



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XXV, Issue 4, JUNE-JULY 2018

**AUTHOR AND NPS RANGER  
STEVE T. PHAN SPEAKS ON THE  
“BATTLE OF NASHVILLE -  
DECEMBER 1864”  
AT THE JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

The Battle of Nashville, Tennessee, fought December 15-16, 1864, shattered the Confederate Army of Tennessee and marked the end of major Confederate offensives in the Western theater during the Civil War. The once-powerful Confederate Army of Tennessee, commanded by Gen. John B. Hood, was nearly destroyed when a Federal army commanded by Gen. George Thomas swarmed over the Rebel trenches around Nashville. Providing us with the ‘rest of the story’ of this critical battle at our June meeting will be National Park Service Ranger Steve T. Phan.

Steve Phan is a National Park Ranger and historian at the Civil War Defenses of Washington site. Prior to his arrival at the CWDW, he worked as an intern and park guide at Richmond National Battlefield Park, Hopewell Culture National Historical Park and Rock Creek Park. A military history scholar of the Civil War era, his research focuses on military occupation, operational command, fortifications, and the Western Theater during the Civil War. He is the author of articles about Asians and Pacific Islanders in the Civil War, and also about the defenses of Washington.

Steve holds a Master’s degree in American History, with a concentration in Public History, from Middle Tennessee State University. He attended the Gettysburg Semester at Gettysburg College in 2012, and has a Bachelor’s degree in History from the University of Northern Colorado.

Come on out and meet and dine with Steve at Carrabba’s Italian Restaurant, 5805 Trinity Parkway, Centreville, VA 20120: (703) 266-9755.

**AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN DAVID GOETZ  
SPEAKS ON “EVER THE GRAY GHOST: COL.  
JOHN SINGLETON MOSBY AND THE LINCOLN**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**7 p.m. Centreville Library**

**THURSDAY, June 14, 2018**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**Historian**

**STEVE T. PHAN**

**TOPIC:**

**“BATTLE OF  
NASHVILLE - DECEMBER 1864”**

**Special Event - 6:30 p.m.**

**THURSDAY, June 28, 2018**

**at The Winery at Bull Run**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**Historian/Author**

**DAVID GOETZ**

**TOPIC:**

**“MOSBY AND BOOTH”**

**THURSDAY, July 12, 2018**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**NPS Historian Emeritas**

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**TOPIC:**

**“BATTLES OF FT. DONELSON  
AND FT. HENRY”**

**CONSPIRACIES” AT THE SPECIAL JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>  
MEETING AT THE WINERY AT BULL RUN**

The BRCWRT and The Winery at Bull Run are so happy to join with author David Goetz in presenting the book “*Ever the Gray Ghost: Col. John Singleton Mosby and the Lincoln Conspiracies.*” Dave begins his analysis of the latest evidence of Mosby’s theorized affiliation to Lincoln’s fate by examining the background of individuals and groups from both sides of the War who wanted to capture or kill either Confederate President Jefferson Davis or U. S. President Abraham Lincoln. It is a fascinating story, and offers new insights and focuses on

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## UPCOMING 2018 MEETINGS

**August 9th, 2018** - Chris Kolakowski - "The Kentucky Campaign - August to November 1862"

**September 13th, 2018** - "Cavalry Action at Battle of Chickamauga"

**October 11th, 2018** - Dr. Jeff McClurken - "Take Care of the Living: Reconstructing Confederate Veteran Families in Virginia"

**November 8th, 2018** - Mark Dunkleman - "Gettysburg's Unknown Soldier: The Life, Death, and Celebrity of Amos Humiston"

**December 13th, 2018** - Eric Buckland - "They Rode with Mosby"

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 Round Table NOW!

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## The President's Column

### By Mark A. Trbovich

Bull Run Civil War Round Table Members,

This Summer of 2018 will prove to be an excellent season for touring, lectures and fellowship with your BRCWRT family. The BRCWRT will, of course, continue to serve as your region's headquarters for study of the Civil War. We will never rest on our laurels, but will continue to bring to this region the high-quality Civil War lectures and tours that our members and guests are accustomed to enjoying.

I am looking forward to the two upcoming lectures being presented in June and July. National Park Service Ranger Steve Phan will be here June 14<sup>th</sup> for an exciting lecture on the Battle of Nashville, TN, in December 1864. We are so happy he is working to present history in our own area! And, our dear friend, NPS Historian Emeritus Edwin Bearss, will be here on July 12<sup>th</sup> to bring us another outstanding lecture; this time on the "Battles of Ft. Henry and Ft. Donelson - February 1862."

We are most happy, also, to be a part of a special lecture this year, partnering with The Winery at Bull Run on June 28<sup>th</sup> for historian David Goetz to present his new book *"Ever the Gray Ghost: Colonel John Singleton Mosby and the Lincoln Conspiracies."* These are three outstanding lectures for our tremendous membership and friends to enjoy. I hope to see everyone there.

I would like to thank our May speaker and BRCWRT member Randy Ferryman who spoke on *"The Unresolved Tension Between Warriors and Journalists During The Civil War."* Randy's in-depth research provided an outstanding lecture on the press and media during the many years of bloody conflict. Thank you so much, Randy, and we'll see you at upcoming meetings.

Don't forget you can also "tune in" to all of



Patriotic treats were served at the May meeting, marking the Memorial Day holiday and the start of summer.

Photo by Gwen Wytenbach

our lectures, along with viewing Powerpoint slides, at our Web site audio archives, located at the address: [http://bullruncwrt.org/BRCWRT/AudioArchives/Audio\\_menu.html](http://bullruncwrt.org/BRCWRT/AudioArchives/Audio_menu.html).

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our BRCWRT Tour Director Scott Kenep, as well as historian Kevin Pawlak, for leading an outstanding tour of the Aldie, Middleburg and Upperville cavalry battlefields on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Reviews coming in to the BRCWRT indicate it was a tremendous success; a great time was had by all who participated. Thank you, Scott and Kevin, for leading this tour; we'll see you again this Fall.

It is always a highlight of our June meeting to introduce our latest Scholarship Awardee to the general membership. This year's awardee is Joseph LaVigne, from Seton Catholic High School in Manassas, VA. He wrote his winning essay on the Battle of Ox Hill. Joseph has been accepted at both George Mason University and William & Mary College. Please come on out to meet Joseph and his family at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. I would like to send out a huge 'thank you' to our Scholarship Lead Nancy Anwyll and her team, including Charlie Balch and Brian McEnany, for conducting a wonderful and thorough selection process again this year!

We have fallen a bit short on our 2018 Membership Campaign goals, but will continue to reach out to get more folks on board this year. I would like to say thank you for all who have joined the BRCWRT, thus far, and for all who plan to join us this year. I wanted to thank Vice President Mark Whitenton and Treasurer Mark Knowles for their excellent efforts in support of this endeavor. Please reach out to anyone you know might be interested in Civil War history who hasn't yet signed up and remind them of what a great newsletter we provide. As always, I fully encourage everyone to bring new folks to join the Round Table.

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May lecturer Randy Ferryman spoke on how the free press functioned during the Civil War.

Photo by Gwen Wytenbach



## BRCWRT 2018 Scholarship Awarded to Seton Catholic High Student Joseph LaVigne

by Nancy Anwyll

The Bull Run Civil War Round Table is proud to announce the winner of its \$2000 Scholarship to Joseph LaVigne, from Seton Catholic High School in Manassas City, VA. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Paul LaVigne of Herndon, VA.

Joseph was selected because of his high academic achievements, his interest in American history and his ability to write a well-written paper about a local Civil War site.

Joseph has a GPA of 3.9, compiled by virtue of his high grades in many difficult courses taken at Seton, such as Advanced Lab Science, Calculus, and Economics; but his highest grades have been in history courses.

In addition to his academic achievements, he has participated in many school activities and been awarded for those efforts, also. He is co-captain of Seton's National Ocean Sciences Bowl Team and helped the Seton team to win 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 2018 Virginia Blue Crab Bowl. His Materials Science Exhibit at the Prince William County Regional Science Fair was awarded the Most Outstanding Exhibit in Materials Science in 2015.

Joseph is the president of his school's National Honor Society and is involved with school plays, playing a lead role in Seton's spring 2018 musical.

Each year he has attended, he received the Rick Terza Merit Award given by Seton Catholic High School to a student who best exemplifies the spirit of Seton.

For his application to the BRCWRT scholarship, Joseph wrote about the Battle of Chantilly. The paper was well written. It employed the use of valid secondary sources and one primary source throughout, all of which were found in the library (none were accessed



BRCWRT 2018 Scholarship  
awardee Joseph LaVigne of  
Herndon, VA.

on-line).

As an added touch, he used a copy of the Augustus Tholey color lithograph of "General Kearney's Gallant Charge" on the title page of his paper. As the scholarship rules required, Joseph included in his application a photo of himself on the battlefield, standing beside one of the historical signs located there.

Mr. John-Robert DiVietri, Joseph's history teacher, wrote Joseph's recommendation; he was very supportive of Joseph's qualification for the award. He wrote that, "Joseph commands knowledge of all of American history, but he is extremely knowledgeable and passionate about the American Civil War. He visited Gettysburg for one assignment, and presented an analysis to his history class of the battle that included the importance of General John Buford in the early stages of the battle, something that is not common knowledge and which evidenced his thorough research.... He truly loves the study of American History. I cannot think of another student that I have ever taught that has shown the love and expertise for American history as he does."

Joseph plans to major in International Relations and Economics at George Mason University. He writes: "I will always continue to study history and to appreciate and preserve the heritage of our country. As a Virginian, I am especially concerned with the preservation of the numerous historic sites located throughout our state."

Please plan to attend the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and welcome Joseph as we award him his scholarship. We know you will be just as impressed with him as is the Scholarship Committee.



## PRESERVATION REPORT

BY BLAKE MYERS

### National Park Service Records Release

In May 2018 the National Park Service (NPS) released decades of park records for public search and use. The NPS press release reads as follows:

“The National Park Service (NPS) today unveils a newly launched public website: [pubs.etic.nps.gov](https://pubs.etic.nps.gov) that is making more than 32,000 NPS records available to the public. Academic researchers, students, history enthusiasts, educators, and the like will discover a multitude of collections. For example, the collection contains such important documents as the original drawings of the main immigration building at Ellis Island National Monument, a concessionaire shop in 1933 at Muir Woods National Monument, and historical documents of Alcatraz Island.

“NPS created the site to accommodate the public’s need to access NPS drawings and documents in a convenient, user-friendly, digital way. Users looking to draft historical studies, project planning, or studying natural and cultural resources will now find a plethora of robust resources at their fingertips. “Our collections represent the National Park Service’s commitment to the preservation of unique places and resources held for future generations by documenting our past, present, and anticipated endeavors,” said Ray Todd, Denver Service Center Director. “The public can now easily discover a treasure trove of American history with just a few clicks on their computer keyboard or mobile device.”

“The Technical Information Center (TIC) at the NPS Denver Service Center (DSC) is the oldest and largest information system in the National Park Service. TIC is the central repository for proper retention, access, and disposition of NPS records that include drawings, specifications, scientific, and technical

reports. The Denver Service Center works closely with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to deposit required NPS records for preservation. For more details, visit the public eTIC website at [pubs.etic.nps.gov](https://pubs.etic.nps.gov).”

More than two-thirds of the national parks are historic in nature, covering the colonial period into the 21st Century. This database is an important resource and will no doubt be of much use. The search function is easy to use, and a lot of old park plans are there, including several 1940 plans for battlefields that were overtaken by the Second World War.

### Grave of William C. (Willy) Preston

The grave of Private William C. Preston, nephew of Lt. Gen. Thomas J. ‘Stonewall’ Jackson, is located near Sudley Road (Centreville) in the middle of a field that was once a golf course and is now undergoing development.

Several BRCWRT members are also members of the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association (FCCPA); both groups are working to help preserve Preston’s grave while development, unfortunately, proceeds around it.



Gravesite of Pvt. William C. (Willy) Preston near Sudley Rd. in Centreville, VA.

Photo courtesy of Blake Myers

Preston was born in 1843, in Lexington, Virginia, to Virginia Military Institute founder and faculty member, John Thomas Lewis Preston and his first wife, Sarah Lyle Caruthers Preston. Upon Sarah’s death, Thomas Preston married Margaret Junkin, sister of Thomas J. Jackson’s first wife, Elinor Junkin. A favorite of Jackson’s, Willy, as he was known to his family, graduated from VMI and, upon graduation, enlisted as a member of the Stonewall Brigade. He joined his uncle’s army in early August 1862. He was killed in action just a few weeks later near Brawner’s Farm on August 29, 1862. Jackson was distraught over Willy’s death, writing,

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## CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

### "Road Trip" and/or: Civil War Sites in the Valley

By Janet Greentree

Ms. Rebelle recently went on a very happy and proud road trip up the Valley Pike to Blacksburg, VA, to attend the graduation of her first grandchild to graduate from college, Jack Tully. At this same time, Jack was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. His first duty station will be in Pensacola, FL. Some of you may remember Jack when he and his sister Ashley joined me on one of our Bull Run Civil War Round Table tours



U. S. Air Force 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jack Tully (in photo at right, above) enjoys his recent graduation from historic Virginia Technical Institute, as opposed to the grimace shown in photo to the right) when "under arrest" at the historic Culpeper



Court House with sister Ashley, while visiting as a youth with grandmother Ms. Rebelle.

Photo by Janet Greentree

to Culpeper. The picture included here shows them "under arrest" in the Culpeper County Courtroom in 2004.

Since I was traveling in the beautiful Valley of Virginia, there was no way I was not going to also stop at some Civil War sites. My first stop was the Virginia Military Institute to visit Stonewall Jackson and his cannons 'Matthew,' 'Mark,' 'Luke' and 'John.' My next stop was at Lee Chapel (Washington & Lee University), to

at last be able to photograph Lee's Recumbent statue there again. The last several times I have been there, photos were not allowed. My last photo of it was with a non-digital camera, prior to 2003. The statue is now behind a new locked gate; now gone are Civil War Confederate flags that had surrounded his monument. The beautiful statue was commissioned by Lee's wife Mary, portraying him at rest on the battlefield. Edward Valentine was the sculptor.



The 'Recumbent Lee' monument at his resting place in the chapel W&LU was once approachable for photos, and after a pause in permission, photos are again allowed, but with the impediment of a wrought iron fence enclosure.

Bottom photo by Janet Greentree

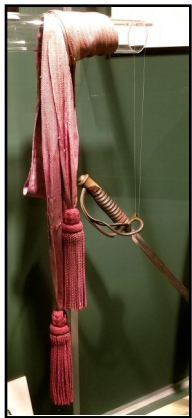
On the way back, I stopped in Harrisonburg, VA, to find the grave of boy Maj. Joseph White Latimer, CSA, buried in Woodbine Cemetery. Latimer was mortally wounded on Benner's Hill at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. He was wounded in his right arm after being given an order to withdraw his cannons from Benner's Hill. His horse fell on him, mangling his right arm, and it was amputated at the Daniel Lady Farm on the Hanover Road. He was first moved to Winchester, VA, and then to the E.T. Warren family home in Harrisonburg, VA, which was being used as a hospital. Gangrene set in his wound and his condition worsened. Maj. Latimer died there on August 1, 1863, at the age of 19, nearly a month prior to his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. His mother tried going to assist him in his recovery, but was unable to get to him. Latimer's sash is on display not far up the road in New Market, at the VMI Museum.

Joseph White Latimer was born on August 27, 1843, in Oak Ridge, Prince

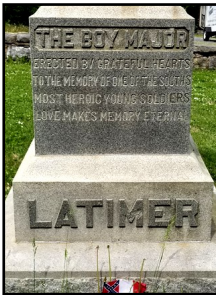
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William County, VA, to Samuel H. Latimer and



Above left, Latimer's sash on display at VMI's museum.



Above, Latimer's memorial obelisk in Woodbine Cemetery, Harrison-

burg, VA, notes his identity as "The Boy Major."

Photos by Janet Greentree

the master, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, a/k/a "Stonewall."

Latimer left VMI in September 1861, after the Civil War had begun. He had been serving as Drill Master for the Corps of Cadets in the Spring of 1861. Entering the Confederate Army, he served in Hampden's Light Artillery, later to become the 38<sup>th</sup> Battalion, VA Light Artillery. He was elected captain on July 30, 1862, and promoted to his final rank of major on April 4, 1863. He was made an Honorary Graduate of the Class of 1863 of VMI on July 2, 1869.



Joseph Latimer as a cadet at VMI.

Prior to his death, he fought under Gen. Richard S. Ewell in the Shenandoah Valley Campaign, 1<sup>st</sup> Winchester, Cedar Mountain, and Fredericksburg. Ewell referred to him as a "young Napoleon." He was later assigned to Maj. Richard Snowden Andrews' Battalion under Gen. Edward "Allegheny" Johnson. After Andrews was wounded at the Battle of Stephenson's Depot (Winchester), Latimer took command of the artillery battalion.

Charlotte Barron Latimer. The 1860 census lists his father as being a farmer owning land worth \$5,000. Young Joseph left home and entered the Virginia Military Institute on July 27, 1859. There he studied artillery tactics under

At the Battle of Gettysburg, Latimer commanded the artillery on Benner's Hill, which was not an advantageous position, since it was open and exposed to the enemy. His 20 pieces of artillery endured fire from approximately 41 cannons on Cemetery Hill, Culp's Hill and Stevens Knoll for an hour-and-a-half. His request to move the guns to a more favorable position was granted. Unfortunately, as mentioned above, it was at this time that he was severely wounded in his arm when his horse was shot, killed and fell on him, pinning him to the ground. His artillery losses consisted of two limbers blown up, 27 horses killed or permanently disabled, 10 men killed, and 40 men wounded. His battalion had fired 1,147 rounds.

There are several markers along Benner's Hill referring to Latimer and the artillery battalion, as well as several cannon markers. None show the site



Depiction of Latimer commanding artillery on Benner's Hill at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863.

where Maj. Latimer's wounding took place.

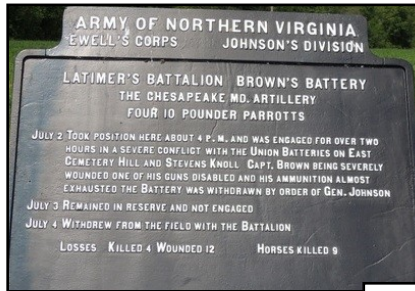
In the 1914 issue of *"The Bomb,"* the yearbook of VMI, a salute to Maj. Latimer appears, reading as follows: "Headquarters Corps of Cadets, Virginia Military Institute, Harrisonburg, VA, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1914 – Order No. 176. 1. Pursuant to the instructions of superior authority, the corps of cadets of the Virginia Military Institute will fire a salute of three volleys over the grave of Major Joseph White Latimer, V.M.I. 1861. Before this is done, however, it is proper that the corps should hear a brief statement of the services of this distinguished Confederate officer and

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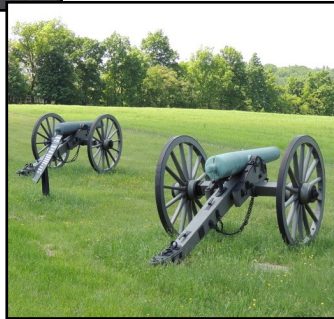
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eleve of the Institute. 2. Joseph White Latimer, the "Boy Major" whose portrait hangs in the hallway of our library, was perhaps one of the most illustrious soldiers that ever went forth to the field of war from the martial halls of the Virginia



Military Institute. Without a Cooke to write his history, posterity has limned his historic features upon

the canvas of immortality along with those of Pelham and Pegram and Poage and Haskell and Dearing and Chew and Thompson and Cutshaw and the rest of those brave and daring young artillery officers who contributed so much blood and valor to



Above, photos of some of Latimer's Benner's Hill artillery positions as noted by signs and cannon.

Photos by Janet Greentree

the fame of Lee and Jackson. Among the many men who have gone from the walls of the Institute to try fortune upon the field of battle, no more illustrious figure presents itself than that of Joseph White Latimer, the 'Boy Major of the Confederacy.' Upon the occasion of the march of the cadet corps from Lexington to New Market last May, to participate in the fiftieth anniversary of the battle fought May 15th, 1864, the city of Harrisonburg was reached on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Here in the beautiful Woodbine Cemetery lies the body of Joseph White Latimer. Here the Corps paused in its march down the Valley to do homage to an illustrious graduate of the Institute. In this secluded spot that May morning, with the emblems of life

present in all of their true color, three hundred cadets of this distinguished man's Alma Mater stood at attention as the following order was read to them and the assembled throng, after which a salute of three volleys was fired."

His death announcement in the *Rockingham Register* of August 14, 1863, reads as follows: "The Boy Major.....A young officer of no ordinary merit and promise died at Mrs. Warren's, in this place, on Saturday last. We allude to Major Joseph W. Latimer, of Prince William County, familiarly spoken of by his fellow officers as "the boy Major" for he was under 20 years of age when he died. When the war began, he was in the Lexington Military Institute. He entered the army as Second Lieutenant, and rapidly advanced until, at Gettysburg, he commanded a battalion of artillery in General Ewell's corps. In this battle he lost an arm. He reached this place, on his way to Richmond, when he was arrested by a disease, produced by his wound, which in a few days terminated his short, but useful and honorable career."

His 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps staff officer Campbell Brown said of him: "Latimer was idolized by his own men and the infantry of his division as well. The latter called him the 'Boy Major' and sometimes cheered him as he passed - a distinction they conferred on very few." It was also written that he was "one of those born soldiers whose promotion is recognized by all to be consequence of their own merit."

It was an honor to put a flag on Major Latimer's grave.

*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 420 graves - 169 Confederate and 251 Union. You may contact her at: [jlgrtree@erols.com](mailto:jlgrtree@erols.com).*



## **BRCWRT Volunteers Make Knoxville Student Tour of Manassas a Great Success**

Article provided by Doug Horhota; photos provided by Stephanie Vale and Blake Myers

Huzzah, huzzah, huzzah - to the Bull Run Civil War Round Table members who assisted at this year's "invasion" of Tennessee students to the Manassas National Battlefield!! Each year, tens of thousands of students from around the country visit Washington, D.C., to see the sites, learn a little about history and our government. With popular attractions in the District such as the Capitol, the Air and Space Museum and the Vietnam Memorial overwhelmed by visitors, many tour groups increasingly look to visit alternate historic sites around D.C. to beat the crowds.

For the second consecutive year, 950 fifth-grade students from Knox County, TN, traveled to Manassas to "stand like a stone wall" and imagine first-hand what occurred on the Plains of Manassas in July 1861. Huge kudos to all who helped including the Prince William County Police Department, volunteers from the Manassas Museum and, of course, the National Battlefield Park.

Most notable, though, is that the largest contingent of support for this event came from the Bull Run Civil War Round Table. The event, organized by Doug Horhota, Program Coordinator of the Manassas Museum and BRCWRT member, was ably assisted by BRCWRT members Blake Myers, John Myers, Fred Eckstein, Mark Whitenton, Debbie Whitenton, Drew Pallo, Stephanie Vale, Dave Button, David Braun, Robert Meredith, John Myers, Sam Laundenslager, and Greg Wilson. They helped the Park with everything from set-up, parking, and (of course) sharing a little history. Special credit goes to John, Fred, Mark and Debbie, who along with other Civil War era re-enactors, braved the 90-degree temperatures and blazing sun (in those HOT clothes...) on a typical June day.

How did the event go?

Kate Scopetti, the visiting tour company owner says that, as the president and owner MARS and Companies (one of which is of Go Student Tours), she thanks each and every one of the volunteers who played a part in enriching these children's experience and education during their trip to D.C.

MARS and Companies experienced recent changes. As this occurred, the excursion company wanted to add more enrichment and education to the student's tour. Manassas is a critical component of this added service, especially since the students are studying the Civil War in their current curriculum.

The group is very much looking forward to their visit next year when they can meet up with the knowledgeable and enthusiastic volunteers of the BRCWRT!



BRCWRT members helping Doug Horhota with the Knoxville, TN, students at the Manassas Battlefield Park were, left to right: front row: Bryan and Ben Holzer, and Stephanie Vogel; second row: Greg Wilson, Mark Whitenton, Debbie Whitenton, John Myers, Dave Braun, Fred Eckstein, Drew Pallo, Kevin Garrahan, Blake Myers, Bob Meredith, David Button, and Sam Laundenslager.



Some of the nearly 1,000 Knoxville, TN, students getting up close and personal with the statue of Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson on the Manassas Battlefield National Park.

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## Upcoming Speakers – (con't from page 1)

numerous attempts to – in particular - capture or kill Abraham Lincoln.

Although Col. Mosby and his rangers' roles in these machinations have been discussed in many books and publications, Dave is the first to write a book putting forth Mosby as being an integral part of the Lincoln conspiracies.

Dave is owner of Mosby's Confederacy Tours and leads tours within 'Mosby's Confederacy,' including the Virginia counties of Clarke, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Warren. For many years, he has studied the life and times of John Singleton Mosby. Dave has had published, *"Hell is Being a Republican in Virginia: The Postwar Relationship Between John Singleton Mosby and Ulysses S. Grant,"* dealing with their individual search for peace and reconciliation between North and South in the years following the Civil War. He holds an undergraduate degree in English from Bellarmine University, Louisville, Kentucky, and a Master of Science degree in Community Development from the University of Louisville. He is a member and former commander of the Black Horse Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, in Warrenton, Virginia. He is also a U.S. Army veteran. Dave lives in Warrenton, Virginia.

Please come out to The Winery at Bull Run (15950 Lee Hwy., Centreville, VA 20120) at the special start time of 6:30 p.m. to hear this great lecture.

**AUTHOR AND FAMED NPS HISTORIAN  
EMERITUS EDWIN C. BEARSS SPEAKS ON  
"THE BATTLES OF FT. HENRY AND  
FT. DONELSON - FEBRUARY 1862"  
AT THE JULY 12<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

The Battles of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson were fought in early February 1862, in the Western Theater of the Civil War. The Federal capture of these Confederate forts near the Tennessee-Kentucky border freed travel on the Cumberland River, allowing it to be an important avenue for the subsequent invasion of the South.

These twin victories also account for the rise of Brig. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant from an obscure and largely unproven leader to the rank of major general and earned him the nickname of "Unconditional Surrender" Grant.

Who could give us a better understanding of

this critical engagement than National Park Service Historian Emeritus Ed Bearss! I don't have to tell you all that our speaker is a peerless Civil War historian, lecturer, tour guide and preservationist.

It is so wonderful to see Ed at our meetings every year, and - 95 years young, now - this appearance is quite a milestone for him. What an achievement it is for Ed to continue to speak - deep into his "retirement" from the National Park Service - to audiences around the world on a wide variety of historical battles and events. We are indeed fortunate to have such an American legend as a friend of the BRCWRT.

During World War II, Ed served with distinction in the U.S. Marine Corps, first with the 3rd Marine Raider Battalion, commanded by Col. Harry "The Horse" Leversedge; and then with the 7th Marine Regiment. While serving with the latter unit, he was severely wounded at Cape Gloucester on the island of New Britain in the South Pacific theater. Following a convalescence period of more than two years, he entered Georgetown University. After earning an undergraduate degree at that institution, Ed spent three years there working at the U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office in Suitland, MD. Ed then enrolled at Indiana University, where he received a Master's Degree in History.

In 1955, Ed joined the National Park Service (NPS) and worked his way up the promotion ladder to become its chief historian. In that position, he gained the respect of innumerable congressmen and members of the Executive Branch for his vast knowledge of history, and his ability to passionately present it to the public (especially to Congressional funders of the Park Service!).

Following his retirement in 1998, Ed became a much-sought-after guest speaker and tour guide to battlefields where Americans fought, spanning the French and Indian War through World War II - both the European and Pacific theaters of operation. We anticipate a full house for this lecture so try to arrive early to get a good seat.

Come on out and meet and dine with Ed prior to the meeting at Carrabba's Italian Restaurant, 5805 Trinity Parkway, Centreville, VA 20120: (703) 266-9755.



## Students at Manassas – (con't from page 9)



A great day of both learning and enjoyment was had by 950 Knoxville, TN students in their recent visit to the Manassas Battlefield National Park, thanks to many volunteers from the Bull Run Civil War Round Table, as shown in these photos.



## Cedar Mountain Marking 156<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Living History Weekend

Visit Cedar Mountain Battlefield on August 11 and 12 to commemorate the 156th anniversary of the battle with a living history experience for all ages.

- “Fall in” with Confederate and Union infantry to take part in military drills, similar to the drills by soldiers preparing for battle more than 150 years ago.
- Have a hands-on look at the equipment – or “kit” – soldiers would have carried.
- Meet members of the Confederate cavalry.
- Check out artillery guns positioned for battle.
- Visit military encampments.
- Interact with civilian refugees from the area impacted by the battle.
- Join a torchlight tour to visit encampments as the day winds down.

### Saturday, August 11

**11 a.m.** Opening shot, followed by combined arms demonstration (infantry, cavalry, artillery).

**1 p.m.** School of the soldier. Open to the public, this session offers the opportunity to experience the life of a Civil War soldier by participating in basic drill and instruction; working with the infantry and learning how to handle a musket; learning how to march, drill and fight; and even serving on a gun crew.

**3 p.m.** Combined arms demonstration (infantry, cavalry, artillery).

**5 p.m.** Camp life. Camps open to the public.

**6 p.m.** Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield Ancestors' Ceremony.

**8 p.m.** Torchlight tours of the camps and battlefield.

### Sunday, August 12

**10 a.m.** Combined arms demonstration (infantry, cavalry, artillery).

**12 noon** School of the soldier. Open to the public, this session offers the opportunity to experience the life of a Civil War soldier by participating in basic drill and instruction; working with the infantry and learning how to handle a musket; learning how to march, drill and fight; and even serving on a gun crew.

Anniversary weekend activities are free to the public. Parking will be available at the George Washington Carver School, located at 9433 James Madison Highway, near the battlefield. Shuttle buses will transport guests every 15 minutes. For more information, contact: 540-727-8849.



# Coming this June to Prince William County Historic Preservation Division

**FATHERS  
ENJOY FREE  
ADMISSION  
FOR TOURS  
JUNE 16-17!**

Get outside and come and see us! Our sites are open for guided tours Thursday – Monday from 11AM-4PM, and the grounds are open daily from dawn until dusk. Join us for special programs, tours, or request your own private program for your group! For more information, please call the sites or our main office at 703-792-4754. We hope to see you soon!

## June 1

**Walking Tour of Historic Prince William Towns: Haymarket**  
7 p.m.; Free; donations accepted



Join local historians on the first Friday of every month this summer for a special walking tour of historic towns in Prince William County. On June 1, join us to learn about the western Prince William town impacted by Civil War. Please meet at Haymarket Town Hall: 15000 Washington St. Haymarket VA 20169. Call 703-365-7895 for more information.

## June 2

**Lost Towns of Prince William County Bus Tour**  
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; \$70 per person; reservations required, lunch is included.



While historic towns such as Dumfries, Occoquan, and Manassas survive to the present day, many smaller communities (and even towns), were abandoned, destroyed, or lost throughout history. Join local historians as we explore these long forgotten communities such as New Market, Smoketown, and others to learn about a lost chapter in Prince William County history.

**Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Bristow, VA. 703-365-7895.**

## June 9

**Meet the Men of Ben Lomond Candlelight Tour**

8:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.; \$10 per person, advanced registration is required. Come take a special candlelight tour and gain a truly immersive experience at the site where the men of Ben Lomond will take you throughout their world. Meet Mr. Chinn, who first owned the property, and Mr. Pringle, who lived in the house when it was commandeered as a hospital. Tour takes place in near dark where you will see, smell, and hear an active field hospital, and may not be suitable for young children. Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.



## June 16

**Potomac Blockade Boat Tour**

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; \$45 per participant  
Cruise along the Potomac River shoreline and view sites that were critical to the Confederate forces' successful blockade of Washington D.C. from September 1861 through March 1862. The cruise will include the preserved batteries at Freestone Point, Possum Nose, and more! Tour includes lunch and departs from Leesylvania State Park in Woodbridge. Call 703-792-4754 for more information and to make reservations.



## June 16

**Juneteenth Open House at Lucasville**

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Free, donations welcome.

Join us at Lucasville in honor of Juneteenth to learn about the celebration marking the emancipation of enslaved African Americans throughout the South. Visit the one-room schoolhouse to learn about the development of freedmen communities throughout Prince William County and the progression of education throughout Prince William County throughout Reconstruction and the Jim Crow Era. Lucasville School, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.



## June 18

**Museum Kids Monday!**

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.; \$5 per child, ages 9 and under.

Bring your child to Ben Lomond this summer to explore history through sight, sound, smell, and touch with hands-on activities and crafts! Topics vary each month from archaeology, plants, 19<sup>th</sup> century toys and more! Adult must stay to participate with children. Please contact the site to learn about the subject of the month. Reservations are not required. Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.



## June 23-24

**Brentsville Farmhouse Living History Weekend**

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Free, donations accepted.

During the middle 1800's most people living in Prince William County were somehow tied to farming. Explore how most residents lived as living historians bring the Haislip-Hall Farmhouse to life. Learn about the various chores that were required to make a 19<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse run and meet some real farm animals! **Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Bristow, VA. 703-365-7895.**



## June 29

**Rippon Lodge Revolutionary Readers – A Book Club for Young Readers**

10 a.m. – Noon; \$7.00 per child/ per day. Advance registration is required.

Spend the summer with Revolutionary Readers at Rippon Lodge Historic Site! Young adults are invited to explore books and topics connected to early American history. Each gathering of readers includes a discussion of the book, followed by interactive games, activities, crafts, food ways, and more. All titles are available at the local library and Amazon.

Books this year are: *Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt* by Jean Fritz on June 29; *Lincoln's Flying Spies: Thaddeus Lowe and the Civil War Balloon Corps* by Gail Jarrow on July 13; *Dear America: The Diary of Abigail Jane Stewart The Winter of Red Snow* by Kristiana Gregory on July 27, and *Black Whiteness: Admiral Byrd Alone in the Antarctic* by Robert Burleigh on August 10. **Rippon Lodge Historic Site, Woodbridge, VA. 703-499-9812.**



## Saturdays: June-September

**Yoga on the Lawn at Rippon Lodge**

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.; \$5.00 per class, or 5 classes for \$20.00

Enjoy performing yoga on the lawn with amazing views of the Potomac River and Rippon Lodge. Join certified instructor Christopher Glowacki for a Vinyasa yoga practice. Participants are encouraged to bring a yoga mat, towel and plenty of water; beginners may want to bring a block and/or strap. Those purchasing 10 classes will receive punch cards, which are good for the whole season. **Rippon Lodge Historic Site, Woodbridge, VA. 703-499-9812.**



## 2nd and 4th Weekends; May-October

**Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park Tours**

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Tours leave on the hour; Free.

Join Bristoe Station Battlefield historians for guided tours of the hallowed grounds that contain camps, cemeteries, and battlefields. Tours begin on the hour and depart from the kiosk. **Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, 703-366-3049.**



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# 157th Battle of First Manassas Events at Ben Lomond Historic Site



**Saturday, July 14**

## Prelude to First Manassas Car Caravan Tour

*9 am – 12 pm; \$20 per vehicle*

Several events contributed to the Battle of First Manassas and the difficulties that lay ahead at the beginning of the Civil War. Join us as we explore the locations and events that helped shape the battle.

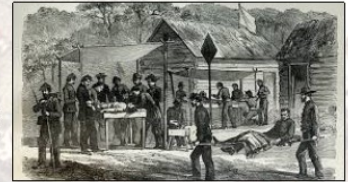
Stay tuned to our Facebook page starting MID-JUNE for “IN-TIME” LIVE VIDEOS of the events before, during, and after the Battle of First Manassas from local historians and special guests!

**Saturday, July 21 & Sunday July 22**

## Ben Lomond Civil War Hospital Weekend

*Saturday: 10am-4pm & 6:30-8:30pm; Sunday: 10am-3pm; FREE*

After the battle, Ben Lomond, known as the Pringle House, served as a hospital to treat the wounded. Visit Ben Lomond to learn how the conditions these soldiers faced differ from those used to today.



### Activities Include:

Military & Medical Demonstrations  
Historical Interpreters  
Original Displays  
Benson-Rice Storytellers  
Children's Activities  
And more!



**For more information, please call:**

703-367-7872

10321 Sudley Manor Dr. Manassas, VA 20109

### **Pringle House Hospital Evening Luminary July 21, 2018; 6:30pm-8:30pm**

Explore an active Civil War hospital where you will experience the evening 157 years ago as hundreds of luminaries representing the soldiers treated there light your way. As you explore, encounter surgeons, wounded soldiers, and civilians who will tell you of their plight in the days after First Manassas.

*\$5 suggested donation; some scenes may not be suitable for young children.*



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## President's Column – (con't from page 3)

It's a treat to announce that our Annual Members Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at The Winery at Bull Run. More details will follow. Folks - you don't want to miss this event!

Your BRCWRT Executive Committee has been working overtime on new initiatives for constantly improving our round table's vision and mission. This year will be another tremendous year for us at the BRCWRT, as we continued to bring great lectures and events to the membership. Preservation Lead Blake Myers and his team have been working on many important projects, and it appears that he'll be very busy, indeed, as the year unfolds. Our new Marketing Committee lead, Stephanie Vale, needs some volunteers to assist her as she unveils our BRCWRT to a larger audience in the

region. As always, please try to make it out to each meeting, as we will have so much local Civil War event information to get out to you and to friends with whom to share fellowship.

As always, this month every month in 2018, we will continue to offer for sale Ed Wenzel's "Chronology of the Civil War of Fairfax County." This book is the perfect gift for the Civil War enthusiast on your shopping list. The BRCWRT 25th anniversary book will also be on sale at meetings, and on the Web site. As the year moves forward, we will be here bringing you the best Civil War lectures, tours, events and newsletters in the region, with preservation and education as a solid part of our mission!

Let us never forget the people who served, and what they did for us. God Bless all of them.

## Preservation Report – (con't from page 5)

*"I deeply sympathize with you all in the death of dear Willy. He was in my first Sabbath school class, where I became attached to him when he was a little boy."*

Willy's father came to the battlefield more than a week after Willy died to identify his son's remains and to bring them home. Although able to identify his son's shirt on the body wrapped in a blanket, he did not recognize his son's remains. John Preston marked the place of burial and returned to Lexington without his son's body. Upon returning home, his repeated words to his wife were, *"Slain in Battle."*

The inscription on the gravestone reads, "William C. Preston son of J.T.L. & S.L. Preston

Lexington, Virginia. He was a private in the College Company of the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Reg't Stonewall Brigade and fell at Manassas Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 1862 in the 19<sup>th</sup> year of his age. The Young Patriot lost his mortal life in defending his native state. The young Christian found his nobler life in Christ who died for him." The top of the stone includes the inscription "SLAIN IN BATTLE," and the footstone has his initials: W.C.P.

A duplicate marker and footstone are located in Lexington, Virginia, William's birthplace. No documentation has been found as to whether the family ever returned to relocate William's remains from "the Plains of Manassas."

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

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

◆ Kevin Garrahan

◆ Linda Garrahan

◆ Kevin Knapp





# Summer Programs

## Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park

July 14-15, 28-29  
August 11-12, 25-26  
**Free Battlefield Tours**

*11 a.m. - 3p.m.; tours leave at the hour*  
Bristoe Station Battlefield staff and volunteers will provide guided tours of the Park. Donations welcome.



**August 18**

### Stonewall Jackson's Bold Sweep: Second Manassas Campaign Bus Tour

*8:30 a.m. - 4:00p.m.; \$70 per person*

Bus tour following Stonewall Jackson's famous flank march to Manassas.

Reservations required.



**August 25**

### Battle of Bull Run Bridge Car Caravan Tour

*8 a.m. - 11 a.m.; \$20 per car*

Join battlefield guides to explore one of the forgotten 2nd Manassas battles.



For more information or reservations, please call:

**703-366-3049**

Iron Bridge Unit Ave. & Tenth Alabama Way, Bristow, VA 20136



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## **BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE**

***The Stone Wall***

**P.O. Box 2147**

**Centreville, VA 20122**

### **2018 Bull Run Civil War Round Table — MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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

**Annual dues are:**

**Individual—\$20. Family—\$25. Student (age 22 and under)—FREE.**

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

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

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