



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XVII, Issue 8—November 2010

CHRIS GODART SPEAKS ON "CONFEDERATE GEN. RICHARD S. EWELL AT GETTYSBURG "

By Mark Trbovich

Our November speaker, Chris Godart, has been interested in the Civil War for over 25 years. His interest in educating others on the conflict between the states brought him to Lee's Lieutenants, a Confederate living history organization. Because of his resemblance to "Old Baldy," the suggestion was made for Chris to portray Gen Ewell.

Chris is also a member of the 17th Virginia Fairfax Rifle re-enactment group and our BRCWRT. He is a technology specialist for Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia and lives a short drive from Gen. Ewell's boyhood home, "Stony Lonesome," near Manassas.

Chris and I teamed up with the Prince William County Historical Commission in 2009 to write and plant the "Stony Lonesome Farm" historic marker at Greenwich, Virginia. He also helped unveil the Fairfax City John Quincy Marr "First Confederate Officer Killed" marker this summer. Chris has given numerous Gettysburg tours and really enjoys living history portraying Gen Richard S Ewell. He does bares a striking resemblance!



Chris Godart as Gen. Richard S. Ewell. Photo by John Duke was taken at the 'Gathering of Eagles' Program in 2009.

Please come out and hear this lecture on one of the most controversial figures at Gettysburg and how history has misjudged him for his performance as commander of Lee's 2nd Corp.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2010

We are meeting one week later as the library is closed Veterans' Day.

7:00 P.M. Centreville Library

GUEST SPEAKER:

Chris Godart

TOPIC:

**Confederate General
Richard S. Ewell
at Gettysburg**



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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.

UPCOMING MEETING

DECEMBER 9

SPEAKER:

David Born

TOPIC:

**Christmas at Ben Lomond
 Historic Site**



SUBMISSION DEADLINE

For the **December/January** issue, e-mail articles by 9:00 a.m., Monday, Nov. 22, (due to Thanksgiving) to Saundra Cox at scox@capitalav.com. If acknowledgement 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.



JOIN US AT THE COPPER 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, other members, and our monthly guest speaker for good food and camaraderie.

We are currently meeting around 5:15 p.m. at the Copper Canyon Grill located just across Lee Highway from the library.

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The President's Column By Mark Trbovich

Our October 14th, 2010 general membership meeting was blessed with an outstanding lecture by Don Ernsberger who spoke to us about the Trimble-Pettigrew Charge at Gettysburg just north of Pickett's Charge at the angle on the Cemetery Ridge stone wall. He really brought out what many have forgotten that happened to these brave men. Pickett's brigades seems to be what history refers to as "The Charge" and forgets the Trimble-Pettigrew struggle. Intense research was certainly evident as Don's book, *Also for Glory: The Pettigrew - Trimble Charge At Gettysburg July 3, 1863*, was so well received. Autographed copies flourished. After the lecture, Don said he was off to Cedar Creek "to find some ground to bed down on" for the re-enactment that weekend. He brought such a strong passion for this heroic charge to the membership, and that is why he was invited back to speak to the BRCWRT for the third time in the past five years. He'll be back during the Sesquicentennial; I'm sure of it.

I'm so happy to announce that the Fairfax County and Prince William County Sesquicentennial Web sites are in operation and listing numerous events. Please visit them for events at <http://www.fxva.com> for events, <http://www.fxva.com/includes/media/docs/Fairfax-County-Civil-War-Guide.pdf> for the brochure. For Prince William County, its <http://www.manassasbullrun.com/> for re-enactment information for the Battle Of First Manassas and <http://www.visitpwc.com/civilwarsesquicentennial.html> for all 2011 events throughout the year. Next year is guaranteed to be big and entertaining as events unfold.

Elections this year and in 1860 were unique and our right as citizens. They always choose a path for our great country. I hope everyone got out to vote this year. One hundred-fifty years ago, Abraham Lincoln was elected president of the thirty-three states on Tuesday, November 6, 1860. That choice inevitably led to war...Lest we forget. Our BRCWRT will be holding officer elections in December 2010. If you want to nominate someone from the floor at the November general membership this will be your chance. December's meeting will be the general membership vote for 2011 president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. I promise it won't be as controversial as the 1860 elections.

Our November general membership meeting will be on the 18th, due to the library closing on Veterans' day, the 11th. Featured speaker will be BRCWRT member Chris Godart. The Gettysburg performance of Confederate General Richard Stoddard Ewell, one of Prince William County's notable Civil War figures, will be discussed. Chris will have some historical surprises for you.

Please come on out for an enjoyable evening with friends and be ready to be enlightened on what really happened to Gen Ewell at Gettysburg. Take care and I'll see you on the 18th.

AFTER ACTION REPORT OF THE BULL RUN RAILROAD BRIDGE BATTLEFIELD TOUR (Fairfax County Section)

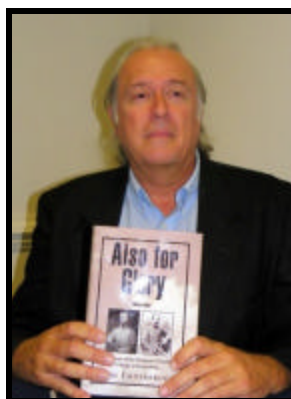
By John P. McAnaw

Saturday morning 16 October 2010, was a near perfect day for a field trip to the scene of severe fighting that occurred along Bull Run on 27 August 1862, vicinity the Orange & Alexandria Railroad Bridge. The walking tour covered only that part of the contested area located in Fairfax County.

Virtually the entire tour was conducted in forested terrain rich in Civil War history. While the focus of the tour was on sites associated with events of 27 August 1862, other historic sites were also included. Tour stops included the following:

1. Mill Site and mill race of John Detwiler on Johnny Moore Creek. Built in 1860's.
2. Likely axis of advance of Confederate infantry from Archer's Brigade up Johnny Moore Creek.
3. Historic road trace running along north side of ridge from Bull Run to vicinity Union Mills Station on the O&A Railroad.
4. Site of Civil War bridge over Bull Run at confluence with Johnny Moore Creek.
5. Ford site vicinity above confluence.
6. Original abutment (on or about 1851) of O&A Railroad Bridge over Bull Run. Confederates burned bridge on 27 August 1862.
7. Site of Union blockhouse overlooking Bull Run Railroad Bridge built by 170th New York Infantry in Nov.-Dec. 1863 timeframe.
8. Breastwork protecting Union blockhouse undoubtedly built by 170 NY.
9. First defensive position of 12th Ohio Infantry overlooking Bull Run Bridge.
- 10.-12. Location of subsequent delaying positions of 12th Ohio and part of 11th Ohio.
- 13.-14. Possible location of Ft. Hays north of O&A Railroad.

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**A special thanks to
our October speaker,
Don Ernsberger.**

Photo by Janet Greentree



MOSBY DOCUMENTARY BEING FILMED IN FAIRFAX COUNTY Working the Details Part IX

By Chuck Mauro

Over the past couple of weeks, we have shown the first ten minutes of "Mosby's Combat Operations in Fairfax County, Virginia" to three different audiences. This viewing has given us a chance to see how the audience reacts to what we've done. The reaction has been good!

It also gives us a chance see what works and what doesn't and to go back and make minor changes based on what we've seen – take this picture out, replace that one, shorten or lengthen the use of others, etc. Turns out we are using 325 historical drawings and photos to illustrate the stories in addition to the on-site filming so it's good to stand back and review it so we can rework portions to make the documentary better.

As of this writing, the first thirty-five minutes of this ninety-minute documentary are complete. We are hoping to have the rest completed in early November. Then we'll add sound effects and send the whole thing off to David Rubenstein for a soundtrack. We are striving to have it done by the end of the year so we can host a premiere, and everyone else can see what we've done.

CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE ONE LONE CIVIL WAR GENERAL IN NEW MEXICO

By Janet Greentree

Ms. Rebelle and her sister, both being retired, have been bitten by the travel bug. Our latest trip at the end of September was to New Mexico and Colorado. The main purpose of the trip was to see the beautiful golden aspens in color in Colorado. Along the way though, there had to be a stop to find the only Civil War general buried in the whole state of New Mexico – Union Brigadier General Gustavus Adolphus Smith.



General Smith was born December 26, 1820, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After living in the states of Maryland and Ohio, he settled in Decatur, Illinois. His occupation before the war was that of a carriage manufacturer. After Fort Sumter, Smith was one of the first to volunteer in Illinois. On September 1, 1861, he became the colonel of the 35th Illinois Infantry. Smith was severely wounded at the Battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas. His horse was

shot from under him, a bullet struck the sword he held in his hand, his belt was shot off, he received a shot in the shoulder, and a piece of shrapnel struck his head giving him a skull fracture. He was carried off the field thought to be mortally wounded. He did recover, however, but his wounds were not fully healed until 1868.

Smith was commissioned a brigadier general in September, 1862 but was unable to fight in the field so the commission expired. Later he was given a brevet brigadier general rank in February, 1865, for commanding the 155th Illinois. His unit guarded the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroads.

After the war in 1870, Smith was the collector of internal revenue in New Mexico, a job given to him by his friend President Grant. Smith died in Santa Fe, New Mexico on December 11, 1885. He was originally buried in Fairview Cemetery in Santa Fe but was reinterred at the Santa Fe National Cemetery. His tombstone says "Colonel G. A. Smith, Illinois."

I must say I like national cemeteries. All of the cemeteries have clearly marked sections and all the stones are numbered. At the entrance, there is usually a book noting where each man is buried as well. This brings the total to 314 Civil War generals graves that I have located and photographed in my travels.



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MARK KNOWLES IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL
OR ADDRESS CHANGE!**

See newsletter mailer on Page 8 or call Mark at
703.787.9811.

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

10-12 Nov – Special display of the original Emancipation Proclamation at the National Archives, Constitution Ave. and Ninth St. NW in downtown DC. Part of the “Discovering the Civil War” exhibit. Free. Call 202-357-5000, or link to www.archives.gov/calendar.

13 Nov – Civil War author’s day at the Gray Ghost Vineyards, 14706 Lee Highway, Amissville (west of Warrenton). 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. For more information link to www.grayghostvineyards.com.

13 Nov – “Basement to Attic Tours of Liberia Plantation” in Manassas. See the former Confederate and Union headquarters from top to bottom. 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. \$15. For Reservations and details call 703-368-1873.

14 Nov – “The Battle of Fort Stevens,” at Ft. Stevens, 13th and Quackenbos St. NW, DC. 1 p.m. Free. Call 202-426-7723, or link to www.nps.gov/cwdw.

14 Nov – Walking tour of Freedman’s Farm and Confederate winter campsite at Montpelier, the home of James Madison near Orange, VA. 2 p.m. Site admission applies. Call 540-672-2728 or www.montpelier.org.

19 Nov – Coin launch. US Mint’s new \$1 Lincoln coin will be launched at President Lincoln’s cottage, at Upshur Street and Rock Creek Church Road. 10 a.m. Limited parking. For information, www.lincolncottage.org.

20 Nov – Symposium, “The Civil War: Fresh Perspectives,” at the National Archives on Constitution Ave. For more information call 202-357-5000.

20 Nov – Bus tour of the Antietam Battlefield sponsored by the Mosby Heritage Area. Leaves Atoka, VA at 8 a.m. Price includes tour and box lunch. \$95. For reservations link to www.mosbyheritagearea.org or call 540-687-6681.

20 Nov – “Brompton Grounds” a rare opening of this historic area of Marye’s Heights in Fredericksburg. 10:30 a.m. – noon. Free. Link to www.nps.gov/frsp.

20 Nov – Lectures, “Years of Anguish: The Coming Storm” noted speakers discuss the topic at the Fredericksburg Baptist Church, 1019 Princess Anne St. Fredericksburg. 1-5 p.m. Free.

20 Nov – Lecture, “The War Years in Fairfax, 1861-62, Part II” at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. 2 p.m. Free. Call 703-591-0560.

20 Nov – Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremony. Annual event with living history and speakers plus evening illumination at the Soldier’s National Cemetery. Parade begins at 1 p.m. Free. For information, call 717-259-6156.

21 Nov – Designing the Defenses of Washington at Fort Totten, 4807 Fort Totten Drive NE, Washington DC. Learn about the designers and builders of the Washington fortification system. 1 p.m. Free. Call 202-426-7723 or www.nps.gov/cwdw.

28 Nov – “Through the Ages,” at Fort Foote, 8915 Fort Foote Road, in Fort Washington MD. Learn about the evolution of the Washington defenses. 1 p.m. Free. www.nps.gov/cwdw or call 202-426-7723.

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The following BRCWRT members participated in the tour: Blake Myers, John McAnaw, Ed Wenzel, Pat McGinty, Tom Jones, John Pearson, and Dale Maschino.

My thanks for all their interest and input. It was an enjoyable tour.



Above: East end of Bull Run Railroad Bridge. Below: Near Fort Hays. Photos by Tom Jones





NOVEMBER 1860

By Nancy Anwyll

The result of the presidential election on November 6, 1860, was a victory for Republican Abraham Lincoln from Illinois and Hannibal Hamlin from Maine. Inauguration day would be almost four months from the day of the election, and it was not long before events took on a life of their own.



On hearing the results of the election, Charleston, South Carolina, raised the Palmetto Flag. South Carolina senators resigned from the United States Senate on November 13, and the South Carolina state legislature called for a convention to be held on December 17 to consider the question of secession. In addition the South Carolina legislature resolved to raise 10,000 volunteers to defend the state. Following South Carolina's lead, the Georgia state legislature on November 18 voted funds to arm its state.

President James Buchanan called a meeting of his Cabinet on November 9. Despite each member contributing to the discussion, the Cabinet and President could not decide on what to do.

Fairfax County showed its support for staying in the Union by overwhelmingly voting for John Bell. However, there also was strong support for the pro-southern views of John C. Breckinridge. Bell of the Constitutional Union Party received 807 votes, and Breckinridge of the Southern Democratic Party received 685 votes. Stephen

Douglas received 91 votes, and Lincoln, who was not on any Virginia ballot, received 24 votes.

Because voters were expected to announce their voting decisions to people who stood outside polling places, Fairfax County citizens knew who voted for whom. There were displays of anger. One Lincoln supporter was chased by a small group from the steps of Fairfax Court House and was caught. After blackening the victim's face with ink, the angry group put the Lincoln supporter on his horse and sent him on his way home.

Prince William County election results were similar to Fairfax's with the exception that there were more votes for Lincoln. Lincoln received 55 votes, all of them from residents of the town of Occoquan, which counted among its residents several Quakers and those who owned and worked for mills in the town. In Fauquier County, Breckinridge won the most votes, and Lincoln received only one vote. That vote for Lincoln was cast by Henry Dixon who lived south of Salem (today's town of Marshall); Dixon later was killed in a street duel after the Civil War. In Loudoun County, Bell received the most votes, and Lincoln received eleven votes, all of which came from the communities of Lovettsville, Waterford, and Purcellville, which had a majority of German and Quaker residents.

On November 29, Thanksgiving was celebrated in several states and cities. In many churches of Washington, D. C., sermons referred to the political condition of the country and expressed Union-loving sentiments. On the same day, Virginia Governor Letcher in Richmond proclaimed the official election results for Virginia: nine electors for Bell and six for Breckinridge.


Source:
Civil War Day by Day, E. B. Long
Civil War in Fairfax County, Charles V. Mauro, p. 19
A County Divided, Eugene Scheel, <http://www.loudounhistory.org>
New York Times Archives, November 1860




...SPEAKING OF ELECTIONS

Nominations for 2011 BRCWRT Executive Committee Officers can be made from the floor at our November meeting.

Election of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary will be held at the general membership meeting on Dec. 9.

<p>Bull Run Civil War Roundtable (BRCWRT)</p> <p>Fundraiser to Support Civil War Land Preservation Trust</p> <p>Framed Triple Mat Print - 21.5" x 34" "The Fighting 69th" By Mort Kunstler</p> <p>Gen. Meager and the Irish Brigade at Fredericksburg, VA December 2, 1862</p> <p>Donation \$10 per ticket Drawing : BRCWRT Meeting December 9, 2010</p>	 <p>Checks payable to BRCWRT Info Call (703) 978-8265</p>	<p>Fundraiser to Support Civil War Land Preservation Trust Print "The Fighting 69th" by Mort Kunstler</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Do not have to be present to win.</p>
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BRCWRT FUNDRAISER

HELP PURCHASE THE 10 SACRED ACRES NEAR DEEP CUT AT 2ND MANASSAS BATTLEFIELD



Please purchase a raffle ticket for the Mort Kunstler print, "THE FIGHTING 69TH," General Meager and the Irish Brigade, Fredericksburg Virginia, December 2, 1862.

Donation \$10 per ticket. Make check payable to BRCWRT and mail to BRCWRT, c/o Mark Knowles, 169 Applegate Drive, Sterling, VA 20164. Proceeds to benefit the battlefield land purchase. The drawing will be held at the Copper Canyon Grill during dinner before the Thursday, Dec. 9th, meeting.

Please clip or copy one of the above tickets and mail with your check.

BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

The Stone Wall

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2011 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!

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