



## PAUL GILBERT SPEAKS ON HIS NEW BOOK "LEAD LIKE A GENERAL"

By Mark Trbovich

Please join me and welcome Paul Gilbert at our February meeting as he speaks on his new book "Lead Like A General." This book uses examples from the Civil War to illustrate modern leadership principles that can be applied to any endeavor in life. Paul is the executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA). He is also a historian and an expert on leadership who serves as an adjunct professor at George Mason University and on the Board of Regents at the School for Revenue Development and Management at Oglebay. Paul holds a bachelor's degree from St. Andrews University, a master's degree from George Mason University, and a certificate of executive education in leadership through the Wharton School of Business.

As the executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, Paul is the lead on this innovative public authority with up to 1,000 employees and nearly 11,000 acres of park land. He has been in leadership roles in governmental, nonprofit and private sector organizations. He has served on the governance boards of six organizations.

NVRPA has several Civil War sites under its authority, and Paul will give a brief update on some of the following:

- Ball's Bluff Battlefield
- Blackburn's Ford
- Upton's Hill
- W&OD
- Aldie Mill
- Mt. Zion Church - Gilbert's Corner property where part of the Mosby/Forbes skirmish took place
- White's Ford - where most of Lee's army crossed on the way to South Mountain and Antietam
- Bull Run/Occoquan Trail (18 miles) with numerous Civil War camps and forts

Paul will have his book at the meeting for purchase. As a special bonus to BRCWRT members attending, he will give each family a free DVD on the latest documentary on the NVRPA's Civil War sites narrated by Roger Mudd. As always, stop by before the meeting at 5:00 p.m. to meet Paul Gilbert at the Copper Canyon Grill across Route 29 from the Centreville library and have dinner with him and other BRCWRT members.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012

7:00 P.M. Centreville Library

### GUEST SPEAKER:

Paul Gilbert

### TOPIC:

Lead Like A General

## IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE MEMBERSHIP!



Please bring a check or cash to the Feb. 9 meeting or use the mailer on page 12. Membership is the best bargain around! Great speakers, excellent topics, exciting Civil War tours, preservation, informative newsletters and great fellowship.

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## BRCWRT BOOK DONATIONS



Please remember to bring your  
unwanted Civil War books to our meet-  
ings to aid in our ongoing book event.  
Besides raising money for the BRCWRT, these books in-  
crease our members' understanding of the Civil War.  
Thank you.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**MARCH 8**

**SPEAKER:**

**Robert Alton**

**TOPIC:**

**Confederate Blockade of  
the Potomac River 1862**

**APRIL 12**

**SPEAKER:**

**John V. Quarstein**

**TOPIC:**

**The Battle of the USS Monitor and  
the CSS Virginia (formerly USS  
Merrimack)**

**MAY 10**

**SPEAKER:**

**Ed Bearss**

**TOPIC:**

**The Battle of Shiloh, April 1862**

The above monthly meetings are  
Civil War Sesquicentennial Events.



## The President's Column By Mark Trbovich

Well the holidays are over, and we are now in the Northern Virginia 2012 winter months, which are unpredictable for weather, as you well know. We were blessed weather-wise and also to hear E. B. Vandiver's excellent lecture on "The Civil War in Western Virginia in



Thanks E. B.

1861" at the January meeting. It was an outstanding PowerPoint presentation of slides, battle maps and knowledge of these rarely discussed fights in today's West Virginia. A full house learned an important theme that night, "West Virginia is a great place to visit but a rotten place to fight a Civil War battle," due to the mountains, hills and rainy 1861 weather. I for one really learned a lot and plan on visiting those sites in the future. Thank

you, E.B., for putting this presentation together and sharing it with your fellow BRCWRT members and guests.

Please remember that February is again a BRCWRT membership drive month. We encourage everyone to renew your membership for 2012. This can be easily done at the meeting or by mailing the application on the last page of the newsletter to our Treasurer Mark Knowles. Our membership dues haven't changed since 2009. Remember, you need to be a 2012 member to continue to receive our outstanding newsletter. I encourage everyone to sign up and also spread the word to your family and friends that the Civil War Trust's 2011 Civil War Round Table of the Year is the place to be in 2012. I personally want to reach out this year to our younger members and potential members to get them interested in our Northern Virginia Civil War history and round table as they are the future of this organization. Please bring young adults to the meetings this year, and we'll be so happy to show them why historic preservation and education is vital to our precious battlefields and for our cause to carry on in the future. We all have some young adults in our lives that may be interested in what us "older" folks are doing at the BRCWRT every second Thursday of the month. You never know what impact the BRCWRT may have on them.

Our 2012 BRCWRT speakers schedule has been completed. We look forward to another great 2012 Civil War Sesquicentennial commemoration line-up of battles, both local and out West, and two Naval actions which will get us all "salty" this year. We look to increase our BRCWRT tours this year too. See page four for our first of 2012, and stay tuned for updates at our meetings, newsletter and outstanding Web site for more information.

I want to again thank my officers and executive committee for supporting me for another term and mak-

ing this wonderful organization such a success. The Battle of Chantilly/Ox Hill will be the signature event in September 2012 among other events throughout the year in Fairfax County. You can bet we will be a part of them all. As we stated in 2011, and now again in 2012, this is your time to shine, embrace the Sesquicentennial, volunteer or attend the numerous events and do all you can to make it memorable for you and your family.

In closing, please feel free to contact me at any time. I will make every attempt to get back with you promptly. It is my honor to again serve you this year, and I look forward to another successful Civil War Sesquicentennial Year. Together and united, we are the Bull Run Civil War Round Table. Launching new initiatives has made us the Civil War education and preservation leader in the area.

God Bless all of you.



Thanks to Deanna Bailey and Sandy Iasiello for those wonderful Christmas refreshments and to Nancy Anwyll for her assistance.

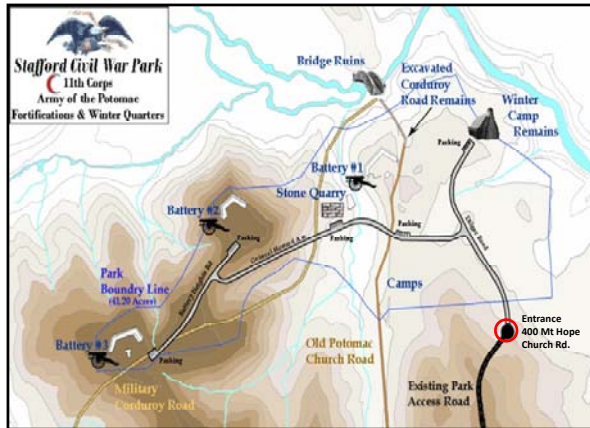
Thanks to our President, Mark Trbovich, for his excellent presentation in December on the Battle of Dranesville, Virginia.



Photos by Janet Greentree



## STAFFORD CIVIL WAR PARK SITE TOUR & WHITE OAK CIVIL WAR MUSEUM SAT., MARCH 17



By Sandra Cox

During the morning portion of our Saturday, March 17 tour, the BRCWRT has a wonderful opportunity to see a project in the works in Stafford County. The planned Stafford Civil War Park includes the remains of:

- Three Class A Union artillery battery fortifications. One has a block house.
- Army of the Potomac's 11<sup>th</sup> Corps, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Division winter quarters encampment, dug-in hut and tent site remains
- Existing rifle pits on the perimeter
- A late 1700 sandstone quarry
- Pre-Civil War sandstone bridge ruin
- Multi-sections of actual corduroy roads built by Union soldiers and engineers. Our tour guide says they are the best he has ever seen.

Our tour guide will be Glenn Trimmer, Director of the Friends of Stafford Civil War Sites. The FSCWS is leading the effort to open to the public a truly unique treasure of the American Civil War. The Stafford Civil War Park will be the first ever historical park to focus specifically on the winter encampments of over 130,000 Union soldiers in Stafford County during the winter and spring of 1862 and 1863, a period aptly described by many historians and even soldiers of the time as the "Valley Forge" of the Civil War.

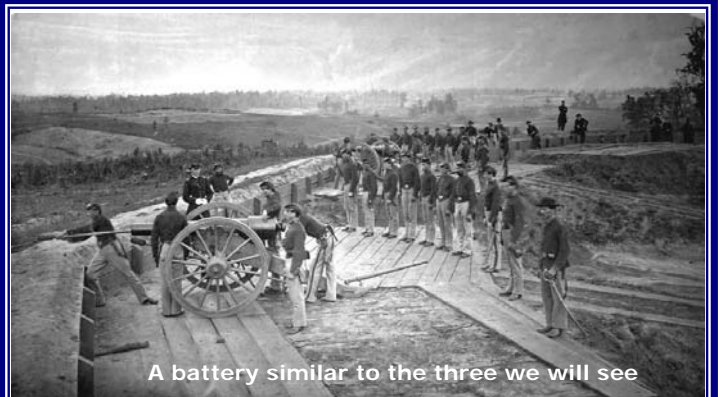
The March 17 tour date was selected with the hopes of viewing these sites before tree leaves are out and ground growth emerges. D.P. Newton, owner of the White Oak Civil War Museum in Stafford County and FSCWS president says, "During the winter, from the highest point, you can see all the way to the Stafford Courthouse."

The FSCWS is endeavoring to raise nearly one million dollars to complete the park. Fundraising is underway and a minimal morning tour cost of \$15 per person will go towards that end.

After lunch we will visit the White Oak Civil War

Museum just a short 15 minute drive from the project site. (<http://www.whiteoakmuseum.com/>)

Please see the tour specifics below for more pertinent information.



### BRCWRT Tour—Saturday, March 17 Stafford Civil War Park Project & White Oak Civil War Museum

**FAIRFAX ASSEMBLY POINT:** 7:45 A.M. with 8:00 A.M. departure. Meet in parking lot in front of McDonald's at University Mall, intersection of Ox Road (Route 123) and Braddock Road (Route 620). Note: Just east of I-95 on Courthouse Road in Stafford is a McDonald's for refreshments and restrooms.

**STAFFORD ASSEMBLY & A.M. TOUR LOCATION:** 9:00 A.M. at 400 Mount Hope Church Road, Stafford, VA 22554. No restroom facilities.

**TOUR DURATION:** 9:15 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

**DEGREE OF EXERTION:** We will be walking approximately 2 miles during the course of the tour to incorporate the sites.

**COST: A.M. TOUR** \$15 per person and is tax-deductible. Cash or checks made payable to FSCWS, a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization, will be collected before the tour at the park site. **P.M. TOUR** White Oak Civil War Museum—\$4 adults, \$2 seniors. The White Oak Civil War Museum is at 985 White Oak Road, Falmouth, VA 22412 about 15 minutes from the park site.

**LUNCH:** Brown bag lunch or nearby fast food. Information will be provided at a later date.

**TOUR GUIDE:** Glenn Trimmer, Director, Friends of Stafford Civil War Sites. **TOUR CONTACT:** Sandra Cox, 703.675.0702 or [scox@capitalav.com](mailto:scox@capitalav.com).

**SIGN UP AND CANCELLATION:** Sign up at the February meeting or on-line. If you sign up and can't make the tour, please don't be a "no-show." Cancel with Sandra, or if you signed up on-line, cancel on-line as tour participation is limited.

# 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 [fsainc@netzero.net](mailto:fsainc@netzero.net).*

**5 Feb** – Lecture, "The Army of Northern Virginia in 1862," at the Gettysburg NMP visitor center. 1:30 p.m. Free. For info go to [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett).

**9 Feb** – Lecture, "Longstreet's Attack and the Struggle For Chinn Ridge," by author and historian Scott Patchen, at the Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas. 7:00 p.m. Free (Donations welcomed). For information call 703-792-4754.

**11 Feb** – Lecture, "The Dawn of Microbiology and the American Civil War," at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, MD. 2 p.m. Free with Museum admission. Call 301-695-1864 or go to [www.civilwarmed.org](http://www.civilwarmed.org).

**15 Feb** – Lecture, "The Union Secret Service and Signal Services in MD, 1861-1865," at the Carroll Community College in Westminster. 7 p.m. \$25. Registration, call 410-386 8100.

**18 Feb** – Living History, "Cavaliers, Courage and Coffee," tales from the Mosby Heritage Area at the old Quaker Meetinghouse, 18204 Lincoln Rd., Lincoln, VA (Loudoun County near Purcellville.) 7:30 p.m. \$5. For information go to [www.mosbyheritagearea.org](http://www.mosbyheritagearea.org).

**23 Feb**—Lecture, "Diamonds, Education, Emancipation, and Race: The Family of Silas Omohundro" by historian Emmanuel Dabney, at the Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas. 7:00 p.m. Free (Donations welcomed)

**25 Feb** – Lecture, "Women in War: Cornelia Peake McDonald," at the Historic Blenheim Plantation House, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. 2 p.m. Free. For information call 703-591-0506.

**25 Feb** – Civil War Ball, "Sesquicentennial Soiree," at the George Washington Hotel in Winchester. Diner and Dance benefits the Old Court House Civil War Museum. For details and registration call 540-542-1145 or go to [www.civilwarmuseum.org](http://www.civilwarmuseum.org).

**25 Feb** – Lecture, "Outfitting the Army for War, CS and US Infantry Accoutrements of 1861 and 1862," at the Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$10 (includes lunch). For information call 703-792-4754.

**25 Feb** – Lecture, "Harriet Tubman – Meet the Amazing Woman," at the Surratt House Museum in Clinton, MD. 4:00 p.m. Free. For info go to [www.surratt.org](http://www.surratt.org).

**25 Feb** – Civil War Recruiting Day at Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site. Now that the Civil War Sesquicentennial commemoration is underway, here's your chance to get involved firsthand! Learn more about portraying the lives of persons who experienced the War at Fort Ward's "Recruiting Day." Find out about this fun hobby on Saturday Feb 25, when Fort Ward's "Recruiting Day" gives you the chance to explore Civil War reenacting. Between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., soldiers and civilians of the 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Regular Infantry, Company K, will be on hand to talk about a soldier's uniform and equipment, demonstrate drills, and explain the roles of military and civilian reenactors. Visitors can also inquire about how to join local reenactment units and learn what kind of clothing and equipment a novice reenactor requires. Admission is free. The snow date is Saturday March 3. Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site is located at 4301 West Braddock Road.

**26 Feb** – Author talk "Stratagem 1861," at the Manassas Museum. 2 p.m. Free. [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org).

**3 Mar** – Conference, "1862 Valley Campaign," at Shenandoah University in Winchester. \$20. More info, registration, go to [www.shenandoahatwar.org](http://www.shenandoahatwar.org).

**3 Mar** – Lecture, "Confederate Blockade of the Potomac," at the Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas. 7p.m. Free (Donations welcome). For information call 703-792-4754.

**4 Mar** – Bus tour, "Politics and Society in Civil War Richmond," A Smithsonian tour with Ed Bearss. Leaves Washington at 7 a.m. \$175. For information, go to: [www.residentassociates.org](http://www.residentassociates.org). (click on study tours)

**4 Mar** – "Basement to Attic Tour" of Liberia Plantation Civil War Headquarters in Manassas. 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. \$15. For reservations call 703-368-1873.

**6 Mar** – Lecture, "Artillery in the Civil War," at the Carroll Community College in Westminster. 6:30 p.m. \$35. Registration, call 410-386 8100.

**7 Mar** – Lecture, "D.H. Hill and the Confederate Withdrawal From Northern Virginia," at Mt. Zion Church, 40309 John Mosby Highway (Rt. 50) Aldie. 7 p.m. \$5. For info go to [www.mosbyheritagearea.org](http://www.mosbyheritagearea.org).

**8 Mar**—Lecture, "Confederate Blockade of the Potomac." From the fall of 1861 to the winter of 1862, Confederate forces based in eastern Prince William County blocked water traffic along the Potomac River to disrupt ship traffic supplying Washington. The lecture will focus on the military actions along the river and the lives of the soldiers and civilians in the area along the Potomac. Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Avenue, Manassas. 7:00 p.m. Free (Donations welcomed). For information call 703-792-4754.





## FEBRUARY 1862

By Nancy Anwyll

**Events further from the local area** saw more Confederate losses than Union losses.

**Feb. 7**, after being bombarded by Union gunboats for over an hour, Fort Henry was surrendered to Union forces.

**Feb. 8**, Union Gen. Ambrose Burnside on Roanoke, Island in North Carolina forced the surrender of troops under Confederate Col. H. M. Shaw.

**Feb. 16** Fort Donelson was surrendered by General Simon Buckner to Union General U. S. Grant.

**Feb. 21**, Confederate BG H. H. Sibley defeated Col. E.R.S. Canby's troops at Valverde, New Mexico.

**Feb. 24**, Union forces under Gen. Don Carlos Buell took over Nashville, Tenn. after Confederates evacuated the city the previous day.

**Feb. 27**, the new U.S.S. Monitor left New York for sea trials and an unknown destination.

**Nearer to northern Virginia**, skirmishes, promotions, funerals, and theatre offerings were key events.

**Feb. 7**, an expedition by the 5<sup>th</sup> PA Cavalry from Freedom Hill confronted pickets at Flint Hill, Hunter's Mills, and Fairfax Court House. Casualties were: two Confederates and one Union trooper killed, 3 Confederates wounded, and 13 Confederates captured.

**Feb. 12**, Pvt. Mosby was ordered by BG Jeb Stuart to escort two young ladies from Fairfax Court House to a house near Frying Pan. It is assumed by many historians that these women were Laura Ratcliffe and Antonia Ford. After Mosby dropped off the two women, he returned to Centreville and reported to Stuart at the Grigsby House where he slept on the floor. After returning to his camp, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. No doubt his promotion was due less for his seeing two women safely from Fairfax Courthouse to Frying Pan and more to his prior scouting work for Stuart and Gen. William E. "Grumble" Jones.

**Feb. 12**, the log Mozart Theater with a seating capacity of 1500, built by the 40<sup>th</sup> NY of Gen. John Sedgwick's brigade stationed near Franconia and

**US Army General  
John Sedgwick 1813-1864**



Telegraph Roads, had its first performance. Ground floor seats sold for 25 cents, balcony seats were 50 cents, and box seats were \$5.00.

**Mid Feb.**, the Confederate military railroad built between Manassas and Centreville began moving supplies and troops to the camps in and around Centreville.

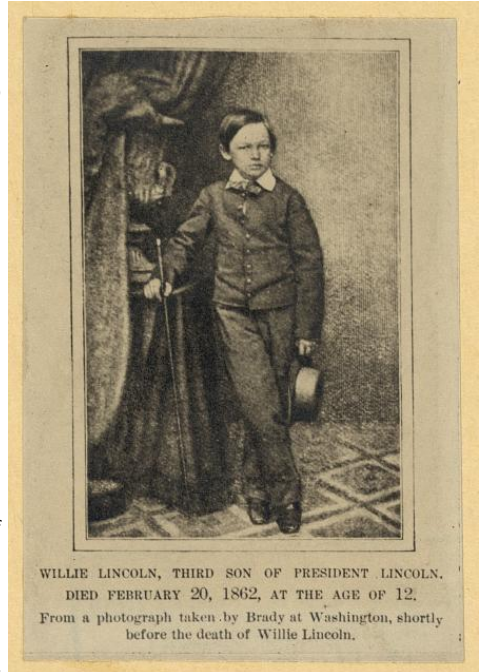
**Feb. 22**, Richmond, the capitol of the Confederate States, in a day of pouring rain, inaugurated Jefferson Davis as President. The capitol of the northern states, Washington, D.C., celebrated George Washington's birthday by ringing bells and firing salutes from the Navy Yard and Arsenal. Guns in the forts circling the city echoed the booming throughout the day. The expected illumination of the city was dampened in respect for the death two days earlier of a favorite son in the President's family.

**Feb. 24**, the funeral of William (Willie) Wallace Lincoln, second son of the President and his wife, Mary, was held in the Green Room of the White House. Willie Lincoln died on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at the age of 12, due to typhoid which historians now believe Willie got from the drinking water at the Executive residence.

**Feb. 24**, a small affair occurred at Lewis Chapel near Colchester, south of Pohick Church, VA. Besides a Union loss of two killed and one wounded, nearby telegraph lines were cut.

**Feb. 28**, President Davis wrote Gen. Joseph Johnston, who was headquartered in Centreville, that he was aware of federal troops concentrating in Johnston's front. In Washington, President Lincoln talked with Gen. McClellan about the Union army's failure to march to Harpers Ferry as planned. He was told the pontoon boats that were planned for bridges at Harpers Ferry could not be moved from Washington because the boats were too wide for the canal locks.

Sources: Photos from Library of Congress; *Civil War Day By Day*, by Long; *Mirror of War* by Stepp and Hill; *Fairfax Civil War Chronology*, unpublished manuscript, by Ed Wenzel.





## BATTLE OF CEDAR MOUNTAIN 150<sup>th</sup> Weekends August 3-5, 9-12, 2012



**Battle of Cedar Mountain, August 9, 1862, "Charge of Crawford's Brigade," Currier & Ives, New York**

The Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield are planning two weekends of varied and unique activities to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Cedar Mountain.

In the sweltering heat of August 9, 1862, Confederate forces under the command of Major General "Stonewall" Jackson CSA collided with Union troops commanded by the infamous Major General John Pope USA. Initially Union soldiers broke through a gap in the Confederate line. In an effort to restore order Jackson rode into the melee and attempted to draw his sword which was rusted in the scabbard. Undaunted, he waved the scabbard in one hand and a Confederate flag in the other and assured his men, "Jackson is with you!"

The surprised soldiers rallied behind "Old Jack." But the timely arrival of Culpeper native Major General A. P. Hill CSA turned the tide of the battle and sealed the Confederate victory. Casualties totaled 1,418 Confederate and 2,403 Union.

### **Dr. James Robertson to speak August 4**

Dr. James Robertson is a legend and one of the most distinguished names in Civil War history. A nationally acclaimed teacher and lecturer, he has written or edited two dozen books on the Civil War era. His award-winning biography of "Stonewall" Jackson was hailed as "a book every student of the war should read and every chronicler should emulate."

In addition, he penned the definitive biography of A. P. Hill, *General A. P. Hill, the Story of a Confederate Warrior*. There is no scholar more imminently qualified to discuss the personality conflict between Hill and Jackson that erupted during the Cedar Mountain campaign. So make plans now to hear Dr. Robertson elaborate on the hearts and souls of these two talented generals whose every encounter caused sparks to fly. Yet they cooperated on the battlefield to win Confederate

victories.

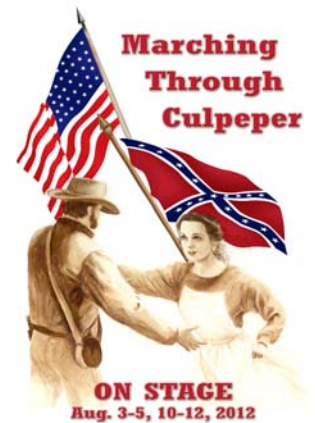
Dr. Robertson will speak at a barbecue buffet beginning 12:30 p.m. in the arena of the historic and scenic Inn at Kelly's Ford, 16589 Edwards Shop Rd., Remington, VA 22734-1877, [www.innatkellysford.com](http://www.innatkellysford.com). Following his lecture Dr. Robertson will sign copies of his newest book, *The Untold Civil War*. Other activities include a cavalry demonstration, artillery demonstration, and hayride tours of Kelly's Ford, the most heavily used ford of the Civil War. Silent auction items will be offered for sale to benefit the Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield. Tickets are \$40—mail checks to FCMB, PO Box 1853, Culpeper, VA 22701.

### **150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration on the battlefield August 9, 2012**

8:00 p.m. Historians Frank Walker and Nick Picerno will give overviews of the turning tide of the battle at sunset and the plight of the 10<sup>th</sup> Maine when trapped in the wheat field as Confederate forces surged forward. Following a night artillery demonstration, a candle lighting ceremony will give participants the opportunity to honor their ancestors on both sides by name. Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs. A \$10 per vehicle parking fee will be charged.

### **Performing for Preservation**

Most singularly, the Culpeper community is coming together to bring the story of the "most marched across county" to the stage. Members of the Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield, the Brandy Station Foundation, the Germanna Colonies Foundation, Stage Works, the State Theater Foundation and the Culpeper County Schools are working together to produce a multimedia stage production of Virginia Morton's popular Civil War novel, *Marching through Culpeper*. Original music by Rod Stone of Anacortes, Washington and award winning Culpeper gospel singer Octavia Yates will be featured. The purpose of this nonprofit endeavor is to raise funds for battlefield preservation in Culpeper County.



Six performances of this story of "love across the battle lines" are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 3, 4, 10, and 11 and 2:30 p.m. Aug. 5, and 12 at Eastern View High School, 16332 Cyclone Way, Culpeper, VA 22701. Advance purchase tickets—adults \$18, under age 18 \$9, at the door—\$20 and \$10, no credit cards.

See [www.marchingthroughculpeperonstage.com](http://www.marchingthroughculpeperonstage.com) for details and other 150<sup>th</sup> activities including tours and living history interpretations of the battle's aftermath in historic downtown Culpeper.

## BOTH SIDES TOUR VIII

Lee's Maryland Campaign of 150 Years Ago  
**Saturday, April 28, 2012**  
 Sponsored by the Franconia Museum

Visit the site of "Stonewall" Jackson's bombardment that aided in the fall of Harpers Ferry. See a current residence that was constructed from the bricks of the destroyed United States Arsenal two years after the war. Spend the afternoon at Sharpsburg/Antietam, where Union and Confederate forces clashed on the bloodiest day in U.S. military history. View all stages of the battle starting with the initial Union charge, the carnage at Bloody Lane, the standoff at Burnside Bridge and the arrival of troops on the right flank that saved the Confederates from total defeat after the Union breakthrough.

Start the day at 8:00 a.m. with coffee and donuts at the Franconia Museum. Board a comfortable restroom equipped motor coach for the trip to a local historic site and then head west to Harper's Ferry to visit Schoolhouse Ridge and historic Alta Vista, now the site of the restored house and a working dairy farm. Enjoy lunch at Ryan's Buffet in Martinsburg, WV and then head for Sharpsburg/Antietam in Maryland. Hear vignettes about the war along the way.

After lunch, we'll stop at a little-known site in Williamsport, Maryland, where Jackson crossed the Potomac River en route to Harpers Ferry, and where Lee crossed the following year on his way to Gettysburg and on his retreat back to Virginia. The site is along the C&O Canal and only a very short walk from the bus.



Alta Vista

At Alta Vista, you'll meet a modern day family who helps produce the milk you buy at the store. Learn how the milk gets from the cows to your table. Hear about the original building and current restoration of the house.

Cost: \$100 per person includes bus ride, buffet lunch (including gratuity) and a snack card to spend on the way home, as well as all entrance fees.

Contact Don Hakenson at 703-971-4984 or dhakenson@cox.net; Carl Sell at 703-971-4716 or sellcarl@aol.com; or Ben Trittipoe at 703-530-0829 or btrittipoe@verizon.net.

## CIVIL WAR ARCHAEOLOGY SYMPOSIUM

**Saturday,  
 March 31, 2012**

**James Lee  
 Community  
 Center –  
 Falls Church, VA**



The Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology (FOFA) announces its spring symposium! This year's symposium will feature presentations on a wide range of Civil War archaeology that's been done in our region.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Stephen Potter, who will present "Antietam and the Archaeology of Tactics." As the National Park Service's National Capital Region chief archaeologist, Dr. Potter oversees archaeology done at NPS parks in parts of Virginia, Maryland, and D.C.

Some of the other presentations will be: Dr. Bernard Means on the Virtual Creation Unit at VCU, which renders artifacts as 3-D images; Kerri Holland's "4th Month, No Money, No Rations, No Pants, No Patriotism: Metal Detector Investigations at the Blenheim Estate in Fairfax City"; and Jo Balicki and Dr. Liz Crowell's "Fortifying, Fighting, and Foraging: The American Civil War in Fairfax County, Virginia."

The cost is FREE! No advance registration necessary, but we do recommend you arrive promptly at 9:00 am to get a seat. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Symposium starts at 9:30 am and concludes at 4:00 p.m. Lunch is on your own. Visit our Web site [www.fofa.us](http://www.fofa.us) or find us on Facebook for more info as March 31 draws nearer.

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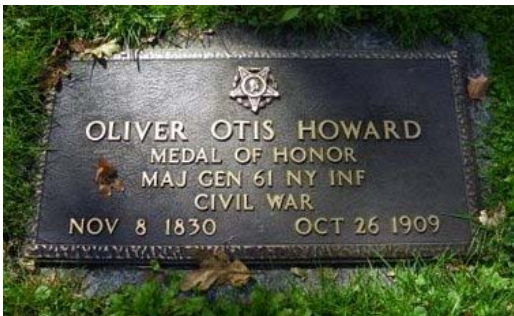


## CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE UNION GEN. OLIVER OTIS HOWARD

By Janet Greentree

This past October, after leaving the beautiful state of Maine and the coastal town of Bar Harbor, Ms. Rebelle and her sister drove into New Hampshire getting to see their first view of the peak of the fall foliage. We travelled Route 26 north from Maine to Errol, NH through Grafton Notch, Umbagog State Park, then took Route 16 south along the Androscoggin River, through Pinkham Notch, to Conway, NH. At Conway we went west along Route 112, the Kancamagus Highway, to Lincoln, NH. Now you know I would have to find some Civil War reference in the towns we visited. It's always a toss-up as to whether you pick the right time to see the peak of the fall foliage, but we did luck out driving through New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York. I would seriously recommend that route for the sheer beauty of the countryside. The leg from Conway to Lincoln was my absolute favorite of the trip.

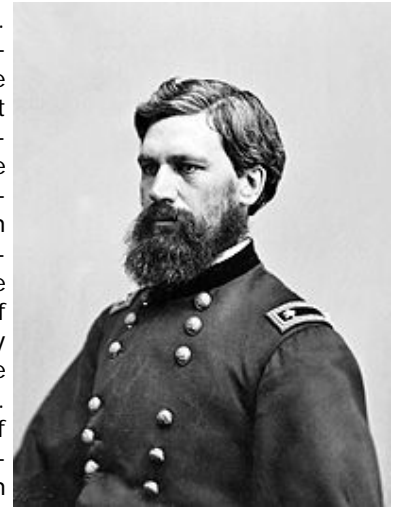
From Lincoln, we headed west through Vermont stopping in Montpelier for the grave for General Stephen Thomas before ending up in Burlington, Vermont. Burlington fronts on Lake Champlain. General Oliver Otis Howard, USA, is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Pine Grove Section 1, Lot 40. The cemetery also fronts on Lake Champlain. Ms. Rebelle, armed with her map showing the sites of the three generals buried there, found General Howard very illusive to find. His main marker is flat to the ground. He does have a small elevated marker, and after driving around the relatively small cemetery at least 3-4 times, we finally found Howard's grave.



The other two Union generals buried there are George Jerrison Stannard who has a statue, and Williams Wells who has a big rock on his grave. I love the easy to find ones!

Howard was born in Leeds, Maine on November 8, 1830. His father was a farmer and died when Oliver was only 9 years old. Howard graduated from Bowdoin College in 1850 at the age of 19. He then went to West Point and graduated fourth in his class of 46 in 1854. Other illustrious graduates of that class included James Deshler, Archibald Gracie, Jr., Custis Lee, Stephen Dill Lee, John Pegram, William Dorsey Pender, Thomas H. Ruger, J.E.B. Stuart, John Bordenave Villepique, and Stephen Weed. He was commissioned a brevet second lieutenant of ordnance. His first assignments were at

Watervliet Arsenal near Troy, NY, and then he was a temporary commander of Kennebec Arsenal in Augusta, ME. During the Seminole wars he was sent to Florida where he converted to evangelical Christianity. Howard seriously considered resigning from the Army to be a minister but when the Civil War began, he remained in the Army. One of his nicknames was the "Christian general." At the beginning of the Civil War, he was appointed colonel of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maine Infantry and saw action at the First Battle of Bull Run. He was given the rank of brigadier general on September 2, 1861. He then joined General McClellan in the Peninsula Campaign.



While commanding his brigade at Fair Oaks on June 1, 1862, Howard was wounded twice in his right arm. The arm had to be amputated. Thirty-one years later he would receive the Medal of Honor for his bravery at Fair Oaks. His citation reads: *"Led the 61<sup>st</sup> New York Infantry in a charge in which he was twice severely wounded in the right arm, necessitating amputation."* His friend, General Philip Kearny, who had lost his left arm, joked that both of them would be able to shop for gloves together. Howard recovered and was promoted to major general in November, 1862, commanding the XI Corps replacing General Franz Sigel. Many of the corps were German, spoke no English, and were resentful of their new general. At the battle of Chancellorsville, Howard earned another nickname "Uh-Oh Howard" for letting "Stonewall" Jackson flank him after being warned by General Hooker. Although Howard was the senior general at Gettysburg, Hancock was assigned field command over him after the death of John Reynolds on July 1, 1863.

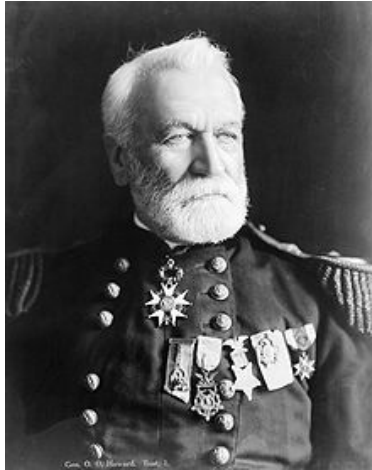
After Gettysburg, Howard's corps was transferred to the Army of the Cumberland in Tennessee. His corps fought in the Battle of Chattanooga, Missionary Ridge, and forced the retreat of General Braxton Bragg. Howard led the right wing of General William Tecumseh Sherman's March to the Sea.

When the Civil War ended, Howard became commissioner of the Freedman's Bureau playing a major role in Reconstruction. He initiated programs for rations, courts, schooling, and medical care for the former slaves of the South. In 1867 he played a major role in founding Howard University in Washington, D.C. He served as president of the university from 1869-1874.

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In 1874 he was sent to the Department of the Columbia in Fort Vancouver, Washington where he fought the Nez Perce and Chief Joseph. (Ms. Rebelle went to Fort Vancouver in 2008 and saw his quarters there on Officer's Row. The house was built in 1878 to Howard's specifications at a cost of \$6,938.20.) Howard was also superintendent of West Point from 1881-82, served as Commander of the Department of the Platte from 1882-84, and the Department of the East at Fort Columbus on Governors Island, New York Harbor which became his last assignment. He retired from the Army in 1894 with the rank of major general. In 1895 he founded the Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee for education of the "mountain whites."



Howard post-war

Tributes to General Howard include a bust of him at Howard University, an equestrian statue on East Cemetery Hill in Gettysburg, a dormitory named for him at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, Howard High School of Technology in Wilmington, Delaware, Howard County in Nebraska, and the Howard School of Academics and Technology in Chattanooga.

General Howard is also the author of several books: *Donald's School Days (1878)*, *Nez Perce Joseph (1881)*, *General Taylor (1892)*, *Isabella of Castile (1894)*, *Fighting for Humanity, or Camp and Quarterdeck (1898)*, *Autobiography (1907)*, and *My Life and Experiences among Our Hostile Indians (1907)*. The general died in Burlington, Vermont on October 26, 1909.

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## VOLUNTEERS & DOCENTS NEEDED FOR STUART- MOSBY CIVIL WAR CALVARY MUSEUM



Submitted by Don Hakenson

The Stuart-Mosby Civil War Cavalry Museum is seeking individuals interested in volunteering at the museum who possess a true love for telling the story of the history of The War Between The States. The museum officially opened on October 22, 2011 and is located at 13938 Braddock Road, Centreville, Virginia 20120, in the Centreville Historic District just down the street from the Mt. Gilead Centerville Church.

The museum is currently open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Sundays 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Mondays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The museum is looking for volunteers to share a shift on any of these three days; and also any individuals having Stuart-Mosby artifacts they are willing to display on a "loan" basis. Anyone interested in applying as a volunteer, please contact Don Hakenson via email at [dhakenson@cox.net](mailto:dhakenson@cox.net) to let him know of your interest in the museum and what days and hours you may be available to volunteer.

The museum is an exciting new opportunity to tell the true story of the American Civil War and of the various cavalry leaders, including General Jeb Stuart and Colonel John Singleton Mosby, who became Confederate legends for their heroic deeds performed during that sanguinary four-year period. If you are unable to volunteer but are interested in donating money to the overall operations of the museum, we want to remind everyone that the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization. Please send checks made out to the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society to Janet L. Greentree, 5405 Midship Court, Burke, VA. 22015. Make sure that you indicate in the memo section of the check that the money is to be used for the Cavalry Museum.

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## THE BOOK CORNER



By Ralph G. Swanson

It must have been an unsettling, even terrifying, time in America in early 1861. A minority candidate many feared was a secret abolitionist had been elected president. South Carolina had seceded from our Union and more southern states made ready to follow. A confused and irresolute President Buchanan resided in Washington while rumors of conspiracies to seize the national capital abounded. Worse, violent conflict was simmering in Charleston Harbor. Would there be civil war, or was peaceful separation possible? Maury Klein takes us back through those troubling times in his outstanding history *Days of Defiance: Sumter, Secession and the Coming of the Civil War* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1997).

This is not the dry, boring reading so typical of other "causes of the Civil War" books. Klein has us on scene in Washington, Montgomery, and, especially, in Charleston, where the action is and the key personalities struggle to understand, much less control, events. You will feel the tension build with Klein's well researched and suspenseful writing worthy of the best modern mystery novels.

With South Carolina's vote to leave the Union in December 1860, the real issue confronting our nation shifted from slavery to that of secession. Long threatened by disgruntled states over the decades, southern states were now actually preparing a separate national government on our continent. A maelstrom of confusing issues—compromises over slavery, the right of secession, and the risk of a shooting war—all confronted and confounded our beleaguered President Buchanan. Closeted in the Executive Mansion and beset by demands on all sides, he wanted only to finish his term and go home before his nation came apart at the seams.

Withal, the focus of the crisis was in Charleston Harbor, where South Carolina forces prepared to capture a ring of Federal forts. The military situation there, seemingly insignificant, was nevertheless symbolic. The harbor forts were mostly unoccupied and all unfinished. Major Robert Anderson commanded hardly more than a caretaker force. Klein relates with clarity and detail the military situation facing Anderson and why his shift of forces to Sumter in the dead of night was at once so inflammatory and yet the best move possible in a deteriorating political and military situation. The strain of those days must have broken Anderson. He never again held important command, even though he rose to the rank of Major General before the war ended.

A serious reassessment of James Buchanan is in order. Klein does not stint on his recounting of Presidential timidity and vacillation. There was abundant confusion, mis-information and even disloyalty in the Executive Mansion. Under pressure from all sides, including his

General-in-Chief Scott, to cave in to South Carolina demands regarding Ft. Sumter, Buchanan alone made the final and determined decision: Ft. Sumter would not be surrendered; it would be reinforced. That decision set the entire course of future events, leaving Lincoln in the strongest possible negotiating position in the crisis to follow. President Buchanan heard all the conflicting advice, then made the final decision. We can ask no more of our Presidents. I, for one, am through disparaging President Buchanan.

Not so for Senator William H. Seward. As (merely) Secretary of State-designee he meddled without portfolio in a most irresponsible manner. His unfailingly incorrect speculations actively undermined two Presidents and did great disservice to his country in these early days of the secession crisis. In fairness, his time would come. He became Lincoln's most loyal and valuable counselor.

Poor Fort Sumter was a mess after the bombardment and surrender. Before the war was over it would be a rubble pile. In some respects the restored fort we visit today, clean and clipped, is misleading. We need *Days of Defiance*, with its outstanding period photographs of the surrendered fort, to show the real story. We need Klein's thorough scholarship and terrific narrative to sort out the events and personalities of this tense and critical period in our history. There is no more exciting book on the shelf right now to continue our sesquicentennial reading.

Until next time, keep reading.

*Note: The Book Corner welcomes your comments, and especially your recommendations at [renataralph@gmail.com](mailto:renataralph@gmail.com). Ralph is a BRCWRT member who resides in Orem, UT.*



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