



Stone Wall

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NPS HISTORIAN EDWARD SANDERS & AUTHOR/PAST BRCWRT PRESIDENT SCOTT PATCHEN TO SPEAK THIS SUMMER

By Mark Trbovich

The Seven Days Battles around Richmond, Virginia, in June 1862 were a tremendous struggle for both the Federal's attack on the Confederate Capitol and the Confederate's defending with a new general in command, General Robert E. Lee. The BRCWRT is so fortunate to have a NPS historian come up from the Richmond battlefields to speak on June 14th, this Sesquicentennial month, about the battles and prior to our June 30th tour to Gaines' Mill, Glendale and Malvern Hill Battlefields.

Ed Sanders is a park ranger in the Interpretive Division of Richmond National Battlefield Park. He also serves as a historic weapons instructor for the National Park Service, specializing in 19th century artillery. He started working at Richmond National Battlefield Park in the early 1980's as a volunteer for the Living History program while still in high school. During college, he continued on as a seasonal employee and was hired full-time upon graduation. Ed was born overseas while his father served at a United States Consulate and was raised in Virginia. He, his wife and daughter enjoy traveling and visiting historical sites. June 14th is the date so put that on your calendars.

We will be heading into our August 2012 Sesquicentennial Anniversary month of the Battle of 2nd Manassas with our own Scott Patchan at the July 12 meeting. His expertise on the Battle of 2nd Manassas makes this lecture one you won't want to miss. The fight on Chinn Ridge was a pivotal point of the battle, and the Federal struggle against Longstreet's overwhelming attack on their left is a story for the ages.

Scott is a veteran Civil War battlefield guide and historian, is the author of *Shenandoah Summer: The 1864 Valley Campaign* (2009), *The Forgotten Fury: The Battle of Piedmont, Virginia* (1996), and *The Last Battle of Winchester* (2012). He also served as a research consultant and contributing writer for Time-Life's *Voices of the Civil War*. Scott has twice served as president of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table and is a much sought after tour guide for both Revolutionary and Civil War battlefields and historic sites. He has also written four feature essays for *Blue and Gray Magazine* on the 1864 Valley Campaign and worked on two more on the Second Manassas Campaign as well as dozens of articles for

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, June 14, 2012

7:00 P.M. Centreville Library

GUEST SPEAKER:

EDWARD SANDERS

TOPIC:

**The Seven Days Battles
Around Richmond
1862**

other historical publications. Born in Cleveland, Ohio and a graduate of James Madison University, he currently resides with his family in Haymarket, Virginia.

Make it a point to come on out in June to meet Ed Sanders and in July to welcome Scott Patchan back to the BRCWRT where he served so well. Join us at the Copper Canyon Grill (across Route 29 from the library) at 5:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m. at the Centreville Library. What a special summer we have on tap for you.



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crease our members' understanding of the Civil War.
Thank you.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

JULY 12

SPEAKER:

Scott Patchan

TOPIC:

**2nd Manassas: Longstreet's
Attack and the Struggle for
Chinn Ridge**

AUGUST 9

SPEAKER:

John Hennessy

TOPIC:

**The Battle of 2nd Manassas
August 1862**

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The President's Column By Mark Trbovich

Summer is almost here, and the Civil War activities around the region are heating up. We are so pleased to have two BRCWRT tours this month: one of the Balls Bluff battlefield on June 16 and one of Gaines' Mill, Glendale, and Malvern Hill on June 30. I encourage everyone to get out there and participate and also to drink lots of water. We remember the extreme heat during the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of 1st Manassas/Bull Run and how it melted all of us.

Thank you again for all who helped and supported our May BRCWRT 21st Anniversary lecture which was truly an outstanding event. For our Ed Bearss' lecture on the Battle of Shiloh, I was amazed to see a completely packed house but everyone had a seat! That was amazing, and I want to thank all who came out to set up those chairs on every inch of the room to make it happen. What a special night it was as Ed gave us a wonderful account of the Shiloh campaign leading up to the battle and the breakdown of the action of the battle itself. If you didn't know anything about Shiloh previously, you certainly do now. One thing I came away with was Ed's advice to all of us during the lecture: "If you want to really learn a battle of the Civil War, you must walk the battlefield to truly understand it." Great advice from our living legend historian and a lesson for all of us to achieve when we visit the battlefields around us and in other states. Thank you, Ed, for an outstanding and informative lecture on the Battle of Shiloh, "the Gettysburg of the West," and for spending our BRCWRT 21st Anniversary with us. Happy 89th Birthday to you and many more!

I want to also thank everyone who worked on our 2012 Membership campaign. We have passed our total for 2011 and are climbing. Having over 220 members is an excellent achievement for all of us, and we will welcome more as the year progresses. Spread the word to your family and friends, younger members and potential members, that the BRCWRT is the place to be.

As we have been discussing for the past months, the 2012 BRCWRT Executive Committee has voted to support a 2013 BRCWRT College Scholarship program for a high school senior heading to college to major in history. I want to thank our former President Nancy Anwyll and her team in leading the Scholarship Committee to select our future candidate. Reaching out to the community in many various ways is what helps create the vision of the BRCWRT today...making a path for future generations of Civil War historians, preservationists and enthusiasts. Please see Nancy's report on page 9.

I understand we had a great showing at the May 19 Centreville Library Days event. I want to thank all those who participated and want you to know how much the library appreciated your efforts that day. We truly

appreciate the Centreville Library for all of their help and support over the many years we have been attending our lectures there. Thank you, Centreville Regional Library, for the memories and the many more to come.

In closing, we have two great speakers and lectures coming up for June and July. I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy them as well as the camaraderie with the membership. Please be careful on vacation this year, and try to get some relaxation along the way. As always, Civil War events in the region will be announced at our meetings, through our e-mail account and newsletters. Stay in touch and enjoy the 1862/2012 Sesquicentennial Anniversary with your families and friends.

Let us never forget them and what they did for us. God Bless all of you.



HAPPY 21ST ANNIVERSARY TO THE BRCWRT

Top photo: Past Presidents John McAnaw, Nancy Anwyll, Dan Paterson and Keith Young with Ed Bearss and President Mark Trbovich; Right: Ed Bearss; Bottom: Sandy Iasiello and Deanna Bailey. Thanks Sandy and Deanna for those wonderful desserts. Photos by Janet Greentree

THANKS TO ONE AND ALL!

CIVIL WAR EXHIBITS IN OKLAHOMA CITY MUSEUMS

By Tim Duskin

During my recent visit to Oklahoma City, I learned more about the Civil War in the Indian Territory (later the State of Oklahoma) than I expected.

The Oklahoma History Center is operated by the Oklahoma Historical Society. The Kerr-McGee Gallery features an exhibit on the course of the Civil War in the Indian Territory. It gives details on the battles fought there as well as information about divided loyalties which shaped the course of events. The Five Civilized Tribes (the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole) and the Osage initially supported the Confederacy at the war's start because of their grievances with the Federal Government, principal among which was their previous forced removal to the Indian Territory, which became infamous as the "Trail of Tears." However, there were rival factions in most of these tribes which had been warring for decades. Some of these factions later took the Union side in order to use the war as a pretext to continue these rivalries. Uniforms, firearms, and other relics relating to Native American units on both sides of the war are featured.

There is a Union and Confederate Memorial Research Room in the museum which contains artifacts, relics, and paintings as well as research materials and is open by appointment only.

Another museum I visited in Oklahoma City was the 45th Infantry Division Museum. The Hall of Flags features exhibits about Oklahomans at war in the past two centuries. The Civil War exhibit contains a map showing the battle locations of the Civil War in the Indian Territory. It also contains some relics and rosters of those who fought on both sides.

The major highlight of the museum for me was the Reaves Military Weapons Collection. It is a very complete collection showing the development of American military firearms from the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam War. The section on the Civil War is by far the largest and one of the most complete and extensive exhibits of both Union and Confederate firearms that I have ever seen. One item there is the Mosby Cannon, which was used by Mosby's Rangers.



45th Infantry Division
Museum Photo

I also visited the American Banjo Museum, which contains a replica of a banjo owned by Joel W. Sweeney, whose brother Sampson ("Sam") Sweeney fought with the 2nd Virginia Cavalry and was attached to the staff of Major General J.E.B. Stuart. General information was included about the use of the banjo around the time of the Civil War.

Any Civil War enthusiast who is ever in the Oklahoma City area should visit these museums, especially the first two. They are well worth it.

CENTREVILLE REGIONAL LIBRARY TURNS 20



Photos and collage by Ken Jones

By Ken Jones

The Centreville Regional Library celebrated its 20th birthday on May 19 with a day of special activities at the library. There were numerous tables set up near the entrance with informational sessions and demonstrations.

But the most elaborate display that day was the one provided by the Bull Run Civil War Round Table. Some months ago, the library staff requested our help with the birthday celebration. A table with some literature and someone to answer questions would be great. But the gratitude our organization feels toward the library for its support over many years compelled us to step up in a big way. Immediately outgrowing the lobby area, we set up in the meeting room with five tables displaying sensational relics, a half dozen posters, a seven-foot map of Civil War sites surrounding Centreville, a re-enactor in uniform, and a running slide show of Civil War photographs. The most extensive of the relic collections displayed was that of John De Pue. His collection included three rifles with bayonets, a sword and scabbard, canteen, haversack, cartridge box, a cannon sponge and wad-screw, and his rarest possession, a soldier's blanket.

Given the delightful weather that kept many people outside that day, there were a fair number of library patrons that passed through and engaged our representatives in conversation. BRCWRT contributors and attendees were John De Pue, Charlie Balch, Jim Lewis, Bob Eldridge, Ed Wenzel, Mark Knowles, Tim Duskin, Ken Jones and Frank Beachem who is a Union re-enactor with the 4th U.S. Infantry, Sykes' Regulars.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



If you plan to attend an event, please verify the information given. Advance reservation and fees may apply. If you would like an event posted, please e-mail Dale Maschino at fsainc@netzero.net.

9 Jun – Car-caravan tour of the Port Republic Battlefield. Begins at Port Republic Museum, 8691 Water St., Port Republic, Virginia. 4 p.m. Free. For details, go to www.shenandoahatwar.org.

16 Jun – Boat tour, "Potomac River Blockade," includes surviving batteries that enforced the Confederate blockade (Sept. 1861 – Mar. 1862). 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$30 includes lunch. For reservations call 703-792-4754.

16 Jun - Living history/tours, "Rendezvous at Rector's Crossroads," a small-town view of the Civil War at the Rector House, 1461 Atoka Road, in Marshall, VA. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Info go to www.mosbyheritagearea.org.

23-24 Jun – "Under Fire: The Battle of Bolivar Heights 1862," at the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Firing Demos at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Free with park admission. For details go to www.nps.gov/hafe.

23-24 Jun – Living history, tours and more during Winchester's Civil War Weekend, Open house with living history camps plus free admission at the Stonewall Jackson Headquarters, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday. Book signings, special tours and more planned. Go to www.winchesterva.com.

24 Jun – Lecture, "Confederate Veterans of Fauquier County," at the Graffiti House in Brandy Station. 2 p.m. Free. Go to www.brandystationfoundation.org.

30 Jun - Grand re-opening of Arlington House, at the Robert E. Lee Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, following a six-year restoration. Living history, ranger talks, period dancing and more. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Opening may be delayed. Check website: www.nps.gov/arho.

1 July – "Celebrating the Glorious Fourth 1860" living history and ranger programs at the Harpers Ferry National Park. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free with park admission. Go to www.nps.gov/hafe.

6-8 July – Reenactment, "Battle of Gettysburg," big annual event with live fire mortar demos and battles each day. Go to www.gettysburgreenactment.org.

7-8 July – Battle anniversary programs at the Monocacy National Battlefield near Frederick. Living history, special tours and exhibits. Free. Go to www.nps.gov/mono.

14 July – Music, "Rally Round the Flag" Civil War Ceremony at the Ft. McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in Baltimore. 6 p.m. Free. For details go to www.nps.gov/fomc.

14-15 July – "Thunder on the Mountain," artillery demonstrations on South Mountain, Fox's Gap, Reno Monument Road. near Middletown. Firings at 11 a.m., 1 and 3

p.m. Saturday, 11 and 1 p.m. Sunday. Free.

21 July – Civil War hut construction at the site of a Confederate winter camp on the grounds of Montpelier, home of James Madison, near Orange. For info go to www.montpelier.org.

21-22 July – Anniversary commemoration of the Battle of First Manassas with history camps and demonstrations (10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday). Also included are special ranger talks and tours at the Manassas National Battlefield Park. Free with park admission. Go to www.nps.gov/mana.

27-28 July – Lecture/tour, "The Battle of Second Manassas," with John Hennessy. Lecture 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Hill School in Middleburg. Battlefield tour from the Rector House 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Talk and tour \$75. Go to www.mosbyheritagearea.org.

28 July – Lecture, "One of the Very Best Regiments – the 83 Pennsylvania Infantry Marches Off to War," at the Historic Blenheim Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Hwy., Fairfax. 2 p.m. Free.

29 July – Lecture, "The Potomac Frontier: The Mosby Heritage Area in the winter of 1861-62," at the Graffiti House in Brandy Station. 2-p.m. Free, donations welcome. Go to www.brandystationfoundation.org.

FREDERICKSBURG & SPOTSYLVANIA NATIONAL MILITARY PARK'S "HISTORY AT SUNSET" TOURS

Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

June 8: Fighting in the Streets. *Frank O'Reilly and Peter Maugle.* Meet at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, 1200 Caroline Street, in downtown Fredericksburg.

June 15: Falmouth-Occupied! *John Hennessy and Don Pfan.* Meet at historic Belmont, 224 Washington Street, Falmouth.

June 22: Voices and Footsteps: The Bloody Angle. *Beth Parnicza.* Meet at the McCoull House, Tour Stop 5, Spotsylvania Battlefield.

June 29: Lost Then Found: The Evolution and Reclamation of Fredericksburg's Sunken Road and Willis Hill. *Eric Mink.* Meet at the Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center.

July 6: Breakthrough! Prospect Hill. *Frank O'Reilly.* Meet at Prospect Hill, Tour Stop 6, South Lee Drive, Fredericksburg Battlefield.

July 13: Looting and Bombardment of Fredericksburg. *Frank O'Reilly and John Hennessy.* Meet at Market Square, corner Princess Anne and William Streets, in downtown Fredericksburg.

July 20: Stunned at Cedar Mountain. *Greg Mertz and Ray Brown.* Look for Cedar Mountain Battlefield sign at intersection of James Madison Highway (US 15) and General Winder Road (Route 657) in Culpeper County. Drive 0.2 mile on Route 657 to parking area.

July 27: Jackson at Moss Neck. *Frank O'Reilly.* Park along Burma Road (Route 766), off Route 17 in Caroline County, six miles east of New Post.

<http://www.nps.gov/frsp>

MOUNT DEFIANCE HISTORIC PRESERVATION EVENT



**Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell presents the ceremonial check for \$432,000 to Civil War Trust President James Lighthizer and Executive Director Paul Gilbert, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority as Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources Doug Domenech looks on.
Photo by Jenny Friedman**

By Jill Hilliard

"In a few years this commemoration [the 150th anniversary of the Civil War] will be over and people will go back to normal lives...It's important that we do something that is tangible...as a permanent legacy to the Sesquicentennial," said Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell at a press conference at the National Sporting Library and Museum in Middleburg, Virginia, on May 9, 2012, when he presented a ceremonial check for \$432,000 to James Lighthizer, president of the Civil War Trust (CWT), and Paul Gilbert, executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA). The check will go toward the purchase of Mount Defiance, a five-acre site that had a key role in the Civil War battle that took place there in Middleburg.

Virginia Director of Historic Resources Kathleen Kilpatrick was the emcee of the ceremony before a standing-room only audience. She named all the historic groups represented in the audience, including the Bull Run Civil War Round Table. Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources Doug Domenech commented on the educational, environmental, and economic benefits that come with historic preservation.

Governor McDonnell said, "By working together in partnership to set aside this hallowed ground, we are honoring the Commonwealth's past and simultaneously making an investment in its future." His goal is to preserve hundreds of acres of land while he is governor just as the former Governor Kaine was able to do during his term; he added that he is half way there in achieving this goal.

James Lighthizer mentioned that Virginia leads the nation in battlefield preservation and said, "Thanks

to the vision of the McDonnell administration and to the foresight of the legislature in Richmond, we are working together to insure that future generations will have an opportunity to visit these sites undisturbed by inappropriate modern intrusion." He also stated, "Our ongoing collaboration with the Commonwealth of Virginia is among the most fruitful partnerships in the annals of the historic preservation movement."

The TE (Transportation Enhancement) grant was awarded by Virginia Secretary of Transportation Sean Connaughton specifically to encourage enhanced tourism in support of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The CWT will raise the rest of the money to purchase the property. The CWT has arranged for over 32,000 acres of battlefields to be protected at 115 sites in 20 states. Childs Burden and his wife Elaine have given \$10,000 as a lead donation for the Mount Defiance property. When Mr. Burden learned that the property was up for sale, he told the Civil War Trust, the largest non-profit organization for Civil War battlefield preservation. He and his wife are residents of Middleburg; he is a former board member of the CWT.

Once the deal is closed, the property will be protected forever and will be turned over to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to become a regional park. This organization has under its jurisdiction 25 parks, recreational areas, and historic sites (11,000 acres) in the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun and in the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church. Paul Gilbert, a BRCWRT member, said, "We are so excited to be able to partner with the Civil War Trust and the Commonwealth of Virginia to preserve and interpret Mount Defiance. It will fit very well with some of the other Civil War sites that are owned and operated by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. We have Ball's Bluff, Blackburn's Ford, Mt. Zion, and Aldie Mill. We also have areas like the Bull Run Occoquan Trail and the W&OD Trail that both have tremendous Civil War significance." (BRCWRT members will remember that Paul spoke at the February 9, 2012 meeting on his book *Lead Like a General: Lessons for Today's Leaders from the Civil War*.)

After the announcement of the partnership, the members of the audience were invited to board buses for the "first-ever" tour of Mount Defiance. Two men teamed together to give the tour: one was Childs Burden and the other was Clark (Bud) Hall, who has worked so hard over the years in historic preservation. (Many of the BRCWRT members went on the tour of Brandy Station he gave in 2005.)

The property appeared to be in pristine condition. Three buildings there were present during the Civil War: the house-turned-tavern, the blacksmith's cottage, and a small blacksmith's shop. As the tour group walked past buildings and past three living historians

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dressed in Civil War uniforms (one being C.M. Piggott who is active at Ball's Bluff), participants could easily picture Civil War times.

Part of the property is in Fauquier County, and part is in Loudoun County. Participants were taken to the line on the property that divides the two counties. Two cannons, replicas of mountain howitzers, had been brought over for the event from Ball's Bluff. Ear plugs were offered. One cannon was fired (minus the cannon ball) by Holder Trumbo, chairman of the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors and the other cannon was fired by Janet Clark, the vice chairman of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.

One of the owners, Rick Collette, was present with his dog in the tour group. The previous owner, the late Rufus Humphrey, was a veterinarian who was often seen with his dog in town. His daughter Sandra Humphrey and his son-in-law Rick Collette, whose wife was the late Kathy Humphrey Collette, have agreed to sell the land to the CWT.

Near the blacksmith's home, the tour guides gave the story of this battle on the ridge. The battle at Brandy Station occurred on June 9, 1863, at the beginning of the Gettysburg Campaign. It was the largest cavalry battle of the Civil War. Gen. Alfred Pleasonton's Union cavalry was moving west to locate Lee. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia was marching through the Shenandoah Valley behind the Blue Ridge Mountains north to Maryland and Pennsylvania. Lee assigned Stuart's cavalry to screen his army. About a week after the battle at Brandy Station, the Confederate cavalry and the Union cavalry clashed at Aldie (June 17, 1863). The Confederates withdrew to Middleburg on June 19, 1863, where more fighting ensued.

The battle at Mount Defiance took place that day when J. Irvin Gregg's men drove Stuart and his cavalry one mile west of the town to this ridge. Stuart positioned horse artillery on the hill. Bud Hall said that the battle of Mount Defiance is "unique in ferocity. The Confederates had the hill Mount Defiance and the Federals wanted to take it. The intense man-to-man fighting for control of that hill is almost without equal as one of the most ferocious of the entire war." He also said the battles in Middleburg had even more casualties (1,500 - 2,000) than Brandy Station. Both sides mounted and dismounted, and there was hand-to-hand combat with pistols, carbine, and sabers. Stuart withdrew, and later came the battle of Upperville (June 21, 1863).

By withdrawing, the Confederates appeared to have lost, but they actually achieved their purpose of delaying the Union so that it could not go through the Blue Ridge and see that the Confederates were on their way to north. Gettysburg came shortly after the battles at Aldie, Middleburg, and Upperville.

According to Paul Gilbert, the NVRPA will be working with historical and re-enactor groups to have a

special weekend event in July 2013. NVRPA is thinking of a lecture at the Mt. Zion site on Friday, a cavalry re-enactment in Aldie on Saturday, and an artillery event at Mount Defiance and in Upperville on Sunday.

BRCWRT member Harriett Condon was also present at this event in Middleburg. She said, "I thought it was a beautiful event. We were so lucky to have the facility there to host it as well as the press coverage." Harriett is also on the boards of the Mosby Heritage Area and the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust; she is former president of Mt. Zion Preservation Association.

Another BRCWRT member present was Mike Block. When asked why he thought this Mount Defiance site will be a successful park, he commented, "The new park will be a boon to many diverse peoples. The history of events on Friday, June 19, 1863, in Middleburg is key to understanding what happened later during the Gettysburg Campaign so those who have a passion for the Civil War will comprehend the significance and importance of the new location. Having original structures, such as the blacksmith shop on the property and a portion of the original Zula Road will also appeal to a different set. A piece of cultural and transportation history of Fauquier and Loudoun counties has been saved. Finally, it is such a nice and peaceful surrounding that I can see families who just want a nice spot to bring their kids for a little outdoor fun. This property will become a destination for all." Mike also represented the Friends of Cedar Mountain and two 150th committees. (BRCWRT members will remember that Mike was the featured speaker on Brandy Station at the January 2010 meeting.)

The morning event in Middleburg was impressive with its tremendous collaboration of so many talented people, offices, groups and organizations. The whole presentation was a work of art.

Images of the roads, the peaceful Mount Defiance property, and the National Sporting Library and Museum with its antebellum home Vine Hill, and the bronze statue of the exhausted and starving Civil War horse, who is riderless, are sure to remain in the minds of those who participated at this event. Thanks, Paul Gilbert, for inviting the BRCWRT.



BRCWRT members recently enjoyed Fairfax Civil War Day at Blenheim. L to R: Nancy Anwyll, Gwen Wyttenbach, "Gen. Richard S. Ewell, CSA" (Chris Godart) and Janet Greentree with a Civil War balloon replica.

BRCWRT Tour

Highlights of The Seven Days Battles: Gaines' Mill, Glendale and Malvern Hill



Capture of Randol's Union Battery at Glendale, 30 June 1862

The Seven Days Battles was a series of six major engagements from June 25 to July 1, 1862. We will tour the three most important actions on the 150th anniversary of the Battle at Glendale. Highlights include a visit to the new Texas Brigade monument and following the route of the 4th TX in their decisive charge at Gaines' Mill.

DATE: Saturday 30 June 2012

ASSEMBLY LOCATION/TIME: If you want to carpool to the battlefield, meet at the Centreville Library parking lot -- we will depart at 7:30 AM sharp. If you choose to drive on your own, meet the group at the Mechanicsville McDonald's parking lot (7059 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Mechanicsville, VA) between 9:30 and 9:45. (Driving time from Centreville is about 2 hours).

TOUR DURATION: 9:30 AM until 6:30 PM (approximate return time to Centreville).

LUNCH: Brown bag or fast food options are available.

DEGREE OF EXERTION: We will walk all three battlefields. Approximately 2 hours at Gaines' Mill, 1 hour at Glendale (NPS led anniversary tour) and 1:30 at Malvern Hill. The Gaines' Mill walk includes steep inclines on a path across Boatswain's Swamp (following Hood's Texas Brigade). The other sites are easy walking.

SPECIAL: Wear a hat, bring water, insect repellent etc.

SIGN UP & CANCELLATION: Please sign up for the tour using the link on the BRCWRT home page. By signing up online you will be added to our e-mail distribution list for directions and notifications. If you sign up and can't make the tour, please don't be a "no-show." Cancel on line or with Kevin.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: We will send out a weather cancellation notice via e-mail the morning of the tour. If you do not have e-mail, please call Kevin Anastas for an update.

CHIEF TOUR GUIDE: Kevin Anastas Cell: (703) 431-2569. E-mail kka2@cox.net

BRCWRT TOUR

BALL'S BLUFF BATTLEFIELD



Retreat of the Federalists after the fight at Ball's Bluff, upper Potomac, Virginia (Library of Congress)

DATE: Saturday 16 June 2012

ASSEMBLY LOCATION & TIME:

7: 45 a.m. Centreville Library with an 8:00 a.m. car pool departure.

8:45 a.m. Sheetz — McDonald's Service Center, Route 15 Bypass & Edward's Ferry Road. [965 Edwards Ferry Rd, NE, Leesburg, VA 20176

SITES: Join us for this unique opportunity to tour Fort Evans and the Ball's Bluff Battlefield with Civil War Loudoun County noted authority, **Jim Morgan**. Visit one of the best preserved field fortifications in the State of Virginia. Carefully maintained by a corporate owner, Fort Evans, is ordinarily inaccessible to the public. Then on to Ball's Bluff Battlefield. Time permitting, we will explore either the "Masked Battery" field fortifications or those overlooking Route 7 and Goose Creek.

TOUR DURATION: 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

LUNCH: Brown bag or nearby fast food restaurant.

EXERTION: Moderate. Wear comfortable shoes. Optional walk down the steep embankment to the Potomac River.

SIGN UP & CANCELLATION: Please sign up for the tour using the link on the BRCWRT home page. A sign-up sheet will be passed at the June meeting. If you sign up and can't make the tour, please don't be a "no-show." Cancel on line or with John DePue.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: We will send out a weather cancellation notice via e-mail the morning of the tour. If you do not have e-mail, please call John DePue at (703) 791-3389.

BRCWRT TO GIVE \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP

By Nancy Anwyll

The BRCWRT Executive Committee voted in May to offer a \$1000 scholarship to a senior from the area who plans to use the study of Civil War history in his/her university major. The decision to fund the scholarship was announced to the general membership at the May 2012 meeting by President Mark Trbovich.

Several round tables in the country offer scholarships to high school graduates for the purpose of generating interest in the study of the Civil War among young adults. Because this will be the first effort for the BRCWRT in providing a scholarship, it voted to open the application process to three high schools. After the Executive Committee's evaluation of the first year's process, the round table may choose to expand the scholarship offer to more area high schools in 2013.

In October 2012 applications with directions will be distributed to high school seniors from Centreville, West Springfield, and Stonewall Jackson High Schools through the schools' social studies departments and on line from the BRCWRT Web site. Some requirements for applicants include: have good grades; take one or more Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or Honors courses in social studies and history; be recommended by an adult who knows of the applicant's interest in history; and write an essay on an assigned Civil War topic.

The winner will be announced in May of 2013 and will be invited to attend the June 2013 general membership meeting. President Mark Trbovich appointed Past President and Executive Committee member, Nancy Anwyll, to chair the scholarship committee. She is a retired high school social studies teacher and has served on scholarship committees. Other BRCWRT members include Rob Orrison, Executive Committee member, and Jill Hilliard, a retired high school English teacher.

STUART-MOSBY CIVIL WAR CAVALRY MUSEUM OFFICIAL OPENING JUNE 16

By Don Hakenson

Even though the museum has been open since October 2011, there has never been an official opening ceremony. The official opening of the Stuart-Mosby Civil War Cavalry Museum is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 16. Come visit the museum and help the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society celebrate its official opening in the Centreville Historic District. Refreshments and finger foods will be available throughout the day. If there are any questions concerning the event, please contact Don Hakenson at dhakenson@cox.net or at 703-971-4984. The museum is located on Braddock Road near Route 29 in the Centreville Historic District.

BATTLE OF CEDAR MOUNTAIN 150th 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 150th 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.

PERFORMING FOR PRESERVATION

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 for details and other 150th activities including tours and living history interpretations of the battle's aftermath in historic downtown Culpeper.

CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE Little Billy Mahone

By Janet Greentree



General Mahone's wife Otelia said of her 5'5", 100 pound husband when she heard he was wounded in the chest at Second Bull Run, "Now I know it is serious for William has no flesh whatsoever." Even one of his men said that "he was every inch a soldier, though there were not many inches of him." Another of his men said that he was "the sauciest little manikin imaginable and the oddest and daintiest little specimen" he ever saw. Mahone had his own wardrobe



putting comfort before military uniforms. On some occasions he wore a brown linen jacket with trousers to match, a large Panama hat, and sometimes a linen duster that was so long it covered up the tip of his sword. Pacing back and forth in his duster, his men said "he looked like the image of a bantam rooster or gamecock." He had long hair, deep blue eyes under bushy eyebrows, a small straight nose, and a huge mustache and beard. His voice was

high almost like a falsetto tenor. Can't you just see him? He also had dyspepsia so he couldn't eat anything but eggs, crackers, and fresh milk. He brought his own cow and chickens with him and hung all his cooking utensils on the cow's back. He has been said to have a lot of nervous energy, a quick temper, and cussing fits. He kept a flock of turkeys outside his tent. On Christmas day in 1862, two soldiers stole one of his turkeys. The perpetrators endured 39 lashes for their crime.

After first finding his grave in Blandford Church Cemetery many years before with the Boston Civil War Roundtable, the second interesting thing that I found about him was that he has a highway named for him called the General Mahone Highway, Route 460, south of Petersburg ending up in Suffolk, Virginia. The road is straight as an arrow, doesn't have much traffic, and goes through Virginia's peanut country and the Great Dismal Swamp if you want to bypass the Newport News and Norfolk areas. For me it was a shortcut to the NC beaches.

General Mahone was born December 1, 1826 in Monroe, Virginia, on the banks of the Nottoway River in Southampton County. The town is now called Courtland. He was the son of tavern keeper, Fielding Jordan Mahone, and his wife Martha Drew. Both of William's grandfathers were veterans of the War of 1812. Isn't it interesting how many of these Civil War generals have ancestral connections to earlier wars? Nat Turner's in-

surrection occurred in Southampton County in 1831, and William's father had a hand in quelling the insurrection. At age 17 in 1844, William was appointed a cadet at the newly opened Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia. He graduated 8th out of 12 cadets in his class in 1847 as a civil engineer. One of his teachers was Thomas J. (later "Stonewall") Jackson. After graduation he was a teacher at the Rappahannock Academy in Caroline County. He had a fascination for trains and was an engineer for the Orange and Alexandria Railroad. Later he was superintendent of the Norfolk and Petersburg Railroad. Using his engineering skills, he built a plank road between Fredericksburg and Gordonsville. While with the Norfolk and Petersburg Railroad, he designed a 12-mile long roadbed through the Great Dismal Swamp between South Norfolk and Suffolk. The roadbed had a long foundation laid at right angles beneath the surface of the swamp. This roadbed is still in use today. His 52-mile long track between Petersburg and Suffolk has no curves as well paralleling Route 460. He was also involved designing a beach community in Norfolk. The section is now called Ocean View.

General Mahone was a civilian in 1861 but worked a ruse capturing the Gosport Shipyard in Portsmouth. He was able to bluff the Union troops into abandoning the shipyard when he ran a single passenger train back and forth into Norfolk with much noise and whistle blowing creating the illusion that there were many troops arriving in Norfolk. The Union army retreated to Fortress Monroe. Mahone then accepted a commission as Lieutenant Colonel in the Confederate Army. He was promoted to brigadier general in November 1861. He fought in the Peninsula Campaign, the defenses around Drewry's Bluff, Seven Pines, Malvern Hill, Second Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, and Spotsylvania. Mahone was regarded as the hero of the Battle of the Crater. After Pennsylvania coal miners tunneled under the Confederate line blowing a huge crater in the Virginia landscape, Mahone repelled the attack. He was promoted to a major general at this point. He was also present with General Robert E. Lee at the Appomattox surrender.

After the surrender, General Mahone went back to his love, the railroads. He was president of three lines: the Norfolk and Petersburg, South Side, and the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad. He also lobbied the General Assembly to form the Atlantic, Mississippi & Ohio Railroad (AM&O). The abbreviation was said to stand for "all mine and Otelia's" (his wife). The Mahones rode the new railroad line naming the stops along the way Windsor, Waverly, Wakefield, Ivor, and lastly Disputanta. Since the Mahones couldn't agree on a name for the last stop, it was called Disputanta.

William and Otelia had thirteen children with only three reaching maturity. One of their former residences on South Sycamore Street in Petersburg is part

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of the Petersburg Public Library. Even though Gen. Mahone owned slaves during the war, he started the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute for the education of former slaves and black children. The school later became Virginia State University. He also started Central State Hospital in Dinwiddie County. He was active in political life for 30 years as a delegate to the Virginia General Assembly, mayor of Petersburg, leader of the Readjuster Party (group of Republicans, Democrats, and African-Americans seeking to reduce Virginia's pre-war debt), candidate for governor of Virginia losing to Democrat Phillip W. McKinney, and as a United States senator. Virginia continued to elect Democrats as governors until 1969 when Republican A. Linwood Holton, Jr. was elected. Mahone also worked on determining Virginia and West Virginia's share of debt from the Civil War. The case was finally settled in 1915 when the Supreme Court ruled that West Virginia owed Virginia \$12,393,929.50. The final payment was made to Virginia in 1939. A monument to the general's honor stands on the Petersburg Battlefield near the Crater. The inscription reads: "To the memory of William Mahone, Major General, CSA, a distinguished Confederate Commander, whose valor and strategy at the Battle of the Crater, July 30, 1864, won for himself and his gallant brigade undying fame."

Little Billy Mahone died of a massive stroke in Washington, D.C. on September 8, 1895, when he was 68. He is buried in a large mausoleum at Blandford Church Cemetery in Petersburg, Virginia. I'm going to have to add him to my list of people that would have been interesting to know in person. He sounds like quite a character.



EXCITING PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY EVENTS

Fireside Stories at Ben Lomond: Seven Days!

June 21 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., free, donations accepted, refreshments available for purchase, weather permitting

In the early summer of 1862, it looked like the Confederacy was on its last leg. However, newly appointed General of the Army of Northern Virginia, Robert E. Lee, changed that in seven bloody days in late June and early July. Join local historians to learn how this campaign changed Prince William County, the state of Virginia, and this country forever. Ben Lomond Historic Site, 10321 Sudley Manor Dr., Manassas, VA 20109; 703-367-7872

September Suspense: the Union Uncertain

June 28 7:00 p.m., free, donations accepted

Civil War historian and author Dennis Frye will take us

through the Campaign of 1862 from Harpers Ferry through the battle of Sharpsburg/Antietam. Dennis will introduce his newest published work on this subject and will hopefully have copies available at the lecture. Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Ave., Manassas, VA *More Information Contact: 703-792-4754*

Fireside Stories at Ben Lomond: Forgotten General, E. K. Smith

July 19 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., free, donations accepted, refreshments available for purchase, weather permitting

Nearly 150 years ago, General Edmund Kirby Smith led the first Confederate invasion of the autumn counter-offensive. From 1st Manassas (where he was wounded and carried to Ben Lomond) to leading the first Confederate army into Kentucky to eventually overseeing the Confederate war-effort West of the Mississippi, Smith had an important Civil War career. However, today he is almost forgotten. Join local historians as we explore the controversial life and career of E. Kirby Smith. Ben Lomond Historic Site, 10321 Sudley Manor Dr., Manassas, VA 20109; 703-367-7872

CONFEDERATES INVADE THE NORTH!

CAMPAIGN OF SECOND MANASSAS TO ANTIETAM TWO DAY BUS TOUR

August 4 - 5, 2012

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. first day; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. second day

\$325 per person: includes two-day tour, hotel accommodations and four meals
\$250 per person: includes two-day tour and three meals

Space is limited & reservations required. Tour will depart from Manassas, Va.

Join local historians for an exciting and in-depth, two-day tour covering Robert E. Lee's most brilliant campaign of the Civil War during early August through September 1862.



The tour covers sites such as: Jackson's Flank March, Bristoe Station, Manassas Junction, Manassas Battlefield, Ox Hill Battlefield, South Mountain Battlefield and Antietam Battlefield. Follow in the footsteps of history & learn about this important month of constant fighting in the American Civil War.

For more information and tour details, including guide bios, tour route and hotel information, contact:

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

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