

The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XXV, Issue 1, MARCH 2018

# HISTORIAN AND REENACTOR BRIAN WITHROW PRESENTS "ULYSSES S. GRANT" AT MARCH 8<sup>th</sup> MEETING

Ulysses S. Grant was born on April 27, 1822, in Point Pleasant, Ohio. He was entrusted with command of all Federal armies in 1864, and relentlessly pursued the enemy during the Civil War. In 1869, at age 46, Grant became the youngest president in U.S. history (up to that point). We are fortunate to have "him" visit us at our March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Brian Withrow was born in Carrollton, Illinois, to an Air Force father; he spent his early years

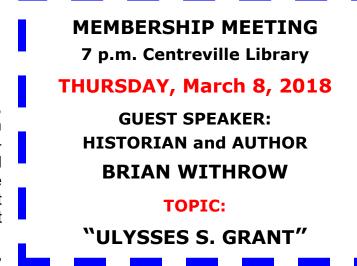


Brian Withrow portraying General Ulysses S. Grant.

on the move, until settling long-term Las Vegas, in Brian Nevada. graduated with a Bachelors Degree Anthropologyin Archaeology from Northern Arizona University in 1987 concurrently and earned a commission in the United States Air Force through the AFROTC Program.

Brian retired as a lieutenant colonel after serving over 20 years in the United States Air Force. While serving, he pursued an interest in graphics and multimedia presentation, and graduated with a Masters Degree in Information Technology.

Over the past 15 years, Brian has presented as a historical reenactor and impressionist,



fulfilling a personal devotion to public awareness of the experiences of the ordinary soldier during the American Revolution and the Civil War. He's performed thousands of hours of volunteer service for living history programs at historic sites operated by the National Park Service, state and local historic parks, and private museums.

Brian also conducts lectures, demonstrations and historical vignettes to present the soldiers' personal reflections, obtained through research of letters, diaries, and other primary sources. He has served as a Military Staff organizer, advisor, and participant in numerous battle reenactments, including the 150<sup>th</sup> of Gettysburg. He served as a director on the board of the Friends of Stafford Civil War Sites, working on the creation of the Stafford Civil War Park, which opened in April of 2013.

Brian resides in Stafford, VA, with his wife Nancy. Come on out prior to the meeting at 5 p.m. to meet and dine with Brian at Carrabba's Italian Restaurant, 5805 Trinity Parkway, Centreville, VA 20120: (703)- 266-9755.

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# **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

April 12th, 2018 - Patrick Falci - "Ambrose Powell Hill" May 10th, 2018 - Randy Ferryman - "Civil War Press: Resisting Censorship to Publish Secrets"

June 14th, 2018 - Stephen Phan - "Battle of Nashville - December 1864"

July 12th, 2018 - Ed Bearss - "Battle of Ft. Donaldson and Ft. Henry"

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"

# Don't Forget !!!! Renew your membership for 2018!

If you know folks who would enjoy the BRCWRT, invite them to join! See the last page of this newsletter, visit our Web site or renew at the next meeting.

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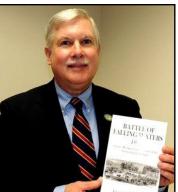
# The President's Column By Mark A. Trbovich

Bull Run Civil War Round Table Members,

Spring is in the air with the arrival of March, and we welcome its warmer temperatures and longer days of sunshine. We at the BRCWRT also look forward to meeting Gen. U.S Grant at our March 8th meeting. We met Gen. R. E. Lee last year, so it is only fitting to bring in Gen. Grant for his views on the war.

Our February meeting speaker George Franks, III, who did an outstanding job laying

out the Battle of Falling Waters, and the subsequent end of the Gettysburg Campaign. We are looking forward to a possible visit to his home and battlefield later this year, as many have been sparked to see the area after his wonderful lecture. Hope to see you again in the future, George!



George Franks, III, brought his expertise on the Battle of Falling Waters to the BRCWRT in February. Photo by Janet Greentree

Don't forget - you can also "tune in" to all of our lectures, and follow along with posted PowerPoint slides, at our Web site audio archives, located at the address: http:// bullruncwrt.org/BRCWRT/AudioArchives/ Audio menu.html.

We are in our 3rd month of the 2018 Membership Campaign, and I would like to say thank you for all who have joined so far, and for all who plan to do so this year. We will conclude the campaign, as always, at the end of April. I encourage everyone to bring new folks in to join the Round Table, either at our Web site or at the next meeting. We are so happy to announce that our Annual Members' Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 16th at the Winery at Bull Run. More details to follow - but folks - you don't want to miss that event! Join today online at our Web site or see Mark Knowles at the next meeting.

Last month, we unveiled our BRCWRT committee volunteer program, by which members may participate in the coordinated events and projects we conduct or sponsor. This idea came out of last September's Civil War Round Table Congress, hosted by the BRCWRT. Discussion there inspired our executive committee to create guidelines, and a committee chart, for members to see which committees they would like to volunteer on, or in which they would like to participate. Everyone has some unique skill sets, and we are looking for folks to become a part of the BRCWRT team as we move forward to new heights this year, and in the years to come. We are actively looking for a new executive committee lead to head the Marketing Committee this year. Please contact me if interested.

Again, we are so happy to announce that on June 28th, at the Winery at Bull Run, we will host a special lecture by Dave Goetz, starting at 6:30 p.m. Your 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. We don't sit on our laurels!

Our Scholarship Committee, led by Nancy Anwyll, is in full swing as we head to our April deadline for applications. We are so fortunate to have our scholarship fund at \$2,000 this year! Our Preservation lead, Blake Myers, and his team have been working on many projects this year, and look to be involved with many more as the year unfolds. Our BRCWRT Tour Guide lead, Scott Knepp, is also working on his 2018 tours. He has scheduled our first Spring tour for May 5th. Featured will be the Aldie, Middleburg and Upperville cavalry battle of June 1863!

As always, please try to make it out to each meeting, as we will have so much local Civil War information and fellowship to share with you and friends. This month (and every month in 2018),

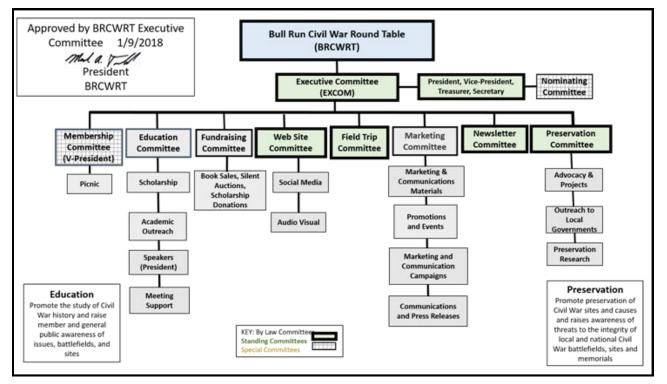
# **BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE (BRCWRT) COMMITTEES**

by Brian McEnany and Blake Myers

The BRCWT has a long history of success in pursuing its two major objectives – Education of its general members and the public and the Preservation of historic battlefields, historic sites, and monuments. To manage and conduct BRWCRT activities, our 501c(3) bylaws establish the Executive Committee, four standing committees (Newsletter, Preservation, Field Trip and Website), and two special committees (Membership and Nominating). The bylaws also provide that "The President, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may appoint such other committees as may be required to carry out the business of the Organization."

The business activities of the BRCWRT are managed by the Executive Committee whose specified duties include, "to plan for regular or special meetings of the Organization, to supervise all financial transactions, and to perform any act with the objective of preservation, prestige and well-being of the Organization. The Executive Committee may delegate any duty, except those dealing with financial matters, to any standing or special committee. The Executive Committee may aid and support in any way it deems appropriate other groups or organizations with similar or like interests in the American Civil War."

Discussions conducted during the September 16, 2017 Civil War Round Table Congress hosted by BRCWRT at the Centreville Regional Library resulted in BRCWRT leaders re-assessing the Round Table's committee structure to ensure the internal organization adequately supported the BRCWRT activities mission and Our assessment and discussions during the past few months led to the decision to establish three 'new' committees, the Marketing, Education and Fundraising Committees. These three committees provide a logical organizational entity to manage and conduct related functions and activities, several of which were being done within our Round Table, but on an ad-hoc basis.



The diagram (above) depicts the revised and updated BRCWRT organizational structure, including all current BRCWRT committees and their respective functions.

BRCWRT activities, compared to when first

organized, have increased dramatically in size and scope. All of our committees need volunteers to assist in conducting committee activities and actions. To that end the president and the executive

# **BRCWRT Committees** – (con't from page 4)

Committee are seeking interested members who wish to join any of the round table's committees and asking them to step forward and become an active member of a terrific committee team.

<u>Committee Chairs:</u> Membership – Mark Whitenton Education – Brian McEnany Fund Raising – Charley Balch Web Site – Alan Day

Field Trip – Scott Kenepp Marketing - TBD Newsletter – Nadine Mironchuk Preservation – Blake Myers

The functional responsibilities of each of these committees can be found on the BRCWRT home page. <u>WE</u> <u>NEED YOU</u>. If you are interested in being a volunteer on one of our committees, please contact the respective Committee Chair.

## Signing Up for BRCWRT Events....

by Saundra Cox

## Just a courtesy reminder as we enter 2018.

If you sign up for a tour, picnic, or other BRCWRT sponsored event, and find you can't participate, be sure to cancel online or directly with the tour guide as soon as possible. Please don't be a "No Show!"

# SPREAD THE WORD

Do you know a high school senior who is fascinated with American or American Civil War History? You can help the BRCWRT find that student so that it can give away a \$2,000 scholarship to be used for a student's first semester's tuition of college. In general, the requirements include:



- Reside in Prince William or Fairfax County
- Enroll in college or community college
- Prove a strong interest in American history or Civil War history
- Visit a local Civil War historic site and write a short essay about it
- Apply by April 2, 2018

All of the information about how to apply is found on the BRCWRT Web site at <u>http://bullruncwrt.org</u>. In addition, information can be found by students on Prince William and Fairfax County public high school scholarship sites, which are accessed in the schools' career centers, guidance departments, and by students' at home on their personal computers. See Nancy Anwyll, Brian McEnany, or Charlie Balch for more questions. Let your family, friends, and neighbors know about our offer! Spread the word!

Nancy Anwyll





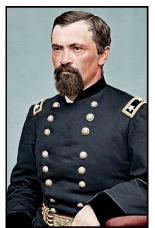
# CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE <u>Maj. Gen. August</u> Valentine Kautz, USA

By Janet Greentree

When doing research on my generals, it is absolutely amazing what comes up for them. Auuuguuust – the German way of saying his name had three wives. Two of his wives were interesting, too. In addition to fighting in the Civil War, he was one of the judges of the military tribunal for the Lincoln Conspiracy Trial. He was stationed all over this beautiful country of ours.

A diarist for most of his life, Kautz's notes span from 1853-1895. He wrote about his life as a

military man, his health, the weather but nothing about the current world situation. He was also a scrapbooker from 1884-1891, keeping noteworthy newspaper articles and his letters to various people, including General William Tecumseh Sherman. The Library of Congress has possession of his diaries and scrapbooks.



Maj. Gen. August V. Kautz.

August was born on Janu-

ary 5, 1828, in Ispringen, the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany. His parents immigrated to America in 1828, when August was just a baby, settling in Baltimore, MD. In 1832, the family moved to Georgetown, OH, near Cincinnati. He was educated in the Georgetown schools.

In 1846, Kautz enlisted as a private in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio Infantry and served in the Mexican War until 1847. Unlike other Civil War generals who went to West Point before the Mexican War, August entered West Point afterwards and graduated with the class of 1852, ranking 35<sup>th</sup> out of 43. Twelve future Civil War generals would graduate in that class, including: George Burgwyn Anderson, George Blake Cosby, George Crook, John Horace Forney, George Lucas Hartsuff, Milo Smith Hascall, John Parker Hawkins, Alexander McDowell McCook, Henry Warner Slocum, David Sloan Stanley, and Charles Robert Woods.

Following graduation he was sent to Vancouver Barracks in the Washington Territory. He fell in love with the area and eventually retired there. It



sometimes feels like I am following these generals around. My youngest daughter Melanie lived in

Oregon for several years. On one of my visits to see her we went to Vancouver Barracks.

While stationed at Fort Steilacoom in July, 1853, August took his first wife, a 15-year-old



At left - Vancouver Barracks is only one of the pleasant locations to visit in Washington state. Below - the heavy military presence of the U.S. Army in Washington territory.

Photo by Janet Greentree

Indian girl, Tenas Puss (Little Cat) in a Nisqually ceremony. She was the daughter of Nisqually Chief Lashimere. This is the second person profiled here



Tenas Puss (Little Cat) - the first Mrs. Lt. Gen. August V. Kautz.

who has who married an Indian Gen. Richard Brooke woman. Garnett was the first one I came across. Ms. Rebelle wonders if this was a common practice back then. Together, they had two sons, Nugan and Augustus. August and Little Cat were not allowed to live at the fort, but resided at a nearby Indian camp. While stationed at Fort Steilacoom he was wounded twice in the Rogue River Wars in 1855.

During his time in the Pacific Northwest in July, 1857, he was said to be the first person to climb Mount Rainier. He traveled with Dr. Craig, an Army post doctor, and Indian guide Wapowety of the Nisqually. The group subsisted on dried meat and hard bread. At 10,000 feet, the Indian guide would

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not go any further. He and Dr. Craig continued. Kautz reached the rim of the summit crater at 14,411 feet, but not the mountain's highest point. In another 13 years, two other climbers would reach Kautz Creek, Kautz Cleaver (an the summit. archeological term), and Kautz Glacier were named in his honor. Wapowety Cleaver was named for the Indian guide.

Kautz was transferred in 1858 to Camp Semiahmoo near the U.S./Canada border. He was transferred again on April 25, 1859, to Washington, DC. His wife Little Cat did not want to leave and live

far from so away her people. August never saw his wife again. He made her promise that the boys would be educated and grow up amid the surroundings of civilization. Little Cat kept her promise, and the boys were educated at the Union Academy with James Pickett, son of General George Pickett. Kautz sent letters and money to his sons, but did not see them again until they were adults. Eventually, Little Cat remarried.

This information came from a newspaper article in the San Francisco Call Bulletin of

October 25, 1895, noting the death of General Kautz. The title of the article was: "Chief Lady at Post, The Aboriginal Wife Bore Two Sons Who Have Grown to Manhood, Recognized by their Father, Educated and Married, They Have Showed Themselves Reputable Citizens." (Keep this in mind, as there is another interesting newspaper site at the end of this article.)

Kautz took a leave of absence and travelled Europe from 1859-1860. When the Civil War began he returned to Washington, D.C. and was made the captain of the 6<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry serving in the defenses of Washington.

In September, 1862 he was made the colonel of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ohio Cavalry Volunteer Regiment and sent to Fort Scott, KS. The following year he commanded Camp Chase in Columbus, OH. He took part in the capture of Confederate General John Hunt Morgan. He was under General Benjamin Butler's command from April, 1864-March, 1865 and fought at the battle of Ream's Station and Wilson's Raid.

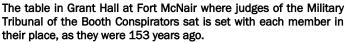
In March, 1865 he commanded a Division of U.S. Colored Troops marching on the Capitol at Richmond on April 3, 1865.

Following the end of the Civil War and the assassination of President Lincoln, he was appointed as one of the Judges of the Military Tribunal for the Lincoln Conspirators.

Last May, Ms. Rebelle joined the Greater Boston CWRT for their annual Four Days in May tour. The group did all things "Booth" and through our tour guide, Kate Ramirez, we were allowed to go into Grant Hall at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C., where



The depiction above of the Conspirator's trial shows the table (right, rear) at which the judges, including Kautz, sat for the duration of the testimony.



#### Photo by Janet Greentree

the trial of the conspirators was held. The building is occupied by offices except for the top floor, where the trial was held. The room is set up as it was for the trial. It was such a thrill to be in the building. (con't on page 8)



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Several sketches have been included in this article, but the conspirators are not shown hooded as they were in the trial. One has to wonder why the artist did that. The courtroom is only open a couple of times a year.

On September 14, 1865, Gen. Kautz married his second wife, Charlotte Delamater Tod. She was the daughter of Ohio Governor David Tod. She died in 1868.

After the war, he stayed in the U.S. Army and was appointed Lt. Colonel of the 34<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry. He served in New Mexico, the Department of the Arizona, California, and Nebraska, until he retired on January 5, 1892. Kautz wrote several books while stationed at Indian posts including: *"Customs of Service for Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers, as Derived from Law and Regulations, and Practicing in the Army of the United States," "The Company Clerk: Showing How and When to Make Out all the Returns, Reports, Rolls, and Other Papers, and What to do with Them," and "From Missouri to Oregon – 1860: The Diary of August Kautz."* 

Gen. Kautz married his third wife, Fannie Markbreit, in 1872 in Cincinnati, OH. August was transferred to Fort Whipple in Arizona. Their first child, Austin, was born at the Fort. General Crook, former West Point classmate, opened his large home at Fort Whipple for the couple. Their second child, Francisca (Frankie), was born in 1875. Their third child, Navarra, was born in 1882.

The third Mrs. Kautz was very active socially in all the activities at the fort. She attended card parties, musical soirees, night hops, suppers, and flirted with all the young men. She loved being the center of attention. She loved acting and singing, and started the Fort Whipple Dramatic Association. She had a makeshift stage erected in Gen. Crook's club room. The Prescott newspaper *The Weekly Arizona Journal* gave her rave reviews for her acting and singing. When Gen. George A. Custer and his men were slaughtered at Little Big Horn, Fannie organized a musical benefit for the widows and orphans of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. This quote from the same newspaper of May 11, 1877 is about a party at Fort Whipple attended by Kautz and his wife: "Mrs.



August V. Kautz - Fannie Markbreit.

Kautz and his wife: "Mrs. General Kautz was superbly attired in an elegant black silk, with demi-trained lace bertha and tunic. Her costume was rich, and one of the more expensive. This lady has so wonderfully preserved the freshness of her beauty that it is difficult to realize that she is a mother of several intelligent children." (Modern women would take offense at this.).

When the Kautz' left Fort Whipple in 1878, the same paper stated: "Mrs. Kautz, by her genial and kind disposition, ladylike deportment, magnificent hospitality and open heartedness in assisting in every good work of charity as well as amusement, has won for herself the hearty good will and esteem of this community."

After leaving Fort Whipple, Gen. Kautz had four more assignments. His 5<sup>th</sup> and last assignment took

him back to Fort Vancouver. The Kautz family retired in Seattle, WA, where the general died on September 4, 1895. Fannie Kautz died at her youngest daughter Navarra's

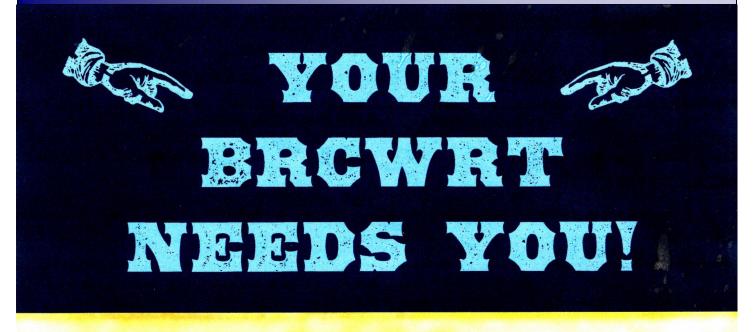


Gen. Kautz' grave marker at Arlington National Cemetery in VA. Photo by Janet Greentree

house on August 11, 1913. Both are buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Section 2, Lot 992.

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 - 169 Confederate and 251 Union. You may contact her at <u>ilgrtree@erols.com</u>.





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# The First Indications of Sherman's Ability

by Karl Reiner

In January 1844, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. William Tecumseh Sherman was assigned to north Georgia on military business. As he carried out the routine assignment which covered a large amount of territory, he acquired a great deal of knowledge about the geography, economy and people of Georgia. Although the lieutenant from Ohio did not know it at the time, the information would serve him well 20 years later. The knowledge Gen. Sherman picked up in Georgia as a young officer would have devastating consequences for the Confederacy during the Civil War.

In 1859, Sherman, now out of the army, was the superintendent of the military college at Alexandria, Louisiana. When the state departed from the Union, some of the arms seized at the federal arsenal at Baton Rouge were shipped to the school. The seizure of federal property and the state's secession prompted Sherman to tender his resignation in January 1861.

After the Civil War erupted in April 1861, Sherman was commissioned a colonel in the Union Army. By June, he was in command of the Third Brigade and Ayres attached artillery battery. Sherman's force was stationed at Ft. Corcoran on the heights across the Potomac River from Georgetown. His brigade was part of the First Division led by Gen. Tyler.

With both the United States and Confederate governments expecting a short war, Gen. McDowell's Union army of 37,000 mostly poorly trained soldiers began moving around July 15. As part of the army's advance, Gen. Tyler's division marched to Centreville. On July 18, Tyler sent the 4th Brigade (Richardson's) to reconnoiter Blackburn's Ford on Bull Run. When the ford was found to be defended, fighting erupted.

As the fighting intensified, Gen. Tyler deployed Sherman's brigade and Ayres battery as reinforcements. Sherman was instructed to hold his ground while Richardson reformed his lines. Sherman's edgy force was under enemy fire for about a half an hour. Finding that the Confederates held a strong position, Tyler then withdrew his troops to Centreville.

As part of the Union Army's advance on July 21, Gen. Tyler's division moved to positions along Bull Run near the Stone Bridge. As the battle progressed, Sherman's troops pushed across the stream. When the Union attack began to falter later in the day, Col. Sherman suddenly found his brigade almost alone on his part of the battlefield. As the sudden Union retreat gained momentum, he managed to keep all of his regiments in fighting formation as they fell back toward Bull Run.

At Centreville, Sherman met Gen. McDowell who was trying to stem the retreat by attempting to reform the army on the high ridge. Gen. McDowell's rally attempt failed because the demoralized, panicked soldiers could not be halted. Around 9 pm, Sherman received an order from Gen. Tyler to continue the retreat back to Washington. Sherman's loses had been severe, 111 killed, 205 wounded and 293 missing, a total of 609.

When Col. Sherman reached the Potomac the next day, he increased the guard force at the river crossing in an effort to stem the flow of disorganized troops into Washington. He began sorting and returning soldiers to their proper commands. Sherman also had his positions at Ft. Corcoran on alert, ready to repel an attack.

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, Sherman's position was visited by President Lincoln and Secretary Seward during an inspection tour of the army. While there, Lincoln gave an assuring speech that was much appreciated by the soldiers. Both Lincoln and Seward complimented Sherman for the discipline and cleanliness they observed in his camps. The visit was said to have given the depressed president more satisfaction than any event since the battle.

An army of 100,000 was soon in the making as the 90 day regiments were replaced with those enlisted for three years. Gen. McClellan was in charge, making big changes to the army's command structure. During this period of reorganization and uncertainty, Col. Sherman received a notice from the War Department stating that he had been promoted to brigadier general of volunteers. As the war grew longer and more intense, he would become one of the top generals leading the Union armies. The capture of Atlanta by Gen. Sherman's army in early September 1864 was the deciding factor behind President Lincoln's reelection in November 1864.

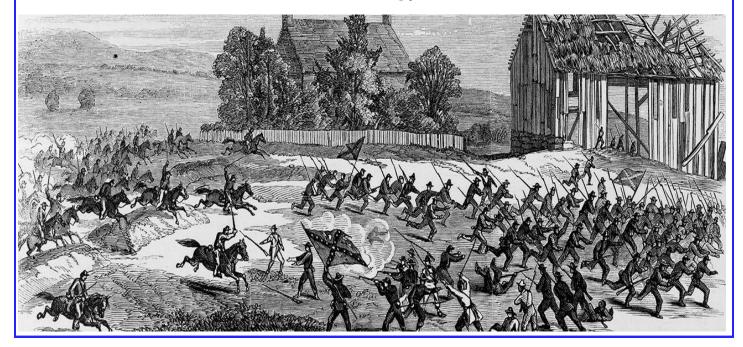
# 155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance The Battles of Williamsport and Falling Waters

The Springfield Barn, 12 Springfield Lane, Williamsport, Md., will be the site of a free event commemorating the 155<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the July 6, 1863 Battle of Williamsport and the July 14, 1863 Battle of Falling Waters, Md.

The Friday evening event begins at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Speakers at this event include Ted Alexander, George Franks III, and Steve French. There will also be music, relics from the battles, book sales, period re-enactors, and more.

For more info, contact Steve French at sfrench52@yahoo.com.



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

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 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book will also be on sale at the meeting 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 you.





The sites are currently closed for regular tours until May 1st, but you can still come and see us. We are open for special programs and for tours by appointment, just give us a call! The grounds are still open daily from dawn until dusk.

#### March 3 & 17

History of Cooking with the Pat White Center 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.; \$15 per person per session.

Throughout early Virginia, much of the area was settled by English and Scotch-Irish immigrants who continued their cultural traditions in their new home. For St. Patrick's Day, join us at Ben Lomond Historic Site as we make traditional Irish cuisine as it would have been made in the days before electricity. Advanced registration is required. For more information or to register, please visit www.pwcparks.org or by calling 703-792-5618. Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.

#### March 15

#### Brews and Brains with Bad Wolf Brewery 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Free, donations accepted.

Prince William and Northern Virginia has a rich history from the 18th century to modern history. Join the Historic Preservation Division and Bad Wolf Brewery as we examine the gruesome, scandalous, and exciting little-known history of Northern Virginia. The series will take place at Big Bad Wolf Brewery, located at 8420 Kao Circle. Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.



#### March 17 **Cockpit Point Tours**

Tours take place at 10 a.m., 1p.m., and 3 p.m., Tours are offered by reservation only at \$20 a person

Join us on a special tour of Prince William County's newest historic park, Cockpit Point Civil War Park. Site includes rare Civil War era fortifications that were part of the Confederate Blockade of the Potomac River in 1861-1862. Tours will include difficult terrain and off trail style hiking. For reservations call 703-792-4754.

#### March 22

#### Lecture: US Marines in The Great War

7 p.m. Free, donations always welcome In 1917, US General John 'Black Jack' Pershing

ordered the US Marine Expeditionary force to France with the US Army to serve as one. The US Marines performed above and beyond expectations and received a nickname given to them by their enemies, the Germans, "Teufelshunde" - Devil Dogs at the Battle of Belleau Woods in June 1918. Join us as we learn more about the Marines in WWI. Old Manassas Courthouse, Manassas, VA. 703-792-5618.

#### March 24 Eggstravaganza!

Prince William County Department of Public Works

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; \$5 per person, children 2 and under free Ben Lomond Historic Site and Pat White Center at Ben Lomond are coming together for a special Eggstravagazna! Egg Hunts will be at



10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, and 1:30pm at the historic site. While at Along with the search for eggs, crafts, games and tours of Ben Lomond, make some new animal friends, tour the house, and enjoy some historic hands-on activities! Purchase tickets at Pat White Center at Ben Lomond by visit www.pwcparks.org or by calling 703-792-8320. Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.

#### March 24

"Growing Roots" Prince William – Manassas History Symposium 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; \$10 for all day symposium, Spaces are limited, reservations required.

Our community has a long and rich history. Founded in 1731, Prince William County is one of the oldest counties in Northern Virginia. Join several local historic organizations as we celebrate this history at our Third Annual Prince William-Manassas History Symposium. Speakers and events include:

- James Bish Prince William County: Early Settlement, Founding and Leadership
- Daniel Davis George Custer and the Battle of Buckland Mill
- Michael Gaines Manassas' Own Beer Baron, Robert Portner Charlotte Cain - "We are all in this war" Local Civilian
- Experience During the Civil War
- Cecilia Lynch Lost Towns of Prince William Forest Park
- Charlie Grymes Development of Prince William County After Shirlev Highway

A reception at the Manassas Museum with the Curator and local student History Day presentations.



Co-sponsored by the Manassas Museum, Prince William County Historic Commission and Historic Prince William. Reservations required, for more information contact 703-792-4754 or historicpreservation@pwcgov.org.

March 30

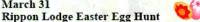
History by Campfire: Women's History During the Civil War 6:30 p.m.; \$5 per person, children 2 and under free.

Enjoy a warm campfire and roasted marshmallows at Ben Lomond Historic Site while you learn some history. Each session of History by Campfire will feature different activities, artifacts, and maybe even a



special guest! For March, join us as we celebrate Women's History Month and learn about the challenges and opportunities women faced during the war. Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA 703-367-7872.

#### March 31



11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; \$5.00 per Child, \$2 per Adult; Free for Children 2 and under

Eggs have been hidden among the trees, bushes and vines at Rippon Lodge, and we need you help to find them! the historic house make this a day the whole family will enjoy. Egg hunts are at 11:30, 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30, and will be separated by age groups. House tours are on the hour. Rippon Lodge Historic Site, Woodbridge, VA 703-499-9812.





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The sites are currently closed for regular tours until May 1st, but you can still come and see us. We are open for special programs and for tours by appointment, just give us a call! The grounds are still open daily from dawn until dusk.

#### April 7

#### Civil War Trust Annual Park Day at Bristoe Station Battlefield 8 a.m. - 12p.m.; FREE

Join the Historic Preservation Division and the Civil War Trust for a nationwide event that encourages Civil War enthusiasts to help maintain,



restore and preserve Civil War sites through volunteerism. Join us for a fun and rewarding day of work at Bristoe Battlefield where projects will include litter pick up, cleaning cemeteries, and trail maintenance. Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park Bristow, VA. 703-366-3049.

#### April 7 & 21

#### History of Cooking with the Pat White Center: Spring on the Farm



10 a.m. - 12 p.m.; \$15 per person per session

Before the creation of grocery stores, families in Virginia had to live off what they could grow and raise from home. Now that spring is here, it is time to start the planting and begin enjoying fresh food again! Make paper pots and plant seedlings to grow a variety of vegetables and learn about how the grounds and dependencies are used. Advanced registration is required. For more information or to register, please visit

www.pwcparks.org or call 703-792-5618. Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.

#### April 7

## Brentsville 2nd Annual Art in the Park

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; FREE, donations accepted. Bring the family and enjoy the art of local artists and Prince William County students at the scenic setting of Brentsville Courthouse. Try your

hand at the "Make Your Own Art" table, On-the-spot Art Workshops. You can even watch one of our many local artists painting onsite! There will be local art for sale and the Historic Courthouse will be open for self-guided tours. Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Bristow, VA. 703-365-7895.



#### April 14

## 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.

#### April 14, 21, 28

Rippon Lodge Girl Scout Badge Camp

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; \$5.00 per Scout, per badge, \$10/day Come to Rippon Lodge to earn your Brownie and Junior Girl Scout Badges! There are two badges per day. The badge schedule is: April 14- Bugs and Gardening; April 21-Painting and Drawing; April 28 -Making Games

and Playing the Past. Reservations are required and space is limited. Scout leaders must purchase the badges on their own. Rippon Lodge Historic Site, Woodbridge, VA. 703-499-9812.



## April 19

#### Brews and Brains with Bad Wolf Brewery 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.; FREE, donations accepted.



Northern Virginia has a rich history from the 18th century to modern times. Join the Historic Preservation Division and Bad Wolf Brewery as we examine the gruesome, scandalous, and exciting little-known history of Northern Virginia. The series will take place at Big Bad Wolf Brewery, located at 8420 Kao Circle. Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA. 703-367-7872.



April 21 **Brentsville Wildflower Walk** Ipm; FREE, donations accepted.

Take a walk with Master Gardner and wildflower aficionado, Jeannie Couch as she describes Virginia's spring wildflowers along a one mile nature trail. Jeannie will provide magnifying loops so you can really see the details of the flowers along the way and you will receive handouts with the flowers pictures and names. Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Bristow, VA. 703-365-7895.

#### April 26

#### Lecture: The History of Wet Plate Photography 7 p.m. FREE, donations accepted



Just prior to the American Civil War, a new technology known as collodion photography was coming into use and would forever change the way citizens saw their world. These photographs printed on metal were extremely detailed and rivals any type of picture of today. Join Robert Szabo, a wet plate Collodion Photographer has been working to keep this art alive, as he presents on the history of this craft. Old Manassas Courthouse, Manassas, VA. 703-792-5618.



#### April 27

History by Campfire: History Myths



6:30 p.m.; \$5 per person, children 2 and under free. Enjoy a campfire and roasted marshmallows at Ben Lomond while you learn some history! For April, in honor of "April Fools" learn about some of the different history myths that spread throughout history. Hear stories about how the "whistle walk", "people were shorter back then," and "graffiti was written in blood" may or may not be true. Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA 703-367-7872.

#### April 28

Spring Migration Bird & Nature Walk at Julie J. Metz Neabsco Creek Wetlands Preserve

8 a.m.; FREE, donations accepted The Julie J. Metz Neabsco Creek Wetlands Preserve is home to a diverse bird population. Join local birding and nature experts on a guided walk along the trails and boardwalks. Discover this unique 120-acre property in the heart of Woodbridge. Bring binoculars and guide books. Julie J. Metz Neabsco Creek Wetlands Preserve, Woodbridge, VA 703-499-9812.



April 28 **Brentsville Classic Car Show** 10am-3pm; FREE, donations accepted.

Step Back-In-Time and visit Brentsville for this Classic Car Show event! Come on out and enjoy the scenic setting alongside great vehicles of yesteryear. Grab some lunch from the food truck, or pack a picnic, but plan to enjoy the day! Historic Courthouse will be open for self-guided tours. \*If you want to enter your classic car, just RSVP and we'll find you a spot! Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre, Bristow, VA. 703-365-7895.



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# **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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