



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XX, Issue 3, MARCH 2013

**POPULAR HISTORIAN/AUTHOR
DON HAKENSON SPEAKS ON
“JOHN MOSBY’S FAIRFAX CITY
RAID - MARCH 1863” ... AND MUCH
MORE AT APRIL MEETING**

By Mark Trbovich

Don Hakenson was born in Washington, D.C. but lived practically his entire life in Fairfax County, Virginia. Don is a Vietnam-era Air Force veteran; he retired from the federal government on February 3, 2008, after working 37 years for the Department of the Army as a civilian.

Don was director of the U.S. Army & Joint Services Records Research Center for his last 19 years and had been with the same agency for 27 consecutive years. Don's agency was responsible for researching U.S. military combat unit records, which led him to visit and assess various military federal records repositories all around the world as well as to the National Archives and Records Administration.

During Don's civilian service, he was awarded numerous commendations for his achievements, and upon his retirement, he was presented with the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, which is the Department of the Army's second highest such commendation.

Outside of the Army, Don has spent countless years researching obscure Civil War incidents and sites in Fairfax County, especially regarding the Confederate guerilla chieftain Colonel John S. Mosby and his rangers.

For over a decade, Don has conducted very popular Mosby & Fairfax County Civil War bus tours for the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society, the Franconia Museum, and other Civil War-related organizations both inside and outside of the State of Virginia.

Don is the past president of the Stuart-

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, April 11, 2013

7:00 P.M. Centreville Library

GUEST SPEAKER:

DON HAKENSON

TOPIC:

**“JOHN MOSBY’S FAIRFAX CITY
RAID - MARCH 1863” ... AND
MUCH MORE**



Mosby Historical Society and is a current board member of that organization; he also served as a historical commissioner for Lee District in Fairfax County for five years. Don is a founding member of (and serves on the board of directors) for the Franconia Museum and is a Civil War advisor for the Mosby Foundation in Warrenton, Virginia, as well as for the Friends of Laura Ratcliffe, in Herndon, Virginia.

As an author, Don's work *This Forgotten Land, A Tour of Civil War Sites and Other Historical Landmarks South of Alexandria, Virginia* was the recipient of the 2001 Nan Netherton award, presented by the Fairfax County History Commission; his book *This Forgotten Land*,

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General Membership meetings are held at 7:00 P.M. on the second Thursday of each month at the
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BRCWRT BOOK DONATIONS



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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 11, 2013: Don Hakenson, Historian - "John Mosby's Fairfax City Raid of March 1863, and Much More"

May 9, 2013: Ed Bearss, Historian - "Gettysburg, Day 2 - July 2, 1863" BRCWRT 22nd Anniversary

June 13, 2013: Mike Block, Historian - "Battle of Brandy Station, VA - Largest Cavalry Battle on American Soil - June 9, 1863"

July 11, 2013: Matt Atkinson, National Park Service Ranger - "Battle Of Vicksburg, Miss. - July 1863"

August 8, 2013: Angela Atkinson, Author and NPS Ranger "Battle of Chickamauga, TN - Sept. 1863"

September 12, 2013: Ronald Nichols, Author and Historian "Battle of Ft. Wagner, SC and the 54th Massachusetts"

October 10, 2013: Bradley Gottfried, Author and Historian "Battle of Bristoe Station, VA - Oct 14, 1863"

November 14, 2013: Gregory Mertz, Author and NPS Historian "Battle of Mine Run, VA - Nov. 1863"

December 12, 2013: Dr. Robert Neyland, Author and Historian "CSS Hunley - CW Submarine 1863/1864"

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The President's Column By Mark Trbovich

Bull Run Civil War Round Table Members,

April is a time where you can really begin to feel spring, which we certainly missed the entire month of March. Have you noticed that no one has been bringing up global warming lately? Hopefully, for our April 11th meeting, it will be much warmer. I know it will certainly be informative.

A favorite of our round table members, Don Hakenson, will be speaking on *John Mosby's Fairfax City Raid March 1863 and Much More* at our general membership meeting. He has a new book out: *A Tour Guide and History of Col. John S. Mosby's Combat Operations in Fairfax County, Virginia*, and you can look forward to purchasing it then. As always, you don't want to miss this presentation, so come on out and enjoy fellowship with your BRCWRT brothers and sisters.

April will be the last month you will receive your newsletter if you have not renewed your 2013 BRCWRT membership. Don't hesitate to renew as soon as you can and reach out to others to join and receive this excellent publication. The BRCWRT can't operate without your yearly support, and we truly appreciate your membership throughout the years, especially all those who have already signed up this year.

I want to once again thank Ralph Peters for an outstanding lecture on the *Myths of Gettysburg*, given at the March meeting. We all heard about many misconceptions that are relayed down through generations as facts about figures at Gettysburg, but Ralph put together a great lecture factually straightening out the myths that surrounded figures like Gen. Meade, Gen. Ewell and many more. Thank you, Ralph, for that wonderful presentation, for joining the BRCWRT that night, and for contributing to our preservation efforts. We certainly appreciate your lecture, and all your efforts.

We certainly had an excellent crowd to hear Ralph, almost 100 folks, and we found out that the Centreville library will be putting 100 new chairs in the conference room - hopefully before our April meeting. Finally! Enough chairs for



Ralph Peters, March speaker

Photo by Janet Greentree

our large group!

Again in April, I will announce that our Webmaster and Audio/Visual lead positions are still open for 2013. As president, I divided these two positions up into two BRCWRT Exec. Committee positions, starting in April. Dividing the responsibilities of Webmaster (taking control of information going on our Web site) and Audio/Visual chief (taking control of our monthly meeting audio/visual speaker's needs) made the posts more attractive, we hope, so I am again asking this month for volunteers to contact me or any other exec. committee member, as soon as possible to fill these positions. You will become a part of our Executive Committee, which is called out in our by-laws, and fill a critical void in this organization. Perhaps you know of someone not now a part of this organization but who could possibly volunteer; please let me know that ASAP. Again, many thanks to Ken Jones for filling in again last month. We truly appreciate your efforts keeping things running.

Check out the 2013 BRCWRT Lecture Series posted here in this newsletter along with announcements of member events; don't forget that we established a sign up list for our June 22-23, 2013 trip to Gettysburg. Sign up as soon as possible as new details were announced at our March meeting. Even more details will come out at our April meeting, as well.

In closing, please continue to bring a friend and also younger folks to our meetings to increase the Civil War awareness in the region and also to ensure a future filled with Civil war historians and preservationists. As always, see you at 5:00 p.m. at the Copper Canyon Grill (5815 Trinity Parkway, Centreville) prior to every 7:00 p.m. meeting this year; there's also time for fellowship at the library before the meeting, to buy some books and to get ready for another excellent lecture.

Don Hakenson to Speak at April Meet (con't from Page 1)

Volume II, Biographical Sketches of Confederate Veterans Buried in Alexandria, Virginia received a special history award from the Alexandria Historical Society in April 2011.

Don also published three other books about Colonel John S. Mosby and his men. His latest effort, *A Tour Guide and History of Col. John S. Mosby's Combat Operations in Fairfax County, Virginia*, is out today and can be a new addition to your John Singleton Mosby library!

As always, members are encouraged to come early (5 p.m.) on April 11th to the Copper Canyon Grill to meet Don Hakenson and to enjoy supper and some great conversation. Please come early to the library, too, for a bit of fellowship and to get a good seat. Hope to see you then.

Mosby's Raid on Fairfax Court House

Article and Photos by Janet Greentree

Exactly 150 years to the day, on March 9, the City of Fairfax held a reenactment and commemoration of Colonel John Singleton Mosby's raid at the William Gunnell House in Fairfax next to the Truro Episcopal Church. The raid was true to the date, but not the time of 2:00 a.m., in the dark of a cold, snowy March, 1863 morning. This event instead started at 10:30 a.m. on the Gunnell house grounds.

With a band of 29 men, Colonel Mosby set out to capture Colonel Percy Wyndham, who had called him "nothing but a horse thief." Fortunately, Colonel Wyndham had earlier left Fairfax for Washington City. But a partying 24-year-old Union Brigadier General, Edwin H. Stoughton, was in town sleeping at his headquarters at the William Gunnell House. Mosby and his Rangers knocked at the door with pistols drawn, raced up the stairs, and Mosby slapped General Stoughton on the rear end to wake him up. Stoughton awakened from a deep sleep asking if he had caught Mosby. Mosby re-



L-R - (captured) Bryant Kincaid, Ed Kihm & Mark Whitenton

plied, "No, he has caught you!"

The Rangers captured Stoughton, two captains, thirty other Union prisoners, and fifty-eight horses with-



Col. Mosby was portrayed by Rusty Jones, of Hampton's Legion - Palmetto Battalion.

out firing a shot. When President Lincoln heard of the raid, he remarked that he could make a general with the swipe of a pen but the horses were hard to replace.

Unfortunately for General Stoughton, this event pretty much wiped out his career. Stoughton was released after two months but was not reappointed as a brigadier general. He then resigned from the Army. Stoughton practiced law in New York City and died at the age of 30.

Mark Whitenton of our round table portrayed one of the Union captives; Rusty Jones, of Hampton's Legion/Palmetto Battalion, portrayed Colonel Mosby.

General Stoughton was portrayed by Chris Hoehne, Co. D, 17th Virginia Infantry, Fairfax Rifles.

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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 email Dale Maschino at fsainc@netzero.net.

11 Apr - The Gray Ghost, John S. Mosby — Prince William County Historic Preservation Division will host historian and author David Goetz. John S. Mosby formed the 43rd Battalion Virginia Cavalry also known as Mosby's Rangers in 1863. Dave will present an overview of the units' development and exploits throughout the Civil War and Mosby's life after the war. Dave will have copies of his latest book *Hell is Being a Republican in Virginia* available for purchase and autograph. 7:00 p.m. Free; donations accepted. Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Ave., Manassas, VA 20109, Call 703-792-4754 for more information.

13-14 Apr - Muster Days - Join living historians as they interpret soldiers from the Army of Northern Virginia during the pivotal days in the spring of 1863. Join soldiers as they camp, guard against enemy reconnaissance, and witness a large company drill in person! 9am- 4pm. FREE, \$5 per person for tour of buildings, children free under six. Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre 12229 Bristow Rd., Bristow, VA, 703-365-7895

19 Apr - Buckland During the Civil War - Join Buckland resident David Blake for a unique opportunity to be on the grounds and learn the Civil War history of the town of Buckland. Space is limited so please call for reservations (703) 792- 4754. 7:00 p.m. Free; donations accepted.

20 Apr - Universal Wellness 2nd Annual 5K to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project at Bristoe Station Battlefield - Join joggers and walkers from all skill levels to get some exercise and support the Wounded Warrior Project. The Wounded Warrior Project is a nonprofit organization whose stated mission is to "honor and empower wounded warriors" of the United States Armed Forces. Race begins at 9a.m. and proceeds benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.

Contact info: Universal Wellness 8870 Rixlew Ln., Suite 101 Manassas, VA 20109. 571-379-4572 or:

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Civil War Walking Tour of Fort Ward

Learn more about the Civil War history of Fort Ward and the Defenses of Washington on a soldier-led walking tour of the historic fort. On Saturday, April 27, Museum staff member Kevin Moriarty will conduct the tour in Union uniform. Kevin is also a member of the BRCWRT. The tour begins at 2 p.m. in the Museum and lasts 90 minutes. The program is free and is weather de-



Kevin Moriarty

pendent.

Visitors will learn about the extensive Federal defense system that included Fort Ward, how a Civil War fort was designed and built, and army life in the Washington area. The tour will begin with an orientation at a map display on the Defenses of Washington and some highlighted objects in Museum exhibits. Participants will then tour the outdoor historic site, which will include visiting reconstructions of a period Officers' Hut and the fort's Ceremonial Entrance Gate, the preserved earthwork features of the fort, and the fully restored Northwest bastion.

Fort Ward is the best preserved of the forts remaining in the Civil War Defenses of Washington. Fort Ward Museum features exhibits, programs and special events throughout the year. It is located at 4301 West Braddock Road in the west end of Alexandria. Please contact Fort Ward Museum for more information at 703-746-4848, or visit the web.



CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

Confederate Major General

Joseph Brevard Kershaw

By Janet Greentree

Since General Kershaw's 2nd South Carolina Volunteer Infantry soldier, Captain Richard Rowland Kirkland, was profiled last month, it is only fitting that his commander be the subject of this month's article. For all of you out there who are writers, no one has ever written a biography of General Kershaw. The general is buried in Camden, South Carolina in the Quaker Cemetery near-by Captain Kirkland.

Standing 5'10" with deep blue eyes, blonde



Joseph Brevard Kershaw

hair and a drooping mustache, Joseph Brevard Kershaw came from a third-generation family in South Carolina. Kershaw County, formerly Kershaw District, was named for his family. His paternal grandfather plus two brothers emigrated from

England in 1748. His maternal grandfather served on Francis Marion's staff.

Kershaw's father John was a mayor of Camden, state legislator, member of Congress, and judge. His mother was Harriett DuBoise who came from another distinguished South Carolina family. Kershaw was born January 5, 1822 in Camden, one of eight children of the couple. Both the Kershaw and DuBoise families had soldiers who fought in the American Revolution. His grandfather Joseph Kershaw was the most famous of the family to fight in the Revolution, losing his fortune in the process.

Kershaw went to school in Camden and also to the Cokesbury Conference School in the Abbeville District. He did not go to college but read the law and passed the bar in 1843. He married Lucretia Douglass in 1844. Joseph joined the Palmet-

to regiment in the Mexican War and was elected first lieutenant in the DeKalb Rifle Guards. He contracted a fever in Mexico and returned home to Camden a very sick man. Kershaw resigned his commission and his wife nursed him back to health.

Kershaw was elected to the State Legislature in 1852 and 1854. He became active in the Militia in 1859 and participated in the Charleston Convention, which led to South Carolina seceding from the Union. He was in Charleston, on Morris Island, during the siege at Fort Sumter. Joseph organized the 2nd South Carolina Regiment and was named it's colonel in 1861. His regiment was sent to Virginia and assigned to General Milledge L. Bonham. They fought at Henry House Hill at First Manassas and played a major role in breaking the Union lines and chasing the Yankees back to Washington.

After General Bonham resigned, Kershaw was appointed brigadier general. His unit fought at Second Manassas, South Mountain and Antietam. He took over at Fredericksburg after the death of General Thomas Cobb. They also fought at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Chickamauga, The Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, First Deep Bottom, and Sailor's Creek.

On June 30, 1863, Kershaw spent the night in Greenwood, PA fifteen miles outside of Gettysburg on the Chambersburg Pike. On July 1, 1863, Kershaw was part of McLaws Division in Longstreet's First Corps. Kershaw's men lined up early at 10:00 a.m. but were not able to march until 4:00 p.m. that day. It took them 8 hours to march 12 miles to Gettysburg. Once they got to Marsh Creek, after a long day of marching, the men



Kershaw's Men - Rose Farm - Gettysburg

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Mosby Anniversary Event (con't from Page 4)

According to attendee Gwen Wyttenbach, a riderless, unsaddled and bridleless horse unexpectedly ran from behind the Gunnell house towards the crowd of spectators after the reenactment. The horse had been trained to stop when people held up their hands, which one of the spectators did, and the horse stopped! Other participating Mosby Ranger horsemen surrounded the runaway horse and calmed it down. What a tragedy that could have been, had he ran through the spectators and out into the traffic on Route 236.

Events to mark the occasion were held all over the City of Fairfax during the day, including spectators being able to visit the bedroom where Mosby captured Stoughton in the Gunnell House, and open houses at the Joshua Gunnell House, Murray-Moore House (where Wyndham was supposed to be), Ford House, Fairfax Court House, and Fairfax Museum and Visitors Center.

The History Channel took the opportunity to screen their production of a John Singleton Mosby-



William Gunnell House - Fairfax City

themed short bio from *Secret Missions of the Civil War* at the Old Town Hall. Mosby authors and historians Don Hakenson, David Goetz, Eric Buckland, Chuck Mauro, and Tom Evans gave talks, as well as sold their many books written on Colonel Mosby. A screening was also shown of *Mosby's Combat Operations in Fairfax County, Virginia*, written and produced by Eric Buckland, Tom Evans, Don Hakenson, Chuck Mauro, Steven Meserve, and Mayo Stuntz.

Other round table members attending were: Nancy Anwyll, Rob Araghi, Charlie Balch, Ron Beavers, John Briar, III, Tim Duskin, Bob Hickey, Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Jenee Lindner, Randy Moller, Rose Nelson, Nancy Olds, Larry Soufal, Jim & Rosi Stark, Ben Trittippoe, Pam Unger, Ed Wenzel, and Gwen Wyttenbach. If I have left anyone out, please accept my apology!



Mosby takes Gen. Stoughton into captivity.



JOIN US AT THE COPPER CANYON GRILL

Do you come directly to the monthly meeting from work and look for a place to eat, or would you just like to come early for dinner?

Join the BRCWRT board, other members, and our monthly guest speaker for good food and camaraderie.

We are currently meeting around 5:00 p.m. at the Copper Canyon Grill (5815 Trinity Parkway, Centreville), just across Lee Highway from the library.

The Bull Run Civil War Round Table's Newest Recruits!

Here's a grateful "shout out" for these folks who have recently joined the BRCWRT:

♦ Bill Hoffman

♦ Diane Hoffman

♦ Ralph Peters

Reenlist Today!

The Importance of Your Membership Renewal

By Rob Orrison, Vice President-Membership

It is that time again...time to renew your membership with the Bull Run Civil War Round Table! This is an exciting time to be part of one of the premier round tables and preservation organizations in the Mid-Atlantic region. The BRCWRT serves as the premier source in the Northern Virginia region for Civil War lectures, tours and information. Our members are able to enjoy one of the most comprehensive newsletters out there and through this newsletter, have access to up to date information on Civil War events and recent preservation threats and victories.

Two years ago, the BRCWRT became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, allowing us to raise money for local Civil War based charities and assist in preservation efforts. Recently, the BRCWRT has undertaken its first scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a local high school student pursuing a college degree in history or historic preservation. Also, the BRCWRT has some exciting tours planned for this year with the main tour being a bus trip to Gettysburg over the summer. Enjoy our top-notch monthly speakers and meetings at the Centreville Regional Library. We are an active round table indeed and making a difference in our region.

All of this cannot be done without YOU, our membership. Though our membership fees are small, (only \$20 for individual membership!), we stretch that money, and it goes a long way. Without the funds from our membership dues, many of these worthwhile endeavors could not be accomplished. You are part of a solid and well respected organization (voted Civil War Trust's Round Table of the Year in 2011), and we hope you continue your membership. Thank you for your support as we move forward to preserve and interpret the defining moment in America's history.



BOTH SIDES TOUR

Civil War Sesquicentennial Event

GETTYSBURG: ON THE HALLOWED GROUND

We'll cover the epic three-day battle in one day as only the Both Sides Tour can do it! The first stop will be at McPherson's Ridge to cover the fighting on the first day, July 1, 1863. Then it's on to Culp's Hill to discuss a crucial battle on the Second Day. Following lunch at General Pickett's Buffet, we'll view the exciting Cyclorama at the Visitor's Center, then return to the Hallowed Ground for a stop at Little Round Top for another important Day Two encounter where Brigadier General Gouverneur Warren saved the day for the Union. View the Wheat Field and the Corn Field, sites of other important battles. The final stop in the Union Lines will cover the decisive event on Cemetery Ridge where Confederate General Armistead's Brigade was stopped by a furious Union counterattack. Finally, we'll visit Seminary Ridge where the Confederates artillery barrage set the stage for the fateful Pickett's Charge on July 3, 1863 that ended the battle.

Saturday, April 20, 2013

Sponsored by the Franconia Museum

Start the day at 8 a.m. with coffee and donuts at the Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road. Board a comfortable rest-room equipped motor coach for the trip to

Gettysburg. Along the way, we'll discuss the leaders and trace the routes of the two armies to Gettysburg, setting the stage for the Civil War's most decisive battle. On the way home, we'll discuss the ramifications of the battle's aftermath and position both armies for the continuation of the war. This tour will take a little longer than usual Both Sides tours. Hear vignettes along the way.

SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION

At the High Water Mark of the Confederacy, you'll learn the identity of some of the handful of Southerners who reached the Union lines with General Armistead and tried to turn captured cannons on their adversaries only to be stopped by the deadly assault of a determined group of Union Reserves. Armistead was mortally wounded and the others were either captured or wounded or both. Among the Confederates was a private who would become Carl Sell's great uncle.

COST: \$100.00 each. 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

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Make checks payable to *Don Hakenson*. Mail to:

Both Sides Tour
4708 Lillian Drive
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Ms. Rebelle (Con't from Page 6)

dropped to the ground exhausted and slept.

On July 2nd, they were at the Black Horse Tavern on Fairfield Road but realized they could be seen from Little Roundtop and had to re-route. They then moved north and west on Herr's Ridge, going east to Willoughby Run and Pitzer's School House.

Arriving at Gettysburg, his position was at the stone wall to the right of the Rose Farm, advancing to the fight at the Peach Orchard where General Sickles incurred more than fifty percent casualties (see photo on Page 6 - burial of Kershaw's men at the Rose Farm). His left wing of the 3rd South Carolina was engaged at the Wheatfield. On the third day, his unit was not engaged. Kershaw's brigade retreated through Falling Waters, Maryland and crossed the Potomac River on July 14th, 1863.

He then commanded a division in Longstreet's Corps at Chickamauga, fought at The Wil-

Camden, a position he held until his death in Camden on April 12, 1894.

His obituary reads: "Gen. Joseph B. Kershaw died in Camden, S.C. yesterday. He was born in that place on Jan. 5, 1822. He was edu-



Close-up of Kershaw's Marker .

Photo by Janet Greentree

cated in South Carolina academies and was admitted to the bar in 1843. He was a member of the State Senate from 1852 to 1857. He organized the Second Regiment of South Carolina at the outbreak of the war, and commanded it at the battle of Bull Run. He was made Brigadier General Feb. 13, 1862, and commanded a brigade in McLaw's division throughout the Peninsula campaign. His command led the attack of Longstreet's corps at Gettysburg, where he lost more than half his brigade. After engaging in the battle of Chickamauga and the siege of Knoxville he returned to Virginia in 1864 as Major General, and commanded a division in the final campaign of Lee's army. He held the Northern forces in check at Spottsylvania until the arrival of Gen. Lee, was at Cold Harbor in Gen. Early's valley campaign, and in the rear of Lee's army at Sailors' Creek, where he surrendered April 6, 1865. He was imprisoned at Fort Warren until July 1865, when he resumed his law practice in his native city. He was a member of the State Senate 1865-6, serving in the latter year as President. In 1870 he prepared for the Conservative Convention the resolutions that were adopted by that body, recognizing the constitutional amendments as accomplished facts and entitled to obedience. In 1877 he was elected Judge of the Fifth Circuit Court of the State. This office he held for sixteen years. He was recently appointed Postmaster of Camden. The State Legislative at its last session elected him to prepare a history of South Carolina troops in the war."

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 384....168 Confederate and 216 Union. You may contact her at jlgrtree@erols.com.



Kershaw's Marker - Camden, SC .

Photo by Janet Greentree

derness, Shenandoah Valley Campaign, Cedar Creek, and was promoted to major general on June 2, 1864. At Sailor's Creek, three days before General Lee surrendered at Appomattox, he was captured, along with eight other generals – Richard Ewell, Dudley DeBose, Eppa Hunton, Montgomery Corse, Seth Barton, James Simms, Meriwether Lewis Clark, Sr., and Custis Lee. Kershaw was taken to General Custer, who shared blankets with him. Years later, hearing of the disaster at Little Big Horn and Custer's death, Kershaw recalled fondly Custer sharing his blankets with him. Kershaw was sent to Fort Warren in Boston Harbor and was released in August, 1865.

He returned to Camden, where he resumed his legal career, becoming a judge, and was elected to the State Senate in 1865, being chosen as President of the Senate. When his health began to fail, Kershaw was appointed as postmaster of

Two from *U.S.S. Monitor* Crew Buried with Honors at Arlington

Article and Photos by Gwen Wytenbach

Friday, March 8 was a unique day, as I was able to attend the ceremony held at Arlington National Cemetery for the historic burial of the two *U.S.S. Monitor* sailors whose remains had been recovered from the sunken ironclad's turret in 2002. The ship's wreckage found in 1974. The March 8th date for the burial was chosen as it marked the 151st anniversary (to the day) of the *Monitor's* arrival in Hampton Roads before its famous battle with the Confederate ironclad *C.S.S. Virginia*, which took place the next day on March 9th; known as the Battle of Hampton Roads.

The place of burial for the two sailors is directly across from the Amphitheatre, near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers and between the Amphitheater and the *U.S.S. Maine* Mast memorial. Sixteen *Monitor* sailors are to be memorialized on a group marker in section 46 of the cemetery. The burial for the only two recovered sailors was accompanied by a bitterly cold and blustery wind; so appropriate to the night the ironclad went down off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, in a storm on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1862.

The sailors were buried with full military honors in a ceremony with two individual flag-draped caskets; following a funeral procession consisting of naval detachments, Honor and Color Guards, "living historians" in Civil War period attire, and descendants of the *Monitor's* crew and other dignitaries. There were, also, two of the Army's magnificent horse-drawn caissons bearing the sailors' caskets...one drawn by a team of white horses and the other of browns.

I must say, it was a real privilege and opportunity, in this day and age, to be able to witness and pay respects to a rare piece of historic Civil War history 'up close and personal.'



U.S. Naval personnel perform honors for Civil War comrades.



A caisson led by a matched team of horses (above) lent a somber tone to the burial ceremonies, as did the presence of period mourners (right).



BRCWRT Members Enjoy Stafford Civil War Park Grand Opening Preview

By Sandra Cox

Although it was a chilly day, the sun stayed with us for most of the tour of the soon-to-be-open Stafford Civil War Park. During our February meeting, speaker Al Connor, president of the Civil War Round Table of Fredericksburg, invited BRCWRT members to join their members for the March 2nd tour.

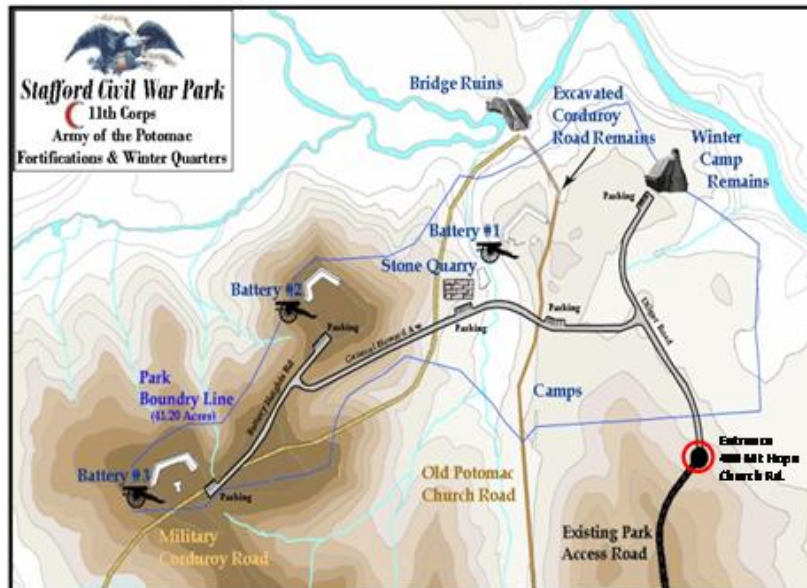
Our extremely dedicated and informative guide was Glenn Trimmer, executive director of the Friends of Stafford Civil War Sites (FSCWS). Alan Day and Dale Maschino participated in the BRCWRT's March 2012 tour and could not believe the improvements and were equally impressed with

what they saw. Those attending were David Braun, Sandra Cox, John De Pue, Sonja Hurlbutt, EB Vandiver and his son Eddy, Ed Wenzel and Patty Wheeler, along with about 20 members of the CWRT of Fredericksburg. After the tour everyone was invited to the White Oak Civil War Museum and Research Center. There we were greeted by museum owner and President of the Friends of Stafford Civil War Sites, D.P. Newton. It was quite an enjoyable day.

The grand opening of the Stafford Civil War Park will be Saturday, April 27 which is 150 years to the day that 11th

Corps soldiers marched out of the park area in Stafford County towards Chancellorsville where many made the ultimate sacrifice. Within the park are three Class A Union artillery battery fortifications, one has a block house; the Army of the Potomac's 11th Corps, 1st & 3rd 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 Old Potomac Church Road sandstone Daniel bridge ruin across Accokeek Creek plus multi-sections of actual corduroy roads built by Union soldiers and engineers. How could this area have remained in almost



pristine condition for 150 years? The land is located just north of the Stafford County Landfill.

In June 2006, the Friends of Stafford Civil War Sites, a local Stafford County non-profit organization, identified the Civil War Union Army encampment, batteries, and road remains on undeveloped land owned by Stafford County and Fredericksburg and proposed a park be built to preserve them. In 2009, Stafford County, Fredericksburg and the FSCWS agreed to a plan by which, if the FSCWS obtained the necessary easements to the proposed

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park, and raised the majority of funds, labor, and materials necessary for the park, Stafford County would then take this park into its park system and open it to the public free of charge.

The park exists today in no small

ing Exercises" were proposed by the FSCWS to the Virginia Army Guard's 276th Engineer Battalion and the Virginia Air Guard's Red Horse Engineer Squadron and were conducted during the summers of 2011 and 2012. These exercises not only provided great training to these fine soldiers and airmen on key combat skills while maintaining the integrity of the site, but their man-hours and equipment are estimated at a value of two million dollars. The FSCWS managed construction.

The Stafford Civil War Park is dedicated to soldiers past and present and will communicate the story of the 135,000 Union soldiers who encamped throughout Stafford County in the winter of 1862-1863. Over 3,500 died that winter of



Crews work to prepare access for the opening of the park.

measure due to Glenn Trimmer who has spent almost every day of the past two years working at the park, D.P. Newton and a handful of faithful volunteers. Material contributions were solicited by Glenn and include 6,000 tons of stone from Vulcan Materials, Inc., concrete cast pipe from the Americast Hanover Pipe Plant, engineering support made possible by a grant from the Civil War Trust, asphalt at cost from Virginia Paving and a grant by the Archaeological Institute of America for park signs plus volunteer workers and individual donations. A split rail fence was built by Eagle Scout candidate Zach Mumma.

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disease, accidents and other conditions. The park will also honor the citizens of Stafford County who were outnumbered by Union soldiers over 15 to 1 and could only standby and watch as their fields became camps, their homes used as headquarters or hospitals, and their woods consumed in campfires or became winter huts.

Won't you join us Saturday, April 27 for the grand opening of this truly one-of-a-kind Civil War site. Over 100 reenactors including horse drawn artillery and a field hospital are expected. Dr. Christian B. Keller, of the U.S. Army War College and the author of *Chancellorsville*

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The zigzag trench at Stafford.

Photo by Alan Day

and the Germans, will speak on the role German immigrant soldiers played in the war. Many, who were part of the 11th Corps, were encamped in the park, and built the fortifications you will see. Al Connor will speak on the critical role of the Stafford Union encampments. His book, *Union Army's 'Valley Forge' Stafford, VA 1863: 93 Days That Saved America* will be published this fall. There will also be a children's program. Many members of the soldiers and air guard who worked on the park will return with their families.

The Stafford Civil War Park is located at 400 Mount Hope Church Road, Stafford, VA 22554. From the I-95 Exit 140, turn left on Courthouse Road, then 3.5 miles to Andrew Chapel Road. Turn right on Andrew Chapel for 0.9 miles to the VRE railroad trestle. Go under the trestle and make an immediate right onto Brooke Road (south) for 0.4 miles to Mount Hope Church Road. Turn right and go to the end of the road (1.2 miles). A shuttle service from the VRE Station is in the works. Check the www.fscws.org Web site closer to the event as the times and other events are not currently available by Stafford County.

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