

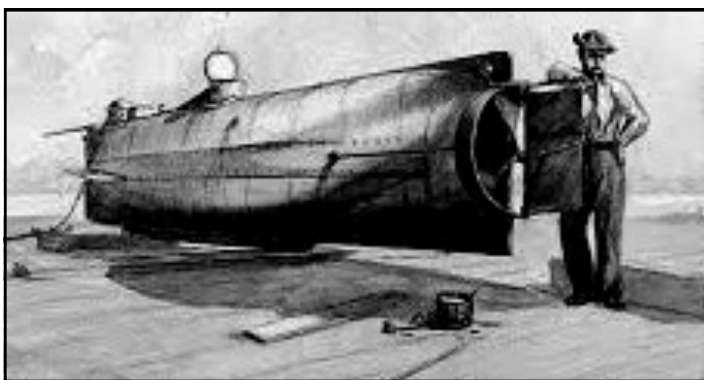


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DR. ROBERT NEYLAND TO SPEAK ON THE C.S.S. *HUNLEY* AT DECEMBER 12TH MEETING

By Mark Trbovich

The C.S.S. *H.L. Hunley* was a submarine of the Confederacy that played a small part in the Civil War but a large role in the history of naval warfare. The *Hunley* demonstrated both the advantages and the dangers of undersea warfare. She was the first combat submarine to sink an enemy warship and was lost at some point following that successful attack. The Confederacy lost 21 crewmen in the three sinkings of the *Hunley* that occurred during her short career.



C.S.S. *Hunley* — Sketch by R.G. Skerritt

What an excellent topic to end the year and to have such a distinguished guest speaker as Dr. Robert Neyland to present the *Hunley's* story.

Robert has been head of the Underwater Archaeology Branch, Naval History and Heritage Command since 1996 and has researched and overseen archaeological surveys for warships dating from the Revolutionary War, American

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

THURSDAY, December 12, 2013

7:00 P.M. Centreville Library

GUEST SPEAKER:

HISTORIAN DR. ROBERT NEYLAND

TOPIC:

**"C.S.S. *HUNLEY* - CIVIL WAR
SUBMARINE 1863/1864"**

THURSDAY, January 9, 2014

HISTORIAN ERIC BUCKLAND

**"MAJOR JOHN S. MOSBY: 1863
SUMMARY OF EVENTS"**

Civil War and World War II. He was Project Director for the recovery of the Confederate submarine *H.L. Hunley*, and oversaw all aspects of that project, including the boat's recovery and the creation of a state-of-the-art archaeological conservation laboratory in which to house the unique artifact.

Robert was also trained in archaeological conservation, has organized two conservation laboratories during his career, and has advised on numerous conservation projects. He was instrumental in developing preservation and management strategies for the U.S. Navy's 3,000 identified shipwrecks and 15,000 aircraft wrecks, as well as the drafting and implementation of the Sunken Military Craft Act - legislation protecting U.S. warships and war graves - signed into law in 2004. He is currently the archaeological principal investigator in the search for Captain John Paul Jones' warship *Bonhomme Richard*, sunk in the North Sea.

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Note: We are pleased that C-SPAN has chosen to video Dr. Robert Neyland's BRCWRT lecture for later broadcast; we have only 100 seats and 22 standing for a total capacity of 122. Please come early to get a seat and enjoy some holiday goodies before the meeting.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 9, 2014 - Eric Buckland - "Major John S. Mosby: 1863 Summary of Events"

February 13, 2014 - Edward Bonekemper - "How Grant Won and Lee Lost the Civil War"

March 3, 2014 - Scott Harris - "Battle of New Market, VA: May 1864"

April 10, 2014 - Al Smith - "Gettysburg 1938 Veterans Reunion"

May 8, 2014 - Ed Bearss - "Battles of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Courthouse: May 1864"

June 12, 2014 - Benjamin Cooling - "Battle of Fort Stevens: July 1864"

July 10, 2014 - NPS Ranger Robert Dunkerly - "Battle of Cold Harbor: June 1864"

August 14, 2014 - NPS Ranger Emmanuel Dabney - "Battle of the Crater/Petersburg: July 1864"

September 11, 2014 - Scott Patchen - "Sheridan at Opequon Creek: September 1864"

October 9, 2014 - James Price - "Battle of New Market Heights/Chaffin's Farm: September 1864"

November 13, 2014 - Gene Schmiel and Ron Mayer - "Citizen-General: Jacob Dolson Cox and the Civil War Era, Battle of Franklin, TN: November 1864"

December 18, 2014 - TBA

January 8, 2015 - John Coski - "Confederate Navy, James River Campaign: 1862/1865"

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The President's Column By Mark Trbovich

Bull Run Civil War Round Table Members,

The chill of winter is here, but we can feel warm and happy as we just celebrated Thanksgiving and Hanukkah, and look forward to enjoying Christmas. We look back on a great year at the Bull Run Civil War Round Table.

The December 12th meeting will again be a part of our 1863 Civil War Sesquicentennial Anniversary lectures series, as the submarine *C.S.S. Hunley* was being built in Charleston, S.C. in late 1863 before going into service in February 1864. We have the honor this month of hosting the former project director on the *Hunley* recovery to speak to us about this historic undertaking. We will also elect the BRCWRT's 2014 Board.

Please come out and vote, and make every effort to attend this Civil War Sesquicentennial anniversary month presentation.



NPS Historian Greg Mertz, the November speaker at the BRCWRT.

Photo by Gwen Wytenbach

Thank you so much to our November speaker, NPS Historian Greg Mertz, for his excellent presentation on the Mine Run campaign. I came out of the lecture knowing so much more about this action than I

did in the past. Greg laid out the campaign day by day, as well as the strategy (or lack of strategy) each side presented before heading into winter quarters for 1863/1864. Again, thank you Greg, for coming out to speak to us for the 4th time; it most definitely won't be the last. Greg's lecture ends the 150th (1863/2013) lecture se-

ries, and we now head into the 1864/2014 Sesquicentennial Anniversary event programs.

We are so happy to announce that our BRCWRT Facebook (FB) page was officially launched December 1st. Over 135 folks added (or "LIKED" us) to their list of Facebook contacts in just 3 days! Now is the time for you to "like" us yourself. If you haven't signed up already, type in <https://www.facebook.com/bullruncwrt> and hit "Like". You will receive real-time pictures of Civil War events, Civil War event updates and Civil War information, local and outside the state, that should enhance your Civil War experience and knowledge. For those of you who don't have access to the internet (or even a computer), do not worry. This excellent newsletter will never go away, and all important mass e-mails will go out via our webmaster Alan Day. Information will flow smoothly to you throughout the year. Please contact us if there are any issues with our correspondence to you.

Again, I want to thank Dennis Feldt for creating the site for us, and the Exec Committee for voting to move forward with this endeavor. We are not the first Civil War Round Table on FB, but I think in time we'll have quite a following, and expand our events and local history announcements to many around the world.

We are still recruiting new members, and we continue to welcome folks to our round table each month. Please keep spreading the word to your family and friends, younger folks and potential members, that the Bull Run Civil War Round Table is the Northern Virginia Civil War hub for information and preservation, and also a tremendous organization. Also, please renew your membership in December and get a jump on 2014.

We are now meeting at 5 p.m. for dinner at the Coyote Grill - 14101 St. Germain Dr., Centreville, VA (703) 815-0006 - prior to every meeting, at 5:00 p.m. If you can't make dinner, we'll see you at the library before 7:00 p.m. as we share fellowship at the library, buy some books and get ready for another excellent lecture. We're almost finished working on a new

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THE BOOK CORNER



By Ralph Swanson

We have read the histories, studied the battle maps and tramped the hallowed ground of Gettysburg, in our constant struggle to grasp the complexities of this preeminent battle of our Civil War. A final read will now conclude our summer coursework on advanced Gettysburg studies.

In *"The Gettysburg Nobody Knows"* (Oxford University Press, 1997), Gabor S. Boritt has edited nine chapters, prepared by veteran historians, probing both major and lesser-known issues surrounding the Battle of Gettysburg. Gabor Boritt retired in 2009 after a distinguished career as professor of Civil War Studies and Director of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College. He was author, co-author or editor of 16 books about Abraham Lincoln and the war. In 2008, he received the National Humanities Medal from President George W. Bush.

The deluge of analytical work available on Gettysburg is largely beyond those of us not engaged in building an entire career around Civil War scholarship. Book-length bibliographies and volumes of essays probe a myriad of historical questions about the battle. Boritt has prepared this thoroughly engaging work not as a summary or substitute for all that has come before, but as his offering to the already well-grounded student of the battle. By his title, Boritt does not mean "the trivial Gettysburg" or "the FAQ's of Gettysburg." He means to probe the truth of important, accepted facts, to test what we know, or think we know, about this tremendous and tragic military contest. His Introduction is among the most important chapters of the book and must not be skipped.

Contention over the roles, responsibilities and faults, both Union and Confederate, began almost before the gun smoke had settled over Cemetery Ridge. It continues today in our seemingly endless desire to interpret the battle and its implications for our history. In this, Boritt's work will refresh your knowledge and ex-

pand your expertise about Gettysburg. All of the main controversies are here for one final scrutiny: Colonel Joshua L. Chamberlain and the Union defense of Little Round Top; an analysis of Dick Ewell and the feasibility of pressing the attack at Cemetery Ridge on Day 1; Stuart's purported failures; and, of course, Pickett's Charge.

Any Gettysburg treatment must inevitably review the performances of Ewell and Stuart because they bore so directly on the tide of battle. The discussions of Chamberlain are probably new, he already being most familiar to us through the Ken Burns epic documentary. Regardless of whether he was where he said he was, or did what he said he did atop Little Round Top, Chamberlain was a gallant soldier deserving of all his accolades.

In their delightful chapter, "Gettysburg's Gettysburg: What the Battle Did to the Borough", J. Mathew Gallman and Susan Baker describe the civilian travails throughout the three days of battle, taking us far beyond the popular footnotes of Jennie Wade (civilian causality) and crusty old John Burns (civilian soldier).

In his important chapter placing Gettysburg into a context of the full war effort in 1863, "The Pennsylvania Gambit and the Gettysburg Splash", Richard M. McMurry offers a most sobering analysis that you simply will not find in other battle histories.

Our fascination with Gettysburg knows no end. One book is not nearly enough and 10 visits to the battlefield park are not too many. In the concluding chapter, Amy J. Kinsel ("From Turning Point to Peace Memorial: A Cultural Legacy") reminds us that the true legacy of Gettysburg must go beyond commemoration of the honored dead, the pageantry of battle, and the glorification of a reunited nation. It must always speak to the deeper meanings of the war - secession, state's rights and slavery - to our national future. "The Gettysburg Nobody Knows" is one of those few books that should be re-read about every five years.

Until next time, keep reading.

Note: The Book Corner invites comment on these critiques and, especially, your personal recommendations for other outstanding books on the Civil War. Comments are always welcome at: renataralph@gmail.com.

BATTLEFIELD DEER PROBLEMS

By Tim Duskin

The National Park Service (NPS) faces a problem of exploding deer population at Manassas National Battlefield Park, as well as at Antietam and Monocacy National Battlefields. The deer have congregated there because these parks are places where the animals cannot be hunted. It is estimated that there are 82 of them per square mile. NPS officials say that twenty per square mile “would be better supported by the surrounding area,” according to the Washington Post for August 30. The same newspaper also reported that, according to NPS officials at Manassas National Battlefield Park, “vegetation has waned, accidents on park roads are common and officials worry about the deer’s ability to carry Lyme disease.”

NPS officials are contemplating ways of reducing the deer populations at these three battlefield parks. While they acknowledge that the most effective way to reduce the population is to allow professional sharpshooters to hunt the deer, this has been ruled out because of the local uproar that was raised when this was allowed at Rock Creek Park in Washington, DC. Building huge fences and using chemical contraceptives are other options which the NPS is now weighing. Both rifle and bow hunting have been suggested, however.

The Washington Post for August 26 reported: “Jurisdictions elsewhere in Virginia, and across the country have responded by sponsoring hunts to reduce the deer’s numbers...”

On Conway Robinson State Forest, a 440-acre state-owned property adjacent to the Manassas battlefield, officials have conducted hunts for the past four seasons, said Terry Lasher of the Virginia Department of Forestry. Hunts are open to those who register and have the proper certification. About 30 deer have been

killed each year, he said.

“I thought it would take us about a decade to see some positive benefits from deer hunting,” Lasher said. But already shrubs are growing back and oaks and white pines, both adversely affected by the animals’ foraging, are healthier.

“When the state first proposed the idea, Lasher anticipated a lot of backlash. He scheduled meetings at the gated Heritage Hunt neighborhood, a 55-and-older community that abuts the state forest. He remembers one woman who came up to him on her way to a bridge tournament. He expected criticism, but she told him that deer had destroyed her garden and that she was fine with the idea. “The majority of the community was in favor of it,” Lasher said.

The Washington Post for August 30 also reported: “Mike Shepherd, 36, an avid hunter, said he is considering taking a petition to Congress on the issue. The park could charge hunters – who would be trained and certified – for a permit to hunt deer on battlefield land. The chance to hunt on historic ground where Civil War soldiers fought, as well as hunted for food, would be sought after by many,” Shepard was quoted as saying. “The park could use the money to improve the park and repair the damage the deer have done, (Shepard) said; it’s a better solution, than using taxpayer dollars.”

Shepard was quoted as adding, “Hunting is also a part of our nation’s history.”

Manassas National Battlefield Park officials are now accepting feedback from the public and plan to make a final decision next year.

Note: As well as the Washington Post, WJLA news for September 3 was another source used in the writing of this article.

Upcoming Speakers — (con’t from page 1)

Robert served as Chairman of the Advisory Council for Underwater Archaeology and was a member of the Board of Directors for the Society for Historical Archaeology from 2002-2005. He served on the State of Maryland Governor’s Council on Archaeology, as well as the State of Virginia’s burial task force. You don’t want to miss this lecture, so bring a friend and enjoy some holiday goodies prior to the meeting.

At the January meeting, we will hear from author and historian Eric Buckland, who has written several books about John S. Mosby, the famous colonel of the 43rd Battalion, Virginia Cavalry, whose method of operation was to make a quick strike and then melt into the local population, in order to make an equally swift get-away.

Buckland graduated from the University of Kentucky, following which he joined the U.S. Army, serving for 22 years. He spent his career in the Special Forces, as well as in several airborne divisions in Panama, Honduras and El Salvador. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1999. Even as a child, Buckland was interested in learning about Mosby, and his interest increased during his military service. The stories of the individual Rangers are of particular interest to Buckland.

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CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

Wyoming – More Civil War Connections

By Janet Greentree

General Frederick J. Steele of the 20th U.S. Infantry.

Steele was sent there to guard the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad from hostile Indians. The fort was first established on June 20, 1868 and was operational until August 7, 1886. It had a major impact on the Wyoming Territory, the railroad, and the Lincoln Highway (old Route 30) which goes from Time Square, New York to San Francisco, California. Colonel Richard Irving Dodge selected the spot. Dodge was an aide-de-camp to General William Tecumseh Sherman.



Fort Fred J. Steele

Thirteen miles east of Rawlins, Wyoming, Fort Fred J. Steele is located just off of Interstate 80 at Exit 228. This is one of the most exciting things Ms. Rebelle saw on her recent trip out west. It wasn't because there was much there but just imagining what it looked like so long ago was good enough for me.

I truly felt like I had stepped into the movie *"Dances with Wolves,"* or any of the old Westerns I grew up with. The site is bordered on the south by the Union Pacific railroad and the Lincoln Highway. It is bordered on the west and east by mountains and the North Platte River. Until the Lincoln Highway was re-routed, the road went directly through the fort. This is another place I wish the Round Table could see.

There is an interpretive trail with several historical signs and remnants of two warehouse buildings. The powder magazine is the only structure still standing. The original fort contained officers' quarters, enlisted men's barracks, two large warehouses, the powder magazine, sawmill, saddlery, wheelwright, a sutler's store, and some smaller structures. A small town grew up in the area but became deserted in 1939 when the highway was rerouted.

The town's buildings were used again between 1920 and 1939 when the Lincoln Highway was built. The old barracks housed a hotel. Some of the buildings were used for gas stations and restaurants.



North Platte River near Fort Fred J. Steele.

Photos on this page by Janet Greentree

A small, desolate cemetery is located on the east side of the Union Pacific Railroad. All of the 80 graves only have small markers, with a number on them. The only familiar

The fort is named for Civil War Union

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Ms. Rebelle - (con't from page 6)

name I saw was Sheridan. Kate Sheridan was the wife of Quartermaster Sergeant Sheridan (with no first name) of the 13th U.S. There is a sign listing the people buried there which include 1 officer, 24 soldiers, 8 children, 2 wives, and 45 unknowns or civilians. Most of the graves were relocated to Fort McPherson National Cemetery in Nebraska.

Major General Frederick J. Steele

General Steele was born January 14, 1819 in Delhi, New York. He was an 1843 graduate of West Point, serving in the Mexican

War, as did most of his classmates and underclassmates. He was a friend of Ulysses S. Grant. He graduated 30th out of 39 in the class.

Steele (above) was appointed major general of volunteers on November 29, 1862 by President Lincoln. Most of his engagements were in the Western Theatre, including Wilson's Creek, Pea Ridge, Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, and Vicksburg in the south. He fought against General Edwin Kirby Smith in the Red River Campaign. He headed up the VII Corps from January 6, 1864 to December 22, 1864. Steele also led the Column from Pensacola made up of African-American soldiers between February-May, 1865. They fought at the battles of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely.

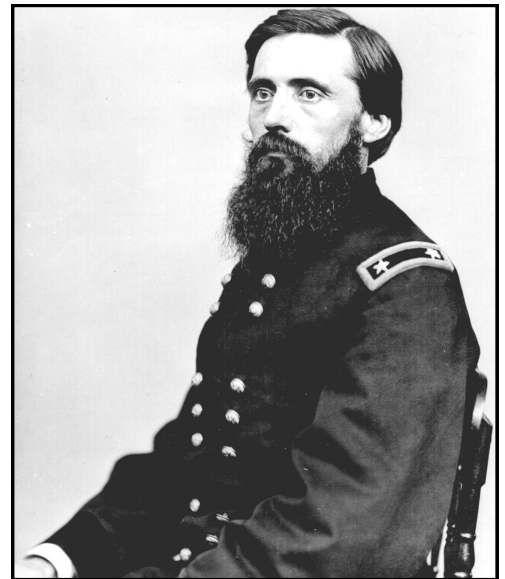
After the war, in 1865, he transferred to Texas and commanded forces along the Rio Grande. For health reasons, he took a leave of absence and was mustered out of the army on March 1, 1867. Steele never married, nor had children. He died two months later, on January 12, 1868, in San Mateo, California. As he was driving a buggy, he had a stroke, and fell out. The general is buried in Woodlawn Memorial Park, Colma, CA. Ms. Rebelle has not been there but shall have to put that on her list of graves to find.

Rawlins, Wyoming

General John Aaron Rawlins (shown below) founded the town Rawlins Springs in 1882. He was also

guarding the workers of the Union Pacific Railroad and was looking for water. He dispatched a scouting party to find a spring. When the general drank the

water, he remarked to General Grenville Dodge that *"it was the best water he had ever tasted, and that if anything was ever named after him, he hoped it was a spring of water."* The town was incorporated as a city in 1886. Many pictures of the general were seen



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around town in my travels. It seems the town is proud of their namesake.



Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant, center, his personal friend, Brigadier General John Rawlins (left), and an unknown Lieutenant Colonel, at Grants headquarters at City Point, VA, 1865.

Rawlins, too, was a dear friend of General Ulysses S. Grant. He was with Grant at City Point in the famous photograph (above) of them in front of Grant's cabin. Rawlins was in Wyoming at the suggestion of Grant, who thought the climate may be good for his health. Hopefully, it was in the summer time, as Wyoming has some serious snow fences and gates across many roads that are not travelable in the winter months. A conclusion was reached that, once winter starts, you stay in your town 'till Memorial Day, which we were told is the time of the last snow.

Another connection to Civil War generals (and the Fetterman Massacre) is a saw mill, which travelled from Fort Phil Kearny, Nebraska to Fort Fetterman, WY and then back to Fort Fred J. Steele, to be used there. Generals Grant, Sherman, and Sheridan all visited the fort.

Rawlins is the home of the Carbon

County Museum. The museum has a lot of connections to the Civil War, Fort Fred J. Steele, and even General Philippe Regis Denis de Trobriand, who was commander of Fort Fred J. Steele from October 1871 to September, 1873. De Trobriand was an artist, as well as a general, and did several renderings of Fort Fred J. Steele. Some of his drawings of the fort are at the National Portrait Gallery. A drum is displayed, belonging to John F. Tittle, who used it in 1862.

The next connection is not Civil War related but interesting nonetheless. This story is about George "Big Nose" Parrott (right), who was a member of Butch Cassidy's Hole-in-the-Wall Gang. Big Nose Parrott was caught and jailed in the Rawlins Jail. A lynch mob in the town tried to hang him by making him stand on top of a kerosene barrel. Big Nose didn't die.



The second attempt had Big Nose walk up a ladder, leaning against a telegraph pole, to which the noose was tied. The ladder was pulled out from under him; he managed to get his hand free, and clung to the pole, begging for someone to shoot him. There were no takers, so he let go and dropped down with such force that one of his ears was sheared off. He was not a popular man in Rawlins. We came to see some of the more gruesome things that went on in the Wild West as our tour continued.

John Eugene Osborne, who was the cor-

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2013—January 2014



- December 10-11 PA The Historic Fairfield Inn, located just outside of Gettysburg, PA, has been celebrating the Holidays for over 250 Years! Enjoy music, entertainment, revelry, warm hearths and hearts & delicious cuisine from the 1700's & Civil War 1800's - CIVIL WAR CAROLING CHRISTMAS, Fri. 12/10 & Sat. 12/11 - Enjoy the camaraderie of a Civil War Christmas. Celebrate the music of the 19th Century at a time in our history when friends & family & soldiers came together and sang for fun and entertainment. Dine, sit back and watch the show or participate in the Christmas Song sing-a-long.
- 13 VA "The Gallant Pelham at Fredericksburg" all-day fundraising tour including dedication of replica Napoleon at Pelham's Corner. Ceremony 10:50 a.m. Guides Frank O'Reilly & Eric Mink. Tour tickets \$85. Hosted by Central Virginia Battlefields Trust. For information, (540) 374-0900, excdirector@cvbt.org; www.cvbt.org
- 14 VA Tours, "Holidays at Liberia," 1860s Christmas at this Civil War headquarters site in Manassas. Shuttle bus leaves from the Manassas Museum 15 minutes prior to tours at 5:00, 5:45, 6:30 and 7:15 pm. \$15/adult. Registration: 703-257-8453.
- 14 VA Victorian Candlelight Ball at First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, 6:30-10. Dance instruction by Victorian Dance Ensemble, music by Susquehanna Travellers. Free, children welcome. Period attired suggested. For information, 540-662-4946, wincparks@ci.winchester.va.us.
- 14 VA Living history, "Civil War by Candlelight," camp, demonstrations, music and holiday decorations at Sully Historic Site in Chantilly. 5-8 pm. \$10 includes house tour. Reservations: 703-437-1794.
- 14 VA Living history tour, "Enslaved Holiday," at Ben Lomond Historic Site, 10321 Sudley Manor Road, Manassas. Tours on the half-hour 5-7 pm. \$7. pwcgov.org/benlomond.
- 14 VA Living history, "Christmas in Camp," camps and Christmas traditions at Fort Ward in Alexandria. noon-4 pm. \$2 donation. 703-671-7350.
- 14-15 PA Holiday Open House at the Rupp House, 451 Baltimore St, Gettysburg. 1860s decorations, refreshments and living history. Noon-8 pm Saturday, noon-4 pm Sunday. Free. 717-339-2148.
- 15 MD "Christmas at the Pry House," talks, Santa Claus and period decorations at the Pry House Field Hospital Museum on the Antietam battlefield near Sharpsburg. 11 am-4 pm. \$5 donation. civil-warmed.org.
- 15 VA Christmas open house with tours and living history at the Miller-Kite House (Jackson's headquarters), 310 E Rockingham St, Elkton. Noon-4 pm. Free. 540-578-3046.
- 21 VA Special programs, "A 19th-Century Christmas at Ellwood Manor," at Ellwood near the intersection of Routes 3 and 20 west of Fredericksburg. 9 am-2 pm. Free. fowb.org.
- 22 VA Living history "Civil War Santa," at Chatham, NPS site across the river from Fredericksburg. Decorations and refreshments. 1-4 pm. Free. nps.gov/frsp.
- January 8 VA Lecture: "Sam Sweeney," J.E.B. Stuart's banjo player from Appomattox, at the Museum of the Confederacy in Appomattox. 12:15 pm. Free with museum admission. moc.org.

To January 20 DC



Carl J. Cruz, a great-great-grandnephew of Sergeant William H. Carney of the 54th Mass. Volunteer Infantry, the first African American regiment formed in the North during the Civil War, holds the Medal of Honor awarded to Carney for his bravery in the Battle of Fort Wagner, SC, on July 18, 1863. The Medal of Honor, the first awarded to an African American, will be included in the exhibition "Tell It with Pride," at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, now - January 20, 2014.

Photograph by Deborah Ziska, National Gallery of Art.

2014 Signature Conference

"The American Civil War in a Global Context"

George Mason University
Center for the Arts
4373 Mason Pond Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030

<http://www.viriniacivilwar.org/2014conference.php>

Tentative Conference Schedule:

Saturday, May 31, 2014

7:30 AM Doors open

9:30 AM Welcome Remarks

9:45 AM Panel I: Context and History

Global Context of Civil War – Niels Eichhorn, Middle Georgia State College

Global Crises and the Coming of War – Brian Schoen, Ohio University

Civil War in an Age of National Unifications – Enrico Dal Lago, National University of Ireland, Galway

10:45 AM Break

11:00 AM Panel II: Comparative Case Studies

"Democracy on Its Trial" The Hoary Question of the American Civil War and British Reform – Hugh Dubrulle, Saint Anselm College

Imperialism and Civil War in Mid-century East Asia – Brian Platt, George Mason University

First Fruit of the South's Secession: The U.S., the Caribbean, and Latin America during the Civil War – Kenneth Blume, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Noon Lunch

1:00 PM Panel III: Impacts

The Union Navy's Blockade of the Confederacy: Tradition Bound or a Betrayal of America's Birthright? – David Surdam, University of Northern Iowa

Iron Lion or Paper Tiger: The Myth of British Naval Intervention in the American Civil War – Howard Fuller, University of Wolverhampton

Military Impact – Jeanne and David Heidler, USAF Academy

Global Environmental Impacts – Lisa Brady, Boise State

2:15 PM Break

2:30 PM Panel IV: Question and Answer - All panelists

3:15 PM Break

3:30 PM Concluding Remarks

Why Civil War Americans Cared About Europe - and Why Europeans Cared About the American Civil War – Paul Quigley, Virginia Tech

4:15 PM Meet and Greet/book signing with all presenters

Scheduled Speakers

Kenneth Blume
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Lisa Brady
Boise State
Enrico Dal Lago
National University of Ireland, Galway
Hugh Dubrulle
Saint Anselm College
Niels Eichhorn
Middle Georgia State College
Howard Fuller
University of Wolverhampton

Christopher Hamner
George Mason University
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2013 GETTYSBURG REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE

Article and photos by Gwen Wytenbach

The town of Gettysburg observed the 150th Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address on Tuesday, November 19, and on the following Saturday played host to the annual Gettysburg Remembrance Day Parade. Several members and "friends" of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table marched in this inspiring and patriotic parade in remembrance of the soldiers from both the North and South who fought there. Friends appearing at the event were: Dan Paterson, Mark Whinton, Dave Meisky (Gen. "Extra Billy" Smith), Chris Godart (Gen. Richard B. Ewell); Jimmy Fleming (Col. John S. Mosby); Bill Frueh (Gen. J.E.B. Stuart). Among the spectators along the parade route were Nancy and Jan Olds, Gwen Wytenbach and Nancy Anwyll.



Above, left, Marse Robert greets the crowds; below, left, the U.S. Navy steps off; below, A. Lincoln takes a stroll and at right, the glorious 54th Mass. Joins the review.



President's column — (con't from page 3)

2014 Civil War Sesquicentennial season line-up of speakers, which we hope to have finalized by January.

On a personal note, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of our membership and friends for an outstanding 2013 Sesquicentennial Anniversary season - a year I won't ever forget. I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your president for the past four years. I look forward to my fifth year with a renewed vision to accomplish many more Bull Run Civil War Round Table goals and enhancements to our programming and events.

TOGETHER we will make the Civil War Trust's 2011 Civil War Round Table of the Year worthy of our lofty mission, and stay at that high level of professionalism, fellowship, Civil War preservation and Civil War educational lectures /tours in service to this growing region of Northern Virginia. We have come a long way in 23 years, but we will keep moving forward toward our goals of Civil War remembrance, preservation and heritage.

Let us never forget the people who served, and what they did for us.

God Bless all of you and have a happy and safe Christmas Holiday Season!

150th Anniversary Battle of Bristoe Station Commemoration

Article and photos by Gwen Wyttenbach

Even though the present-day weekend of October 12 was damp and cold, an enthusiastic crowd turned out for the 150th anniversary observance of the Bristoe Station Battle (not one of A. P. Hill's shining moments in Civil War history) and to hear noted Civil War historian Dr. "Bud" Robertson's opening speech.

Several BRCWRT members were in attendance; among them our President Mark Trbovich, Tim Duskin, Gwen Wyttenbach; with Mike Buckley, Michael West, Theresa Meade and Nancy Anwyll manning the BRCWRT recruitment table where visitors could stop by to pick up our flyers, as well as our scholarship information, during the event.

John De Pue gave tours of the battlefield, and Rob Orrison (who was there working as a Prince William County employee) was influential in getting the BRCWRT a good spot to set up, and for also providing our table and tent. Thank you Rob!

Jim Lewis and Bob Eldridge were not able to be there, but they had done much work on the new and revised display board that was set up and which featured various photos and information about our round table. Jim provided great service by making sure the display board got to Bristoe and was set up on time for the weekend's activities. Thank you, too, Jim!



At left, Dr. James "Bud" Robertson waits to give the opening speech for the battle 150th observance. At right, drummers keep 'time,' in more ways than one! Below, left, Mark Trbovich surveys the aftermath of battle; below, right, John De Pue and Mike Buckley share a spot at the BRCWRT display.

Photos by Gwen Wyttenbach



Ms. Rebelle (Con't from Page 8)

oner at the time and later Governor of Wyoming, took Parrott's body to study his brain for clues to his criminal tendencies. After the top of his head was sawed off, it was used as an ashtray, doorstop, and pen holder. A death mask was made of Big



"Big Nose" death mask, minus an ear.

Nose, and you can definitely see he is missing an ear. The most gruesome thing done was

removing the skin from his chest and thighs. Osborne made the skin into a pair of shoes and a medical bag. The shoes were well-worn, and



the future Governor wore them to his inaugural ball. The rest of his body was stored in a whiskey barrel filled with a salt solution for about a year. Finally, "Big Nose" was buried in the backyard of Osbourne's assistant Dr. Thomas Maghee.

Also located in Rawlins is the Wyoming Frontier Prison, operating from 1901 to 1981. Rawlins Springs is located just south of town, but this fact wasn't learned until after Ms. Rebelle left town.

President Lincoln is commemorated by a large bust on the Lincoln Highway, ten miles S.E. of Laramie on Route 80, at Exit



Looming Lincoln.

Photo by Janet Greentree

323. This same bust of Lincoln is also in the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitors Center.

NOTE: Ms. Rebelle's hobby is travelling the country finding and honoring the graves of our 1,008 Civil War generals. So far she has located and photographed 385....169 Confederate and 216 Union. You may contact her at jlgrtree@erols.com.

Civil War: The Untold Story - Airing soon on PBS

"It's not just about who we were then. It's about who we are *now*." So says Great Divide Pictures of its upcoming documentary series "*Civil War: The Untold Story*." Slated to air in early 2014, the series looks at the Civil War through the lens of the Western Campaign, and also dives into the home front, politics, slavery, and the relatively unknown roles African-Americans played in the conflicts. It focuses particularly on the contraband camps, especially in Corinth, Mississippi.

The story of the Corinth contraband camps graphically shows that the enslaved were not helplessly waiting to be freed by President Lincoln. Rather, they seized the moment and became dynamic agents of their own emancipation. In many ways, the Corinth camp poignantly reflects the triumphs and struggles that continue to this very day.

For more information, visit: <http://blog.preservationnation.org/2013/08/23/interview-civil-war-the-untold-story-qa-with-director-chris-wheeler/#.UpFowScjpB4>.

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2014 Bull Run Civil War Round Table — MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

Annual dues are:

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

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

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