



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XVII, Issue 3—APRIL 2010

DAVE GOETZ TO SPEAK ON MOSBY & THE 43RD

By Mark Trbovich

Our speaker for the April 8 general membership meeting will be David Goetz, who owns Mosby's Confederacy Tours, and leads tours in "Mosby's Confederacy", including Virginia counties of Fauquier, Loudoun, Warren, Clarke and Fairfax. He served on the Board of Directors of the former John Singleton Mosby Museum Foundation in Warrenton, Virginia. He is writing a book on the postwar relationship Between John Singleton Mosby and Ulysses S. Grant, which he has researched over the course of several years as part of his study of the life of Colonel Mosby.

Mr. Goetz is descended from the family of Chaplain Father James M. Graves, S.J. (Society of Jesuits), who served with Generals Joe Johnston and Stonewall Jackson in the Army of Virginia in 1861-62. Mr. Goetz is a member and commander of the Black Horse Camp #780, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Mr. Goetz has a professional background in public relations, sales and marketing, primarily with non-profit organizations. He holds an undergraduate degree in English from Bellarmine University, Louisville, Kentucky, and a master of science degree in community development from the University of Louisville. He is a U.S. Army veteran, received an Honorable Discharge, and lives in Warrenton, Virginia. Dave is a very well-known and dynamic speaker. Believe me, you don't want to miss the chance to hear him in April. Set that date aside for a night with the Gray Ghost.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010

7:00 P.M. Centreville Library

GUEST SPEAKER:

David Goetz

TOPIC:

**Some Exciting & Fascinating Stories
of John Singleton Mosby & the 43rd
Battalion, VA Cavalry**



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Steve Altman

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Sharon DeBragga

Lynne Garvey Hodge

Paula Johnson

FINAL DUES NOTICE



If you have not paid your 2010 dues, this will be your final issue of the *Stone Wall*.

See Treasurer Mark Knowles at the meeting or use the mailer on Page 10.

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General Membership meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the **Centreville Regional Library**
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For specific meeting dates and information, please visit the Web site: <http://www.bullruncwrt.org>.

ROUND TABLE BOOK SALES

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



JOIN US AT THE COPPER CANYON GRILL
 (formerly Red Rock Canyon)

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, other members, and our monthly guest speaker for good food and camaraderie.

We are currently meeting around 5:15 p.m. just across Lee Highway from the library.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

MAY 13

SPEAKER: Ed Bearss

TOPIC:

Chancellorsville

JUNE 10

SPEAKER: Matt Atkinson

TOPIC:

The Vicksburg Campaign: Blitzkrieg Through Mississippi

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

For the **MAY** issue, e-mail articles by 9:00 a.m., Thursday, Apr. 29, to Saundra Cox at scox@capitalav.com. **If acknowledgment of your article is not received by deadline**, call Saundra at 703.675.0702 (cell) or 540.374.2011 (Capital AV) as it may have been blocked by company software.

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The President's Column By Mark Trbovich

"Wow!" That was the first adjective that came to mind after such an outstanding lecture from Gloria Swift at our February meeting. A packed house heard stories of how many of the Ford's Theater Museum pieces actually came to reside in the museum today. Stories spoken with passion, and tales of sacrifices and determination by former owners, made the evening very special. As an



Thanks to Gloria Swift, our March guest speaker, for an excellent presentation on the Ford's Theater Lincoln Museum with comments on her research regarding Lee's Lost Order No. 191. We promised to keep after Gloria to encourage her to publish her research. Photo by Janet Greentree.

added bonus, Gloria also spoke about her excellent research on "Lee's Lost Order" before the battle of Antietam/Sharpsburg, research that today has been approved by many of the Civil War's leading historians. I must say that the audience's questions were first rate and "pulled out" from memory some of the names of momentarily forgotten figures. This brought praise from Gloria and cheers from the membership. The Civil War knowledge base of the BRCWRT is fantastic, and all should be proud of years of research and passion to learn even more. Many call it the "bug", and you know if you have it. I pray I never find a cure for it!

I would like to thank everyone for unanimously voting for the BRCWRT to start the process to become a 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit Organization. It will take many months, but in the end, we will have an organization with a lot more options to work with our money and to be a beacon of Civil War education for our communities. It couldn't come at a better time for the 150th anniversary

of Fort Sumter is only one year away! Again, I want to encourage everyone to be aware of your BRCWRT's involvement in the Fairfax County 150th Civil War Anniversary Committee. There is also a chance for our members to serve on one of the sub-committees. The Battle of Ox Hill/Chantilly is the 2012 signature event, and we will be working very hard to make that event an extremely special commemoration for those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The BRCWRT has always fully supported the Ox Hill Battlefield, and I am personally driven by this passage from a Vermont Lieutenant visiting the battlefield in late December 1862...

"I have paid a visit to the old Chantilly battle field, two miles from here, and in which engagement the noble Kearney and the gallant Stevens fell. In passing over the field, what horrible scenes were presented to my view. I pray to God that I may never witness the like again. Human bones lay in every direction, half covered bodies met my gaze, showing that no pains had been taken in their burial, and revealing the horrors of a battle field, stamping indelibly upon my mind impressions that time can never eradicate. Since noting this, I learn a squad of men have been detailed from the 12th, to cover up the remains of those brave men whose bones were left to bleach on the ground..."

In closing, I want you to be aware of efforts to keep that hallowed ground clean of trash and debris. I am sorry to report that folks visiting the park are not keeping it clean. It is becoming a dumping ground for an assortment of trash items including obnoxious dog waste. We have written a letter to Fairfax County Government officials to help with this effort. I ask you that when you are visiting the park to volunteer some time to clean up a blight on such a historic site. Your Executive committee is committed to keep up this fight until we have a viable solution. We will not back down and see this park over run with trash! Thank you so much for giving me a forum to vent.

On a happier note, look forwarding to seeing everyone at our April 8th meeting for an evening with Col. John Singleton Mosby. It promises to be a good one.



**DON'T FORGET TO NOTIFY OUR
TREASURER MARK KNOWLES IF YOU
HAVE AN EMAIL OR ADDRESS CHANGE!**

**See newsletter mailer on Page 10 or
call Mark at 703.787.9811.**

THE BOOK CORNER



By Ralph G. Swanson

The Western armies, those fighting between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River, have long been overshadowed by their more flamboyant counterparts in the east. That will now change. This-- and the following column--will recommend two of the most important western military histories extant, without which we will forever be lacking a properly-rounded perspective on our American Civil War.

The Army of Tennessee, by Stanley F. Horn (University of Oklahoma Press), though first published in 1941, is still available and still recognized as the best history of the Confederate Army in the west. The south had only two main armies, the Army of Northern Virginia under Robert E. Lee, and the Army of Tennessee, commanded first by Albert Sydney Johnston, then, unfortunately, by a long string of lesser lights. (Armies fighting beyond the Mississippi, an area then called the "trans-Mississippi," are not to be ignored, but had little, if any, significance in the course of the war.)

This is a full history of the Army of Tennessee, from its formation in Missouri and its early battles, through bitter fighting in North Georgia, including the loss of Atlanta, to its final crushing defeat at Nashville. Above all, it is the story of courage, and heart, and fight, combined with timid and vacillating leadership that frequently squandered good military positions and opportunities for victory. It deserves our careful consideration, because arguably, the key to Union victory lay in the west. The South's most important commercial ports were western. Only when the Mississippi River was reclaimed and New Orleans, Vicksburg and Mobile taken, and most importantly, the Army of Tennessee pushed out, did the South falter. With an intact western Confederacy, the South might have fought on long after the Armies of Northern Virginia and the Potomac battered themselves senseless.

Horn has written a blunt, critical assessment of the shortcomings of Confederate army organization and leadership in the west, exacerbated by neglect, and a large measure of outright hostility from Richmond. Books like this make us think critically about issues of leadership, victory and defeat in the final outcome of our great national contest. Horn's treatise has not been supplanted in its depth and historical contribution since its original publication. Although his battle maps are few and simple, Horn's writing style is so clear that readers easily follow army movements and battle action through his narrative descriptions.

Horn offers the best interpretation yet of Albert Sidney Johnston's short Civil War career. Johnston showed remarkable generalship, making the most of limited manpower and resources. Despite an utter lack of support from the Davis government, his strategies were effective and his maneuvering worthy of study in

any military academy. At Shiloh, Johnston very nearly pushed Grant into the Tennessee River. It is too much to say, that had Johnston lived, he would have defeated Grant, but he certainly had Grant on his knees.

After Johnston, came the disastrous leadership of Braxton Bragg, about which Horn is unsparing. Bragg was excellent at organizing and equipping an army, and his strategies were frequently sound. But in battle he was unimaginative, inflexible and irresolute. The painful tale of Bragg's command of the Army of Tennessee is discouraging and difficult to read.

Joe Johnston and John Bell Hood commanded thereafter, but could not stem the long, irreversible decline of the Army of Tennessee. Chronically under-resourced, Johnston nevertheless maneuvered skillfully against Sherman, sliding laterally and defensively to counter his opponent's turning efforts by the flank. By 1864 he could win only when fighting on the defensive, from entrenched positions, but did so at New Hope Church and Dallas, Georgia. Kennesaw Mountain was very nearly another Fredericksburg for Union forces.

Horn gives us just enough about Hood's leadership style to stimulate our further interest. Hood was known to be a fighter, bold even to rashness. His maneuvers before Atlanta were daring. We might logically ask, had the belligerent Hood commanded instead of Bragg, when the Army of Tennessee was in top fighting form, would the outcome have been different? There is much here for our discussion, but of course, it can only be conjectural.

Hood's open disdain for the courage and fighting qualities of his own exhausted and depleted army after Atlanta was unchivalrous and unjustified, according to Horn. For this alone it has been easy to dismiss Hood as an effective leader. Regardless, any man who could mount a horse and take command of an army after suffering the loss of a leg and a shattered arm in battle deserves our respect. A thorough study of Hood's generalship is very much in order and should begin with his own post-war book, *Advance and Retreat*. After Nashville, Joe Johnston was re-appointed to lead what was by then a rump army useful only as an instrument of surrender.

Beyond leadership studies of Confederate generals--which should detain us--*The Army of Tennessee* proffers other important issues about the war that deserve our consideration: the relative importance of the eastern vs. western theaters; the impact of the poisonous Davis/Joe Johnston, and the Davis/Bragg relationships; even the competence of Longstreet as an independent commander who fought briefly in the Army of Tennessee, and more. Even if you do not believe the war could have been won in the west, could it have been lost there?

Until next time, keep reading.

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

6 Apr – Book talk, “Mrs. Lincoln, A Life,” at Ford’s Theatre National Historic Site. 4:30 p.m. For ticket information see www.nps.gov/foth.

9 Apr – Living History, “Civil War Education Day,” at the Manassas National Battlefield Park. Camps and demonstrations. 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Free with park admission. Call 703-361-1339, or link to www.nps.gov/mana.

9-10 Apr – Civil War Show, Civil War relics, books and more for show and sale at the Fredericksburg Expo Center 2371 Carl Silver Pkwy. 3-8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. \$8 admission. Link to www.fredericksburgexpocenter.com.

10 Apr – Park Day, annual restoration, clean-up and preservation day sponsored by the Civil War Preservation Trust. For sites and details see www.civilwar.org.

11 Apr – Artillery demonstrations at Fort Washington Park, 13551 Ft. Washington Rd. (near the Beltway). For information call 301-763-4600 or see www.nps.gov/fowa.

17 Apr – Self-guided tours of the first battle of Kernstown at Rose Hill, near Winchester. Located at 1850 Jones Road. Open 1-4 p.m. \$5. Call 540-662-1473 ext. 235 or link to www.shenandoahmuseum.org.

17-18 Apr – Living history at Montpelier, home of James Madison, near Orange. Camps and hut construction on the historic site of an 1864 winter camp. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. Admission fee. Call 540-672-2728 or link to www.montpelier.org.

17 Apr – Seminar, “1862: Shiloh, Second Bull Run, and Antietam – Battles that Changed the Civil War”. At the Smithsonian S. Dillon Ripley Center. For information link to www.residentassociates.org then to Lectures and seminars.

18 Apr – Living history, artillery drills and firing at the Manassas National Battlefield Park. 1 p.m. Free with park admission. Call 703-361-1339 or, www.nps.gov/mana.

23-24 Apr—13th Biennial Stonewall Jackson Symposium, in Lexington, VA. Call Lucy Wilkins at 540-463-2552 or link to www.stonewalljackson.org

24 Apr – Life in the Civil War Navy at the USS Constellation in Baltimore’s Inner Harbor. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free with admission. Call 410-539-1797 or link to www.historicships.org.

24 Apr – Bus tour, John Wilkes Booth Escape Route. Original 12-hour tour presented by the Surratt Society. Leaves from the Surratt House Museum in Clinton, MD.

\$70. For information about reservations call 301-868-1121, or link to www.surratt.org.

25 Apr – Antietam Battlefield hike, “The Final Attack”. Guided two-hour ranger-led hike at Stop 9 on the Antietam Battlefield. 1:30 p.m. Free with park admission. See www.nps.gov/anti.

30 Apr – Events celebrating the opening of “Discovering the Civil War” at the National Archives. Concerts by the Federal City Brass Band begin on the hour 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Book talk, “At the Edge of the Precipice: Henry Clay and the Compromise that Saved the Union,” at noon. A showing of the movie “Glory” at 7 p.m. All at the National Archives. Call 202-357-5000 or link to www.archives.gov/calendar.

BRANDY STATION FOUNDATION BATTLEFIELD TOURS

The Brandy Station Foundation is again presenting a series of four two-hour tours, one devoted to each of the four engagements that comprise the June 9, 1863 Battle of Brandy Station.

Tours by personal vehicle caravan will depart from the Graffiti House at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$10 (children under 12 are free). Tour duration is about two hours. No reservations are needed, but please arrive at the Graffiti House before 10:00 a.m..

Special tours for individuals or groups can be arranged. Please contact the Brandy Station Foundation (540-727-7718).

BEVERLY FORD & ST. JAMES CHURCH
(April 3, May 29, July 24)

KELLY’S FORD & STEVENSBURG
(April 17, June 12, Aug 7)

FLEETWOOD HILL
May 1, June 26, Aug 21)

BUFORD KNOLL & YEW RIDGE
(May 15, July 10, Sept 4)

**For more BRANDY STATION events,
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LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES IN 2010

The Brandy Station Foundation will again host a series of free Sunday lectures on the Civil War. These lectures begin at 2:00 p.m. and usually last one hour. They are held in the Graffiti House at 19484 Brandy Road, Brandy Station, VA 22714.



The Graffiti House

April 25

**Mosby's Keydat Rangers
Eric Buckland**

May 30

**(Topic to be determined)
Joseph McKinney**

June 27

**It Started in Prince William County:
JEB Stuart's Controversial Ride to
Gettysburg"
Mark Trbovich**

July 25

**The Battle of Rappahannock Station
Michael Block**

August 29

**The Life and Times of John Mosby
Dave Goetz**

September 26

**The Memory of the Civil War
Richard Deardoff**

MOSBY DOCUMENTARY BEING FILMED IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

Part IV

By Chuck Mauro

While Bert Morgan of BLM Productions is editing the on-site filming and studio narration, we started working on the DVD cover for "Mosby's Combat Operations in Fairfax County, Virginia." Steve Wolfsberger, yes that Steve Wolfsberger of the 17th Virginia reenactors who now lives in Abingdon, VA, is our graphic artist. Our instructions were to have the title of the documentary, a map of Fairfax County showing its proximity to the city of Washington, and a picture of Colonel John S. Mosby on the cover.

We were very fortunate to receive permission from John Paul Strain to use his depiction of Ranger Mosby from his painting "Rose Hill Raid." This was our first choice for the cover as it depicts Mosby in Fairfax County in late September 1863 after his capture of Colonel Daniel French Dulaney which is covered in the documentary. We were also extremely pleased to receive permission to use the painting as it is based on a vignette written by Don Hakenson.

We also realized we needed a logo for our production company to use on the DVD cover and in the introduction of the documentary. Steve did an excellent job representing Don Hakenson, Steve Sherman and myself.

Finally, Don wrote the text for the introduction which we used to give Bert direction on how we wanted to open the documentary:

(Start with the drawing of Mosby on horseback – start with close up of his face and pull back to show him on his horse—add music and sound effects of horses and men marching during narration)

This story is about a band of Confederate cavalrymen during the Civil War known as the Forty-third Battalion Virginia Cavalry, or Mosby's Rangers. This unit conducted military combat guerilla operations into Northern Virginia behind enemy lines, especially Fairfax County, and became recognized by the U.S. Army and the Marine Corps as the most feared and successful guerilla unit in the history of modern warfare.

(Switch to map of city of Washington and Fairfax County – Start with close up of the City of Washington and pull back and pan left to show Fairfax County. Insert picture of Stuart over portion of County – use sound effects of cannons and gunfire)

The commander of this partisan unit was a man by the name of John Singleton Mosby, who would obtain the

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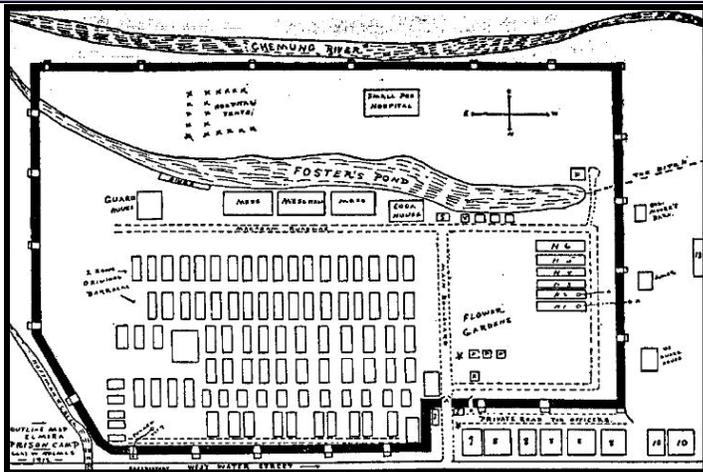
CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

Travels to New York State

[Part Three of Three]

By Janet Greentree

Our next little trip was to Elmira, New York to see if anything was left of the infamous Elmira Prison. The prison was located on the banks of the Chemung River in Elmira. There is nothing there except a very small park and a couple of historical signs telling briefly what happened. Even though the prison was there for



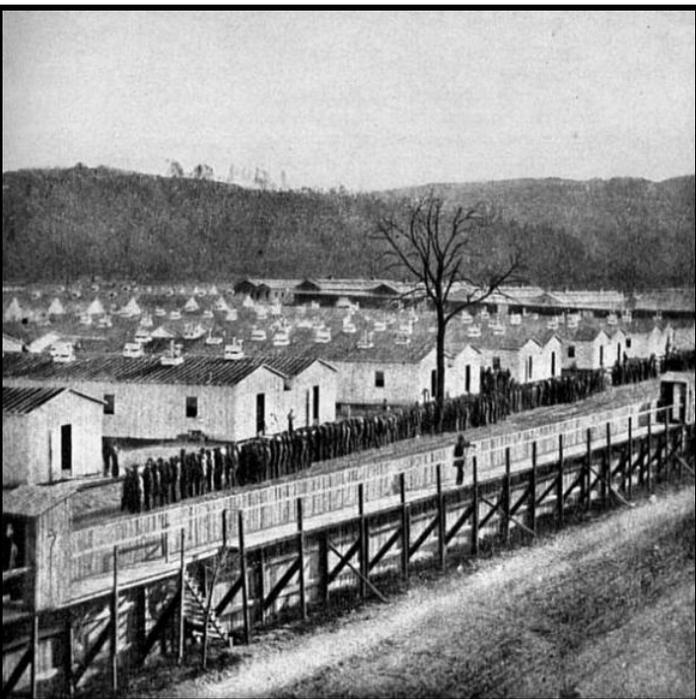
were sent to City Point for exchange. There were only 1,200 men well enough to travel by train. The Confederates named the camp Helmira.

Also in Elmira is the National Cemetery and Woodlawn Cemetery where Mark Twain, a/k/a Samuel Clemens is buried. While Mark Twain did live (1835-1910) during the Civil War and fought for a short time for the Union, he doesn't have too much of a connection to the Civil War. He has a most colorful Victorian house (and garage) in Elmira that is now a



Christmas shop. We thought that was just sad. We also wondered whether Mark Twain had a car or did he keep his buggy in the garage. Another famous person in Woodlawn Cemetery is Hal Roach of silent film fame who was from Elmira.

The last stop as I headed back to Virginia was looking for General James Nagle who is buried in Pottstown, Pennsylvania in the Presbyterian Cemetery. Pottstown was just southeast of Route 81. Driving into town there were mountains on each side, but the town looked pretty flat. My trusty Lori TomTom (GPS) found the cemetery okay, but it was on the side of a mountain. The street going up to it and back down, looked like San Francisco. So bad knees and all, I grabbed my trusty map and photo of his marker and entered the cemetery. There were several markers like his, but his was at the very top of the mountain. So, General Nagle, Ms. Rebelle made the extreme sacrifice for you.



only a year, it had a 24% death rate, more than any other prison, north or south. Elmira Barracks was built at the beginning of the war as a recruiting facility. In July 1864 part of it was turned into a prison camp for Confederates. All the prison buildings were located on the high northern banks of the river but the prisoners were on the flood plain gravel by the Chemung River. An inspector of the prison stated that "the condition of the patients is pitiable, the diseases are nearly of all type, and much of the sickness is justly attributed to crowd-poisoning." In January 1865 there were 1,738 prisoners on the sick list out of a total of 5,934 prisoners. Of the 5,934 so-called healthy prisoners, many were sick as well and in need of better accommodations. By June of 1865 when the weather was better, the sanitary conditions and the camp were better. Thus the mortality rate grew less. Foster's Pond (see map) was used as the prisoners "sinks". The stench was extremely offensive and unhealthy for the men to be in such close quarters to the pond. Finally, after the war ended, the prisoners who were healthy enough to travel by train

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MS. REBELLE [Continued from Page 7]

Nagle was born in Reading, PA in 1822 but moved to Pottstown in 1835. His father was a drummer in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Nagle's profession before the Civil War was that of a paperhanger and painter. He enlisted in the Army in 1842 and fought in the Mexican War. He served at Fort Monroe, Hatteras Island, and Newbern, North Carolina. He was assigned to General Jesse Reno in the Department of North Carolina. Nagle was at Second Manassas, Ox Hill and Antietam (Burnside Bridge). General McClellan said Nagle saved the day at Burnside Bridge. He served in Kentucky until May 1863. Later he guarded the approaches to Baltimore. He died in 1866 from heart disease in Pottsville.

So now Ms. Rebelle has added five more Union Generals to her tally making 146 Union, 161 Confederate, for a total of 307. Only 701 more to go!!!!

NOTE: Part 1 can be found in the February issue of the *Stone Wall* and Part 2 in the March issue.

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rank of Colonel and would become one of the most notorious and romantic figures that came out of the entire Civil War. He was one of "Jeb" Stuart's men, and it was due to the confidence that General Stuart had in him that he was able to organize and lead this famous band of rangers.

(Switch to picture of Mosby and his men followed by a picture of Union soldiers – use sound effects of men and horses)

This little body of a few hundred men, under his skillful and daring leadership, accomplished more with less, by hitting quickly, gobbling up horses, men and supplies and disappearing into the mist before reinforcements or help could arrive. These men yielded more trouble for the Union Army than a Brigade or Division could produce, and kept large numbers of Union troops guarding Washington City instead of fighting against Robert E. Lee in the field.

(Switch to picture of Mosby – perhaps start wide and zoom in on his eyes to make this intense! Add swell of dramatic music!)

Entire brigades were sent after him and a price was placed on his head, but he was always able to give his pursuers the slip. Mosby was never caught, and the bounty was never paid!

We are now off to some final on-site filming and will be able to edit the whole film in the next month or so. Talk to you again soon.

NOTE: Part 1 can be found in the December/January issue of the *Stone Wall* with Part 2 in the February issue and Part 3 in March's issue

FACES OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

*Old Manassas Courthouse
9248 Lee Ave., Manassas, VA
Thursday, April 29, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
FREE, donations appreciated*

Historian, author and lecturer Ron Coddington will discuss photography and its role in capturing images of common soldiers who fought for the Union and Confederacy. Mr. Coddington has written *Faces of War: An Album of Union Soldiers and Their Stories* and *Faces of the Civil War: An Album of Southern Soldiers and Their Stories*. He will have copies of his recently published scholarly works available for sale. Contact PWC 703-367-7872 for more information

PRINCE WILLIAM PREPARES FOR WAR BRENTSVILLE CIVIL WAR WEEKEND

*Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre
12229 Bristow Rd., Bristow, VA 20136*

*Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2, 2010, 11:00 a.m.
- 5 p.m., \$5.00, children under 6 are free*

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. Learn about how Prince William County's civilians dealt with the harsh reality of war at the Haislip Farm House. Civil War encampment with infantry, cavalry and artillery drills/demonstrations are offered periodically throughout the day with the camps open for visitors. One of a kind mourning and medical exhibit on display Saturday. Civil War era music both days. Contact Brentsville CH at 703-365-7895 for more information.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE GRAY GHOST: Col. John S. Mosby Van Tour

*Saturday, May 15, 2010, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.,
\$80, space is limited, reservations required*

Join Mosby expert and tour guide David Goetz for an in depth tour of the places and events of famous Confederate partisan raider, Col. John S. Mosby. Mosby was known for his lightning raids and secretive missions during the Civil War. The tour will cover several locations throughout "Mosby's Confederacy", an area in western Prince William, Loudoun and Fauquier Counties, that Mosby used as his base of operations. Cost includes admission to rarely visited sites and lunch. Contact Brentsville CH at 703-365-7895 for reservations.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN UP CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS AND HISTORIC SITES

The Civil War Preservation Trust sponsors a hands-on preservation event to spruce up our hallowed Civil War sites on Saturday April 10

The Civil War began as a struggle between armies of untrained but enthusiastic volunteers. Seven generations later, another army of volunteers is about to descend on America's Civil War battlefields – only this horde of dedicated men and women will be armed with paint brushes, trash bags and weed whackers.

On Saturday, April 10, 2010, history buffs and preservationists of all ages will join forces to clean and restore Civil War-related battlefields, cemeteries and shrines. The nationwide effort – dubbed Park Day – is underwritten with a grant from History™, formerly The History Channel. Park Day is also recognized by the U.S. Department of the Interior as a "Take Pride in America" event. Approximately 100 historic sites in 23 states are expected to participate in Park Day 2010.

"Civil War sites are often the victims of their own popularity," noted Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) President James Lighthizer. "Without proper maintenance, battlefields can suffer from the ravages of both time and tourism. Our goal is to spruce up these links to America's past so they can be enjoyed by all."

Now in its fourteenth year, Park Day is an annual hands-on preservation event created by CWPT. Volunteers gather at designated Civil War sites to help with routine repairs and maintenance. Activities can range from raking leaves and hauling trash to painting signs and trail building. In exchange for their hard work, participants receive T-shirts and can listen to local historians describe the significance of the site.

Among the many sites that will be benefiting from Park Day activities this year are: Mansfield Battlefield in Louisiana, Antietam Battlefield in Maryland, Wilson's Creek Battlefield in Missouri, and **the Wilderness Battlefield** in Virginia.

"These are the hallowed fields where our ancestors gave their lives. We cannot allow them to fall into disrepair," remarked Lighthizer.

With 55,000 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 and to promote appreciation of these hallowed grounds through education and heritage tourism. Since 1987, the organization has helped save more than 29,000 acres of battlefield land in 20 states. The CWPT website is located at www.civilwar.org.

NOTE: Nearby battlefields and historic sites in addition to The Wilderness include: Historic Liberia Plantation, Mount Zion Church, Bristoe Station, Brandy Station, Ball's Bluff Battlefield Regional Park and Manassas National Battlefield Park.

30th Annual Spring Mosby's Confederacy Bus Tour

Sponsored by the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society

Saturday, June 19th, 2010

This will be a special tour celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Tom Evans' participation in the Mosby's Confederacy Bus Tours

The Tour Leaders will be Don Hakenson, Gregg Dudding, Eric Buckland & Tom Evans

The bus will be leaving the Truro Rectory at 8:30 a.m. We will be visiting various Mosby sites in Fairfax County as an introduction to the soon to be released documentary on Mosby and Fairfax which will be forthcoming in the near future. We will (hopefully) be arriving back at Truro around 5 - 5:30 p.m.

Price: \$65 members for the Stuart-Mosby Society - \$75 for non-members
To sign up for the tour, please contact one of the following:

Don Hakenson - Phone: [703] 971-4984 or email: dhakenson@cox.net

Gregg Dudding - e-mail: wdudding@cox.net

You may also make a check payable to Don Hakenson and mail to 4708 Lillian Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22310



Come with us and tour Fairfax County, Virginia's historic "Hallowed Ground"

The Command will, as usual, be stopping at a "fast food" restaurant for lunch.

Sorry, we cannot make refunds after June 10, 2010.

BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

The Stone Wall

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2010 Bull Run Civil War Round Table — MEMBERSHIP FORM

We are delighted that you are interested in joining our organization and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and at our upcoming events!

Annual dues are:

Individual—\$20.00. Family—\$25.00. Student (age 22 and under)—\$10.00.

Make checks payable to: BRCWRT (Bull Run Civil War Round Table). This form may be given to the Treasurer at the General Membership meeting, or mail it to:

Mark Knowles, BRCWRT Treasurer, 169 Applegate Drive, Sterling, VA 20164

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