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AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN BRIAN R. McENANY SPEAKS ON "THE WEST POINT CLASS OF 1862" AT THE MAY 14th MEETING

By Mark Trbovich

During the tense months leading up to the American Civil War, the cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point continued their education, even as the nation threatened to dissolve around them. Students from both the North and South struggled to understand events such as John Brown's Raid, the secession of eleven states from the Union and the attack on Fort Sumter. By graduation day, half the class of 1862 had resigned; only 28 remained, and their class motto—"Joined in Common Cause"—had been severely tested.



West Point, U.S. Military Academy, from the Opposite Shore, 1862 - Currier & Ives

Our 24th Anniversary May lecture features fellow BRCWRT member Brian McEnany, whose lecture will follow the cadets from their initiation through coursework, and on to the battlefield. He will focus on the experiences of 12 Union and four

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

THURSDAY, May 14, 2015

7 p.m. Centreville Library
GUEST SPEAKER:
AUTHOR BRIAN McENANY

TOPIC:

"THE WEST POINT CLASS OF 1862"

Confederate "Class of '62" soldiers. Drawing heavily on primary sources, Brian will present a fascinating chronicle of the young classmates, who became allies and enemies during the largest conflict ever endured on American soil. Their vivid accounts provide new perspectives not only on famous battles such as Antietam, Gettysburg, Fredericksburg and the Overland and Atlanta cam-

paigns, but also on lesser known battles such as Port Hudson, Olustee, High Bridge and Pleasant Hills.

Brian graduated from the United States Military Academy with the class of 1962 and served in artillery assignments in Germany, Korea, and the United States. He also served in combat in Vietnam.

A retired lieutenant colonel and operations research analyst, he is the author of several historical articles about West Point during the Civil War. He serves on our BRCWRT Executive committee and lives in Vienna, Virginia.

Brian has recently authored a

book on this subject: "For Brotherhood and Duty"—which can be purchased at the meeting, or through the University of Kentucky Press. The book includes more than one hundred photos, il-

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 14, 2015 - Author and Historian Brian McEnany -"The West Point Class of 1862"

June 11, 2015 - Author and Historian William Connery -"Mosby's Raids in Civil War Northern Virginia"

July 9. 2015 - Authors and Historians Mosby Panel (Dave Goetz, Chuck Mauro, Don Hakenson and Eric Buckland) - "The Life of Confederate Colonel John S. Mosby"

August 13, 2015 - Author and NPS Historian Emeritus Mr. Ed Bearss - "Lee's Retreat to Appomattox: 1865"

September 10, 2015 - Author and Historian Christopher Kolakowski - "CSS Alabama"

October 8, 2015 - NPS Ranger Elizabeth Parnicza -"Looting of Fredericksburg, VA: 1862"

November 12, 2015 - Author and Historian Christopher Mackowski - "Battle of North Anna, VA: May 1864"

December 17, 2015 - NPS Ranger Matt Atkinson -"Battle at the Devil's Den – Gettysburg, PA: July 1863"

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The President's Column By Mark A. Trbovich

Bull Run Civil War Round Table Members,

Greetings and Happy Anniversary to the BRCWRT for 24 years of outstanding leadership in this region, providing the best in Civil War tours, education and preservation. I am so honored to serve as your President (my sixth year). With each year, the BRCWRT continues to serve as a beacon of Civil War knowledge and as a 'base camp' of Civil War activity in the Northern Virginia region.

During the Sesquicentennial, the BRCWRT enhanced its reputation amongst its peers and membership with its presentation of a superb series of lectures coinciding with the 150th anniversary of Civil War events and battles. This 150th programming has been, I believe, a tremendous success. The anniversary years of the war are, however, now concluded, and so we have resumed our schedule of all-inclusive study of the Civil War. Together, we will enjoy a new, full year of activity and learning.

Again, I am grateful for the support of the membership in 2015. We will never rest on our laurels, but will strive to bring high-quality Civil War lectures and tours to this region.

For the first time in very many years, our May 2015 BRCWRT anniversary meeting will not have Ed Bearss as our featured speaker. Ed's prior commitments will push his visit with us back to our August 2015 meeting - so look forward seeing Ed then.

Instead, the May meeting will feature one of our own BRCWRT Executive Board members, Brian McEnany, who will turn the spotlight on the "West Point Class of 1862." His book on this topic will be available for purchase at the meeting. Brian has done such an outstanding job with his past lectures at the Round Table, and I'm sure this one will be a presentation you will not want to miss.

A big "thank you" is offered to historian and author Gregory Wilson for his wonderful lecture entitled "Jonathan Roberts, the Civil War Quaker Scout and Sheriff" presented at the April 2015 meeting. Greg, also a member of the

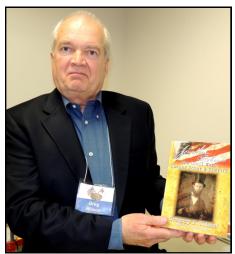
BRCWRT, shared with us all the research on his family history, featuring Jonathan Roberts.

Roberts was a devout Quaker, farmer, surveyor, husband and father, as well as a firm abolitionist; he was also a Civil War scout for the

Federals. We learned what a dangerous life he led during the war in *very* unfriendly Virginia. Thank you, Greg, for excellent the presentation. and for writing vour outstanding book. which many of us purchased.

Please

May will be



Greg Wilson, April speaker at the BRCWRT, holds his book about his ancestor Jonathan Roberts.

remember that Photo by Janet Greentree

the first month that the 2015 membership drive ends. Renew as soon as you can, as you don't want to miss receiving any issues of the BRCWRT *Stone Wall* following the April deadline. Remember - you can sign up on-line as well as at the upcoming meeting.

The May 2nd Petersburg/Pamplin Park tour was a tremendous event, which was well-attended. Thank you so much, Rob Orrison and John DePue, for organizing it.

Our BRWCRT Facebook (FB) page now has close to 355 folks who "LIKE" it, adding to their list of Facebook correspondents. If you haven't yet "SHARED" the page with your friends, now is the time to do so. There's lots of Civil War news and information on that site, which is: https://www.facebook.com/bullruncwrt. Visiting the site, you can receive real-time pictures of Civil War events, Civil War activity updates, local and regional news and information, and BRCWRT highlights that should enhance your Civil War experience and knowledge.

Please continue to spread the word to your family and friends, younger folks and potential members, that the BRCWRT is the hub of

BRCWRT Spring Tour - Pamplin Park and the Petersburg Breakthrough

by Rob Orrison

We had *PER-FECT* weather on Saturday, May 2nd for our annual Spring tour. This year, a hardy group of 19 made the 90-minute drive to Petersburg to tour one of region's best Civil War museums.

Pamplin Park not only preserves and interprets the site of the Union VI Corps breakthrough on April 2, 1865, but it also preserves and interprets several historic farms and outbuildings in the historic area.



Attendees included (not in order): Charlie Balch, Mike Buckley, Doug and Saundra Cox, Bill Cratty, Alan Day, John De Pue, Bob Eldridge, Ken Jones, Chris Kern, Dale and Melanie Langston and son Daniel, who was on leave from the US Coast Guard; Sam Laudenslager, Blake Myers, Rob Orrison, Patrick Quinn, Richard Sherwood, and Joe Young.

Photo courtesy of Charlie Balch

The brilliant start of the facility is the National Museum of the Civil War Soldier. Using interactive technology, the exhibits really puts the visitor in the shoes of a typical soldier.

The morning was spent touring the museum and the various historic buildings and landscapes associated with the park. In the afternoon, historian, author and Pamplin Park employee Edward Alexander led the group on a tour focusing on the events of April 2nd.

Our first stop was at Fort Fisher, with a short walk out to Fort Welch on Civil War Trust property. The Trust has recently cleared all the trees so that you can see the same landscape that Union forces saw when they attacked the Confederate lines near Tudor Hall (modern day Pamplin Park).

Alexander set up the spring 1865 campaign for us and explained how the Union VI Corps formed

up for their attack. Our second stop was in Pamplin Park itself, with its superbly preserved Confederate earthworks. Alexander led a short walking tour of the earthworks and framed for us exactly how the Union VI Corps was able to break the line there, focusing on the heroic efforts of the Vermont troops.

It was good to have long-time member and former Webmaster Ken Jones on the tour. We have missed him at meetings since his move to Richmond two years ago.

Though a long day, it was a fun and productive day – a perfect mix of museum site-seeing and battlefield touring. Stay tuned for details of our fall tour; if you have any ideas for tour possibilities, please contact Rob Orrison at: orrison76@hotmail.com, or John DePue at the regular meetings.

Upcoming Round Table Survey

As we end the Sesquicentennial Civil War cycle of lectures and tours, the Round Table would like to set a new direction that is both interesting and relevant to its membership.

To set that direction, we need the perspective of current members and members who did not renew. This will be obtained through a survey of their thoughts. It is important that the Executive Committee obtain a good understanding of what knowledgeable people find positive and negative about the Round Table and what activities it can offer to attract new members and increase the participation of existing members. The opinions of active and recent members are very important to gaining this understanding.

The survey will be offered online; it will be e-mailed on May 28[™] and will be open until June 11th.

Centreville Historic District Threatened by Leland Road Alternative

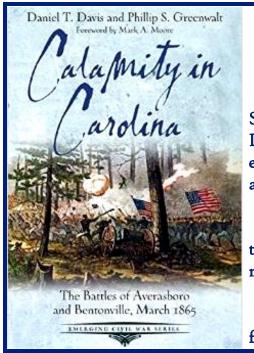
by Ed Wenzel

The often-besieged Centreville Historic Overlay District (CHOD), which encompasses the historic structures, forts, and entrenchments of old Centreville, has come under a new threat. Following years of fights over high development proposals that would compromise or diminish the historic elements within the district, this latest threat by County transportation planners seems designed to open the CHOD to a new round of inappropriate development. Here's the situation:

To the north of Lee Highway and roughly parallel to it for about two miles, Leland Road (and extended streets) runs west toward the historic area of old Centreville. Today, Leland stops at Pickwick Road on the east edge of the CHOD where a left turn brings traffic to a stop light at Lee Highway. For many years, various County plans have shown a "Leland Road Extension" continuing west across Pickwick Road and through the heart of the CHOD. The Extension alignment curves past St. John's Church and exits the district at Lee Highway, Braddock Road, and Old Centreville Road. This proposed extension has long generated public criticism because if constructed, it would split the CHOD, encourage higher density development within the district, and violate practically every guideline set forth to protect old Centreville and the historic area around St. John's. Recognizing this, Supervisor Michael Frey proposed to County planners that the Leland Road Extension be removed from the County's Transportation Plan.

However, not to give up the road entirely, Fairfax County planners have proposed a less intrusive "alternative alignment" for Leland that would still bring the road into the CHOD, sever the southeast portion of the district just east of the Royal Oaks cemetery, and exit the district beside the bowling alley on Lee Highway. At a community meeting at Sully District headquarters on April 13, County planners presented the alternative and sought to convince residents and historical groups of the wisdom of the new plan. It is clear though, that the true purpose of the alternative alignment is not to protect the historic district, but to foster increased development in the southeast part of the CHOD, and to encourage redevelopment of commercial property along Lee Highway.

In regard to this alternative, BRCWRT President, Mark Trbovich, sent a letter to Supervisor Frey declaring the vehement opposition of the Round Table to any intrusion of Leland Road into the CHOD and any increase of housing density within the district. The writer sent a similar letter. At this time, we don't know if further studies or other proposals might emerge from County planning offices, or if public hearings will be scheduled. In the meantime, letters to Supervisor Frey concerning the protection of the Centreville Historic District from unwanted new streets and dense development are encouraged. For those wishing to write, information and addresses can be obtained from the writer or from other members of the Executive Committee. Please stay tuned for further updates.



Calamity in Carolina

The Battles of Averasboro and Bentonville, March 1865

Detailing the progression of Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman's armies through the Carolinas, co-authors Daniel T. Davis and Phillip Greenwalt examine the efforts of Gen. Joseph Johnston to slow Sherman's advance at Averasboro and Bentonville.

Daniel T. Davis spoke on the Battle of Bentonville at the BRCWRT's February meeting.

Published by Savas Beatie, LLC it is now available for purchase at: www.savasbeatie.com.



CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE General A.P. Hill

April 2, 2015, marked the 150th anniversary of the death of Lieutenant General Ambrose Powell Hill, CSA, during the Petersburg campaign. He was killed near the mod-

ern-day tersection of Route 1 (Boydton Plank Road) and Sentry Hill Court in Petersburg. A monument stands the spot, stataptly ing: "Spot Where A.P. Hill was Killed."



Stone that simply identifies the place where Gen. A.P. Hill was killed at Petersburg defensive lines.

Photo by Gwen Wyttenbach

General Hill went through the war and almost made it entirely through, until the approach to its end at Appomattox on April 9, 1865. Just returning from sick leave on April 2nd, he rode out along the defensive lines at Petersburg trying to rally his troops when he came across a patrol of Union soldiers. Hill demanded their surrender, but Corporal John W. Mauk, Co. F, 138th PA Infantry, instead fired the fatal shot. Mauk had no idea who he had killed until he was later told.

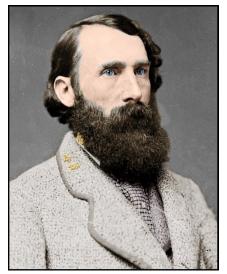
Being contained by the Union Army, Hill's men were unable to have his remains buried in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond (preferred and available all through the war for worthy personages), so he was placed in a pine box and was buried hastily in the Winston family cemetery in Chesterfield, VA. In September, 1867, he was disinterred and reburied in Hollywood Cemetery with no marker, and only the words: "Lt-Gen A.P. Hill" carved into the curb in front of his grave. Not destined to

remain in Hollywood long, he was again disinterred and reburied under a monument honoring him in a traffic circle on Laburnum Avenue and Hermitage Road in Richmond on July 1, 1891. If vou wish to visit the marker, please be advised that it is a very busy intersection, and you definitely take your life in your own hands if you try to take a picture of the marker.



A fine monument to Gen. A.P. Hill, but an odd place for a burial - his traffic circle gravesite in Richmond, VA. Photo by Gwen Wyttenbach

Did you know that Hill had red hair and hazel eyes? The colorist who recently colorized his picture definitely got it wrong. He



A recent "off-color" depiction of Gen. A.P. Hill.

was 5'8" or 5'9" and weighed around 160 pounds, unless he was fighting in a battle, during which time he would drop 20 pounds or so.

Hill was a roommate to George McClellan at West Point. He also courted and was betrothed to Ellen Marcy, McClellan's fu-

ture wife. It was said that he fought harder if he knew McClellan was on the other side. Her parents were against the marriage, and so the engagement was broken. He contracted gonorrhea during his junior year at West Point

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and had to drop out for a year. He returned to graduate 15th in his class of 1847. He was known as Powell, Little Powell, and A.P. to dis-

The building with the cupola in downtown Culpeper, VA was an early home to Gen. Hill.

er, Virginia, on November 9, 1825. His house still stands at 102 North Main Street in Culpeper. He was

Hill

born in Culpep-

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D.H. Hill.

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General

the youngest of a seven children of Thomas and I Fannie Baptist Shill.

Photo by Janet Greentree

Powell was named for

his uncle, Ambrose Powell, an Indian fighter, friend of President James Madison, legislator, explorer, and sheriff. As a young boy, his father taught him to be a perfect horseman. He was especially close to his mother, being the youngest child.

Hill was a voracious reader, devouring

everything from Shakespeare, the Bible, to books on Napoleon. He was sent to the private



Above, actor Patrick Falci, who played Gen. Hill in the movie "Gettysburg," at recent 150th Death Dedication. Below, BRCWRT "Stone Wall" Spot Reporter Gwen Wyttenbach is pictured with Falci.

Photo by Gwen Wyttenbach

boarding school Black Hills Seminary three miles northwest of his home in Culpeper. In 1842, at age 17, he was appointed to West Point. He became good friends with Henry Heth and Ambrose Burnside during his attendance there.

After graduating, Hill served in the Mexican War but did not see action in any major battles. From 1855-1860, he worked for the United States Coastal Survey. In 1857, while attending a party at the Willard Hotel in

Washington, he met Kitty Morgan. She was blue-eyed, petite, vivacious and stylish, with light brown hair; she could sing like a bird. Her Mammy called her Dolly, because she looked like a doll.



Kitty (Dolly) Morgan, wife of Gen. A.P. Hill.

On July 18, 1859, in

Lexington, Kentucky, Hill married the young widow Kitty (Dolly) Morgan Mc-Clung, whose husband had died suddenly. Dolly's brother,

John Hunt Morgan, was Hill's best man at the wedding.

Dolly and Powell had four children, all girls: Henrietta, Frances Russell, Lucy Lee, and A.P. Hill. Their last child, Ann Powell Hill, was born two months after the general died (on June 6, 1865). General R. E. Lee was godfather to Lucy Lee. Dolly traveled with Powell as much as she could during the war, but would depart several times just moments before impending danger. Kitty wasn't above doing some spying for information, either.

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She also used her beautiful silk wedding gown to make a battle flag for the 13th Virginia.

When the Civil War began, Hill resigned his U. S. Army commission and was appointed colonel of the 13th Virginia Infantry Regiment. His regiment was transported by railroad as reinforcements at the First Battle of Manassas. He was appointed brigadier general on February 26, 1862, and, after his performance in the Peninsula Campaign in 1862, was appointed major general. At the Battle of Seven

Pines, Hill began referring to his division as the Light Division. His men said the name was applicable, since they often marched without accoutrements other than their weapons and haversacks. Hill wanted his men to have a reputation for speed and agility.

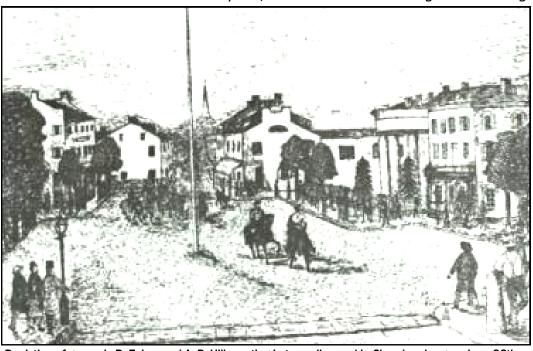
After both the Seven Days Battles and at Malvern Hill, A.P. Hill became embroiled in a dispute with James Longstreet, in reference to several disparaging newspaper articles appearing in the Richmond Examin-

er. Longstreet's charges of military malfeasance came to the point where Hill was arrested; he challenged Longstreet to a dual. General Lee stepped in and sent Hill's division to Gordonsville.

At the Battle of Antietam, after receiving a call for assistance from General Lee, Hill marched his men at the double quick to reach the battlefield in time for a counterattack against General Burnside. Lee's army was undefeated because of Hill coming up in time to assist Lee. Later, at Fredericksburg, Hill's division suffered 2,000 casualties – almost two-thirds of the casualties in Stonewall Jackson's

corps. Jackson later had Hill arrested and charged him with eight counts of dereliction of duty. Nothing came of this as they were too busy fighting the war to pause for a court of inquiry. Later, Jackson was mortally wounded in Chancellorsville in May, 1863, with Hill also being wounded in his calves. J.E.B. Stuart was tapped to replace Hill while he recuperated.

Hill was promoted to Lieutenant General on May 24, 1863 – the fourth highest-ranking



Depiction of generals R. E. Lee and A. P. Hill meeting in town diamond in Chambersburg on June 26th, 1863, just prior to the action at Gettysburg.

general of the time - and placed in charge of the Third Corps. We all remember actor Patrick Falci portraying General Hill in the movie "Gettysburg," standing in front of the Cashtown Inn talking to General Lee. Did you know that Lee and Hill met in the Chambersburg, PA, diamond prior to that, too? Hill led the Third Corps at Gettysburg. Two-thirds of his corps were in force at Pickett's Charge. Hill's Corps suffered the most casualties in Gettysburg.

Hill had said that he had no desire to witness the collapse of the Confederacy. His

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Recalling Dedication of Stuart Statue, Now Needing Care

by Carl L. Sell, Jr.

With the call of "Boots and Saddles" reverberating in their heads, thousands of former Confederate cavalry troopers traveled to Richmond, Virginia, on May 30, 1907, to witness the dedication of a magnificent statue in honor of their leader of long ago, Major General James Ewell Brown Stuart, CSA.

They watched with Stuart's widow, Flora Cooke Stuart, who called herself Mrs. Major General Stuart, as his young granddaughter unveiled the bronze statue of the general on his horse, pointing north and ready for battle. They heard a speech by one former aide to the general, a prayer by another and a major address by a third.

And, when it was over, many of the graying troopers lay down on the grass of nearby Richmond College and rested after the last rendezvous with their leader of long ago, according to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. The weather was clear and warm, a "perfect day" the *Washington, D.C. Star* reported. Everyone needed a rest, for a memorial to Jefferson Davis, the Confederate President, was scheduled to be unveiled just days later nearby on Monument Avenue on June 3, 1907.

Stuart died on May 12, 1864, just across the street from where the statue now stands on Monument Avenue, a national historic landmark. He had been mortally wounded the day before at Yellow Tavern, north of town, and brought to the home of his brother-in-law, Dr. Charles Brewer, who was married to Maria Cooke, Flora's sister. Stuart died just before Flora, his wife, his young son and daughter arrived in Richmond from the home of a friend.

When the speeches were over on May 30, 1907, eight-year-old Virginia Stuart Waller pulled the cord that unveiled the statue. She was accompanied by her brother, 10-year-old Mathew Page Waller.

Their mother had died in childbirth on September 9, 1898, in Norfolk, VA and the children were being raised by their grandmother, Flora Cooke Stuart, Jeb's wife. Jeb and Flora had three children - Flora, five, who had died of typhoid fever in 1862, James Ewell Brown Stuart, Jr., born in 1860, who rose to the rank of captain, and Virginia Pelham Stuart, born in 1863, who became the wife of Robert Page Waller.

For those still up to it, a parade left the Stuart statue and marched to the Robert E. Lee statue, also on Monument Avenue, where a large group of children sang patriotic songs. The Lee statue had been erected in 1890, 20 years after his death. The parade continued on to Hollywood Cemetery, the site of the graves of

Jeb Stuart and his daughter Flora.

Among those present at the dedication was Mary Anna Jackson, the widow of Stonewall Jackson, (also was mortally wounded in the Civil War). Jackson was wounded at Chancellorsville on May 2, 1863, and died on May 10, a year and a day before Stuart was mortally wounded. A monument to Jackson would join Lee's, Stuart's and Davis' figures on Monument Avenue in 1919. Other statues would be erected in honor of Commodore Mathew F. Maury of the Confederate Navy (1929) and Arthur Ashe (1996), Richmond native and world-renowned tennis champion.

Mary Ann Jackson was ill on the day of the Stuart dedication but watched the festivities from her carriage next to the reviewing stand. She would die in 1915, four years before her husband would be honored with his own statue on Monument Avenue. She was Jackson's second wife, his first wife, Elinor "Ellie" Junkin, having died in childbirth prior to the Civil War.

Because the huge crowd prevented the dignitaries from reaching the reviewing stand for the beginning of the ceremony, the start was delayed as police cleared a path for the many carriages. In fact, the main speaker, Judge Theodore Stanford Garnett, Jr., had to walk the final few blocks to the platform because of the dense crowds. Among the others on the platform were Mrs. Stuart and Virginia Governor Claude Swanson and his wife Elizabeth, Richmond Mayor Carlton McCarthy, along with General Robert E. Lee's eldest daughter, Mary. Stuart and Mary Lee had been friends when General Lee was the Superintendent at the United States Military Academy and Jeb was a cadet there before the war.

Welcoming the crowd was Andrew Reid Venable, who, as a major, had been on Stuart's staff from May 5, 1863, until Yellow Tavern. The prayer was offered by Reverend Walter Quarrier Hullihen, Stuart's aide. He was wounded at Chancellorsville and later became an Episcopal minister.

The main address was given by Garnett, a then lieutenant, who was with Stu

art at Yellow Tavern, at Doctor Brewer's home and attended the funeral at Hollywood Cemetery. In fact, Garnett had one of the last conversations with Stuart as the general gave him instructions as to how to distribute his personal belongings and horses.

Throughout the day, there were many minireconnections among aides and friends of Stuart who hadn't seen each other for many years. Chiswell Dabney, Stuart's aide from January 14, 1862, until Novem-

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Civil War activity and information in Northern Virginia, including preservation efforts, and is a tremendous organization to join. Bring your friends, family and colleagues out to our next meeting! We need a youth movement to ensure our *next* 25 years

All are welcome to come on out at 5 p.m. to our new dinner location in the Centreville shopping center - Dickey's BBQ Pit at 14260, #H, Centreville

Square, Centreville, VA 20121; (571)281-4846. If you can't make the dinner, please come early to the Centreville Library for fellowship, and to buy some books. See you early at the Library prior to our big anniversary event at 7 p.m. Cake and beverages will be available.

Let us never forget those who served, and what they did for us. God bless you all.

Upcoming Speaker - (con't from page 1)

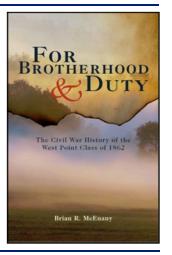
lustrations and maps of the locales important to the story of the cadet corps that would have, under normal conditions, graduated in 1862.

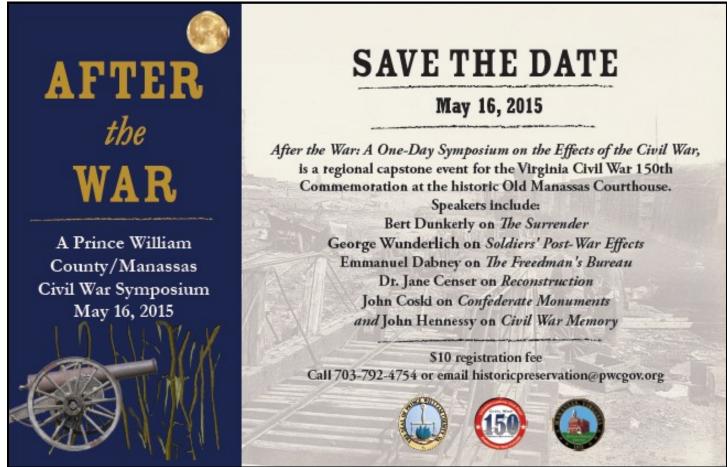
The classes of both 1861 and 1862 were allowed to graduate early when the war began, with '61 graduating in May and '62 graduating in June of 1861.

Come on out at 5 p.m. to Dickey's BBQ Pit to meet Brian before the meeting and to enjoy some supper and fellowship.

If, unfortunately, you can't make the dinner, please come early to the Centreville Library for warm conversation and cake at the BRCWRT 24th anniversary!

See you there.





BRCWRT Members Attend the Surrender at Appomattox









Photos by Gwen Wyttenbach

BRCWRT members at April 9 surrender at Appomattox (clockwise from top left): Bob Eldridge, Jim Lewis and Jim Anderson in front of the McLean house; Chris Godart (with Confederate flag); Nancy Olds, Dave Meisky, Gwen Wyttenbach, Drew Pallo, Debbie Maples, Mark Whitenton, Tom Maples; Authors Don Hakenson and Chuck Mauro (with Mosby picture); Dan Paterson (with his 7th Maryland Infantry flag).



If you didn't get a chance to visit Appomattox earlier this month, or if you would like to cap the Sesquicentennial commemoration experience, here is an invitation for you to enjoy.

Stratford Hall is offering the 6th annual Robert E. Lee Symposium on the Civil War, June 12th -13th, including a stirring journey to the battlefields of Sailor's Creek and Appomattox.

The symposium begins Friday, June 12th with a dinner and keynote lecture by Dr. Elizabeth Varon, author of the award-winning book: "Victory, Defeat and Freedom: The Appomattox Drama of April 1865." The dinner and lecture will be held at Charley's Riverside Café in Farmville.

Saturday, June 13th, the symposium continues with a guided tour that will encompass the engagements of the last 72 hours of the war, culminating with a visit to Appomattox Courthouse National Historic Park and including a very rare and special viewing of the actual surrender document.

Saturday's tour is guided by Chris Calkins, Sailor's Creek Battlefield State Park superintendent, and Ron Wilson, former historian at Appomattox Courthouse National Historic Park. Following the tour, a dinner and speaking program will reconvene attendees at Charley's Riverside Café in Farmville.

Here is the link necessary for all details:

http://www.stratfordhall.org/event/2015-robert-e-lee-symposium-on-the-civil-war-sailors-creek-to-appomattox.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call: (804) 493-1972. Stratford Hall is located at: 483 Great House Road, Stratford, VA, 22558.

Ms. Rebelle - (con't from page 8)

desire became reality when he was shot dead on April 2, 1865. A newspaper account from June 27, 1867, in the *San Francisco Bulletin* states as follows:

"Death of A.P. Hill—But now, before 8 o'clock, all the network of exterior defenses had been swept by the Union troops, who rapidly advancing, drove their exhausted opponents far back to the last strong chain of works, which immediately girdled Petersburg. At this time, within the city, Gen. Lee, Gen. A.P. Hill, and Gen. Mahone were talking over the perils and prospects of the day at the headquarters of the former officer. As the firing drew near and ominously nearer the front, Gen. Lee, listening, said to Hill, "How is this, General? Your men are giving way." Instantly Gen. Hill mounted his horse and dashed down the road to the front. Gen. Lee's words were true; the Union forces were already crossing the lines at all points. As Hill rode along, he suddenly came upon two or three men in blue uniform, who, taking position behind a tree, leveled their pieces at him. "Throw down your arms," cried the General. The men were staggered for an instant by the very audacity of the demand, but, recovering, gave back their answer from their rifle's mouth; and A.P. Hill, who had fought throughout Virginia, from the first hour of Bull Run to the last hour of Petersburg, fell from his horse, dead." General Lee remarked after hearing the news of Hill's death – "He is at rest now, and we who are left are the ones to suffer."

Ms. Rebelle regrets missing posting my article from last month. It seems that the flu I thought I had was really my gall bladder acting up, so I had to have surgery to have it removed. Fun times!!!!

NOTE: Ms. Rebelle's hobby is traveling the country finding and honoring the graves of our 1,008 Civil War generals. So far, she has located and photographed 403....169 Confederate and 234 Union. You may contact her at ilgrtree@erols.com.

Stuart Statue - (con't from page 9)

ber 19, 1863, wrote his wife Lucy, from Richmond:

"Next day, Thursday, at the appointed hour, the carriage came round to carry me in the procession. I got in and drove to another house where a gentleman, old and grey, came out to the carriage - I asked him, 'Who are you?' He replied 'Frank Robertson.' I said, 'I knew Frank Robertson like a brother 40 years ago, but I don't see him now.' Nevertheless, said he, I am he - and who are you. I told him and we at once embraced."

Among other duties, Dabney and Robertson had been with Stuart on the Chambersburg Raid in 1862. Dabney became a lawyer and minister and neighbor of Governor Swanson in Chatham, Virginia, after the war. Dabney died in 1923.

Robertson injured his shoulder in a fall from his horse in 1863 and suffered from rheumatism, so he was furloughed that year. He had returned to duty as a mapmaker for Stuart by the time of Yellow Tavern. He survived the war and was a farmer until he died in 1926.

Editor's Note: The Stuart-Mosby Historical Society has embarked

on a campaign to raise funds for the refurbishing of the JEB Stuart statue on Monument Avenue in Richmond, Virginia. (Checks for the restoration of Stuart's Statue should be made out to Stuart-Mosby Historical Society, with "Stuart Statue" in the memo line, and sent to Stuart-Mosby Historical Society, 5405 Midship Court, Burke, VA 22015. Contact the author at sellcarl@aol.com or 703-971-4716 for details).

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- Terry Ward
- Jackie Petersen

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