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Bull Run Civil War Round Table 25th Anniversary Meeting a Time of Fun and Reflection on Past/Future Success in Preservation & Education



Stewards of Northern Virginia battlefield preservation - the current and past presidents of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table - are shown above (left to right) at the Bull Run Civil War Round Table 25th Anniversary Meeting held on June 9th at the Centreville Regional Library: Mark Trbovich (2010-2016); Nancy Anwyll (2009); William Dan Paterson (1998-1999); Keith Young (2003); Gary Ecelbarger (1995-1996); William J. Miller (1991-1992); Scott Patchan (1995, 1999-2000); John McAnaw (1997-1998, 2001-2002, 2004-2008); Larry Mancini, in place of his father, the late Dr. Armando Mancini (1992-1993). Presidents not pictured: Kevin Leahy (1993-1994); Martha Hendley (1996-1997).

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BRCWRT 25th ANNIVERSARY MEETING - An After Action Report

by Brian McEnany and Jim Lewis

June 9th was a memorable evening for the Bull Run Civil War Round Table, as it marked the 25th anniversary of the founding of the BRCWRT. The Centreville Regional Library meeting room was packed with 97 members and guests taking advantage of the tasty cake and cookies, awaiting the start of this special meeting. The current (and 8 of the 10 past presidents) sat at tables facing the audience. They would soon entertain the audience with tales of their tenure in office.

Two hours before, the room was empty; then Charlie Balch, Mark Knowles, Nancy Anwyll, Brian McEnany, Jim Lewis and Drew Pallo arrived and began

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BRCWRT 2016 Scholarship winners (front, left to right): Brooke Roberts from Robinson High School and Aaron Pirnat from Herndon High School shown with 25th Anniversary Meeting Host Jim Lewis (behind, left) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (behind, right).

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House of Representatives

CONGRATULATING THE BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY
OF VIRGINIA

MR. CONNOLLY: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bull Run Civil War Round Table on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

Established on May 9, 1991, the Bull Run Civil War Round Table (BRCWRT) was founded to promote a better understanding of the Civil War and preserve the historic sites associated with War's most important moments. Through lectures, research, field trips and active participation in the stewardship of Civil War sites, the group has made a lasting contribution to the preservation of Civil War history.

In order to promote a passion for history in the next generation, the BRCWRT awards annual scholarships to students who have researched and written about the War's remaining untold stories and mysteries. This year, two scholarships were awarded. I congratulate Brooke Roberts and Aaron Pirnat for receiving these honors.

The BRCWRT also offers a variety of programs featuring knowledgeable, respected Civil War

historians, scholars, writers, and lecturers to educate enthusiasts and the general public.

I have been proud to be a partner in the promotion and preservation of our region's rich Civil War history during my time in Congress and as a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

The Civil War was a fateful moment in our nation's history. The War pitted brother against brother and threatened to tear apart the fabric of our young republic. Preservation of historic battlefields, homes, and other monuments ensures that we will never forget the sacrifices and pain the Civil War inflicted upon our nation, and, hopefully, through remembrance and understanding we heed the lessons of our past.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Bull Run Civil War Round Table on the occasion of its 25th anniversary and in commending the organization for its efforts to preserve Civil War history.

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arranging the room. Programs, created by Drew, were placed on the rows of chairs. Reserved-seat signs were placed in the front two rows to accommodate the invited guests. Name tags for the past presidents were laid down once Nancy covered the three tables set up for the panel discussion with white tablecloths and attached red, white and blue ribbons. Dan Paterson set up his computer for projection, and soon photographs of memorable BRCWRT events flashed up on the screen. John Pearson and Alan Day set up the audio system and Mark Knowles handled the visual recording for the meeting. It wasn't too long before Sandy Iasiello and Deanna Bailey arrived with the cake and cookies. Meanwhile, our current president, Mark Trbovich, hosted dinner for the past presidents and selected guests, 27 in all, at Carrabba's restaurant, before coming to the library. All was in readiness at the library when members began to arrive around 6:15 p.m.

Our invited guests soon showed up – Superintendent Jon James, Manassas National Battlefield Park; Kathy Smith, Sully District Supervisor; Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Fairfax County Historic Commission; and Maggie Wrobel, representing the Centreville Regional Library.



Kathy Smith - Supervisor, Sully District, Fairfax County, brings greetings and praise to BRCWRT at 25th Anniversary Meeting.

Photo by Janet Greentree



Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Fairfax County Historical Commission and member of the BRCWRT, noted that the successful actions of the Round Table have spoken loudly and clearly for all who care about history in Fairfax County.

Photo by Janet Greentree

Congressman Gerry Connolly was expected later in the program. Kayne Karnbach, Chairman of the Prince William County Historic Commission, arrived but was called away due to a family emergency. Other invited guests were Patrick Lennon from Visit Fairfax, Andrea Lowenwarter



Jon Jones - Superintendent of Manassas National Battlefield Park, congratulates the BRCWRT for always supporting preservation in Northern Virginia.

Photo by Janet Greentree



Maggie Wrobel of the Centreville Regional Library was effusive in her gratitude for all that hosting the BRCWRT brings to her facility.

Photo by Janet Greentree

from the Blenheim Civil War Center and Jim Burgess from the Manassas National Battlefield Park. Seated alongside the guests were this year's BRCWRT scholarship winners and their families. The past presidents were all seated in chronological order of their initial terms; Bill Miller, our founder at the far end; Scott Patchan, Gary Ecelbarger, John McAnaw, Dan Paterson, Keith Young, Nancy Anwyll, and Mark Trbovich. Missing were Dr. Armando Mancini, Kevin Leahy and Martha Hendley. Armando, our second president, passed away in 2007, but his son, Larry, on behalf of his father, was seated in the audience. It was just wonderful to have him join us for the event.

At 7 p.m., Mark Trbovich called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the celebration. Cake, cookies and bottled water were nearly all consumed and the audience settled down. The 25th Anniversary Commemorative

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Publication and *The Chronology of the Civil War in Fairfax County* were stacked on tables in the rear for purchase by members. Each of the invited guests and the past presidents received copies of the commemorative book before the meeting began. The Publicity Committee had arranged for numerous articles to appear in the Northern Virginia newspapers, announcing this event. BRCWRT member Nancy Olds, reporter and photographer for *Civil War News*, shared photographic duties for the evening with veteran BRCWRT member/*Stone Wall* contributor Janet Greentree.

Mark introduced each of the invited guests – Kathy Smith, Jon James, Lynne Garvey-Hodge, and Maggie Wrobel. Each stood and delivered short remarks congratulating the BRCWRT for its work in educating the general public about the relevance of the American Civil War and for its tireless support for preservation activities over the years. Maggie congratulated the BRCWRT on its many good deeds and expressed thanks to the Round Table for its lengthy (16 years), mutually beneficial partnership with the library.

After these introductory remarks, the next order of business was the announcement of the 2016 BRCWRT scholarship winner, Brooke Roberts, from Robinson High School. Nancy Anwyll called up the Scholarship Committee (Charlie Balch, Rob Orrison and Brian McEnany) and then introduced Brooke, who wrote an essay entitled: "The Little House on the Battlefield," about the Dogan house on the Second Manassas battlefield. Nancy summarized Brooke's academic and athletic achievements, and she and Mark Trbovich presented Brooke with a certificate for



The Scholarship Committee (shown above) with award winner Brooke Roberts (front, left). At right, front, is Committee Chair Nancy Anwyll. Behind, left to right, are members Charlie Balch, Rob Orrison, and Brian McEnany, along with BRCWRT President Mark Trbovich. Below, left to right, award winner Aaron Pirnat receives the BRCWRT scholarship from President Mark Trbovich, as Scholarship Committee Chair Nancy Anwyll looks on.

Photos by Janet Greentree



\$1,500 to be paid to George Washington University, where Brooke will begin studies in the fall. Brooke then faced the audience and delivered a short talk about the importance of American history. Next, Nancy introduced Aaron Pirnat from Herndon High School as the runner-up winner this year. Aaron wrote his essay about "J.E.B. Stuart and the Crossing of the Potomac River at Rowser's Ford." He received a certificate for \$500, to be sent to Northern Virginia Community College, where he will begin studies in

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BRCWRT 2016 Scholarship Winner Brooke Roberts Rocks Acceptance Speech at 25th Anniversary Meeting

Editor's Note: the following are the comments by Brooke Roberts, winner of the BRCWRT 2016 Scholarship. The remarks are considered to be so articulate and heartfelt that they have been included in this Special Issue of the Stone Wall.

Good evening everyone!

I should probably start off by telling you all a little bit about myself. My name is Brooke Roberts, I'm a senior who is graduating this year, in 6 days actually, from Robinson High School. I am proud to be a part of a military family, but with my Dad in the Air Force, that also means lots of moves. So this past year has actually been my first year here in the Northern Virginia area. With that being said, it really has been a great senior year here, and I'll be sticking around next year to go to George Washington University in D.C. to study International Affairs. So I definitely have a lot ahead of me.

Right now, however, I want to focus a bit on the past four months. Earlier this year in February, I began the application for this scholarship. One of the main reasons I decided to apply for this scholarship was because I knew it would be an essay that I would enjoy writing. History has always been the one subject in and out of school that I have consistently enjoyed and engaged in over the years. Many people believe that science is a way of explaining the physical world around us. If that is the case, then history can be described as a way of explaining "us" within the physical world. That is what I love so much about it, that it helps explain who we are in this world.

So the next weekend, I took a ride down to the Manassas Battlefield sites and spent the day hiking there. It was then and there that I came upon the Dogan House, which became the subject for my essay. I have to say that the process itself was a fantastic experience. To be able to put in work and interest into an application and then see the reward afterwards was really fulfilling. The discoveries that I gained through my research were so eye opening, to not just the actual events that took place during the Second Battle of Manassas, but to the characteristics of the people that lived through the events.

As I said earlier, history is the explanation of



2016 BRCWRT Scholarship winner Brooke Roberts (left) is watched with admiration by Round Table President Mark Trbovich (center) and Scholarship Committee Chair Nancy Anwyll (right) as Ms. Roberts offers her thanks to the membership of the Round Table.

Photo by Nancy Olds

"us." I wrote in my essay that the Dogan House "serves as an example of war's perpetual habit to leave no building or person unscathed, as well as an example of our nation and our people's resilience in facing great uncertainty, danger, and loss." It amazes me still how one small establishment can tell so much about our nation's past.

I want to finish off by saying that I realize how important the efforts of this organization are. In working to preserve the historical sites and artifacts of the Civil War, and in making information accessible to the public, you all play a major role in ensuring that the stories of thousands of Americans are passed on to future generations. It is, after all, the organization's scholarship opportunity that allowed me and other students in the area to explore historical sites and learn about America's past.

I want to thank you all for this opportunity and the scholarship, and a special thank you to the Scholarship Committee, the chair of the scholarship Committee, Ms. Anwyll, Mr. Balch, and the Bull Run Civil War Round Table President, Mr. Trbovich. I hope that this organization is able to continue to provide this scholarship for future seniors, because it really is a fantastic opportunity for students who have a passion for American history. Thank you all for having me tonight.

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No one had more fun at the BRCWRT 25th Anniversary meeting than the members of the 25th Committee. Shown above, left to right, enjoying one other's company *one more time*, are: Co-Chair Brian McEnany, Charlie Balch, Mark Knowles, Kim Brace, Nancy Anwyll, Alan Day, E. B. Vandiver III, Drew Pallo, Nadine Mironchuk, and Co-Chair Jim Lewis.

Photo by Janet Greentree

with the start of the fall semester.

Following the scholarship awards, Mark introduced Brian McEnany and Jim Lewis, the co-chairs of the 25th Anniversary Committee. Brian described how the committee came together more than two years ago to begin the process of creating a program to honor and commemorate the 25 years of the Round Table's existence. With E.B. Vandiver III, the originator of the anniversary program's concept, the committee met frequently over the years at the Oakton Library – so many times that the library scheduler started calling the meeting room the 'Bull Run Room.'



Co-Chair of the 25th Committee Brian McEnany announces upcoming Anniversary programming.
Photo by Nancy Olds

The committee felt that, in its scheduling of 25th events, it should return to its roots, and focused programming on the Manassas battlefields. Lectures and customized tours were arranged and a member picnic was set up to take

place in the autumn. (Dates and times for these events are shown on Page 9 in the *Stone Wall*.) The committee was composed of almost all the members of the BRCWRT Executive Committee –



Co-Chair of the 25th Committee Jim Lewis noting the effort that it took to write, compile, design, and edit the BRCWRT 25th Anniversary Commemorative Publication, which he so ably shepherded to fruition.

Brian, Jim, E.B. Vandiver III, Charlie Balch, Mark Knowles, Nancy Anwyll, Drew Pallo, Kim Brace, and Alan Day. Before handing the microphone to Jim, Brian called attention to the fact that Jim was recognized as the Hunter Mill District "Lord Fairfax" this year by the Board of Supervisors for all his outstanding work in local history.

Jim then took the microphone and called attention to the tremendous effort made by the committee in gathering, documenting and cataloging 25 years of Round Table records. Forty

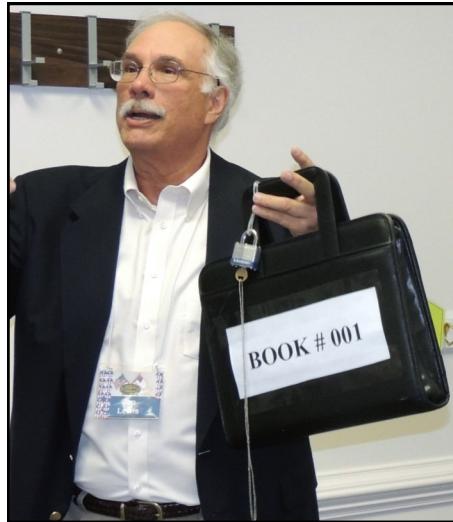
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pages of tables were created with compiled information, and the resultant narrative was broken into several sections supporting the Round Table's primary objectives of Education and Preservation.

Accompanying the narratives are 13 pages of collages and five maps detailing our lectures, tours, preservation efforts, historic markers the Round Table and/or its members created, and the wide expanse of membership home locations. Sixteen edits later, the book finally reached publishing status.

Jim recognized Nadine Mironchuk, who traveled from Massachusetts to join the celebration. She is the current editor of our newsletter and was asked to compose and edit the



More James Bond than James Longstreet, Jim Lewis (photo at left) delivers under lock and key the very first copy of the *25th Anniversary Commemorative Publication* to BRCWRT Pres. Mark Trbovich, who (seen at right) in photo above, shows proper regard for its value.

Photos by Janet Greentree

final document. This proved to be invaluable in ensuring the quality of the document. Jim then gave due recognition to the committee members and their individual contributions. Finally, he held up a locked briefcase with Book No. 001 inside. Carefully unlocking the case, Jim pulled out what had been designated as the first commemorative book off of the press, signed by each member of

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BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE



25th Anniversary Commemorative Publication

Get Your Copy of the BRCWRT 25th Anniversary Commemorative Book!

Now available - The 25th anniversary of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table is here, and this commemorative publication will be a "keeper" souvenir of this milestone event!

The book is a trip down *Memory Lane*, featuring the many great accomplishments and events that have been shared by members over the years. Not only will you reminisce about the many wonderful people you've met and enjoyed being with as we all learn so much about history, but you will be proud to see the highlights of all the preservation and education the dedicated members of the BRCWRT have put forward year after year.

Copies are \$15 - you can purchase yours at the regular monthly BRCWRT meetings, or visit our Web site (www.bullruncwrt.org) for details regarding how to order your copy online.

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the Anniversary Committee, and presented it to President Mark Trbovich.

The main event of the evening - the Past Presidents' Panel - was up next on the program, and Jim began to introduce those seated at the front table. Suddenly, the door opened and Confederate General Richard Ewell (aka Chris Godart) in full uniform barged into the room, announcing that he was just

passing through after the battle at Chancellorsville, and was tasked with bringing congratulations from General Lee to the Round Table.

Before he said much more, the door opened again, and General John Caldwell (aka Patrick O'Neill), Union II Corps, also in full uniform, entered the room to bring congratulations from General Hooker. The two faced one another and bantered back and forth – ending with a vow to see one another again soon, perhaps nearby. They left to a round of applause from the audience, who were surprised by their appearance. Many thanks

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At left, General Richard Ewell (aka Chris Godart), having received Gen. Lee's orders to congratulate the BRCWRT on its 25th anniversary, found the orders to be practicable and so performed that duty; in photo at right, on the left, General John Caldwell (aka Patrick O'Neill), 28th Mass., Union II Corps, brings greetings to the BRCWRT from Gen. Hooker. The pair then anticipated their next meeting on the battlefield.

Photos by Janet Greentree



Upcoming BRCWRT 25th Anniversary Programs

July Program – First Manassas/Bull Run:

July 14 - Lecture - John Hennessey – Battle of 1st Manassas, at BRCWRT Regular Meeting

July 16 - Tour: 1st Manassas – BRCWRT Tour Committee

August Program - Second Manassas/Bull Run

August 11 - Lecture - Ed Bearss – Battle of 2nd Manassas, at BRCWRT Regular Meeting

August 20 - Tour: 2nd Manassas – Hank Elliot, MNBP

September Meeting

September 8 - Lecture - Jon Hickox - Historic Finds at Bull Run, at BRCWRT Regular Meeting

October Special Event

October 9 - 1st Bull Run Civil War Round Table Picnic - at Bull Run Winery - Artifact Collection

♦ See list of Upcoming Meetings/Announcements on Page 2 for regular meeting information.

♦ To sign up for the 1st and/or 2nd Manassas Tours, or to sign up to attend the picnic, come to a regular meeting (July 14, August 20, September 8) or visit: <http://www.bullruncwrt.org>.

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Above, left: BRCWRT founder Bill Miller praises members for keeping his dream of historic preservation alive for 25 years. Photo by Nancy Olds. Above, right, Scott Patchan took on a career in public history after attending meetings of the BRCWRT as a recent college graduate.

Photo by Janet Greentree

to Lee's Lieutenants, the Union II Corps and the 28th Massachusetts for loaning generals Ewell and Caldwell for the evening.

After the uniformed intervention, Jim began the discussions everyone had been anticipating. The evening's program was devoted to history — it was all that and more. Bill Miller, founder of BRCWRT, received a standing ovation from the audience when he stood to begin his remarks. After the applause died down, he related



Above, BRCWRT original members Jim Burgess (left) and Tim Duskin (right), are recognized by founder Bill Miller for their 25-year loyalty to the Round Table.

Photos by Nancy Olds and Janet Greentree, respectively.

his memories of the beginnings of the Round Table and the preservation actions that were needed in the region. He pointed out how important preservation was to the original members and identified longtime members Jim Burgess and Tim Duskin as part of that original group.

One of the most poignant moments of the evening occurred when Bill told an emotional story detailing how a local municipal board member mocked a worthy preservation effort and how that became a driving force for the Round Table. In closing, he said he was grateful that the Round Table had held steady over the years in their dedication to

preservation efforts. It was a good beginning for the following commentary.

Scott Patchan commented on how the Round Table had come to change his life; he particularly enjoyed the fellowship and good times here.

Gary Ecelbarger remembered the late Armando Mancini's first tour, which included the worst rainstorm at Little Round Top. Gary was an active editor of early Round Table newsletters and

responsible for organizing the lectures for each year as vice president.

Next to comment was John McAnaw,

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At left, Gary Ecelbarger discusses the ups and humorous downs of having been president of the BRCWRT.

Photos by Janet Greentree

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who noted how much he always enjoyed his associations with others who are interested in the American Civil War and emphasized that all the Round Table tours are free. He commented on the number of times he and other officers spent long hours testifying at various planning groups about Bristoe Station, Fredericksburg, and the Centreville Historic Overlay District for preservation purposes.

Dan Paterson noted the role that reenactment plays in educating the public about the Civil War (he is descendent of Gen. Longstreet). Other successes during his tenure included the creation of the Round Table's logo (since modified), initiation of procedures to gain tax free status for the organization, and began digitization of the newsletter.

Keith Young was impressed by the knowledge of the membership regarding the Civil War and learned much from their stories and lectures. He also thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship of the



John McAnaw, BRCWRT past president extraordinaire, talks about the great successes the BRCWRT has had in the fight to preserve battlefields in Northern Virginia. An icon of the local preservation community, John's untiring efforts earned him the designation of "Lord Fairfax" by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

members.

Nancy Anwyll's tenure focused primarily on the 10 local tours conducted during her 12-month tenure as president. She also had to deal with Fairfax County budget cuts, threatening the use of Centreville Regional Library for our monthly meeting. Eventually, pressure from various sources, including most of our membership, alleviated the issue.

Finally, Mark Trbovich, our current president, graciously spent his time thanking everyone for attending the celebration this evening. Much overlooked in his modest remarks were of Mark's great leadership through the Sesquicentennial years and the establishment of a scholarship for historically oriented local high school seniors. He was also the driving force in the creation of an advertising "buck slip," enabling BRCWRT to better support local events, initiating a Facebook presence, appearing on local TV promoting the Round Table, establishing the BRCWRT as a

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Shown left to right: Dan Paterson, Keith Young, Nancy Anwyll, and Mark Trbovich. Of the 11 past (and current) presidents, as highlighted in the 25th Anniversary Commemorative Publication, the common thread to their success is belief in the mission of the BRCWRT. Each said they were privileged to serve the membership.

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U. S. Rep. Gerry Connolly
Photo by Janet Greentree

non-profit 501(c)3 organization, adding subcommittees to the EXCOM, such as the 25th Anniversary, Prince William County Preservation, Fairfax County Preservation, FFX County/PWC Sesquicentennial and GIS mapping.

As the presidents' panel was winding down, Gerry Connolly, the U.S. Representative

for Virginia's 11th Congressional District, arrived to a round of applause, as he is a great friend of the Round Table.

At the end of the panel, Jim thanked the presidents for their attendance and valued remarks. He then recognized several people in the audience, including Ralph Swanson, our erstwhile book reviewer and prolific contributor to "The Stone Wall," who had flown in from Arizona with his wife Renata for the celebration.

Jim then asked Gerry Connolly to say a few words. After expressing his appreciation for our invitation to speak and noting the good work the Round Table had achieved over the years, he gave several anecdotal stories regarding tours with National Park Service Historian Emeritus Ed Bearss. After admitting he was "an Ed Bearss groupie" who regularly attends Ed's annual lecture to the Round Table, Gerry updated the audience on the status of his quest to gather enough Congressional sponsors to award Bearss a Congressional Gold Medal. Having secured 167 signatures thus far, he encouraged BRCWRT members to write to any of their contacts in the House of Representatives and urge them to sign

on to the legislation that Gerry was sponsoring.

Finally, he surprised the audience by stating that he had inserted the 25th anniversary celebration of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table and the names of the current scholarship winners into the Congressional Record. Certificates of such actions were handed over to Mark.

The final event of the evening was the presentation of the Founder's Award to Bill Miller by Jim Lewis. The crystal eagle, mounted on a marble-faced base, carried the words: "Bull Run Civil War Round Table - Founder's Award - William J. Miller - On the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of BRCWRT - 2016."



BRCWRT founder Bill Miller, left, accepts the Founder's Award from Jim Lewis, representing a grateful membership who applaud Bill for his vision and commitment to organized preservation activism.

Photo by Janet Greentree

Bill was a bit shaken, as he had explicitly informed everyone that he didn't want any special treatment during the program. However, this was the one chance for the Round Table to express their sincere gratitude and deep appreciation for his efforts and vision. The applause was overwhelming and heartfelt.

Mark concluded the evening's festivities by

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reminding all that the Round Table enjoys the reputation of being one of the finest American Civil War-oriented organizations in the country, as affirmed by the Civil War Trust's Round Table of the Year Award.

Bill reiterated the common theme mentioned by many that evening that it could not have been

done without the leadership and input from its many fine members over the years. He expressed his thanks and kudos for a job well done.

Finally, he encouraged all to enjoy the upcoming commemorative itinerary of lectures and tours and closed the proceedings with the hope that the next 25 years would be even better.



BRCWRT 25th Anniversary Committee members Charlie Balch (left) and Mark Knowles (right) share a happy moment with U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (center), one of the Round Table's most ardent supporters in the Halls of Congress.

Photo courtesy of Mark Knowles



Renata and Ralph Swanson (left, middle) enjoy the 25th Anniversary meeting with Past President Dan Paterson, great-grandson of Gen. James Longstreet. Ralph keeps the members up-to-date on the latest scholarship in Civil War books, as well as reacquaints us with past important works on the War.

Photo by Nancy Olds



Sales of BRCWRT publications are brisk, thanks to Charlie Balch (at right), who mans the book table at each meeting. At center, Ed Wenzel signs his *Chronology of the Civil War in Fairfax County*, which is an indispensable part of any Civil War library (see page 15 for details). Congratulating both on keeping research of the Civil War a vital part of BRCWRT activity is Jim Lewis, at left.

Photo by Janet Greentree



Sandy Iasiello and Deanna Bailey (left-right), affectionately known as "the Cake Ladies," always make special meetings of the BRCWRT especially enjoyable by providing "confectionately" good treats for the members.

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~ See more photos of the enjoyable BRCWRT 25th Anniversary meeting on the next page ~

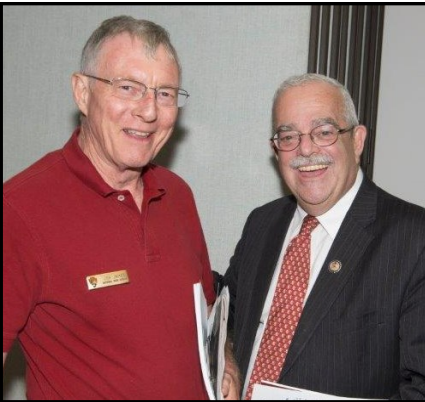


Andrea Loewenwarter of Historic Blenheim was a welcome guest at the BRCWRT 25th Anniversary meeting.
Photo by Janet Greentree



Left to right - "Company A-1, the Blue & Gray Volunteer Infantry Regiment of the Mason-Dixon Brigade" includes: Nadine Mironchuk, Editor, the BRCWRT's *Stone Wall*; Gwen Wyttenbach, Spot Reporter, the *Stone Wall*; Nancy Anwyll, "Yankee Nan;" and Janet Greentree, "Ms. Rebelle," the *Stone Wall*. Quite serendipitously, Nadine and Janet met 20 years ago on the annual Boston Civil War Round Table "Four Days in May" tour to Gettysburg, and much frivolity and friendship followed, leading to Nadine's membership in the BRCWRT. Both are also founding members of the Secret Cemetery Society, gaining them unique entry to all manner of historical sites and events.

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Jon Jones (left, above), Superintendent of the Manassas National Battlefield Park, chats with Cong. Gerry Connolly (right, above). Rep. Connolly's recently-broadcast interview on C-SPAN 3 (AHTV) reveals a charming, enthusiastic reader who shares the problem afflicting all history buffs - trying to find space at home for *one more book!*

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Patrick Lennon (left), Director of Marketing for Visit Fairfax, very much enjoyed attending the 25th Anniversary meeting of the BRCWRT - congratulating Co-Chair Jim Lewis (right) on the memorable occasion.

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June 12, 2016

Mr. Mark Trbovich
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Dear Mark,

It is a pleasant duty to send you my thanks.

First, I must thank you for the great kindness with which you and the members of the BRCWRT received me at the meeting on June 9. I fear I did not adequately express my gratitude, and I ask you to please convey my thanks to the membership for the Founders Award and for the many generous expressions of friendship.

Second, I thank you for your part in the excellent 25th Anniversary Program. Please state to the Commemorative Committee that the event was planned and executed so well that it was interesting and enjoyable from first to last.

Finally, I express my thanks, again, to you and every member of the BRCWRT who continue to make it a model organization of the kind. I honor you all for your commitment to history and preservation. It was clear to me during the commemoration that the same spirit of inquiry and social responsibility that prompted us to begin a historical preservation organization 25 years ago is alive and well. Just as important is that the camaraderie and joy we felt in each other's company all those years ago is likewise strong in the current membership. The Bull Run Civil War Round Table continues to be young at heart, which bodes well for the next 25 years.

Very truly yours,

William J. Miller

Kayne Karnbach - Chair of PWC Historical Commission - Offers Kudos on BRCWRT 25th Anniversary

One of the scheduled speakers at the 25th Anniversary meeting was Kayne Karnbach, Chairman of the Prince William County Historical Commission. Unfortunately, just before the event started that evening he was called away because of a family emergency. He wanted very much for his remarks to be sent on to the membership of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table on this special occasion, so they are printed below:

"I am here tonight as Chairman of the Prince William County's Historic Commission to offer congratulations to the Bull Run Civil War Round Table on their 25th Anniversary. I note that nearly 45 percent of the Round Tables' members are Prince William County residents, so I'm happy we have such a strong showing in your group. One of your members, and with me tonight, is the Commission's Vice Chairman, Kim Brace.

"Like your organization, the Historical Commission is extremely interested in history that has happened in Prince William County, including our Civil War battlefields at Manassas and Bristoe Station. Composed of 16 citizens appointed by the County Board of Supervisors, the Commission advises the Supervisors on efforts to identify,

preserve, protect and promote our historical sites, artifacts, buildings and events. We review land development applications, making recommendations on their impact on cultural resources, produce publications on local history, provide input and recommendations on the installation of historical highway markers, and propose properties to be classified as County Registered Historic Sites.

"Just recently at Bristoe Station, we were involved in getting the new Sheetz gas station to change their design points to be more conducive to the battlefield experience. We're monitoring future development also, such as the possible highway expansion for the Buckland area and the second coming of the bi-county parkway.

"As such, I want to thank the Round Table for their support and partnership, and I wanted tonight to express our desire to continue with our strong relationship. Congratulations on your achievement. Thank you."



Please visit the Web site below to ensure that this great American soldier, historian and educator gets the recognition he deserves from his fellow & sister historians - add your name and comments to the petition to Congress for the award of the Congressional Gold Medal to Ed Bearss!

<http://www.civilwar.org/take-action/speak-out/ed-bearss/?referrer=https://www.facebook.com/>

Also, call your congressman/woman and have them add their name to the Bill being submitted by Cong. Gerry Connolly of Virginia,

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BRCWRT's Jim Lewis Named "Lord Fairfax" for Preserving History

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BRCWRT member James G. Lewis, Jr. (front) is shown recently accepting the "Lord Fairfax" Award at the recommendation of Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins (behind). Lewis' ability to find and present history has gained him an award-winning reputation.

Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. named the 2016 Lords and Ladies Fairfax at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, June 7, at the Fairfax County Government Center. "We're proud to honor the 2016 Lords and Ladies Fairfax. Since 1984, each supervisor has selected a Lord and Lady to represent their district. Each honoree dedicates time to the betterment of their community," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova.

Each year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors selects two people from each district who have demonstrated superior volunteer service, heroism, or other special accomplishments to receive the award. Later that evening, the Lords and Ladies were honored at a cocktail reception and special dinner, hosted by Great American Restaurants, Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine Hudgins read the following description of James G. Lewis Jr. at the board meeting: "Mr. James G. Lewis Jr. is the ultimate storyteller. He shares his expertise, talents, extensive knowledge, and enthusiasm for local history with all. In fact, in most conversations with Mr. Lewis, you can count on hearing, 'I have a story about that.'"

"As an avid historian with an interest in the Hunter Mill Road corridor, Mr. Lewis not only reports the history, he discovers it. His explorations have uncovered sites of skirmishes, encampments, graves

and structures from the Civil War era and before.

"He shares this history with the community through his popular lectures; bus, walking, and cemetery tours; and numerous books and publications. He helped produce the documentary, 'Danger Between the Lines,' shown on public television, and is a winner of the county's historical award.

"He was instrumental with the research, applications and installation of several roadside markers that denote important historical events.

"Recently, Mr. Lewis expanded his repertoire of lectures to include talks on WWII milestones and events, which he shares around the county at no charge. With his enthusiasm and wealth of knowledge, he connects residents across generations to our rich local history."

Fairfax Rifles to Appear in These Upcoming Events

The popular Fairfax Rifles will be taking part in these upcoming events and invite all to join in reliving history:

- Fairfax City Parade (July 4), 10 a.m., downtown Fairfax (at Old Courthouse), Fairfax City, VA
- "First Manassas" at Cedar Creek (July 22-24), Middletown, VA, register for tickets: <http://ccbf.us/>
- Cedar Creek (Oct. 14-16) [PACS Max Event], Middletown, VA, register for tickets: <http://ccbf.us/>
- Historic Blenheim Civil War Christmas Camp (Dec. 4), 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA
- Fifth Annual Civil War Weekend (July 30-31), Abingdon Muster Grounds, 1780 Muster Place, Abingdon, VA
- Sully Plantation Civil War Encampment (August 14-16), 10 a.m., 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, VA
- Manassas Museum Civil War Weekend (August 26-28), 9101 Prince William St., Manassas, VA
- Remembrance Day Parade in Gettysburg (Nov. 19), 2 p.m., Gettysburg, PA

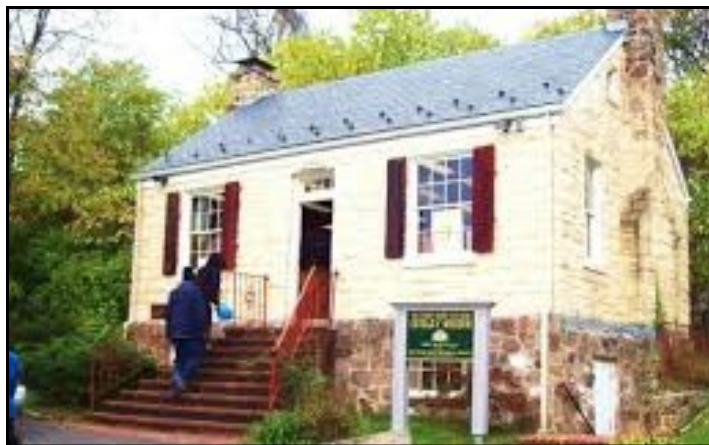
Rare Gem Found in Centreville

by Ralph G. Swanson

Second only to the pleasure of attending our 25th Anniversary Round Table meeting was the thrill of finding a unique Civil War treasure in Centreville. The Stuart-Mosby Civil War Cavalry Museum was on my list of places to visit during our recent trip to Washington, D.C., but it took some effort to find. The museum is relatively new, small, and well-hidden at 13938 Braddock Road.

The museum is dedicated to the cavalry actions of General J.E.B. Stuart and Major John S. Mosby. Its artifact collection is small, but contains a couple of blockbusters—a Stuart saber and Mosby's own Colt .44 Army sidearm. It also boasts an extensive bullet collection, a set of the Official Records (OR), a huge magazine collection, and a fine library of reference books. The docents are friendly, knowledgeable and passionate about Civil War action around Centreville. There is no admission charge, but donations are appreciated.

Topping it all, the museum sits right across the road from the location of the single most iconic photograph of Civil War Centreville. The view is well known because it illustrates nearly every history of First Manassas. Taken by George Barnard in March, 1862, immediately following the Confederate evacuation, it shows a union soldier on picket duty, his musket cradled upright against his right side. Five of his buddies stand downhill observing the action. In the background is a plain stone building and a major Confederate fortification. The only identification I have ever seen for this photo is "Centreville, VA". The picket stands at the intersection of Braddock Road and the old, original Warrenton Turnpike, so McDowell's entire army had marched right through



The Stuart-Mosby Museum, which opened in 2011, has a small but unique collection of artifacts that are directly connected to the famous Rebel horsemen, looked after by a dedicated staff of volunteers.

this exposure. I never expected to locate this sight, but the stone building not only still stands, it is interpreted by a very fine information sign. The building is now a Korean church. To stand on that spot and gaze on that piece of history is the thrill that motivates us all.

Museum hours are limited - Saturday and Monday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call ahead: (703) 971-4984 or visit online at www.stuart-mosby.com. To find the museum, your main landmark will be the intersection of Lee Highway and Sully Road (very near the Centreville Library). On Lee Highway you will pass our Carrabbas Restaurant on the left. Cross Sully Road and turn left on Braddock Road. Look for the small museum sign on the right.

A visit to this little museum is a great way to spend a rainy afternoon researching a point on Mosby, finding a rare bullet, or just discussing Confederate cavalry action in Northern Virginia.

The Bull Run Civil War Round Table's Newest Recruits!
Here's a grateful "Huzzah!"
for these folks who have recently joined the BRCWRT:

- ◆ James Brotherton
- ◆ Frank Hilldrup
- ◆ Kate Bitely

- ◆ Andrea Loewenwarter
- ◆ Deborah Brotherton
- ◆ James Brotherton

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

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