946) did not disappoint. The price was right and a fine meal was had by all, especially Tully (C. Balch) who devoured a half-rack of baby-back ribs in record time. Ask Charlie as he's still raving about how good they were.

Continuing up Ashburn Road and crossing over Leesburg Turnpike into the Lansdowne Resort area, everyone proceeded to our fifth and final tour stop, the private River Creek Resort neighborhood where the mouth of Goose Creek flows into the Potomac River. This was the exact location where the Army of the Potomac, including 100,000 men, 4,300 wagons and 30,000 horses and mules, crossed the river from 25 through 27 June. The terrible heat wave of June 1863 ended in two straight days of rain and resulted in a massive mud mess for everyone. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Robert Cruikshank (Mark Knowles) of the 12<sup>th</sup> Corps described the situation aptly, "the marching was bad, the mud being quite deep, with continuing rain working it up more and more. We had breakfast, dinner and supper all at one time." Corporal Manley Stacey (Lyle Loveall) of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps stated, "we pitched our tents, at Goose Creek, about 6 PM, and bunked in for the night. At 10 PM, we were ordered to strike tents, and get ready to move immediately. It was

reported that a Rebel force was in our rear and were coming up, so we were ordered to cross the river. After a long and tedious march through the thickest mud I have ever seen, and over the pontoon bridge, we arrived at the Ferry, from there we marched about 3 miles, arriving about 3:30 AM. Here we camped and I can tell you it took us but a short time to lay out blankets and get to sleep." Even though 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps arrived late in the afternoon on the 26<sup>th</sup>, it did not cross the Potomac until just after midnight because of the mess and confusion in the area created by the confluence of the entire army at this location complicated by the continuing rainstorm.

There was an extensive discussion regarding the road system at Edwards Ferry and the construction of two pontoon bridges across the Potomac. Since there were no period photos available of this particular crossing, a similar period photo of a two-bridge system was shown so everyone could visualize the area. The first bridge was built on the 21<sup>st</sup> when it became apparent the entire AOP would be crossing here. Hooker ordered a second bridge built which was completed on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The bridges that were actually built at Edwards Ferry were 3-1/2 times longer than those of the period photo. Each was 1,340-feet long with 64-pontoons each. Amazingly, the AOP, along with its accompaniments, crossed the river as the Potomac raged two feet above its normal flow with no moonlight. Local historian and web site manager/owner Craig Swain accompanied the tour and provided a significant contribution to the information that was presented here. The routes of the various corps were discussed as they left their camps around Fairfax Court House, Aldie and Centreville and proceeded to the muddy fields of Edwards Ferry. In addition, the incredible crossing of the raging river just downstream at Rowser's Ford by J.E.B. Stuart was discussed.



Edwards Ferry - our last tour stop and where 100,000 men from the AOP crossed the Potomac June 25-27, 1863. From here the AOP headed toward Gettysburg."

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## THE BOOK CORNER

By Ralph G. Swanson

You will not travel far through the literature on Abraham Lincoln before crossing the path of the Kunhardt family. Over many years they have published some of the most moving and treasured books about the life of our 16<sup>th</sup> president, all richly illustrated from their incomparable photo collection. In a new coffee table book commemorating the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth, *Looking for Lincoln: The Making of an American Icon*, the Kunhardt's adoration for Abraham Lincoln continues. The authors are Philip B. Kunhardt III, Peter W. Kunhardt, and Peter W. Kunhardt, Jr., being the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> generations to continue Lincoln-related publications.

The Kunhardts are linked by marriage to the renowned Frederick Hill Meserve who collected a veritable national treasure of historic photography and memorabilia, much of it relating to the Civil War. A Meserve daughter, Dorothy, married a Kunhardt to begin this remarkable family collaboration. The Kunhardts, over several generations, have built upon the Meserve legacy to create the single greatest collection of Lincoln ephemera, particularly photos, extant today. The story of how these rich photographic treasures were unearthed, conserved, and ultimately published, provides the fascinating opening to this book.

*Looking for Lincoln* is not another biography of the President. In fact, it begins at the end--the assassination--and traces the many events and people who, over the ensuing decades, attempted to mold Lincoln's legacy and define the meaning of his life for America. Many, of course, sought to advantage themselves by their association with our dead President. Many others, particularly son Robert, tried to safeguard Lincoln's legacy and interpret it with honesty and dignity. Those stories, and more, are wonderfully written and richly illustrated with many photos of people and places you have often heard of but probably never seen. This is a hefty tome, and each chapter is a footnote in the life of Abraham Lincoln and our nation. Few books have been labeled "page-turners" in this column, but you will find yourself rushing through dinner so you can spend another evening with this book.

Sadly, it was a rocky road in life for many Lincoln relatives and associates in the years following the assassination. There was the sorrowful decline of Mary Lincoln, exacerbated by the loss of yet another child, Tad, to disease and the tragic estrangement from her last surviving child, son Robert. Robert struggled to make a life for himself outside of his father's shadow. Star cabinet officers Seward and Stanton went on to disfavor. Then there was the miserable presi-

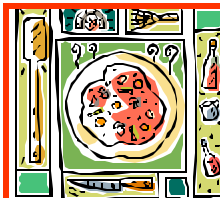
dency of Andrew Johnson. Perhaps it was, in part, the iconic status Lincoln himself attained in death that fostered the demise of so many of his friends and acquaintances. A ship without a rudder often founders on the rocks.

But then it was a rocky road for our nation as well. By April 14, 1865, President Lincoln was more than the Commander in Chief, he was the "Conscience in Chief" of our nation. The force of his will alone had brought us through a bloody civil war that preserved us as one nation, indivisible. The country seemed eager to follow his leadership in a magnanimous reunion of north and south, and perhaps even to a workable integration of freed slaves into our society. Had he lived, Lincoln might have been able to prevent the worst of radical reconstruction that scarred our nation. One of the many messages of this book is that we will never know for sure if, had he lived, there could have been another way. Perhaps it is inevitable that the legacy of any man so revered in life must remain a living, breathing thing even in death.

The Kunhardts have written some of our most engaging and enlightening books on the Civil War era, and the notable individuals and events that shaped the history of those times. *Looking for Lincoln* is their next worthy contribution, one that deserves our attentions as well.

Until next time, keep reading.

**NOTE:** This year we celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. **The Book Corner** is focusing on Lincoln with recommendations of books it considers the most informative and enjoyable. Meanwhile, please make time to visit some of the new Lincoln sites around Washington. Ford's Theater has reopened after an extensive renovation. The basement museum holds some breathtaking Lincoln memorabilia. Also, the Old Soldier's Home in northwest Washington, DC, where Lincoln often retreated in the hot summer months, is now finally open to the public. This site, so often mentioned in the historic literature is, thankfully, preserved in its 1860's condition.



## JOIN US AT THE REDROCK CANYON GRILL

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 5:15 p.m. just across Lee Highway from the library. **RSVP** to Dale Maschino at [smasch1@verizon.net](mailto:smasch1@verizon.net) or 703.734.3244 before each meeting. Of course, it's always Dutch treat for the 'cheap and the proud'! Bring cash to get us out quickly.





## THE LAND TRUST OF VIRGINIA CREATES THE DEBORAH WHITTIER FITTS BATTLEFIELD STEWARDSHIP FUND

The Land Trust of Virginia Board of Directors has created a new fund, called the *Deborah Whittier Fitts Battlefield Stewardship Fund*, as a means of recognizing and providing financial support for landowners interested in protecting properties where Civil War battles took place. Grants from the fund will be used to offset some of individual landowner's expenses associated with putting battlefield acreage into easement.

The Land Trust of Virginia (LTV) currently holds easements on 25 Civil War battlefield properties covering more than 1,500 acres, including 912 acres of the Battle of Upperville, 517 acres of the Battle of Unison, 70 acres of the Battle of Aldie, and 33 acres of the Battle of Middleburg.

A long-time professional journalist who reported for both the *Loudoun Times Mirror* and the *Civil War News*, Ms. Fitts was considered by many to be the nation's leading journalist covering Civil War preservation issues. For more than a decade, Fitts wrote eloquently about the struggle to protect Virginia's hallowed Civil War landscape. She covered many major Civil War preservation battles that made national headlines, such as the proposed Disney theme park near Manassas and the successful preservation of Brandy Station, as well as many other nationally significant Civil War battlefield preservation efforts.

Childs Burden, a member of LTV's Board of Directors and a close friend and colleague of Deborah's, said: "The preservation of the history of this beloved Commonwealth of Virginia played such an important part of Deborah's life. She has played an equally important role in preserving our Commonwealth's heritage. Deborah devoted much of her life's work to writing and educating others about Manassas, Chantilly, Unison, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Brandy Station, Aldie, Middleburg, Upperville, The Wilderness, and Spotsylvania Court House, Mount Zion Church, and many other Civil War sites threatened by development."

Last year, the Civil War Preservation Trust honored Deborah's memory by conveying her, posthumously, the distinguished "Lifetime Achievement Award," bestowed for journalistic excellence in educating her readers about the fragile status of our nation's sacred battlefields. The Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) Board of Trustees also voted in June 2009 to render a \$30,000 grant to the Land Trust of Virginia for the purpose of inaugurating the *Deborah Whittier Fitts Battlefield Stewardship Fund*. Another \$15,000 has already been pledged, bringing the total fund to \$45,000.

Jim Campi, spokesman for CWPT, asserted: "I speak for everyone on the CWPT staff when I say she

has left a lasting legacy of education and preservation for which we are extremely grateful. Through her work at The Civil War News, Deborah spread her love of history and her passion for preservation to an army's worth of readers across the country. Through her admiring readers, Deborah's impact will continue to be felt for many years to come. Now, with the *Deborah Whittier Fitts Battlefield Stewardship Fund*, her work will live on through the preserved land she helped to save."

For further information about the *Deborah Whittier Fitts Battlefield Stewardship Fund*, contact LTV Executive Director Don Owen at [donland-trustva@earthlink.net](mailto:donland-trustva@earthlink.net) or LTV Board member Childs Burden at [CBurden338@aol.com](mailto:CBurden338@aol.com).

**For the Deborah Fitts 'In Memoriam' article written by BRCWRT member, Ed Wenzel, see the August & September 2008 issue of the Stone Wall.**



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Peter Andrews  
Denis Lyddane  
Virginia Hopkins  
John Scully

and our youngest individual member, 10 year old  
Drew Boland

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The final discussion touched on the irony of how Hooker was replaced by George Meade. Hooker was awakened at exactly the time that Stuart completed his crossing at Rowser's Ford (3 a.m. on 28 June). We disbursed at 3 p.m. on a fine, muggy August afternoon with a short and final update on the erstwhile letter writers that had enhanced the group's understanding of this amazing march. Brian and Jim concluded with thoughts that must have been with each of the tour members. It was amazing how the soldiers of the AOP endured the heat and weather, forced marches, long days and nights, then arrived at Gettysburg, suffered horrendous casualties, and changed the course of our country's history. It was, and is still, an amazing untold story.

Tour participants included: Charlie Balch, Keith Young, Mark Knowles, Pamela Unger, Lynn Price, Pete Andrews, Mike Shannon, Lyle Loveall, John McAnaw, Janet Greentree, Ed Wenzel, Craig Swain, Kevin Anatas, Jim Lewis, Ken Jones, Brian McEnany, Rudy Ehrenberg, Lillian McEnany, Cecil Jones, Daniel Markus, Kathy Markus, Anne McEnany, Jack Machey, Gayle Machey, Nancy Anwyll, and Dan Lundeen.

## DOMINION VIRGINIA POWER EXPANDS POWER LINES AT MANASSAS NBP

By Nancy Anwyll

Dominion Virginia Power (DVP) began construction in mid-August of power lines adjacent to the current power lines in the right-of-way along the western edge of the Manassas National Battlefield Park, and within days, a DVP worker bulldozed a small portion of the Unfinished Railroad.

The new power lines are described by DVP as an upgrade and reconfiguration of existing transmission lines. Plans for the expansion of the power lines was publicized last fall in Prince William County, but the BRCWRT did not receive word of the project until July 9, 2009, when a letter dated July 1, 2009 from the Superintendent of Manassas NBP asked the round table if it wanted to be an unofficial consulting party to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which delineated all actions to be taken in the construction of the power lines. When I asked Supt. Ed Clark of the Manassas NBP why the round table wasn't contacted last fall about the proposed power line expansion, he replied that a private company was contracted out to contact interested parties. He regretted very much that it overlooked us.

Despite being informed that the BRCWRT's signature was not necessary for the MOA to take effect, the round table accepted the Manassas NBP's invitation to be a consulting party to the MOA. After reading the draft of the MOA and working on a deadline, BRCWRT members John Pearson, John De Pue, John McAnaw, and myself worked on a list of suggestions to add to the draft. In this endeavor, John Pearson's civil engineering background was very helpful.

The round table's suggestions asked DVP to provide vegetative screening that was similar to what Prince William County required for any new industrial construction. A pre-construction photographic survey of the work site was encouraged. The BRCWRT also suggested that all underground utilities should be located prior to construction, and during construction, flagmen should be required along the highways and roads. And most importantly, the BRCWRT suggested that a method to monitor construction activities be done to detect unmarked graves or cultural resources.

The final MOA completed in mid-August included some of the round table's suggestions, such as vegetative screening. A method to monitor construction activities to detect graves or other cultural resources also was included. However, there was no provision for a daily monitor to watch all construction or any groundbreaking activity.

Since the MOA would be valid without the round table's signature and because the round table was reassured it would be consulted in the future despite the round table not signing the MOA, I decided to *not* sign

the MOA as a way to protect the round table in case future snafus implied that we supported everything done with the project.

Only a few days after construction began the last week in August, a DVP worker bulldozed a temporary path to be used for construction equipment. In so doing he inadvertently destroyed a portion of the Unfinished Railroad. Superintendent Ed Clark notified the BRCWRT almost immediately, and on August 31, he explained in a meeting with BRCWRT members John Pearson and John De Pue what course he would take with DVP.

Superintendent Clark said that he halted construction at the site of the Unfinished Railroad immediately to allow NPS archeologists to document the damage. DVP will be required to repair the damage and stabilize the slopes of the embankment while the park restores the site. Clark then added that DVP must retain an archeologist on site during any future ground disturbing activities. He ended by asking the round table for additional proposals.

After discussion with the Executive Committee, I sent a letter on September 10, 2009 to Supt. Clark in which I said that BRCWRT was grateful to be informed, but the membership was deeply disappointed in the inadvertent destruction of a portion of the Unfinished Railroad. The BRCWRT proposed that the damage be documented, that protection for the Unfinished Railroad be carried out, that an analysis of the railroad embankment be undertaken, and that compensation for the damage be provided by DVP.

In the meantime, DVP continues construction on the power lines .

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## HEROIC NEWSLETTER STAFF HAS BEEN THROUGH IT ALL!

**Commendations Quietly Awarded Last March**

By Ed Wenzel

Everyone who reads it acknowledges that the *Stone Wall* newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table is the best published round table newsletter anywhere. First and foremost, it is much more than just the announcement of the next month's Speaker and Topic. Over the years, *Stone Wall* editors and a talented team of contributors have evolved the newsletter into a critical Civil War Preservation voice for Fairfax and Prince William counties and surrounding areas. Add to that the large number of battlefield and site tours led each year by BRCWRT members, plus occasional travel columns and other informative features and it's easy to see why the *Stone Wall* is popular with readers.

Critical to the publication of the newsletter is the devotion of our editor, Sandra Cox, and the technical efforts of our webmaster, Ken Jones, who pull out all stops to see that the *Stone Wall* is in your hands (or

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## CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

By Janet Greentree

### PART TWO – SAN DIEGO, GO WEST YOUNG WOMAN, GO WEST

If you can believe it, San Diego has some, although certainly not strong, Civil War ties. There is a Fort Rosecrans near Point Loma in the San Diego Harbor. It is no longer an Army fort as the Navy took it over in July, 1959. Among other things they do there, dolphins are trained to assist the Navy. The dolphins are held in tanks at the facility but are also free to jump out. Our Seal boat guide said only five have gone AWOL. The Fort is still the headquarters of the Army Reserve in San Diego.

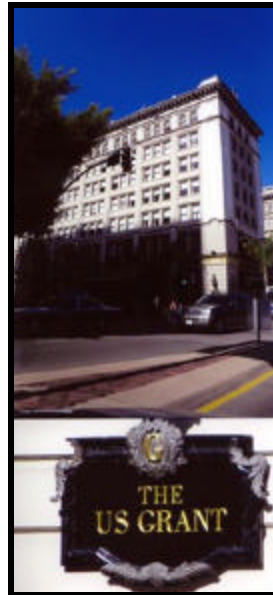
The name of the street that goes out to Fort Rosecrans, Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, and Point Loma is called Rosecrans Street. The name of the street that goes into the Fort is McClellan. Rosecrans and McClellan didn't get along after Rich Mountain since McClellan received credit for most of the victory there. McClellan didn't give Rosecrans credit in the reports either for his contribution at Rich Mountain. When McClellan requested Rosecrans go back East with him, Rosecrans refused and went West. So, the next time you go to Arlington National Cemetery, where Rosecrans is buried, listen for any spinning near his grave. I'm sure he's not happy to have those two streets intersect. The Fort was built in 1852 by Presidential Order. It was later named for General William Starke Rosecrans. The General served in Congress after the Civil War representing California.

Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery sits high on a hill overlooking San Diego Harbor and has one of the most beautiful panoramas in the area. What a spectacular spot for a final resting place. There are over 70,000 burials there. As you drive into the cemetery, you come to a monument with a plaque on it. The plaque is Lincoln's Gettysburg address - another Civil War connection.



Since there were no Civil War Generals buried in the San Diego area, Ms. Rebelle didn't find out until later who of distinction was buried there. There are several Medal of Honor winners, several Navy Admirals, sports figures, movie personalities, and other notables. Captain Lloyd Bucher, commanding officer of the U.S.S. Pueblo, Wally Shirra, Jr., Mercury 7 Astronaut, and Ulysses Simpson Grant Sharp, Jr., a four-star Admiral, are all buried there. Sharp was named for Grant since Grant married Sharp's father's aunt. It's a slim connection to be sure.

In downtown San Diego near the waterfront is the U.S. Grant Hotel on Third & Broadway. Buck Grant, son of U.S. Grant, and his junior, moved to San Diego in 1893 looking for better climate for his wife, Fannie. He bought the Horton Hotel and ran it for several years.



Eventually he tore it down and built the magnificent Grant Hotel and named it after his father. The hotel opened in 1910. The hotel's Grant Grill was one of the most prestigious restaurants in San Diego. In 1969, it garnered some notoriety from a Woman's Protest March. It seems the Grill wouldn't serve women after 3:00 p.m. What a slight to the women of America! That is all changed now. Prior to that, Buck was associated with Grant & Ward but the business didn't go well and collapsed in 1884. Buck Grant, went broke and so did his father. Both had invested over \$100,000 in the business. Both Grants suffered humiliation and bankruptcy. Buck brought his widowed mother,

Nellie, out to live with him in San Diego. The Grant family came west in his mother's private railroad car. Julia Grant kept her home on East 66<sup>th</sup> Street in New York City, but spent many winters her sons in California. Her son Jesse also lived in San Diego prior to Buck moving there. Julia later died in New York City in 1902. And to quote Groucho Marx, "Who's buried in Grant's Tomb?" Well, Julia and her husband, of course. Buck resumed his law practice and also served San Diego as an assistant U.S. District Attorney. His greatest accomplishment though was the Grant Hotel.

So, no matter where you go in these United States, there is always some Civil War connection, some may be smaller than others, but there is always something.



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contest. I should have joined a long time ago. She knew how many pictures I took and how much I enjoy doing it. I joined in 2004 - so I'm a newbie."

To see some of the winning contest photos, go to <http://www.flickr.com/photos/cwpt/galleries/72157622388967098/>

CWPT says the 2009 Photography Contest was one of the best of their past twelve contests. "Not only were we truly impressed by the quantity of submissions, but the quality of the photos also took our breath away."

## BRCWRT TOUR OF NORTH ANNA CAMPAIGN SITES 19 SEPT. AFTER ACTION REPORT

By John McAnaw

A total of 26 Round Table members and invited guests participated in our tour of North Anna campaign sites covering the period 21-26 May 1862. The weather was ideal – with clear to partly cloudy skies, low humidity and temperatures below 80 F. Participants assembled, after travelling by various routes, at Massaponax Church at 8:40 a.m., which has a Civil War Trails sign.

First on the agenda was a tour of Massaponax Church conducted by Pastor David Hockney. Both he and other members of his congregation went out of their way to welcome us. Of particular interest during the church tour was the extensive Civil War graffiti displayed on the balcony walls.



Janet Greentree attempts the famous Grant photo.

Next, the BRCWRT's award winning photographer Janet Greentree had us form up outside to replicate the famous photograph by Timothy O'Sullivan on 21 May 1864 at Massaponax Church with Generals Grant and Meade sitting under trees in pews. (Note: elsewhere in this issue is an article about Janet's most recent photographic award).

Due to a scheduling conflict, J. Michael Miller, the Archivist, Archives and Special Collections Library, U.S. Marine Corps, was unable to lead our tour. Dr. James Ginther, an archivist, also with the Archives and Special Collections Library, U.S. Marine Corps, replaced him as chief tour guide. His wife Vicky accompanied him throughout the tour.

Jim gave us an excellent overview of military events that transpired in the Virginia theater of operations during the period 1 May – 20 May 1864. His presentation covered the traumatic impact that the heavy fighting during the above period had on the Army of Po-

tomac (AOP) and the C.S. Army of Northern Virginia (ANV). He then laid out his tour itinerary which was basically to follow the advance of the four Union Corps comprising the AOP, as Gen. Lee's ANV adroitly pulled back before them to the south side of the North Anna River.

The following is a list of other tour stops north of the North Anna River. Civil War Trail signs were present at tour stops 2,3,4 and 6.

Stop 2 – Guinea Station.

Stop 3 – Bethel Church (Group toured the inside of church).

Stop 4 – Milford Station on the old Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac (RF&P) railroad line.

Stop 5 – Caroline County Visitor's Center. This facility opened last fall. First Rate. Had lunch either on the Center grounds or at nearby restaurants.

Stop 6 – Carmel Church (originally Mount Carmel). This stop completed our tour of sites in Spotsylvania and Caroline Counties. Our tour through the verdant countryside of Caroline County was particularly enjoyable.

Stop 7 – After crossing the midpoint on the North Anna River, we entered Hanover County and traveled to the Civil War site of Hanover Junction (now called Doswell). This critically important location is where the Virginia Central crosses the RF&P. The actual junction of the two railroads could be seen in the distance south of our location.

Stop 8 – The last stop was at the impressive North Anna Battlefield Park, aka the Ox Ford Battlefield. In addition to Civil War Trails signage in the parking lot, there were nine high quality interpretive signs located at various points along the two-mile walking trail within the park. They were commissioned by the Blue and Gray Education Society and prepared by J. Michael Miller.



North Anna River looking upstream.

Photo by Ken Jones, brother of Tom Jones

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I understand that the battlefield park is owned by a close-by (and I mean "close-by") quarrying company and managed by Hanover County. Most of the Confederate earthworks within the park exhibit high standards of construction. Troops in these fortifications were well protected from frontal, rear, and enfilading fire from infantry weapons and from artillery. Only mortar rounds posed a threat. These fortifications are well preserved and well worth seeing. They reminded us of the Confederate fortifications that we viewed during the Mine Run campaign earlier this year. During our battlefield walk, Jim took the time to lead several interactive Q&A sessions covering various aspects of the fighting in the vicinity the Ox Ford and the overall conduct by both sides of the North Anna Campaign. These Q&A sessions were informative.

The tour ended right on time in the North Anna Battlefield parking lot at 3:45 p.m. with all participants. On behalf of all present and the Bull Run Civil War Round Table, I extend our sincere thanks to Jim and Vicky Ginther for making our long awaited tour of the North Anna Campaign a reality. Thank you both for a job well done.

Lastly, I want to cover preservation concerns expressed by visitors to the battlefield:

**What** guarantees are there to prevent the quarry owners from moving closer to the existing Confederate fortifications? Already, at one point disturbed earth resulting from quarry operations looms over the close-by fortifications. Will this "bear hugging" become even greater with time?

**What** guarantees are there that unmarked Union graves, believed from US V and IX Corps, will be protected from desecration at some future date?

**What** are the future plans of the quarry owners regarding terrain around the battlefield?

In addition to the tour leader, Jim Ginther and his wife Vicky, participants included Nancy Anwyll, Charlie Balch, Ron Colan, Sandra Cox, Lee Croke, John De Pue, Dennis Feldt, Janet Greentree, Virginia Hopkins, Tom Jones, his brother Ken and wife Paula Jones, Dan Lundeen, Dale Maschino, John McAnaw, Paul, Theresa, and Regina Meade, Jim Meagher, Randy Moller, Rose Nelson, Bud Porter, Don and Alisa Whitley.

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computer) prior to the monthly meeting. Last March, a series of highly unusual glitches put Sandra and Ken to the test and almost sabotaged that month's newsletter. But Sandra, her son Flip Cruz, and Ken responded to the occasion, and by dint of pure determination, succeeded in overcoming the dire circumstances. They were

quietly awarded Bronze Stars and Combat Action Badges by Brig. Gen. John P. McAnaw in an after-action ceremony. The field recommendation citing the heroic exploits of Sandra, Flip and Ken is reprinted below:

[Brig. Gen. John P. McAnaw, BRCWRT Infantry Brigade, Army of the Bull Run, Northeastern Virginia](#)

[HEADQUARTERS, BRCWRT TROOPS, in the works on the heights of Centreville, Va. March 5, 2009.](#)

General:

I have the honor to submit the names of the following individuals for the ABR's Bronze Star and Combat Action Badge. To wit: Capt. Sandra Cox, Editor, Brigade Newsletter, and 1st Lt. Ken Jones, Webmaster, Brigade Affairs, have distinguished themselves in action and brought great glory to the brigade while defending their positions against multiple attacks of the enemy.

In the actions of March 3-5, 2009, Capt. Cox fought heroically and at times single-handedly with the forces of Publisher, which corrupted and kept shutting down and threatened to overrun the Capital Audio Visuals command post; and with Adobe Copy which robbed her of desk space and threatened to sabotage the entire newsletter. After two days of continuous combat, Capt. Cox, working from a server back-up, succeeded in driving off the tech bug enemy. In this action, Capt. Cox coordinated with President Anwyll, Lt. Jones and proof readers, implemented emergency procedures, and recreated and secured the front page, the only loss being the small masthead info on pages 2-9. By her heroic actions, Capt. Cox has ensured that the troops will receive the newsletter on time and has brought great glory and additional laurels to our renowned brigade.

In a simultaneous attack on our flank, Lt. Jones is engaged as I write, courageously defending his line against the tech bug's "upgrade" assault which struck without warning, shutting down his system and his e-mail, and attacking the Home Page. In this attack, the March speaker was lost and the Hunter Mill poll came back, disrupting the sign-ups. Lt. Jones is wounded and bloodied but continues to fight tenaciously. However, at last report, the tech bug forces have penetrated his line near the rocky knoll, and reverted the "Recent Newsletters" and "Archive" pages to the old versions. Lt. Jones, flag in hand, has signaled a server company to help fight off the attack and at this time is holding his position with the bayonet. This headquarters eagerly awaits couriers bearing scribbled notes from Lt. Jones.

With this dispatch, I also mention Sgt. Flip Cruz who discharged his duties well and was indispensable to Capt. Cox and the troops fighting the Publisher bug.

I have the honor to be, General, with highest respect, your obedient servant, Edward T. Wenzel, Aide de Camp and Proof Reader, BRCWRT Troops.

Cc: President Nancy Anwyll,

BRCWRT Commander

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