



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XX, Issue 12, APRIL 2014

AL SMITH TO SPEAK ON “NEW REFLECTIONS ON THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS” AT APRIL 10th MEETING

By Mark Trbovich

The BRCWRT is blessed to have a member and friend come down from Boston, Mass. to speak to our round table this month. He'll be coming down to the region for a visit and our excellent newsletter editor from Boston, Nadine Mironchuk, will accompany him and visit us, also. Al's lecture on Lincoln's Gettysburg Address will give you some new perspectives on probably the most famous speech ever written in this country's history.



Al Smith shown here at recent “Vacant Chair” ceremonies held by Camp 5 of the SUV at graveside memorial for Gen. Benjamin Butler in Lowell, MA.

Photo by Nadine Mironchuk

Al Smith has been a Civil War enthusiast for 40 years; he began his love of Civil War study when he first met someone who had known a Civil War veteran in his youth. According to Nadine, the Civil War experience up 'north' was such a thing of the past then, that it was rare to meet someone who was so enthusiastic about having known a Civil War veteran, and Al was inspired by their conversation.

In the years since, he has been either a founding member or an early supporter of many of the Civil War Round Tables in Massachusetts, and has promoted the study of the Civil War by seeking out the best speakers for round tables, arranging trips to battlefields for round table members, funding the education of Civil War

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014

7 P.M. Centreville Library

**GUEST SPEAKER:
HISTORIAN AL SMITH**

TOPIC:

**“NEW REFLECTIONS ON THE
GETTYSBURG ADDRESS”**

presentations in local schools, and offering scholarships for young people intending to study this period of American History. It is no exaggeration to say that Al took his inspiration for the study of the Civil War and put it into action, becoming a fundamental force for much of the avocational study of the Civil War that takes place in Massachusetts today.

Al has spoken to many round tables and historical gatherings, usually about his favorite topic - Abraham Lincoln. He is a member of the Lincoln Group of Boston, the Sons of Union Veterans Lander Camp No. 5 (Lynn, MA), our Bull Run Civil War Round Table, the Civil War Round Table of Greater Boston (MA) (past vice president), the General Lander Civil War Round Table (Lynn, MA) (current programs manager), the Olde Colony Civil War Round Table (Dedham, MA), and the Belmont (MA) Historical Society. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from Bentley College in 1966. Al's other focus of philanthropy is the protection of animals, and he also volunteers to visit and assist those who are in the care of hospice services.

Come on out at 5:00 p.m., just east of the library in the Giant shopping center, to the Coyote Grill - 14101 St. Germain Dr., Centreville, VA - prior to the 7:00 p.m. meeting. Greet Al while we are dining. Hope to see you then.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 8, 2014 - Ed Bearss - "Battle of the Wilder-
ness : May 1864"

June 12, 2014 - Dr. Benjamin Franklin Cooling, III -
"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 May-
er - "Citizen-General: Jacob Dolson Cox and the
Civil War Era, Battle of Franklin, TN: November
1864"

December 18, 2014 - David Goetz - "Hell is Being a
Republican in Virginia: The Postwar Relationship
Between John Singleton Mosby and Ulysses S.
Grant"

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,

April is when the showers bring May flowers, but this month we will have a visitor from up north - no, not snow - but historian Al Smith, who will speak to us about a new look at Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. It has been a very tough winter, even in March, but we had a great lecture at the last meeting by historian Scott Harris on the "Battle of New Market, VA - May 1864." It was wonderful to see Scott again, the former curator of the Manassas Museum, and have dinner at the Coyote Grille. I believe we had the biggest pre-meeting gathering of BRCWRT folks ever - 25 souls. So good to see every come out and enjoy themselves!

Scott's presentation featured the VMI cadets' story, then and now, and their involvement in the famous battle on I-81. Quite a large crowd also came out to see our old friend of Manassas at the meeting itself, and he didn't disappoint, offering an outstanding lecture. Thank you, Scott, and we'll see you down the road at upcoming BRCWRT events.

Addressing a local preservation issue at our March meeting, Rob Orrison, John DePue and I addressed the membership at the Centreville Library about a section of the Bristoe Station Battlefield that is in preservation danger at the present time.

This issue has been an ongoing project with the Executive Committee for about a year now, and just recently drew added attention, as the preservation property in question (NC Brig. Gen. Kirkland's Charge, east of Rte. 619 (Bristow Road)) has been the object of a rezoning petition by the owners.

The property owners, Chapel Springs Assembly of God (formally Manassas Assembly),

has petitioned the Prince William County Board of Supervisors for a rezoning Comprehensive Planning Amendment (CPA) to turn Kirkland's Charge (51 acres) into a for-profit cemetery. Please read further information about this that appears in another article in this newsletter.

Please remember that April is the last month to receive your free BRCWRT newsletter, as we conclude our 2014 Membership drive. Please renew as soon as you can, because you don't want to miss receiving any issues of the BRCWRT *Stone Wall* after the April deadline. As you know, 1864 was a tremendous year of fighting/battles which you will not want to miss 150th information and stories about that turbulent time in our wonderful newsletter. Please bring your dues to the meeting or mail your check, or sign up online at our website.

We are so pleased to have five 2014 BRCWRT Scholarship candidates who have successfully completed the application process to be considered for this award. Our Scholarship committee, chaired by Nancy Anwyll, will determine the winner through a selection process judging academic excellence, the substance of a written document presented, and an individual interview. We are looking forward to announcing a winner in May.

I am happy to report that we now have 178 "Likes" for our new Facebook site at: <https://www.facebook.com/bullruncwrt>. You can receive future real-time pictures of Civil War events, Civil War event updates, Civil War local and regional information, and BRCWRT information that should enhance your Civil War experience and knowledge. You can also "SHARE" your BRCWRT FB page with your friends, so that many of them can sign up, too. Please continue to spread the word to your family and friends, younger people and potential members, that the BRCWRT is the Northern Virginia hub for Civil War information and preservation, and is a tremendous organization to join.

As always, if you can't make the 5:00 p.m. dinner at the Coyote Grille, we'll see you at the library before 7:00 p.m., as we enjoy some fellowship, buys some books and get ready for another excellent lecture.

Let us never forget our soldiers, and what they did for us. God Bless all of you.



March meeting speaker Scott Harris.

Photo by Janet Greentree

Installation of Civil War Trust 'Wolf Run Shoals' Marker

By Brian McEnany

February 27 was a cold day at the end of Wolf Run Shoals. As always, it is a quiet and contemplative place. That morning, the only sound that interrupted the quiet was the 'thunk' of a steel rod opening up the old macadam at the end of the road. Thunk – thunk – thunk – "I think I'm through" came the call - and Virginia clay was lifted out of the hole with the posthole digger. Forty-one inches away another hole was "drilled" through the old pavement into the frozen ground.



The installation crew from the Civil War Trails office in Richmond ("Awesome" Jason and its director, Mitch Bowman) worked alongside of Patrick Lennon (Fairfax Civil War Trails office) and Jim Lewis and Brian McEnany to dig the post holes for the Civil War Trails sign commemorating the use of Wolf Run Shoals during the war.

By noon, the holes were dug, the metal frame and map fastened together and the sign lifted into place. A level checked the placement, and the final bags of sand, rocks and cement sealed the legs into the ground. The prominent blue, white and yellow map, framed by the black metal frame, stood out starkly amongst the denuded trees and the blue sky overhead.

The marker stands exactly in the center of the old road by the parking area at the end of Wolf Run Shoals Road. The coordinates of the site were picked up by Jason's GPS and will soon be entered into the Virginia Civil



Jim Lewis and Brian McEnany admire the new historical sign for Wolf Run Shoals.

War Trails brochures. Jim and Brian still have to arrange with VDOT where to place the Virginia Civil War Trail signs that direct people to the site.

Brian and Jim admired the final product.. It was the culmination of a lot of hard work – writing a proposal, creating the maps and finding photographs, adding a human interest story and submitting the entire for approval. Final approval came last year, but it was February before the markers for Fairfax County were completed and the installation crew scheduled to put them into the ground.

One final step remained. Brian and Jim covered up the marker to protect it from the elements until a commemoration ceremony on a date yet to be established sometime in May takes place.

* 2014 Membership - Time Nearly Out! *

If you are reading this newsletter, you are a proud member of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table. Your dues support our mission of education and preservation through scholarships, preservation grants and supporting our monthly top notch programs. Our dues are minimal compared to other Civil War Roundtables across the country (most doing much less than we do!). If you have not paid your dues, please do so NOW! This will be your last newsletter unless your dues are paid.

Be sure to see our treasurer Mark Knowles during the next meeting or complete and mail him your membership form found on the last page of the newsletter and/or check to: 169 Applegate Dr., Sterling, VA 20164.

Remember, your \$20 goes a long way and is greatly appreciated. We look forward to your continued support through membership.

Bristoe Station Update

By John F. De Pue

As many of you are aware, the Chapel Springs Assembly of God Church owns an approximately 155-acre tract along Bristoe Road in Prince William County, Virginia. The property abuts the Bristoe Station Heritage Park. It includes the site of Brigadier General William Kirkland's North Carolina Brigade's assault against elements of Major General G.K. Warren's Union Second Corps during the October 14, 1863 Battle of Bristoe Station. The unsuccessful attack resulted in over 600 Confederate casualties, including General Kirkland, himself.

In December 2013, the Church filed with Prince William County planning officials, an application for a Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment (CPMA) that, if granted, would permit it to seek to establish a commercial cemetery along the axis of advance of the Kirkland assault. It did so knowing the historical significance of the site, which was acknowledged in CPMA. Indeed, the threatened tract was also the site of the August 27, 1862 Battle of Kettle Run, and contains visible military graves and Union hut sites constructed following the October 1863 battle.

Upon learning of the threat to this hallowed ground, the Officers and Executive Board of the

BRCWRT took immediate steps to express their concern and to preserve the integrity of the of the battlefield. Among other things, they reminded members of the professional planning staff of the historical significance of the property at issue, transmitted personal letters to each member of the Board of County Supervisors, met with the Vice-Chairman of the Board and scheduled meetings with other Board members. In addition, they reiterated their concerns to counsel for the Church.

A hearing before the Board of County Supervisors was scheduled for March 11th, during which several BRCWRT expected to register their objections. However, before the hearing occurred, the Church withdrew its application with leave to re-submit it at a later date.

Notwithstanding this development, the threat has not abated, as the Church is likely to launch further attempts to develop the tract as a commercial cemetery. The Officers and Executive Board members will therefore continue to monitor the evolving situation, and are scheduled to meet with Church officials later this month in an attempt to reach a mutually satisfactory solution to the threat.

We will keep the membership apprised of developments and may call upon you in the future to register your concerns with Prince William County officials should we fail to satisfactorily resolve this matter.

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

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

- ♦ Dale Langston
- ♦ George Zamka
- ♦ Kevin O'Keefe
- ♦ Sam Laudenslager

Brentsville Jail Funds Just Short of Goal

The Prince William Historic Preservation Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is raising funds for the curation and conservation of American Civil War Artifacts at the Brentsville Jail. We are raising funds to conserve and prepare for exhibition a significant collection of Civil War artifacts. These artifacts will form the basis for the interpretation of the Civil War in Brentsville. The original boots that were found on site, military accouterments, and bullets will need to be identified, conserved and prepared for the exhibit.

Our goal of \$3,500 will accomplish this project to include the conservation, interpretation and display of the materials. This project will ensure that the American Civil War history of Brentsville is a significant part of the overall Jail exhibit. The exhibit is scheduled to open in May of 2015. Please donate by NLT May 15, 2014:

<http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/rediscovering-brentsville-s-civil-war-stories>.

We are in the homestretch of raising of \$70k; we have \$50k committed - \$20k left to go.



CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE Tiger John McCausland, The Unreconstructed Rebel

By Janet Greentree

"Burnt by Rebel Cavalry" are the words etched in concrete above the door of the Franklin County Courthouse in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. To be more specific, the words are: Built 1842, Burnt by Rebel Cavalry, July 30, 1864, Rebuilt 1865. There is no mention of the name of General John McCausland, who under orders from General Jubal A. Early, asked for a ransom of \$100,000 from the town of Chambersburg, PA. If no ransom was paid, he would burn the town in retaliation for the burning of the Shenandoah Valley by Union General David Hunter, and especially in



Historical monument in town center Diamond of Chambersburg, PA.
Photo by Janet Greentree

burning in July, 1864, the general's grandson, Dr. Alexander McCausland, from Roanoke, VA was asked to be present at a memorial event. Dr. McCausland, son of John III, accepted and was treated very kindly by the citizens of Chambersburg.

The interest in General McCausland was started by correspondence between a fellow graver and **findagrave.com** contributor, the late Joe Ferrell, and Ms. Rebelle, about the whereabouts of General McCausland's grave in West Virginia. Joe lived in Charleston, WV and had been to McCausland's grave, which is located in the Smith Family Cemetery atop a "mountain" in Henderson, WV. Joe kindly offered to show Yankee Nan (Nancy Anwyll) and me where his grave was located. Little did we know that, nine years ago, we would be climbing that mountain (no roads) to view that grave. Not only did Joe help us find the grave, he found the grandson of the general, Smith McCausland, who was willing to show us Grape Hill, the general's home in Pliny, WV. Both of us so enjoyed talking to Smith, who was very humble, soft spoken and extremely proud of his grandfather. Smith still farms the land his grandfather owned and is the son of Alexander McCausland.

Grape Hill is a huge, 19-room stone house with an octagonal belvedere on top of

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Plaque above door of Franklin County Courthouse in Chambersburg, PA.

Photo by Janet Greentree

McCausland's mind, Hunter's burning of the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia.

On my first visit to Chambersburg, there was a historical sign in the town Diamond saying about the same thing as the attached photo, but without the name of General McCausland. On subsequent trips, a new historical sign does mention the name of McCausland. There is also a monument stone in the Diamond that does not mention his name. Feelings ran deep in Chambersburg for many years after the burning of the town. However, on the 100th anniversary of the

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the roof. McCausland had installed dumb-waiters in the house, as well as a central collection device for collecting ashes from the fireplaces. The house was built in 1885, and he had one of the first telephones in Mason County. After the war, when McCausland bought the land in Mason County, it was swampy. Using his engineering skills learned at VMI, he designed tiles to divert the water, which are still in use today. McCausland built the house after he married Charlotte Hannah. They met at the Greenbrier Hotel during a reunion with General Fitzhugh Lee. They had



Left, McCausland during the Civil War, and right, later in life.

nessed the execution of John Brown in Charles Town in 1859.

When the Civil War began, McCausland was commissioned a colonel and commanded the 36th Virginia Infantry Regiment. His men gave him the sobriquet of "Tiger John." Most of McCausland's time was spent in western Virginia with faceoffs between him and General David Hunter. When General Albert Gallatin Jenkins died at Cloyd's Mountain, McCausland was given command of the Confederate forces. He was instrumental in saving the city of Lynchburg from General Hunter. The city gave him a gold sword inscribed "The City of Lynchburg to General John McCausland, June 18, 1864." He was given a new horse, accoutrements, and solid silver spurs. The city sent him telegrams for years on his birthday, in appreciation. On the 61st anniversary of the battle, the mayor of Lynchburg sent the following telegram: "On this sixty-first anniversary of the attack on Lynchburg, which you so ably repelled with troops under your command, permit me to remind you of the grateful remembrance of our people and express the wish you are this day enjoying the satisfaction that must be yours through having served God and your fellow-men."

McCausland was also with General Early in July 1864, in Early's attempt to take Washington. McCausland got as close as Georgetown and could see the unfinished dome of the Capitol.

Now we come back to Chambersburg.

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McCausland's Grape Hill in Pliny, W.V.

Photo by Janet Greentree

four children: Samuel, Charlotte, John, and Alexander.

John McCausland, Jr. was born to John & Harriet McCausland in St. Louis, Missouri on September 13, 1836. His neighbors were the Dent family. Julia Dent would later marry Ulysses S. Grant. His father devised a tax system for the city of St. Louis which is still in use today. In 1843, he became an orphan when his parents died within a month of each other. He was taken by his Uncle Alexander to Henderson, WV to live with his maiden aunt, Jane Smith. When he was 16, he entered the Virginia Military Institute and graduated first in the class of 1857. He became an assistant professor at VMI, alongside future General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. Jackson, McCausland, and a group of VMI Cadets, acting as guards around the scaffolding, wit-

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General Early ordered him to go north into Pennsylvania, demand \$100,000 in gold or \$500,000 in greenbacks from the prosperous town of Chambersburg, in retaliation for Hunter's burning of the Valley. He arrived about 8:00 a.m. and set up headquarters at the Henry Greenawalt house west of town. He ate breakfast with his staff at the Franklin Hotel, while the town's elders decided what to do. The elders thought the ransom demand was a joke and said they would not pay.

The town was torched, destroying 550 buildings including 278 homes and businesses, 271 barns, stables, and outbuildings. Two thousand inhabitants were left homeless. The residents hid where they were able, including the local cemetery. The entire center of town was destroyed. Only one local resident died, and three Confederates. The monetary loss to the town was estimated to be \$915,137.24, which is enumerated on the monument stone on the Diamond. General Hancock issued an order: "The President directs that you cause



Above, McCausland surveying his work.

Appomattox. When he asked Fitzhugh Lee what was happening, Lee replied, "Uncle Bobby has surrendered." Like Colonel John Singleton Mosby, rather than surrender, he and his men left Appomattox and disbanded in Lynchburg. He became known as the "Unreconstructed Rebel." When asked about his sons becoming soldiers, he said: "I rather see my boys dead, than to wear the blue uniform."

With a price on his head at age 29, he left the country and travelled in Europe and Canada. He carried letters of introduction from prominent friends and the faculty of VMI. General Grant declared in 1867 that Chambersburg should be forgotten and forgiven. McCausland returned to West Virginia, but remained a recluse and farmer the rest of his life. His grandson Smith told us the story of President Grant stopping by his house on the Great Kanawha River and wanting to visit. McCausland declined to see him. He died of a stroke on January 22, 1927, at the age of 90 in his rocking chair at his home in Pliny. Due to the swollen condition of the Great Kanawha River, his coffin was floated down the river on a large barge to Henderson, and then pulled on a sled up the mountain to the Smith Family Cemetery for burial. The Daughters of Confederacy handled the funeral. The coffin was draped with the Confederate Stars and Bars. He was the next-to-the-last Confederate general to die. General Felix Robertson of Texas

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Henry Greenawalt House - McCausland's HQ - Chambersburg, PA.

Photo by Janet Greentree

the rebel General McCausland to be arrested and held until application is made for this person by the civil authorities of Pennsylvania." New York papers called him the "Hun of Chambersburg."

He also fought at Fort Donelson, the Valley Campaign (3rd Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek), the Siege of Petersburg, and the Battle of Five Forks. He was present at

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would survive him by 13 months.

More thanks are due to Nancy Anwyll for her super genealogy research, and her memory for things that happened nine years ago; Nadine Mironchuk for her expert editor advice for pictures of people, and most of all, to the late Joe Ferrell and his wife Pam. This trip would not have been possible without him. Pam kindly sent me all of Joe's cemetery maps for finding generals after his death, which I am still using to this day.

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.



In photo at left, Janet Greentree (l) and Nancy Anwyll (r) at McCausland's grave in Henderson, WV. Above, Nancy Anwyll (r), Smith McCausland (c), and Janet Greentree (l).

SHERMAN UPDATE

By Janet Greentree

Thanks to BRCWRT member Rich Sherwood, the puzzle of the stone carvings on General William Tecumseh Sherman's grave marker has been solved. It seems that our General Sherman designed his own marker. He wanted a simple shaft with draped stone flags on its face, and between them, the insignia he had drawn in 1868 to symbolize the unity of his armies – at the top of the swift arrow, badge of Blair's 17th Corps; hanging from it the shield of Schofield's 23rd; on the shield the star of Slocum's 20th; dangling below, the acorn of David's 14th Corps but standing out at the very heart of the design, the badge of the 15th Corps – a cartridge box bearing the words that a ragged private had hurled one cold marching day in Tennessee: "Forty Rounds."

This information came from a posting on the genealogy site of Rootsweb from the book by Lloyd Lewis, *Sherman: Fighting Prophet*.



Civil War: Civil War Untold Story

by Sam Laudenslager

Another good reason for doing your taxes early, instead of pulling an "all nighter" for April 15th... PBS Public Broadcasting will air a new 5-½ hour weekly series (90-min. 1st episode) on the American Civil War in the West (Fort Donelson thru Atlanta) beginning evening Monday April 14 entitled: "CIVIL WAR: THE UNTOLD STORY."

The first episode will air in the Washington area on April 14 (evening) on WHUR (Howard University TV, Ch. 32) and WMPT (Maryland Public Television Baltimore/Annapolis, Ch. 22). It will not be aired on WETA.

I had the good fortune to be invited to the preview viewing of the first episode – "Bloody Shiloh: First Day," at Manassas National Battlefield. The series is the result of a collaboration between the National Park Service, Great Divide Pictures, the Hallowed Ground Partnership, and National Public Broadcasting.

This is PBS's biggest venture into Civil War themed programming since Ken Burns "The Civil War". It came about because Great Divide was producing new orientation films for the National Park Visitor Centers at Shiloh, Chickamauga, and Kennesaw for the "150th".

The series follows the production formats of History Channel, combining brief comments from academics, reenacted sequences (no large "Gods & Generals" vistas though), period photography ala Ken Burns, scenic video of the actual battle sites (reenacted sequences were actually shot on the Shiloh, Chickamauga, and Kennesaw Mountain battlefields).

Additionally, there is some really good CGI (the scene of Grant's fleet of ironclad gunboats and steamboat transports moving down the Tennessee River to Pittsburg Landing belching black smoke is spectacular!), and some really good map work (ala the Civil War Trust's cell phone tour apps.)

I encourage Bull Run Round Table members to watch – "The Civil War: The Untold Story – Episode I: "Bloody Shiloh" on WHUR and/or WMPT, Monday evening April 14th.

CALENDAR of EVENTS - APRIL—MAY 2014

April 11-13

Ben Lomond Civil War Encampment

10 a.m.- 4 p.m.; \$5 per person, children six and under free

Join living historians as they interpret the life of Confederate soldiers from 3rd Regiment ANV. This event will allow visitors a unique glimpse into a camp setting where they can watch soldiers, conduct picket duty, drill, and learn the school of the soldier. Ben Lomond Historic Site, 10321 Sudley Manor Dr., Manassas, VA 703-367-7872.

April 12

Potomac River Blockade Boat Tour

\$40.00 per person, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., includes lunch, reservations required.

Cruise along the Potomac River shoreline and view sites that were critical to the Confederate successful blockade of Washington D.C. from September 1861 through March 1862. The cruise will include the preserved batteries at Freestone Point and Possum Nose, as well as Evansport and Shipping Point. Tours include lunch and depart from Leesylvania State Park in Woodbridge. For reservations call 703-792-4754.

April 18

USCT Union Encampment

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; donations accepted

In 1864 soldiers returned to Bristoe Station. Instead of a battle, these Union troops instead encamped here for most of the winter and early spring. By May, soldiers and supplies traveled south along the railroad to the front lines. In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of these important events, the 23rd United States Colored Troops living history unit will encamp on the grounds of Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park to relate the story of the thousands of former slaves and free blacks who passed through here on their way to fight Robert E. Lee's army. Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, located off of Iron Brigade Unit Ave., Bristow, VA. 703-366-3049.

April 25-27

Friday-Sunday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Bermuda Hundred Sesquicentennial Commemorative Event, This signature event will demonstrate what siege warfare and fighting during the Civil War would have resembled in May 1864. Encounter living history demonstrations and hear stories about slaves, civilians, medicine and the U.S. Navy. Encounter infantry, cavalry and artillery demonstrations. The highlight of the weekend will be demonstrations of the documented attacks and defense of the second Battle of Drewry's Bluff, May 14-16, 1864. A candle-light guided tour of the battle lines will be offered on Saturday evening. Food and drinks will be available. Location: Horner Park, 17701 Genito Road. For additional details, go to the Chesterfield County Website at www.visitchesterfieldVA.com or contact Bill Brown, Commander, General Robert E. Lee Camp #1589, Midlothian, VA.

April 26

The Cavalry Comes to Brentsville

11 a.m. - 4 p.m., \$5 per person, children free under six

In 1861, Brentsville served as the muster location for the Prince William Cavalry as they went off to fight in the Civil War. Join living historians as they portray cavalry units from the Civil War. Drills, firing demos and tours offered. Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, 12229 Bristow Rd., Bristow, Va, 703-365-7895.

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April 30th & May 1st

Registration for the symposium Virginia's Civil War Landscape at the Sesquicentennial:

Contemporary Battlefield Conservation & Management Strategies is now open! The Virginia Department of Historic Resources will present an in-depth seminar on the preservation of Civil War battlefield lands on April 30th & May 1st, 2014 in Richmond, Virginia.

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The symposium will be held in the Halsey Lecture Hall at the Virginia Historical Society. Attendees are also invited to Historic Tredegar on the evening of April 30th for the keynote address by James I. "Bud" Robertson, Jr., Alumni Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History, Virginia Tech. The conference will conclude with a planned site visit to the nearby Richmond National Battlefield Park on May 1st.

Session Topics Include:

- Forging Effective Public-Private Partnerships
- Identification & Documentation of Battlefield Landscapes
- Land Use Planning & Zoning
- Conservation Easement Design & Stewardship
- Management of Archaeological Resources
- Education & Interpretation

For more information and a link to the registration, see the following web pages:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Virginia-Civil-War-Battlefield-Symposium/477137949064042>

The symposium is presented by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and made possible by a planning grant awarded through the American Battlefield Protection Program of the National Park Service. It is also hosted through the generous support of the event speakers, partners and sponsors, including the Virginia Historical Society and Historic Tredegar.

May 3

Arlington Cemetery Tour

\$80 per person, lunch included, reservations required

Tour America's most hallowed ground on this all-day tour that will explore the history of Arlington from the early days when it was a shrine to George Washington through its founding as a national cemetery during America's bloodiest conflict. The tour will include a tour of Robert E. Lee's Arlington House and a driving tour that will highlight some of the notable burials within the cemetery. Along the way you will learn about lesser-known aspects of Arlington's history such as Freedman's Village, where former slaves experienced their first taste of freedom. For reservations, call Ben Lomond Historic Site at 703-367-7872.

May 4

Dedication of Laura Ratcliffe Civil War Trails Marker

1p.m. - 3p.m.

At Merrybrook, 2346 Centreville Road, Herndon, VA

For further information please contact: Chuck Mauro, (571) 328-9559, cmauro10@aol.com.

May 10

Potomac River Blockade Boat Tour

\$40.00 per person, 10am-1pm, includes lunch, reservations required.

Cruise along the Potomac River shoreline and view sites that were critical to the Confederate successful blockade of Washington D.C. from September 1861 through March 1862. The cruise will include the preserved batteries at Freestone Point and Possum Nose, as well as Evansport and Shipping Point. Tours include lunch and departs from Leesylvania State Park in Woodbridge. For reservations call 703-792-4754.

May 31

Register now for the 2014 Signature Conference

The sixth installment in the popular Signature Conference series. The American Civil War in a Global Context examines the Civil War from a global perspective of world history.

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