



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XXVI, Issue 3, APRIL 2019

PROFESSOR AND HISTORIAN NOAH CINCINNATI SPEAKS ON "SAND AND BLOOD: SLAVERY AND AMERICAN CAPITALISM" AT THE APRIL 11th MEETING

The ties between slavery and capitalism in the United States weren't always made crystal clear in our history books. For a long time, historians mostly depicted slavery as a regional institution of cruelty in the South and certainly not the driver of broader American economic prosperity. The Civil War ended the nightmare of slavery, but the country's financial institutions would have to adjust as a new course was laid out after the terrible conflict concluded. We are so happy to have a local professor speak on this subject at our April 11th meeting.



Noah Cincinnati is an associate professor of history at Northern Virginia Community College, a position he has served in since 2012. That same year, he earned a Ph.D. in history from

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

7 p.m. Centreville Library

THURSDAY, April 11, 2019

GUEST SPEAKER:

**Professor and Historian
NOAH CINCINNATI**

TOPIC:

**"SAND AND BLOOD: SLAVERY
AND AMERICAN CAPITALISM"**

Johns Hopkins University. He is trained broadly in the modern history of the United States, with particular specializations in environmental history, the history of imperialism, and history of the United States in the world. His dissertation considered the intersections of those interests by unearthing the historical development of modern zoological parks in the turn-of-the-20th-century United States.

Dr. Cincinnati is originally from Fairfax, VA, and a proud graduate of Chantilly High School. Together, Dr. Cincinnati and his wife have been thrilled to raise their two-year-old daughter in the same place her dad has been able to continue to call home. Come on out at 5 p.m. to meet and dine with Noah at Carrabba's Italian Restaurant, 5805 Trinity Parkway, Centreville, VA 20120: (703) 266-9755.

**Please Support Our Mission of Education and Preservation
Re-enlist in the BRCWRT by Paying Your 2019 Dues This Week!**

If you have not yet paid this year's dues, please pay by cash, check, or credit card at this Thursday's meeting. Or, send a check by mail to the BRCWRT at P.O. Box 2147, Centreville, VA 20122. This is the **LAST** Stone Wall that will be sent to members who have not yet re-enlisted for 2019. Remember, membership is still only \$20 for an individual or \$25 for a family!

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JOIN US AT CARRABBA'S

Do you come directly to the monthly meeting from work and look for a place to eat, or would you just like to come early to dinner? Join BRCWRT members, and our monthly guest speaker, for good food and camaraderie. We are currently meeting around 5 p.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill located just across Lee Highway from the Centreville Regional Library.

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UPCOMING 2019 MEETINGS

April 11: Noah Cincinnati - "Sand and Blood: Slavery & American Capitalism"

May 9: Author and Historian Paula Whitacre - "Julia Wilbur and Harriet Jacobs, Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl."

June 13: Authors and Historians Chuck Mauro and Don Hakenson - "Mosby in Fauquier County"

July 11: Author and NPS Historian Emeritus Ed Bearss - "Battle of Fort Fisher, NC"

August 8: Author and Historian Richard Lewis - "Cloaked in Mystery: The Curious Case of the Confederate General's Coat"

September 12: Authors and Historians Rob Orrison and Kevin Pawlak - "To Hazard All: A Guide to the Maryland Campaign, 1862"

October 10: Author and Historian Dan Clendaniel— "The U.S. Marine Corps: John Brown's Raid & the Civil War"

November 14: Author and Historian Paige Gibbon Backus— "The Chaos and Carnage in the Hospitals of First Manassas"

December 12: Author and Historian John Quarstein - "Battle of Big Bethel, VA, June 1861"

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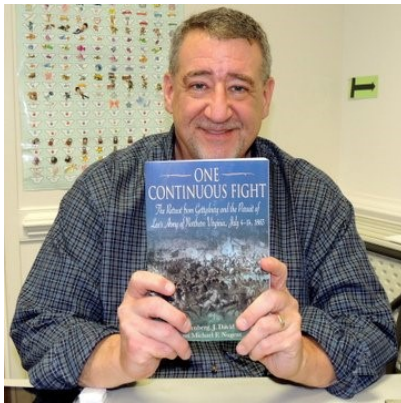
The President's Column

By Mark A. Trbovich

Bull Run Civil War Round Table Members -

Spring is in full bloom as we welcome April showers to our region. We know what those showers will bring - a warmth that all our round table members will be craving. We look forward to beginning our walks and tours at our favorite historic sites.

Our March 13th meeting brought us author and historian Eric Whittenberg, with his talk on cavalry action at Chickamauga, a subject many of us had little knowledge of prior to Eric's coming to our group. His new book highlights the conflict, and we all walked away fully knowledgeable on this pivotal battle and cavalry strategy. We are so happy Eric came down from Ohio, and look forward to seeing him again in the future.



March speaker Eric Whittenberg displays his in-depth book on the battle of Chickamauga.

Photo by Janet Greentree

My beginning to this year has been a bit rocky, with many family issues befalling me, but I hope to get back on track soon. Our BRCWRT Executive Committee and I are committed to working hard for this round table; we are looking forward with excitement to the upcoming year. Don't forget - you can also "tune in" to all our lectures and follow along with PowerPoint slides at our Web site audio archives, located at the address: http://bullruncwrt.org/BRCWRT/AudioArchives/Audio_menu.html.

Our 2019 BRCWRT Scholarship Award program concludes this month, and at the conclusion, we will present a \$2000 scholarship to one 2019 high school senior from a public or private high school in Prince William or Fairfax County, including the cities of Manassas, Fairfax, and Manassas Park. Falls Church High School is included. It looks like a stiff competition again this year. We will be making

our scholarship award in June. We are so proud of our past winners and look forward to meeting this year's winner.

April is our last month for the BRCWRT 2019 Membership drive. I encourage everyone to bring new folks to join the round table, either at our Web site or at the next meeting. I am always encouraging a "youth movement" for the BRCWRT, so that a future generation of Civil War historians and preservationists will continue our proud traditions here in Centreville, VA.

As I always say, I look forward to having 300 members signed up in 2019, which has been my goal for the last nine years (283 members in 2018). I believe that, together, we can make that goal! Don't forget to sign up family members and get the Family Membership rate (which includes a free picnic for all members in the Fall).

Your Executive Committee has been working overtime on new initiatives for constantly improving our round table's attainment of our 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 Chair Blake Myers and his team have been working on many projects this year, and look to being involved with many more as the year unfolds. Our Marketing Committee Chair, Stephanie Vale, needs some volunteers 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 information to get out to you and to friends with whom to enjoy much fellowship.

As always, this month and every month in 2019, 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. Also, the BRCWRT 25th Anniversary book will 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 you.



PRESERVATION REPORT

BY BLAKE MYERS

Centreville Six Historical Marker Becomes a Reality

Six weeks after the guns of Fort Sumter sounded, 17-year-old Albert Wentworth enlisted in the 1st Massachusetts Infantry Regiment. Less than two months later, he and five of his comrades would be among the first battle casualties of the Civil War, killed at the Battle of Blackburn's Ford on July 18, 1861. Yet Albert and his fellow fallen soldiers would not return home for burial until June 2006.

These soldiers, subsequently known as the Centreville Six, were hastily buried in shallow graves near the village of Centreville as the Union Army, disorganized and demoralized, retreated to Washington following its defeat at the Battle of First Manassas. Their graves were lost to history



View of the Centreville Six gravesite location in 1994 (top) and today (bottom).

Photos courtesy of Blake Myers

for more than a century until June 1994, when local relic hunter and civil war historian Kevin Ambrose discovered the remains of one of the soldiers while metal detecting in a vacant lot slated to become the location of the McDonald's Restaurant alongside Centreville Road (U.S. Route 28).

Based on Kevin's discovery, an examination and excavation of the gravesite was led by Doug Owsley, head of physical anthropology at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, and Fairfax County archaeologist, Mike Johnson. Working diligently during the six-day period allocated for the project, these men and their team of forensic anthropologists and dozens



Gravesite Excavation, 1994.

Photos courtesy of Blake Myers

of volunteers located six graves arranged in a line and excavated the remains from the graves. Subsequent forensic analysis conducted at the National Museum of Natural History and research by relic hunter and civil war historian Dalton Rector, and Massachusetts historian Thomas Hayes, helped to solve the intriguing mystery about who the soldiers were and how they died.

Though DNA testing of the remains was not conducted, forensic analysis determined the remains were soldiers who died of battle wounds (with the Battle of Blackburn's Ford being the civil war battle most proximate to the gravesite), the soldiers were from the New England region of the United States, and the uniform fragments and buttons found with the remains were from the type of uniform worn by the 1st Massachusetts

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Infantry Regiment (a unit that fought at the Battle of Blackburn's Ford).

Based on these findings and the ages of each soldier's remains as determined by the forensic analysis, Dalton Rector and Thomas Hayes researched the regimental history of the 1st Massachusetts Infantry. The regimental history includes a description of the unit's actions during the Battle of Blackburn's Ford and a description of the burial of the regiment's soldiers who died in the battle that matches the location of the discovered gravesite. Aligning the forensic evidence with the regimental history and unit records led to the identification of the remains as soldiers of Companies G and H, 1st Massachusetts Infantry:

1st Sgt. Gordon Forrest, 32, Co. G (printer)

Pvt. Thomas Roome, 31, Co. G (currier)

Pvt. James Silvey, 23, Co. G (upholsterer)

Pvt. William H. Smart, 21, Co. G (wood turner)

Pvt. George Bacon, 22, Co. H (oil mill worker)

Pvt. Albert F. Wentworth, 17, Co. H (conductor)

On June 10, 2006, the six soldiers' remains were reinterred with full military honors in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, Massachusetts.

For many years, discussions occurred and attempts made to generate support for installing a historical marker commemorating the Centreville Six, with little progress achieved. The BRCWRT Preservation Committee adopted the Centreville Six marker as one of its projects during 2018, and, beginning in June 2018, the project team, led by Jim Lewis, went to work. Jim contacted the McDonald's Restaurant franchise owner and operator, Jim Van Valkenburg (an Oakton resident), and determined that he was interested in the potential of installing an historical marker on the McDonald's property and in meeting with committee members to discuss the details of such a project.

After gathering additional information, confirming the background and specific location of the Centreville Six graves, Jim and Blake met on-site (July 17, 2018) with Jim Van Valkenburg to discuss the project and projected costs, and to walk the site. Fully supportive of the project, Jim

Van Valkenburg committed to cover the costs of installing a Civil War Trails marker and sponsoring the marker. Based on the positive results of this meeting, Jim Lewis engaged Civil War Trails (CWT) Executive Director, Drew Gruber, and Regional Representative, BRCWRT member Rob Orrison, and began work with Kevin Ambrose and BRCWRT members Brian McEnany and Drew Pallo to develop proposed content (text, sidebar, map, photographs) for the marker panel. Jim submitted the marker application package, including proposed marker content to CWT on August 4, 2018. After several rounds of marker content drafts, editing and negotiations, the final marker mockup was completed in February of 2019 and was provided to Jim Van Valkenburg for his review and concurrence. Jim concurred with the mockup and the proposed location for the marker, and, in mid-March 2019, the Centreville Six CWT marker and the plan for installing the marker was formally approved.

Congratulations and a great deal of thanks to Jim Lewis (project leader), Kevin Ambrose, Jon Hickox, Brian McEnany, Drew Pallo, Jim Van Valkenburg, Rob Orrison and the CWT team for making this initiative and vision a reality!

The dedication ceremony for the Centreville Six CWT marker is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2019 (Armed Forces Day), at 10:00 a.m. at the Centreville McDonald's Restaurant (5931 Fort Drive, Centreville, VA).

The ceremony, sponsored by Jim Van Valkenburg, BRCWRT and CWT, will feature Civil War living historians and re-enactors, live period music provided by Jon Vrana, and remarks by Jim Lewis (Master of Ceremonies) and Michael Frey (Sully District Supervisor at the time of the gravesite discovery), with the keynote address by Kevin Ambrose (person who discovered the first grave). (See Dedication Ceremony Flyer on page 9 of this newsletter.)

BRCWRT members, families and friends are invited to join us on May 18th to dedicate and celebrate the installation of this historical marker commemorating the Centreville Six. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie, fun and celebration!



CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

Gen. Orlando Metcalfe Poe, USA

By Janet Greentree

Ohio – Michigan – Civil War – Mapmaker – Burning of Atlanta – Lighthouses – Engineer – all of these words aptly describe Orlando Metcalfe Poe. You could say of him “once an engineer, always an engineer” as well.

Gen. Poe started life on March 7, 1832, in Navarre (southwest of Canton), Stark County, Ohio. His parents were Charles and Susanna Warner Poe. His great-grandparents Catherine and George Pfau were of German descent and the first Pfaus to Anglicize their last name to Poe. The family originated in the present-day area of Camp David, Maryland, before moving to Ohio. Poe's great uncles were well known for their skirmishes with Native Americans in Beaver County, Ohio. Great Uncles



Gen. Orlando M. Poe



The Poe marker in New Cumberland, West Virginia.

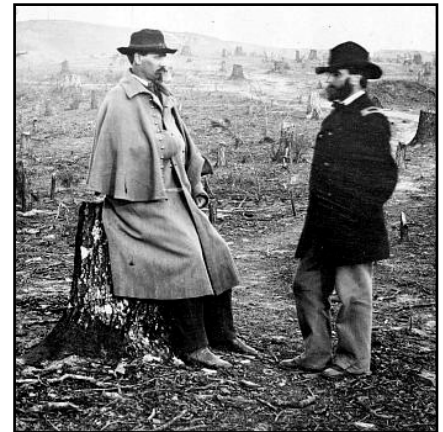
West from the Alleghenies to the Mississippi 1777-1783.” There is a marker located in New Cumberland, WV, along the Ohio River where the incident took place. It was reported that Chief Big

Foot threw himself into the Ohio River after his defeat.

Poe attended local schools before attending West Point, graduating as an engineer sixth in his class of 1856. He was one of nine future Civil War generals in his class – Confederates Lunsford Lomax, FitzHugh Lee, Hylan Lyon and James Major; and Union generals George Bayard, William Hicks Jackson, William P. Sanders and Francis Vinton. His first assignment took him to the Michigan area as an assistant topographical engineer on the Northern Great Lakes.

Four days before the First Battle of Bull Run on July 17, 1861, he was married to Eleanor Carrol Brent in Detroit, Michigan. They had four children.

His first assignment during the Civil War was organizing recruits from Ohio. He participated in the Rich Mountain Campaign under Gen. George B. McClellan. McClellan and Poe then reported to Washington to organize the defenses of Washington. He was then appointed as colonel of the 2nd Michigan Volunteer Infantry. They fought at Yorktown, through Seven Pines, during the Peninsula Campaign. They also fought at 2nd Bull Run and the Battle of Chantilly/Ox Hill. He was transferred to the Western Theater as chief engineer of the XXIII Corps. As chief engineer he planned the defenses of Knoxville, TN, ending with the Battle of Fort Sanders against Gen. Longstreet on November 29, 1863. Gen. Sherman was so impressed with Poe that he made him his chief engineer in 1864, which led Poe to the Battle of Atlanta. Poe was in charge of the

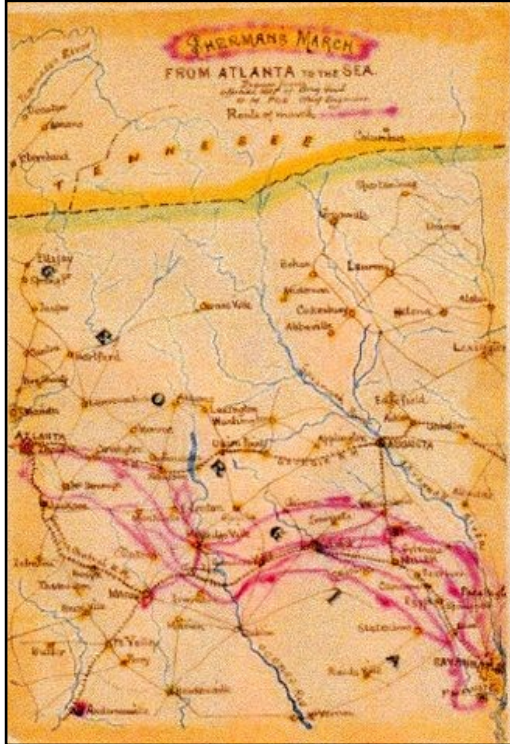


Gen. Poe (left) at Knoxville in 1863.

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burning of Atlanta. Poe supervised the dismantling of buildings, structures, rail depots, roundhouses, storage areas, and arsenals after the burning so the Confederates would be unable to use them. He was chagrined that his men got carried away and started burning homes as well.



Poe's map of Sherman's March to the Sea was invaluable to the success of the campaign, according to Gen. Sherman, himself.

General Sherman chose Poe again as his chief engineer for the March to the Sea. Sherman would later say that Poe was indispensable during the march. Poe provided maps of Atlanta and the path of the March to the Sea for Sherman. Without Poe's engineering skills, the river crossings, swamps, and lands devoid of roads would have slowed down the march considerably. Poe's men built pontoon bridges and kept the army moving towards the sea. Poe was with Sherman during the entire March to the Sea. Poe did not achieve the rank of brigadier general until after the Civil War. The *Seattle Intelligencer* of Seattle, Washington stated: "He was brevetted brigadier general for gallant and meritorious service in the campaign terminating in the surrender of the insurgent army under

General Joseph E. Johnston."

After the war ended in the summer of 1865, Gen. Poe became the Lighthouse Board's chief engineer in Michigan. In 1870, he became the Chief Engineer of the Upper Great Lakes. Poe designed and built eight lighthouses called Poe-style lighthouses, including New Presque Isle on Lake Huron, South Manitou Island on Lake Michigan, Grosse Point in Evanston, IL, Au Sable on Lake Superior, Wind Point in Racine, WI, Outer Island in the Apostle Islands, Little Sable Point on Lake Michigan, Seul Choix and Spectacle Reef, both on Lake Michigan. These lighthouses were built from 1870-1895. His lighthouse at Spectacle Reef was

described as: "a unique lighthouse – in terms of location, construction materials, methods, hardships and costs." The light itself was described as: "the best specimen of monolithic stone masonry in the United States and one of the greatest engineering feats on the Great Lakes." He solved a logistical problem with the Stannard Rock Lighthouse on Lake Superior, which is rated as one of the top ten engineering feats in the United States.



Spectacle Reef Lighthouse.



Photo of Poe Lock - Sault Saint Marie - furnished by Mark Gade.

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General Poe served as engineering aide-de-camp to Gen. Sherman from 1873-1883. Sherman made him superintendent engineer for the improvement of rivers and harbors on Lake Superior and Huron. He also developed the St. Mary's Canal. His crowning achievement was the Soo Locks in Sault Saint Marie and the Poe Lock, built there. While inspecting the construction of the Soo Locks, he slipped and injured his left leg. He developed erysipelas (a skin infection) and died on October 2, 1895, in Detroit.

His obituary from the *Saginaw Courier-Herald* reads in part: "Detroit, Oct. 2 - General O.M. Poe, colonel of engineers, U.S.A., died at 8 o'clock this morning at the family residence, 131 East Congress Street (now a parking lot). The immediate cause of death was erysipelas, although there is little doubt that constant application to work at his age, 63 years, racked his constitution and caused death when under other circumstances he might have fought off the disease. Two weeks ago today, while General Poe was making an inspection of the great government work at the Soo, he made a misstep, as his foothold slipped, while he was stepping from the lock walk to the deck of a tug. His left leg below the knee was quite severely injured, but the injury being a flesh wound there seemed little chance of its developing into anything of a serious nature.... General Poe would have been 64 years of age next March and would have been retired from active service on the 16th day of the same month. His wife and one daughter, Miss Elizabeth Poe, survive him. Three children had died during the past five years, and the grief suffered by the father doubtless also hurried the general to his grave."

The Cleveland Ohio *Plain Dealer* spoke of his military funeral: "The funeral took place at Christ Episcopal church at 3 p.m.

From 10 to 12 o'clock the deceased's comrades of the Loyal Legion, G.A.R. and other friends viewed the general's remains at his late residence. The body was escorted to the church by the Nineteenth infantry from Ft. Wayne, the Fourth regiment, Michigan National Guard, naval reserves, Grand Army veterans and many citizens. Flags about the city were at half staff and the procession of vessels, through the Detroit river carried similar tokens of mourning. By order of the secretary of war, the St. Mary's fall lock was closed from 3 to 5 o'clock this afternoon as a tribute to the distinguished engineer who for so many years had the direction of that work..... Following the services a long parade moved up Jefferson

Avenue to Elmwood cemetery where the interment took place with appropriate military ceremonies."

At some point later in time, his body was moved to Arlington National Cemetery, where he is interred in Section 1, Site 143A.

Ms. Rebelle would like to thank her Detroit, Michigan, friend Mark Gade for the picture of the Poe Lock. The Lock was completed on August 3, 1896. The Lock

is 800 feet long, 100 feet wide, and 21 feet deep, making it the largest lock in the world (in 1896). On June 9, 1881, the U.S. Government assumed responsibility for the lock. No tolls have been charged since that date. According to Mark, the first ship to pass through the lock was the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers tug *U.S.S. Hancock*. "You just can't make this stuff up."

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: jlgrtree@erols.com.



Gen. Poe's grave marker in Arlington National Cemetery.

Photo by Janet Greentree



You are Cordially Invited
Mystery of the Centreville Six
Historical Marker Unveiling

Saturday, May 18, 10:00 AM
(Armed Forces Day)

McDonald's Restaurant
5931 Fort Dr., Centreville, Va. 20120

Welcome & Opening Remarks

James Lewis
(Moderator & Author of the marker)

Speakers

The Honorable Michael Frey
(Sully District Supervisor
at the time of discovery and excavation)

Kevin Ambrose, Keynote Address
(Individual who discovered the first soldier)



Accompanied By



Live Period Music by Jon Vrana
Presentation of the Colors – South Lakes JROTC

Sponsors: Jim Van Valkenburg (Franchise Operator / Owner)
Bull Run Civil War Round Table & Civil War Trails



THE 1863 FUND



KICK-OFF CELEBRATION FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019

Join NOVA Parks, government leaders and our many partners in preservation as we celebrate the official NOVA Parks 1863 Fund. The event will take place on Friday, April 26, 2019 at the Mt. Defiance Cidery Barn at 7 p.m., preceded by the ribbon cutting for region's newest park, Battle of Middleburg | Mt. Defiance Historic Park at 5:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - Mt. Defiance Historic Park (35945 John Mosby Hwy. Middleburg, VA 20117)

7:00 p.m. - Mt. Defiance Cidery Barn (495 E. Washington Street, Middleburg, VA 20117)

ABOUT THE 1863 FUND

Over the last 13 years NOVA Parks (Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority) has assembled five regional parks with a common history along Rt. 50 from Gilberts Corner to Upperville. These five parks including Gilberts Corner Regional Park, Mt. Zion Historic Park, Aldie Mill Historic Park, Battle of Middleburg/Mt. Defiance Historic Park, and Battle of Upperville/Goose Creek Bridge Historic Park all played a central role in the four days of battle in 1863 that are known as the battles of Aldie, Middleburg, and Upperville.

These battles that were part of the Gettysburg Campaign are an important part of the story of America. NOVA Parks has worked with many partners including the American



Battlefield Trust (Civil War Trust), Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club, Piedmont Environmental Council, Mosby Heritage Area Association and Friends of Balls Bluff to preserve these sites and interpret their history to the public.

The 1863 Fund is a new endowment set up through the Community Foun-

dation for Northern Virginia to help provide long-term support for these five parks, and any more NOVA Parks lands that may be acquired in is area.

The success of this endowment can help promote more conservation in the area and assure that these historic sites are well maintained and available to the public for generations to come.

Reservations are required. To RSVP, contact Heidi Bates at hbates@nvrpa.org.

To donate to the 1863 Fund, please address check to NOVA Parks, 5400 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22019.

Coming This April to Prince William County Historic Preservation

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 6 Civil War Trust Annual Park Day at Bristoe Station Battlefield

8 a.m. - 12 p.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 13 Eggstravaganza at Ben Lomond!

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; \$5 per child, \$2 per adult;
children 2 and under free

Join Ben Lomond Historic Site for a special Eggstravaganza celebration! Throughout the day, make some new animal friends, enjoy historic, hands-on activities, kid friendly games and crafts, and more! Egg Hunts will be at 10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, and 1:30pm and each hunt will be separated by age groups. Find the golden egg and win a special prize! Bring your own basket for egg collecting. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 703-367-7872 and be picked up at the historic site.

Ben Lomond Historic Site, Manassas, VA 703-367-7872.

April 18 Brews and Brains with Tucked Away Brewing Company

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.; FREE; donations welcome.

Northern Virginia has a rich history from the 18th century to today. Grab a pint and join us as we examine the gruesome, scandalous, and exciting little-known history of the area. In March, join local historians as we explore *Virginia's Beer History*. Bring some food and meet us at 8420 Kao Circle, Manassas, VA. **For more information, call 703-365-7895.**



April 20 Rippon Lodge Egg Hunt

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

Eggs are hiding among the grassy fields, trees, bushes and vines at Rippon Lodge Historic Site. We need your help to find them! Along with the search for eggs, crafts, games, and tours of the historic house make this an enjoyable day for the whole family. Egg hunts are at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., and are separated by age groups. Guest are strongly encouraged to bring their own baskets for egg collecting. Tours of the historic Lodge conducted on the half hour. Advanced registration strongly recommended.

Rippon Lodge Historic Site, Woodbridge, VA 22192. 703-499-9812



April 20 Potomac Blockade Boat Tour

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$50 per person, reservations required.

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. Local historians will discuss the significance of the blockade and the gun batteries and camps. The cruise will include the preserved batteries at Freestone Point and Possum Nose, Evansport and Shipping Point. Tour includes lunch and departs from Leesylvania State Park, 2001 Daniel K. Ludwig Drive, Woodbridge, Virginia.



Call 703-792-4754 for more information.

April 25 Old Manassas Courthouse Lecture Series: The History and Science of Bee Keeping

7 p.m. FREE; donations welcome.

Louise Edsall, the Founder and Educator of Bees In Schools, LLC will introduce us to the history of keeping honey bees and harvesting honey and the science needed to keep them alive and thriving today. During this unique presentation participants will get an up close and personal look at an observation hive to see how bees function to produce honey.

Old Manassas Courthouse, Manassas, VA. For more information, call 703-792-5618.



April 27 Spring Migration Bird & Nature Walk at Julie J. Metz Neabsco Creek Wetlands Preserve

8am; FREE; Donations welcome.

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. Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. No pets please.

Julie J. Metz Neabsco Creek Wetlands Preserve, Woodbridge, VA 703-499-9812.



April 27 Brentsville 2nd Annual Art n' the Car Festival

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; FREE; donations accepted.

Bring the family and visit Brentsville Courthouse to enjoy our annual Art n' the Car Festival! Enjoy the scenic setting alongside great vehicles of yesteryear and the art of local artists and Prince William County students. Try your hand at making your own art at the "Make Your Own Art" table, sponsored by On-the-spot Art Workshops. There will be local art vendors and the Historic Courthouse will be open for self-guided tours. Grab some lunch from the food truck or pack a picnic, but plan to enjoy the day! ***If you want to enter your classic car or reserve an art table, just RSVP to 703-365-7895 and we will find you a spot!**

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



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Virginia Civil War Events in April-May

April

8-14 Anniversary activities at the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. Ranger programs and tours each day. Living history Saturday-Sunday, luminary event TBA. 9 am-5 pm. Free with park admission. nps.gov/apco.

13 Lecture, "Louis Goldsborough," at the Mariners' Museum in Newport News. 2:30 pm. Free with admission (\$1). marinersmuseum.org.

13-14 Living history, camp and demonstrations at the Kernstown Battlefield Park, 610 Battle Park Drive, south of Winchester. Details: kernstownbattle.org.

13-14 Living history, "Civil War Siege of Yorktown," at Lee Hall, Endview Plantation and Newport News Park in Newport News. Free with Endview admission. endview.org/calendar-of-events/2019/4/13/civil-war-living-history-lee-hall-mansion-and-endview-plantation.

17 Lecture, "Plenty of Blame to Go Around: Stuart's Controversial Ride to Gettysburg," at Nichols Auditorium, Virginia Military Institute in Lexington. 7:30 pm. Free. shenandoahatwar.org.

20 "Potomac Blockade Boat Tour" includes river views of Confederate fortifications. Begins at Leesylvania State Park, 2001 Daniel K. Ludwig Drive, Woodbridge. 10 am-1 pm. \$50. Reservations, more info: 703-792-4754.

26-27 Bus tour, "The Road to Richmond: The Battle of Spotsylvania Court House." Introduction Friday evening, bus tour departs 8 am Saturday from Holiday Inn, 5422 Jefferson Davis Highway, Fredericksburg. \$150. mosbyheritagearea.org.

26-28 Reenactment, "Civil War History Weekend," in Buchanan. Friday: living history 10 am-5 pm, artillery demos noon and 7 pm, skirmish on Main Street 7 pm. Saturday: living history 10 am-5 pm, battle 4 pm. Sunday: battle 1:30 pm. Detailed schedule, locations: townofbuchanan.com/event/buchanan-civil-war-history-weekend-2.

27 Fairfax History Day Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim Time: 10 am to 5 pm

Admission: \$5 for Adults; \$3 for Youth (3-12); Free for 2 and under. Location: Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim: 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030. Phone: (703) 591-0560.

May

11 Living history and music, "Mother's Day Tribute," at Elwood Manor, just off Highway 20, south of Route 3, west of Fredericksburg. Readings from soldier letters with period music 11 am and 2 pm. House open 10 am-5 pm. Free. fowb.org.

11 Lecture, "The Last Days of the Virginia," at the Mariners' Museum in Newport News. 2:30 pm. Free with admission (\$1). marinersmuseum.org.

15 "Director's Guided Tour," of the New Market battlefield in New Market. 2-4 pm. Registration required: 866-515-1864. More info: vmi.edu/museums-and-archives/virginia-museum-of-the-civil-war/events.

15-19 Living history and live-fire competition at the Spring Nationals of the North-South Skirmish Association at Fort Shenandoah near Winchester. Free. Details: www.n-ssa.org.

17 Tour, "'Every Shell Exploded in the Streets': The Battle of New Market," 10 am-noon. Free but registration required: shenandoahatwar.org.

18 Walking tour, "Spotsylvania's Bloody Angle," 3-mile "fit history hike" begins at Stop 3, Spotsylvania battlefield west of Fredericksburg. 10 am. Free. nps.gov/frsp.

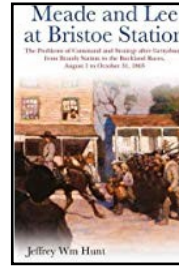
18-19 Reenactment, "Battle of New Market," at the historic battlefield in New Market. Camps open 10 am-5 pm with battles each day. \$10/adult. vmi.edu/museums-and-archives/virginia-museum-of-the-civil-war/events.

25 Annual Luminary at the Fredericksburg National Cemetery in Fredericksburg. 15,300 candles represent Civil War dead buried there. 8-11 pm. Free. nps.gov/frsp.

Check Out the List of New Releases of Civil War Books

Meade and Lee at Bristoe Station: The Problems of Command and Strategy after Gettysburg, from Brandy Station to the Buckland Races, August 1 to October 31, 1863

by Jeffrey Hunt



Stony the Road: Reconstruction, White Supremacy, and the Rise of Jim Crow

by Henry Louis Gates Jr.



Armies of Deliverance: A New History of the Civil War

by Elizabeth R. Varon

The War-Time Journal of a Georgia Girl, 1864-1865

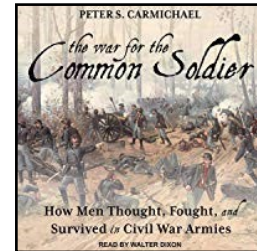
by Eliza Frances Andrews

Freedom's Detective: The Secret Service, the Ku Klux Klan and the Man Who Masterminded America's First War on Terror

by Charles Lane - [Hardcover](#)

Spying on the South: An Odyssey Across the American Divide

by Tony Horwitz - Hardcover



Girl in Black and White: The Story of Mary Mildred Williams and the Abolition Movement

by Jessie Morgan-Owens

Civil War Places: Seeing the Conflict through the Eyes of Its Leading Historians

by Gary W. Gallagher

The War for the Common Soldier: How Men Thought, Fought, and Survived in Civil War Armies

by Peter S. Carmichael

Gettysburg's Most Hellish Battleground: The Devil's Den, July 2, 1863

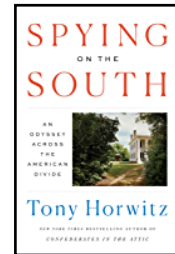
by Phillip Thomas Tucker

Raising the White Flag: How Surrender Defined the American Civil War

by David Silkenat

Attack at Daylight and Whip Them: The Battle of Shiloh, April 6-7, 1862

by Gregory Mertz



The Great Partnership: Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and the Fate of the Confederacy

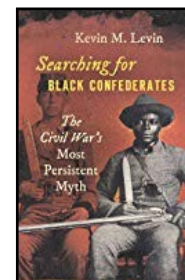
by Christian B. Keller

Lost and Buried Treasures of the Civil War

by W.C. Jameson

Searching for Black Confederates: The Civil War's Most Persistent Myth

by Kevin M. Levin



"Too Much for Human Endurance": The George Spangler Farm Hospitals and the Battle of Gettysburg

by Ronald D. Kirkwood

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

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