

# Stone Wall

The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XXVIII, Issue 6 AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2021

#### HISTORIAN/NPS RANGER PATRICK SCHROEDER SPEAKS ON - "THE **BATTLES OF APPOMATTOX STATION AND** APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE: THE FINAL FURY AND THE LAST TO DIE" AT THE AUGUST 12TH MEETING

The battle and surrender of Appomattox Court House has been recounted a great many times, with some of these portrayals giving a minute-by-minute treatment of the events that week. The Union victory and Gen. Robert E. Lee's formal surrender to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865, brought the war in Virginia to an end. Trapped by the Federals near Appomattox Court House, Lee surrendered his army to Grant, precipitating the capitulation of other Confederate forces and leading to the end of the bloodiest conflict in American history. This event is considered the most significant surrender of the Civil War. The final days of the battle will be presented by a highly regarded National Park Service Ranger who has worked there many years.

Patrick A. Schroeder was born January 1, 1968, at Fort Belvoir, VA; was raised in Utica, NY, and attended Stuarts Draft High School in Augusta County, VA. In the spring of 1990, he graduated cum laude with a B.S. in Historical Park Administration from Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, WV. He has an M.A. in Civil War History from Virginia Tech. Mr. Schroeder has worked as an independent researcher, author, historian, and tour guide. He has served as the Historian at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park since 2002 and Chief of Cultural Resources since 2018. In an effort to protect sites relevant to the Appomattox Campaign, Mr. Schroeder has set up the "Appomattox Fund" with the American Battlefield Trust to save land important to the climactic events of April 1865. Mr. Schroeder has written, edited or published 18 Civil War titles including: "More Myths About Lee's Surrender," "The Confederate Cemetery at Appomattox" "Recollections and Reminiscences of Old Appo-

#### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS 7 p.m. LIVE via

~ Zoom and Facebook ~ THURSDAY, August 12, 2021

**GUEST SPEAKER:** 

**Historian/NPS Ranger Patrick Schroeder** 

**TOPIC:** 

"The Battles of Appomattox Station and Appomattox Court House: The Final Fury and the Last to Die"

THURSDAY, September 9, 2021

**GUEST SPEAKER:** 

Historian/Author **David Welker** 

**TOPIC:** 

"The Cornfield - Battle of Antietam - September 1862"

#### **BRCWRT Meetings Going Forward -- Virtually!**

The Round Table's regular meetings will take place... in your house! The meetings will telecast live via **Zoom** and **Facebook**. Viewers will be able to submit questions via "chat-box."

The meeting will still take place at 7 p.m. - find the instructions for connecting to the meeting posted on the BRCWRT Facebook and Web

pages.

See" you at the next meeting!



mattox." He presently lives in Lynchburg, VA, where he and his wife run Schroeder Publications.

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

President: Mark Whitenton, mark.whitenton@gmail.com,

703-795-8759

Past President: Mark Trbovich, civilwarnut@comcast.net,

703-361-1396

Vice-President: Kim Brace

Treasurer: Joe Young, BRCWRTTreasurer@gmail.com,

703-281-7935

**Secretary:** Debbie Whitenton, debd509@aol.com At Large: Jim Lewis, John De Pue, Drew Pallo

Marketing: Stephanie Vale, brcwrtmarketing@gmail.com

Membership: Kim Brace

Preservation: Blake Myers, jb11thva@cox.net

**Education:** Brian McEnany, bmcenany@cox.net; Charlie Balch, cabalch@aol.com (Scholarship)

Field Trips: Open

Webmaster: Alan Day, webmaster@bullruncwrt.org Graphic Design: Drew Pallo, dpallo3@verizon.net

Newsletter Editor: Nadine Mironchuk,

nadine1861@hotmail.com

Newsletter Team: Saundra Cox, Mark Whitenton, Eric

Fowler, Janet Greentree and Andy Kapfer.

The Bull Run Civil War Round Table publishes the Stone

Wall.

General Membership meetings will resume as soon as responsible under Covid guidelines.

For specific meeting dates and information, please visit the Web site: http://bullruncwrt.org

#### **NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

For the **October 2021 issue**, e-mail articles by 9 a.m., Monday, September 20, to Nadine Mironchuk at: nadine1861@hotmail.com

#### **NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENT** SUBMISSION DEADLINE

For the **October 2021 issue**, advertisers - please click "Instructions for Advertisers" at:

http://bullruncwrt.org and e-mail ads by noon on September 10, to Charlie Balch at:

BRCWRTads@gmail.com

#### Support the BRCWRT in its mission to educate and to commemorate the battles and events of the Civil War

If you have ever benefitted from touring a battlefield or historic site with the BRCWRT, consider giving that joy to others by volunteering to join the ad hoc Tour Committee. Please contact Blake Myers if you can help with future tours.

#### **UPCOMING 2021 MEETINGS** (Virtual - until further notice)

August 12: Historian/NPS Ranger Patrick Schroeder – "The Battles of Appomattox Station and Appomattox Court House: The Final Fury and the Last to Die"

**September 9:** Historian/Author David Welker – "The Cornfield - Battle of Antietam - September 1862"

October 5: Author/Historian John Quarstein – "Cmdr. Worden and the USS Montauk Destroy the CSS Nashville"

**November 18:** Author/Historian and BRCWRT member Brian McEnany - "Federal Cavalry Early Warning Camps in Northern Virginia in 1864"

**December 9:** Authors/Historians Gene Schmiel, Frank Simione and E.L. Dutch Schneider -"Searching for Irvin McDowell, Forgotten Civil War General"

In This Issue		
President's Column	Page 3	
'Digital Gateway' Concerns	Page 4	
"Old Baldy" Visits Ox Hill	Page 5	
Ms. Rebelle	Page 6	
BRCWRT at Ben Lomond	Page 11	
BRCWRT Tour - Shenandoah	Page 11	
BRCWRT Members Picnic	Page 12	
Book Corner	Page 13	
<b>Preservation Corner</b>	Page 14	
PWC Upcoming Events	Page 17	
<b>'CW Travels' Book Sells Fast</b>	Page 17	
Mosby Descendants Reunion	Page 18	
FFX Co. History Conference	Page 19	
New Members	Page 19	



### The President's Column by Mark Whitenton

#### Fellow BRCWRT members -

We look forward to restarting our in-person meetings at the Centreville Regional Library beginning on September 9. We still hope that our general meetings will be in person and available by Zoom (and Facebook) to accommodate those who are unable to attend meetings at the library. After Kim Brace, Alan Day and I do a test at the library in late August, we will let everyone know by e-mail whether we can to do such a "hybrid" meeting on September 9.

Annual Picnic Jim Lewis has successfully arranged for our Annual Picnic to be held on October 3, again at the Bull Run Winery! Thank you, Jim, for taking this project on again this year. Remember, our annual picnic is FREE for paid-up members. Please see poster on page 12 and look for upcoming information on your opportunity to sign up (and to make your food choice).

Data Centers on Second Manassas Battlefield Under Blake Myers' leadership, the BRCWRT continues to oppose the Prince William County Board of County Supervisors' inexorable moves to permit data centers to be built adjacent to and on the Second Manassas battlefields. Please see on page 4 the BRCWRT's letter in response. BRCWRT Executive Committee members Blake Myers and John DePue (who represented the Prince William County Historical Commission) spoke against the PWC staff recommendation to

permit the data centers at the Board of County Supervisors July 20 hearing. See Blake's *Preservation Corner* on page 14.

Volunteers needed As was mentioned in my President's Message in the last Stone Wall, our past president, Mark Trbovich, will be moving out of the area later this year and will be unable to continue to arrange for speakers at our general meetings after early next year. Also, two veteran contributors to the BRCWRT, Brian McEnany and Charlie Balch, will be leaving their positions as cochairs of the Education Committee (including managing the scholarship program) by the middle of 2022. If you are interested in donating your time and skills to performing these functions, please contact Mark Trbovich, Brian McEnany, Charlie Balch or me to volunteer on their committees to help out, and see whether you want to take on management positions in those functions.

Dogan House Tour Stephanie Vale is arranging for a special tour of the Dogan House for BRCWRT members. As explained in the last issue, the Dogan House is an 1879 home built on the site of and with many materials from the original Dogan House, believe to be destroyed during the Second Battle of Manassas. An e-mail will be sent around once Stephanie has secured a date for the tour.

Please join us by Zoom on Thursday (August 12) for Historian/NPS Ranger Patrick Schroeder – "The Battles of Appomattox Station and Appomattox Court House: The Final Fury and the Last to Die"!

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

HISTORIAN/AUTHOR DAVID WELKER SPEAKS ON "THE CORNFIELD - BATTLE OF ANTIETAM - SEPTEMBER 1862" AT THE SEPTEMBER 9TH MEETING

The book that will be presented and discussed at our September meeting tells the story of what happened in David Miller's once-peaceful farm field on September 17, 1862 - events which led to America's single bloodiest day. This is the story of human struggle against fearful odds, of men seeking to do their duty - of men simply trying to survive "The Cornfield." This clash had implications that echoed decisively throughout other action seen that day at Antietam and reverberated beyond the close of fighting that evening. The presentation enables audiences to clearly understand the often-complex swirl of this action, airs many previously obscure first-hand accounts, offers new analysis of the cornfield fight. We are

so happy to have one of our own BRCWRT members present it to you!

David A. Welker is the author of the recently released "The Cornfield: Antietam's Bloody Turnina Point." His previous publications include: "Tempest at Ox Hill: The Battle of Chantilly" and "A Keystone Rebel: The Civil War Diary of Joseph Garey," as well as numerous magazine and newspaper articles on the war. He currently serves as a historian and military analyst with the U.S. Government, a post he has held for over 35 years. David holds a master's degree in international affairs from American University and a bachelor's degree in history and political science from Westminster College in Pennsylvania. David works with our BRCWRT preservation team on all Ox Hill events. He lives in Centreville, Virginia with his wife.

### BRCWRT Letter Expresses Concerns on Plans for Development Affecting Manassas Battlefield



#### Bull Run Civil War Round Table P.O. Box 2147 Centreville, Virginia 20120

July 20, 2021

The Honorable Ann B. Wheeler Chair, Prince William Board of County Supervisors 1 County Complex Prince William, VA 22192

RE: Agenda Item 13-A2: Initiate—Comprehensive Plan Amendment #CPA2021-00004, PW Digital Gateway – Gainesville Magisterial District

Dear Chair Wheeler,

On behalf of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table (BRCWRT) and its over 300 members, approximately half of whom are Prince William County residents, I am writing to share our concerns regarding the Comprehensive Plan Amendment #CPA2021-00004, the Prince William County Digital Gateway proposed for the Gainesville Magisterial District.

BRCWRT's mission and purpose is to stimulate member and the general public's interest in, and understanding of, Civil War era military, political, economic, and social history. We accomplish this through outreach, education and preservation activities, programs and projects that enhance understanding of our Civil War history and appreciation of Civil War battlefields, memorials and historic sites as learning venues and outdoor classrooms.

Our concerns are driven by the proposed location of the data centers on lands adjacent or in proximity to the Manassas National Battlefield Park, to land owned by the American Battlefield Trust and on land designated by Congress' American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) as Battlefield Core Area. In addition to significant and critical county land use issues associated with the proposed *PWC Digital Gateway* development, the threat to adjacent historic properties and the visitor viewsheds on and from these properties is significant.

A considerable amount of land proposed for the PW Digital Gateway is part of the Manassas Battlefield – 10 acres are part of the Congressionally designated Park, but currently not within the Park's legislated boundaries, and 100+ acres are within the ABPP-designated Core Battle Area, land which is eligible for incorporation into the Manassas National Battlefield Park as part of the battleground during the Battle of Second Manassas.



#### **Bull Run Civil War Round Table** P.O. Box 2147 Centreville, Virginia 20120

On a personal note, I moved to Gainesville from Alexandria almost seven years ago in large part because of this County's quality of life, including the many green spaces still undeveloped. Of special importance to me has been the relatively undisturbed nature of the Manassas Battlefield National Park. Accordingly, both personally and on behalf the Bull Run Civil War Round Table, I urge the Board of County Supervisors to reject the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan, as it would seriously degrade both the size of the battlefield park and the experience it currently affords.

It is my understanding that Prince William County currently has approximately 3,200 acres of undeveloped and available land in its Data Center Opportunity Zone Overlay District. Certainly, there must be other, more appropriate, sites for new data centers.

Thank you for considering our views,

#### Mark Whitenton

Mark Whitenton President Bull Run Civil War Round Table

Cc: The Honorable Victor S. Angry

The Honorable Jeanine M. Lawson

The Honorable Yeslie Vega

The Honorable Pete K. Candland

The Honorable Kenny A. Boddye

The Honorable Andrea O. Bailey

The Honorable Margaret Angela Franklin

http://www.bullruncwrt.org



a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization



The Old Baldy Civil War Round Table of Philadelphia, PA, recently visited the Ox Hill Battlefield in Centreville, VA, carrying with them the well-traveled "Flat Old Baldy" plaque (similar to 'Flat Stanley'), which zips around the country as members visit Civil War sites near and far. Shown here with some of their members is Gwen Wyttenbach (third from left) of the BRCWRT, a fan of Gen. George Meade's horse, Old Baldy, after whom the round table is named.

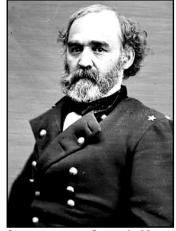
Photo courtesy of Gwen Wyttenbach



## CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE Gen. Montgomery Cunningham Meigs,

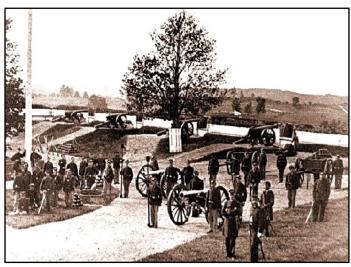
I am not sure that at age 44, I would like to be known as "Old Brains," but Gen. Meigs did have that moniker attached to his name.

Pres. Abraham Lincoln referred to Meias as "a military man who would not talk politics." When Gen. Phil Sheridan was asked to describe "Meigs Old Red Barn," formerly the Pension Building and now the National Building Museum, he stated: "Meigs' Old Red Barn was created by using more 15,000,000 than bricks which, according to the wits of the were all



Quartermaster General Montgomery C. Meigs

by counted parsimonious Meigs." During the Civil War, Meigs was extremely well regarded for his work. Gen. Sherman looked at a report from Meigs, which was not very legible and said: "The handwriting of this report is that of Gen. Meigs, and I therefore approve of it, but I cannot read it." After the Civil War, Senator James G. Blaine commented: "Perhaps in the military history of the world there never was so large an amount of money disbursed upon the order of a single man...The aggregate sum could not have been less during the war than fifteen hundred million dollars, accurately vouched and accounted for to the last cent. Secretary of State William H. Seward remarked that: "without the services of this eminent soldier the national cause must have been lost or deeply imperiled." Meigs was responsible for the distribution of more than a billion dollars to outfit soldiers, clothing design, purchase and feeding of horses, draft animals, burial of the dead, warehousing, prisoners, and the design of all structures and tents. He also ordered a reduction in personal luggage that officers were allowed to bring with them. His only real combat experience during the Civil War was commanding a divi-



Ft. Stevens, threatened by the Confederate army in June 1864.

sion of War Department employees defending Fort Stevens from Gen. Jubal Early. With respect to McClellan's "slows," Meigs provided a cost analysis of how much money McClellan's inactivity cost the government per day. In Ms. Rebelle's humble opinion, we need a Gen. Meigs to help run the government now.

While recuperating from my second hip replacement, a woman from an Annapolis Facebook group, Denise Robinson, published (on Memorial Day) The Gold Star Roll of Honor of all the soldiers/sailors who had died in wars and who had a connection with Annapolis, MD. She kindly gave me her list. She is also into placing flags on graves. As I scrolled through the list, the name Lt. Col. Montgomery Cunningham Meigs stuck in my mind. What was his connection to Annapolis? There cannot be another person with that same name unless he was related to the original Montgomery Cunningham Meigs. This particular Meigs was named for his great-great grand uncle, the original Montgomery Meigs of Civil He was born on October 18, War fame. 1919, and died on December 11, 1944, in World War II, serving with the 23rd Tank Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Armored Division defending the Maginot Line between Wittring and Bitche, Germany, and was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart. He was buried in the Lorraine American Cemetery in Lorraine, France. He also has a marker in Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington, D.C. His connection to Annapolis was his father, John Forsyth Meigs, who was in the Navy, stationed in Annapolis. He married Elizabeth S. Griggs in Annapolis on May 25, 1943. Their son, Montgomery Cunningham Meigs, IV was born (con't on page 7)

#### Ms. Rebelle - (con't from page 6)

January 11, 1945, in Annapolis, just after the death of his father. The branch does not fall too far from the tree, as "the IV" was a U.S. Army general serving in the Vietnam War, Gulf War, and Bosnian War. He was commander of the U.S. Army, Europe. All the "MCMs" were graduates of West Point.

Montgomery Cunningham Meigs was born in Augusta, GA, on May 3, 1816. He was the son of Dr. Charles Delucena Meigs, a well-known obstetrician, and Mary Montgomery, daughter of William Montgomery of Philadelphia, PA. Montgomery was the oldest of nine children – Charles D., Jr., John Forsyth, William M., Henry Vincent, Emily Skinner, Samuel, Frank, and Mary Craythorne. Meigs' grandfather, Josiah Meigs, after graduating from Yale University with Noah Webster and future Revolutionary War Gen. Oliver Wolcott,

became president of the University of Georgia.

Dr. Meigs graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1817. He moved his family back to Georgia to establish a private practice there. Montgomery's secondary schooling was at the Franklin Institute, a

prep school for the University of Pennsylvania. He enrolled when he was only 15 years old. He was an extremely hard worker and was one of the top students in his class. In 1832, at age 16, Meigs won an appointment to West Point through family connections. He said he thought he spent too much time playing sports and other outdoor activities, but he graduated fifth in his class of 49 in 1836. He also achieved more good conduct merits than 2/3rds of his class.

Upon graduation, he became a second lieutenant in the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Artillery. He spent much of his time with the Corps of Engineers, which would definitely prepare him for his future work as quartermaster general. His first assignments were at forts Mifflin and Delaware, on the Delaware River, and at Fort Wayne, on the Detroit River. He served under future Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, who was making navigational improvements on the Mississippi River. In 1844, he did part of the

construction on Fort Montgomery, on Lake Champlain.

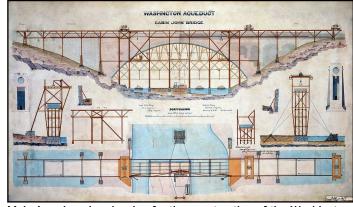
On May 2, 1841, in Washington, D.C., he married Louisa Rodgers, daughter of Commodore John Rodgers, who spent 40 years in the U.S. Navy. Five of Rogers' descendants followed him into the Navy. Montgomery and Louisa had six children – John Rodgers, Mary Montgomery, Charles Delucena, Vincent Trowbridge, Louisa Rodgers, and Montgomery Milton. One unnamed daughter was stillborn. Meigs owned a house in Washington, D.C., located at 1239 Vermont Avenue, N.W., at the corner of Vermont Avenue and N Street.

His favorite appointment was to perform engineering work on the Washington Aqueduct, from 1852-1860. He was involved with the Union Arch Bridge, designed by Alfred Rives. He also engineered the Cabin John





The Washington Aqueduct, at left - during the Civil War, and at right - in 1900, from Georgetown.



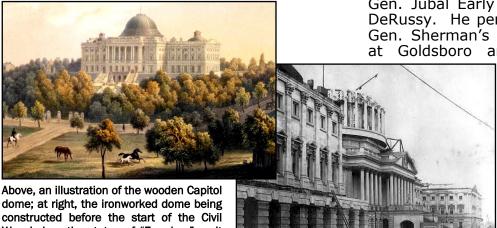
Meigs' engineering drawing for the construction of the Washington Aqueduct Cabin John Bridge.

Bridge, which he designed for vehicular traffic and to carry the water supply to Washington from the Aqueduct. From 1853-1859, he supervised the building of the dome and wings of the U.S. Capitol in Washington. The original roof of the Capitol was wooden. Meigs had

(con't on page 8)

#### **Ms.** Rebelle – (con't from page 7)

that removed, elevated the roof, and added the current iron-worked dome, including the Statue of Freedom on top. While in Washing-



ton, he worked on the ex-

War; below, the statue of "Freedom" as it sits on the Capitol dome today.

tension of the U.S. Post Office building from 1855-Unfortunately, in 1859. 1860, he incurred the wrath of Secretary of War John B. Floyd over his procurement contracts. Floyd sent him away from Washington to the Dry Tortugas in the Gulf of Mexico to use his engineering skills to construct fortifications at Key West and Fort Jefferson, Florida. When Floyd resigned later, several months Meigs was sent back to Washington to work on

the aqueduct.

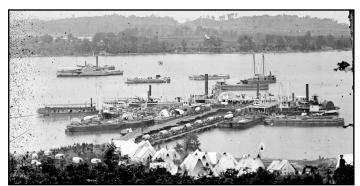
On May 14, 1861, Meigs was made colonel of the 11th U.S. Infantry. Pres. Lincoln promoted him the very next day to brigadier general and quartermaster general of the Union Army, replacing Gen. Joseph Johnston, who had resigned to become a general in the Confederate Army. Meigs was known to be extremely honest, efficient and hard-driving. He was also one of the first to acknowledge the importance of logistical preparations in military planning. He facilitated the moving of supplies and troops over long distances with great efficiency.

During the Civil War, Meigs duties included being in charge of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's

base of supplies at Fredericksburg, VA, and Belle Plain, VA, commanding War Department employees in the defense of Washington when Gen. Jubal Early attacked Forts Stevens and DeRussy. He personally supervised supplying Gen. Sherman's army at Savannah, GA, and Goldsboro and Raleigh, NC. While in Goldsboro, Meigs was re-

sponsible for the 100,000 Union soldiers occupying the town. Today's population of Golds-boro 34,000 people. Can you imagine the logistics Meigs had to use to outfit and feed all those soldiers and animals? My grandson, 1st Lt. Jack Tully, now lives in Goldsboro. He was surprised that his little town

had some history attached to it. Meigs was brevetted to major general on July 5, 1864.



The coordination of amassing supplies and ordnance for the Union Army created many staging areas for distribution along the East Coast, such as this one in Belle Plain, VA.

Perhaps one of the most interesting accomplishments of Meigs was turning the estate of Arlington, VA, belonging to Gen. Robert E. Lee, into a massive cemetery honoring the men who fought and died in the Civil War. Meigs had completely lost respect for Lee when he resigned from the U.S. Army and became a general in the Confederate Army. The Republican Press on June 17, 1864, states: "The 'powers that be' have been induced to appropriate two hundred acres, immediately around the house of Gen. Lee, on Arlington Heights, for the burial of soldiers dying in the army hospitals of this city. The grounds are undulating, handsomely adorned, and in every respect admirably fitted for the sacred purpose to which they have been dedi-

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

cated. The people of the entire nation will one day, not very far distant, heartily thank the initiators of this movement.... This and the contraband establishment there are righteous uses of the estate of the rebel Gen. Lee, and will never dishonor the spot made venerable by the occupation of Washington." Meigs placed the first grave at the edge of Mrs. Lee's rose garden, showing his disdain for Lee. The grave was that of Pvt. William Henry Christman of the 67<sup>th</sup> PA, interred on May 13, 1864,



in Section 27. William had joined the Union Army on March 25, 1864. Five weeks later, he contracted measles and was sent to Lincoln General Hospital in Washington, where he died on May 11, 1864.

The Union Army officially confiscated 200 acres of Lee's Arlington Estate on June 15, 1864. The War Department stated as follows:



Private Christman's grave marker, top/above, was the first of several dozen that created Section 27 (bottom/above), in March of 1864, at Arlington National Cemetery.

"Internments were commenced on May 13, 1864, first at the northeast angle of the enclosure, by no means the most suitable place but desired by Gen. DeRussy who then occupied the dwelling house, who gave as a reason that he wished the bodies as far from the residence as possible."

One of the first tours Ms. Rebelle took with the Bull Run Civil War Round Table was to Arlington Cemetery, with tour guide Mike Duggan. He showed us exactly where Christman's grave was located. The late John McAnaw also took us on a tour of Arlington National Cemetery. This was the first time I saw the grave of Montgomery Meigs and the very poignant grave of his son, John Rodgers Meigs, in front of his father's grave, who died at Swift Run Gap. John Rodgers, part of Gen.





The incredibly sorrowful grave marker of Brevet Major John Rogers Meigs, Gen. Meigs' son, who is interred next to his father at Arlington National Cemetery. See Gen. Meigs' memorial below.

**Photos by Janet Greentree** 



Sheridan's staff, was accompanied by two orderlies at Swift Run Gap when he ran into Pvt . Benjamin "Frank" Shav-

er of the 1st

VA. John Rodgers was killed, one orderly captured, while the other orderly escaped, and the other orderly escaped. Montgomery believed his son was murdered after being captured, but evidence was never obtained to prove that. The bronze recumbent statue was designed by T.F. Mills. The statue is dressed in his 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant uniform. John Rodgers Meigs was first buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in D.C., but later moved to Arlington. Pres. Lincoln and Secretary of War Edwin Stanton both attended the interment. Montgomery Meigs is buried in Section 1, Grave 1-EH.

Ms. Rebelle learned an interesting fact about Pres. Lincoln's last hours, in the Peterson House, which relates to Meigs. After the Lincoln assassination and prior to his death, Gen. Meigs heard at 10 p.m. on the night of April 14, 1865, that William Seward had been attacked at his house of Lafayette Square in Washington. Meigs went to Seward's home and then was told that Lincoln had been shot in Ford's Theatre and subsequently had been moved across the street to the Peterson

(con't on page 10)

#### Ms. Rebelle - (con't from page 9)

House, across the street from Ford's Theatre. Meigs sat all night at the front door of the boarding house, deciding who was admitted to the house and who was not. When the president died at 7:22 a.m. on April 15<sup>th</sup>, Meigs sat with Lincoln before the body was moved to the White House. Five days later, at the funeral, Meigs rode at the head of two battalions of Quartermaster Corps soldiers.

After the Civil War ended, Meigs still was involved with Arlington Cemetery and its development. In 1865, Meigs built a monument to the Civil War dead in the center of a grove of trees just west of Mrs. Lee's rose garden. Troops were sent on a radius of 35 miles from the cemetery to recover bodies from battlefields where unknowns from both sides were buried. Some 2,111 Union and Confederate bodies were brought back to Arlington. A circular pit 20 feet deep and 20 feet wide was dug. The walls and floor were



The Civil War Memorial (above) and the McClellan Gate (below) at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Photos by Janet Greentree** 

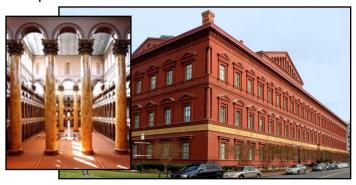


lined with bricks. Compartmental walls were built, and in each compartment, an individual body part (bones) was placed. Sealing of the vault was in September 1866, when the vault was half-full. A

45-foot walkway surrounds the memorial leading to the flower garden of Mrs. Lee and the road. In 1871, the beautiful McClellan Gate was ordered by Meigs. It was the original

gate to Arlington National Cemetery, located at the current intersection of McClellan and Eisenhower Drives. McClellan's name is at the top of the gate and Meigs' name is on the left side of it. Meigs also designed and had the Tanner Amphitheater built, where the changing of the guard ceremony for the Unknown Soldiers is held. He was involved in every asdesign and care of the cemetery. The original grave markers were made of iron. There are still a few remaining in the cemetery. markers were later (in 1873) made of marble Meigs still preferred the iron and granite. markers, but he was overruled. He even chose the plantings and the soil mix chosen to landscape the grounds.

Meigs edited a book, written in 1865 by Quartermaster (Department of Ohio) Gen. Roeliff Brinkerhoff, entitled "The Volunteer Quartermaster," which was used for the Quartermaster Department through World War I. From 1866-1868, Meigs went to Europe to recuperate from the strain of the Civil War. While there, he studied the organization of European armies. He retired from the U.S. Army on February 6, 1882. He started working on the National Building Museum (then the Pension Bldg.) at this time, with beautiful friezes of Union troops banding the building. See photos below.





On December 27, 1891, the general caught a cold. His illness turned into pneumonia, and he died at his home in Washington on January 2, 1891. When his body was interred at Arlington National Cemetery, he was buried with high military honors. General orders at the time of his death stated: "the

(con't on page 11)

#### Ms. Rebelle - (con't from page 10)

Army has rarely possessed an officer...who was entrusted by the government with a great variety of responsibilities, or who proved himself more worthy of confidence."

The New York Times obituary dated January 3, 1891, stated in part: "Gen. Montgomery Cunningham Meigs of the United States Engineering Corps (retired) died of the grip yesterday morning at his residence in Washington, aged seventy-five years. Up to within a week ago the General's health was fairly good, but on Sunday last the grip seized him. The attack was not a particularly vicious one, and until Thursday the patient, was attended by Dr. Hegor, United States Army, seemed to be moving satisfactorily toward recovery. Thursday evening, however, symptoms of pneumonia appeared, but it was not until

yesterday afternoon that the General's condition was really regarded as very serious. Throughout the night the disease made rapid progress, and at 5 a.m. the distinguished engineer passed away....Funeral arrangements are in abeyance until the arrival of the General's son Montgomery Meigs. He is a civil engineer at Keokuk, Iowa, and will not be here until tomorrow afternoon. The funeral will undoubtedly be military in its nature, although no positive announcement to that effect can be made until tomorrow."

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 426 - 169 Confederate and 257 Union. You may contact her at <a href="mailto:ilgrtree@erols.com">ilgrtree@erols.com</a>.

#### **BRCWRT at Ben Lomond Civil War Hospital**



Above, from left to right: Mark Whitenton, Debbie Whitenton, Stephanie Vale and Drew Pallo. Setting up on Saturday, but not in this photo, was Scott Adkins. Kevin Pawlak, Prince William County Historic Site Manager for the Ben Lomond House and BRCWRT member, was very helpful in providing the tent, tables and chairs. At right, John Myers signs up a new recruit at the Ben Lomond event.

Photos courtesy of Mark Whitenton and John Myers.

During the weekend of July 24-25, Ben Lomond Historic Site in Manassas, Virginia, held a "Civil War Hospital" event for the public. The event included soldiers' camps, firing demonstrations, and of course, displays in the Ben Lomond Manor house as when it served as a field hospital during and after the Battle of First Manassas. Under the direction of Marketing Committee Chair Stephanie Vale, the BRCWRT worked a tent both days to sell books and encourage memberships. Despite the modest number of visitors, the BRCWRT sold \$97 in used books and received a renewal membership payment. Importantly, this was another opportunity to revive the public via some visibility of the BRCWRT!

#### 'Jine' the BRCWRT on Tour in the Shenandoah Valley!

Acting Tour Chair Blake Myers announces the BRCWRT tour at the Shenandoah University River Campus at Cool Spring Battlefield – 1400 Parker Lane (near Bluemont, Virginia.) Saturday October 23, 2021. Details are at: http://www.bullruncwrt.org/tour\_signups/CoolSpring/signup.html

## **Bull Run Civil War Round Table**

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic

Sunday, October 3, 2021

The Winery @ Bull Run
Event 11 am – 3 pm
BBQ Served 12-2 pm
Food Provided by...

## THE BONE

hand-shredded pulled pork platter (OR)

certified angus beef brisket platter

<u>platter</u> includes Sandwich + two homemade sides: cole slaw, potato salad, ranch beans A drink (coke, diet coke, sprite, water)

Individual Members @ No Cost
Family Memberships (husband & wife or equivalents) plus children
@ No Cost

All others will be considered as "guests" Guests: Pork (or) Beef brisket platter @ \$12



Locations in Gainesville & Manassas, VA

www.thebonebbq.com





THE BOOK CORNER



By Dave Button

#### They Fought Like Demons

"They Fought Like Demons: Women soldiers in the Civil War" by DeAnne Blanton and Lauren M. Cook is, to quote the New York Times Book Review, "A fascinating study of women participants in the Civil War." The book is a scholarly one that takes a strictly academic approach to the role of women during the Civil War. It focuses not only on those who were "self-reporting" but also to those who served anonymously who were either never "outed" or died under an assumed name.

The nine chapters (the first being the title of the book) deal with all aspects of the soldier's life, from signing up/being recruited, through all the duties of soldiering, to, in the case of some, returning home and either again taking up traditional female roles or continuing to live as men until finally discovered, essentially, only on their death beds.

The theme running throughout the book is that of these women behaving in a manner that was not consistent with traditional Victorian female roles, including modes of dress (they all served in uniform); being surrounded by men without benefit of a chaperone; enduring the hazards of warfare (wounds, disease, death), and physical and emotional strains to maintain the alias that they took when joining the ranks. Also brought to the attention of the reader is that, although they were "feminine looking," this was not a "tell," for some served as drummer boys; others were assumed to be young teenagers who were in the ranks; plus, the uniforms of both armies were constructed so as to fit loosely, thus not emphasizing the obvious physical attributes of these young women. Recall that it was not until after the Civil War - when clothing was being mass produced - that the concept of sizing as we know it today was introduced. Up until this time, most clothing was tailored to the specific person.

According to the authors, these women

served, or at least claim to have served, in the the enlisted ranks as well as in the officer ranks. The husband of Emma Kinsey claimed, "his wife held an honorable discharge as the lieutenant colonel of the 45th New York Infantry" (page 190). Since he did not give her alias, her claim could not be confirmed. That the official position of the Adjutant General's Office was that no women had ever served, which meant that the plight of many of these women who could have received a pension of some variety, but did not, was never adjudicated.

The more famous exceptions to the "run of the mill" women soldiers have their stories running throughout the book. These stories include those of Sara Emma Edmonds (alias Private Franklin Thompson), Loreta Janeta Velazquez (alias Lieutenant Harry T. Buford), Mary Bell (alias Bob Martin), her sister, Mollie Bell (alias Tom Parker), and others who were either "found out" or survived the War and lived to tell their story.

If one wants a book full of action and derring-do, then this is not the book to read. Rather, it is a book telling a little-known story of the Civil War. Women of the stripe of Belle Boyd and Elizabeth Van Lew have had books written about them, but this book deals with the lesser-known aspect of the role women played in the Civil War. While the title might indicate that the subject is boring, the authors bring to life the circumstances surrounding the decisions made and actions taken by these women during the Civil War. These soldiers who fought under an alias defied Victorian conventions and joined their husbands, brothers, cousins and lovers in a fight in which they believed.

The book was copyrighted in 2002, so it might be difficult to find in a store. A quick search on the Internet shows that it is available from Amazon in both paperback (\$17.95) and hardback (\$32.99), as well as on their Kindle (electronic reader) for \$14.72.

About the authors (at the time of publication): DeAnne Blanton was a military archivist at the National Archives, and Lauren M. Cook was the special assistant to the chancellor for university communications at Fayetteville State University in North Carolina.



## PRESERVATION CORNER

Greetings BRCWRT members and friends - this edition of *Preservation Corner* focuses on the PW Digital Gateway initiative in Prince William County (PWC) and its attendant threat to Manassas National Battlefield Park and PWC's Rural Crescent.

#### **PW Digital Gateway**

In March 2021, a group of PWC landowners in the "Rural Crescent" revealed plans for an 800-acre data center development along Pageland Lane and adjacent to Manassas National Battlefield Park. Referred to as the PW Digital Gateway, the tentative plan strings together 27 parcels of agricultural land belonging to 16 property owners and envisioned to be developed by a single data center developer.



Aerial Map Indicating Land Parcels Proposed for PW Digital Gateway.

The plan envisions constructing a large concentration of data centers on land that is outside PWC's Data Center Overlay District (property located within the Data Center Overlay District includes by-right data center development) and well within PWC's Rural Crescent. Based on the proposed location, adopting and implementing the plan will require PWC's Board of County Supervisors to approve a change (amendment) to the Comprehensive Plan, approve rezoning requests for industrial use of the land and approve Special Use Permits for the data centers.

In addition to significant county land use issues, the envisioned plan is problematic from historical and electric power perspectives. The respective 27 land parcels are not contiguous and consist of four parcel clusters - two southern clusters north of U.S. Route 29 (Lee Highway), one on each side of Pageland Lane, and two clusters north of Thornton Drive on each side of Pageland Lane. The southern-most cluster is on the western side of Pageland Lane bordering Manassas National Battlefield Park (MNBP) (Brawner Farm and MNBP's northwest corner) and adjacent (contiguous) to Conway-Robinson Memorial State Forest. The second southern cluster is east of Pageland Lane and adjacent (contiguous) to MNBP (vicinity of Brawner Farm and Deep Cut) and to 116 acres of land along General Trimbles Lane that has been saved by the American Battlefield Trust (ABT). These two clusters include land (10 acres) that is within Manassas National Battlefield Park's legislated boundary. They also include land (107 acres) identified by the American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) as Battlefield Core Area of the Manassas Battlefield (Manassas National Battlefield Park's current boundaries do not encompass all the designated Battlefield Core Area, though that land is eligible for incorporation into the park).

The 27 land parcels are in proximity to an existing Dominion Energy transmission line along and paralleling Pageland Lane; however, that transmission line is "near or at capacity," meaning that any data centers built in the Pageland Lane corridor north of U.S. Route 29 will likely require new power sub-stations and/or transmission lines to provide the necessary electrical power. Construction of new power

(con't on page 15)

#### Preservation Corner - (con't from page 14)

sub-stations and/or transmission lines to support the plan would likely result in significant visual and visitor experience impacts at MNBP, particularly at the Brawner Farm site.

The BRCWRT's May 10, 2021, letter to the PW Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) highlighted these concerns and strongly recommend the BOCS not approve development plans for data centers (or other industrial uses) in the Rural Crescent, including rezoning requests and/or Comprehensive Plan Amendments allowing such developments, especially when there is substantial acreage (approximately 3,200 acres) for "by right" data center development available within the designated Data Center Overlay District. PWC's Historical Commission expressed similar concerns in its May 11, 2021, letter to the PW BOCS, noting the proposed parcel locations' proximity to MNBP and its opposition to any nonresidential development adjacent to MNBP, such as data centers, industrial uses and large-scale commercial development, that may directly or indirectly negatively impact battlefield resources.

At its May 18, 2021, meeting the BOCS considered a proposal to initiate a "Zoning Text Amendment for Data Center Opportunity Zone Overlay District and at Subsequent Changes to the Comprehensive Plan and Design and Construction Manual related to data center development. The stated purpose of the actions in this proposal is to analyze increased infrastructure and new ways of developing data centers, while identifying new areas of the county where data centers would be appropriate. Blake Myers, representing BRCWRT, spoke at this meeting and highlighted the following:

- The BRWCRT has significant concerns with any potential changes to the Zoning Ordnance and the Comprehensive Plan that would allow construction of data centers, or other industrial enterprises, in the Rural Crescent which contains some of the most historically significant land in Prince William County and in the region;
- With respect to the staff recommendation under consideration, we have identified two key issues that apply regardless of what option the BOCS selects:
- #1: The recommendation and process outlined in the recommendation does not men-

tion or include consideration of the Rural Crescent – an area specifically established to maintain open space, protect historic landscape and control urban sprawl – and the negative impact data centers constructed within the Rural Crescent would have on adjacent historic lands.

#2: Though the Board directed the process to engage existing and new stakeholders, the sole stakeholder category identified in the recommendation is "industry stakeholders". No stakeholders from the history and historic preservation community are included - a significant oversight given the historic landscape present throughout PW County. History and historic preservation stakeholder organizations exist in the county - the county's Historic Preservation Division, Manassas National Battlefield Park, the Prince William Conservation Alliance and the Bull Run Civil War Round Table are a few examples. We recommend this stakeholder community be included as participants in future meetings with residents, landowners and industry representatives, and that at least two of the stakeholder organizations be included on the Development Ordnance Review Advisory Committee.

Following a lengthy discussion, the BOCS voted 5-3 to approve the proposal in the form of a study to be conducted by the staff, augmented by a consultant, with the results to be provided to the Board for consideration of potential amendments to the Overlay District, Comprehensive Plan and Design and Construction manual. The study is envisioned to be completed six to nine months after consultant selection.

At its July 20, 2021, meeting, the BOCS considered a request to initiate Comprehensive Plan Amendment #CPA2021-0004, PW Digital Gateway. This action is based on a request to amend the Comprehensive Plan to change the long-range land use designation for approximately 801.59 acres from AE, Agricultural or Estate, and ER, Environmental Resource to T/F, Technology/Flex, with a T-3 Transect. In the application, the Applicants are proposing, "PWC Digital Gateway," a Pageland Lane Technology Corridor, for data center development; however, the T/F designation allows for additional land uses. The application is comprised of 27 individ-

(con't on page 16)

#### Preservation Corner - (con't from page 15)

ual parcels, representing 16 applicants/owners. The parcels are grouped into four separate geographical areas located on both the east and west side of Pageland Lane, south of Route 234 and north of Route 29.

At the July 20 meeting, 72 speakers provided comments on the CPA initiation request, with approximately 50% supporting and 50% opposing CPA initiation. Representing BRCWRT, I spoke and highlighted the following:

- The BRCWRT's concerns remain driven by the proposed location of the data centers on land adjacent to Manassas National Battlefield Park, on land adjacent to land owned by the American Battlefield Trust and on land designated by Congress' American Battlefield Protection Program as Battlefield Core Area.
- Given the Data Center Overlay District study approved at the May 18, 2021, BOCS meeting has not been completed, initiation of the proposed CPA is very premature. This study and its resulting information are designed to inform appropriate amendments to the Overlay District, the Design & Construction Manual and the Comprehensive Plan.
- Two specific concerns with respect to the initiation request:
- ♦ A considerable amount of land proposed for the PW Digital Gateway is part of the Manassas Battlefield 10 acres are part of the congressionally designated park, but currently not within the park's legislated boundaries, and 107 acres are within the ABPP-designated Core Battle Area, land which is eligible for incorporation into MNBP and where American soldiers fought and died in the Battle of Second Manassas.
- ♦ The continued lack of inclusion of history community stakeholders in this process is shocking. PWC's own Department of Historic Preservation and Historic Prince William have yet to be brought into these discussions and there has been no county contact or communication with Manassas National Battlefield Park in the development of the CPA initiation recommendation. The context presented for the CPA includes no mention of the fact that more than 100 acres of the proposed 800+ acres is congressionally designated Core Battle Area, nor does it mention the adjacent and contiguous proximity of much of this acreage to historic sites

and vistas in MNBP – a significant shortcoming in establishing a full and accurate context.

PW Historical Commission and BRCWRT member John DePue also spoke at the meeting highlighting the Historical Commission's concerns with the proposed location of the PW Digital Gateway and the degrading consequences that any data center development in this area would have on MNBP. John reiterated the concerns expressed in the Commission's letter to the BOCS and noted that the park is truly a national treasure, and the preservation of this treasure is a national priority and concern.

Following a lengthy discussion among the Board members and between the Board and PW Planning Staff representatives, the BOS voted (5-3) to approve the initiation of the CPA.

Readers of this column, and particularly readers who are Prince William County residents, are strongly encouraged to contact the PW Board of County Supervisors and/or their respective PWC District Supervisor and let them know your concerns with the PWC Digital Gateway initiative and the negative impacts that could result from approving the PW Digital Gateway project as currently envisioned.

#### **PWC Board of County Supervisors:**

Chair (At Large): Ann B. Wheeler - chair@pwcgov.org; 703-792-4640

Neabsco District Supervisor: Victor S. Angry – vsangry@pwcgov.org; 703-792-4667

Brentsville District Supervisor: Jeanine M. Lawson - jlawson@pwcgov.org; 703-792-6190

Coles District Supervisor: Yesli Vega – yvega@pwcgov.org; 703-792-4620

Gainesville District Supervisor: Pete K. Candland – gainesville@pwcgov.org; 703-792-6195

Occoquan District Supervisor: Kenny A. Boddye – kboddye@pwcgov.org; 703-792-4643

Potomac District Supervisor: Andrea O. Bailey, Vice Chair – abailey@pwcgov.org; 703-792-4563

Woodbridge District Supervisor: Margaret Angela Franklin, Chair Pro-Tem – mfranklin@pwcgov.org; 703-792-4646

Thank you for your continued interest in, and support of, the BRCWRT's preservation actions and activities. Stay strong, stay safe and stay healthy in 2021!



## PRINCE WILLIAM

Historic Preservation

#### Kevin Pawlak

Historic Site Manager
Ben Lomond Historic Site | Bristoe
Station Battlefield Heritage Park
Office: 703.367.7872 | Mobile:
571.361.3192 KPawlak@pwcgov.org

#### Visit Prince William County and Enjoy These Fun Events!

#### August 4 \* Wednesday Walk at Bristoe Station Battlefield

6 p.m.; free, donations encouraged

Join the staff and volunteers of Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park for monthly hikes to stretch your legs and exercise your minds. Topics, routes, and distances vary by month and will cover a wide variety of the history of Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park. Stay tuned to our website for more information. Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park. The parking lot is located off Iron Brigade Unit Ave., Bristow, VA. 703-366-3049.

#### August 21 \* African American History Trail Car Caravan Tour

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; \$10 per vehicle

Join local historians on a daylong tour exploring the unique and powerful stories behind the African American history of Prince William County. We will travel the county stepping back in time from the 1800s to the 1960s and stopping at many special and sometimes forgotten sites, to learn about the lifestyle, challenges, and the power of education. Participants will drive around to the different stops in their own vehicles. Advanced Registration is required for space is limited. Visit <a href="https://www.pwcparks.org/historicprograms">www.pwcparks.org/historicprograms</a> to register. For more information, please call 703-792-4754. Departs from Ben Lomond Historic Site. Ben Lomond Historic Site, 10321 Sudley Manor Drive, Manassas, VA. (703) 367-7872.

#### August 27 \* A Real-Time Walking Tour of the Battle of Kettle Run

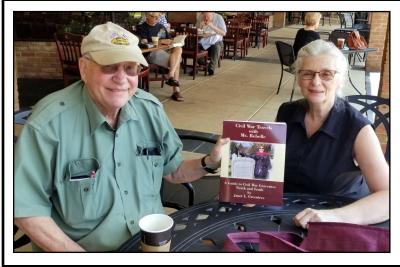
5:00 p.m.; free, \$5 suggested donation

Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park staff will lead a 90-minute-long walking tour covering in real-time the events as they transpired at Bristoe Station 159 years ago. Learn about the first battle at Bristoe Station and how it shaped the outcome of the Second Manassas Campaign. Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park. The parking lot is located off Iron Brigade Unit Ave., Bristow, VA. (703) 366-3049.

#### August 28-29 \* Battle of Kettle Run Anniversary Weekend

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.; free, \$5 suggested donation

Join Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park staff and volunteers on the 159th anniversary of Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson's capture of Bristoe Station and the Battle of Kettle Run – the opening round of what would become the Second Battle of Manassas. This August 27th battle, while small, was bloody and took a heavy toll on the regiments that fought there. Visit the park on the actual anniversary for specialized walking tours that will make this forgotten battle come to life. Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park. The parking lot is located off Iron Brigade Unit Ave., Bristow, VA. (703) 366-3049.



#### BRCWRT Members Enjoy Ms. Rebelle's Civil War Travels!

BRCWRT members E.B. Vandiver and Pam Unger display their latest literary purchase – "Civil War Travels with Ms. Rebelle," authored by BRCWRT member Janet Greentree. In fact, they enjoyed the book so much that, between the two of them, they bought 7 copies! They made their purchases through the Stuart Mosby Historical Society. The Society bought 20 books, and now they are sold out!. Get your copy at: amazon.com.

Photo courtesy of Janet Greentree

## MOSBY RANGER DESCENDANT REUNION OCTOBER 2-3, 2021





MT. ZION HISTORIC PARK 40309 JOHN MOSBY HWY (ROUTE 50) ALDIE, VA 20105 \$50 PER PERSON FOR ALL EVENTS
CALL 703-851-9088 OR E-MAIL INFO@MOSBYMEN.COM
SPONSORED BY THE STUART-MOSBY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### Saturday, October 2nd, 10:00 am-4:00 pm:

Enjoy the beauty and history of Mt. Zion Church while you listen to noted Mosby Ranger historians & authors present stories about the Rangers, talk with other descendants and view an assortment of Ranger artifacts. Various snacks will be available throughout the day. The day will include a hearty and delicious Box Lunch.

#### 4:00-7:00 pm:

Remain at Mt. Zion Church to talk with authors, buy books, view artifacts and share stories with fellow descendants or travel through the area, as you desire. Dinner on your own.

#### 7:00-9:00pm:

Drift back in time as living historians and speakers weave compelling tales about the region, its citizens, John S. Mosby and his Rangers.

#### Sunday, October 3rd, 10:00 am-1:00 pm:

Meet in Warrenton and join Eric W. Buckland, David Goetz, and Don Hakenson to visit noted Mosby Ranger sites in the historic and beautiful town.

#### REGISTRATION

Please complete this form and mail it with your payment to: Eric Buckland 5310 Caliper Court			
Centreville, VA 20120			
(\$50 per attendee Please make checks payable to The Stuart-Mosby Historical Society)			
Name(s):			
Address:			
E-mail:			
Phone number:			
Name(s) of Ranger Ancestor(s) and their Company (if known):			

NOTE: Mt. Zion Church can only accommodate 80 people. Registration is FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED!

Attendees are highly encouraged to bring a pad or something soft to place on the pews on which we will be seated. Also, everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn or deck chair for use during lunch and the informal gatherings on Saturday.

### SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021



9:00AM - 12:30PM (LUNCH WITH VIDEOS) & 1:15PM - 3:45PM

FAIRFAX COUNTY'S 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HISTORY CONFERENCE

#### "WE ARE FAIRFAX COUNTY!" PART I

The first of Four Consecutive Annual Conferences that will chronologically explore the Peoples who have lived here and called Fairfax County "Home"! This year: Part 1: Our Native American, Enslaved and Free African American Peoples

Offered Live Stream Via Channel 16 and Facebook AND in person: Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, City of Fairfax, Virginia, 22030





















\* County History Award Winners will be announced

\* Kick-offs with Congressman Gerry Connolly & Chairperson Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Jeff McKay \* Guest speakers to include:

Noah Cincinnati, PhD, Associate Professor of History, NVCC; Ron Chase, Director, Gum Springs Historical Society; Brad Hatch, PhD, Alisa Pettit, PhD, Evelyn Russel, PhD, Barbara Naef, Fairfax County History Commissioner, Linneall Naylor, local historian and descendant of numerous African American blood lines hailing from Clifton, Manassas & other parts of Virginia

For further information – please email <a href="mailto:fchistoryconference@gmail.com">fchistoryconference@gmail.com</a>

## Registration Information

will be available in September, 2021 Thank you!

We will look forward to seeing you November 6, 2021!

The Bull Run Civil War Round Table's Newest Recruits! Here's a grateful "Huzzah!" for these new (and returning) members of the BRCWRT:

- **James Hearn**
- Kris Walker

- Inger Maslin
- Dave & Misty (McCurdy) Ly

## BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE The Stone Wall P.O. Box 2147 Centreville, VA 20122

#### **2021 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 21 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:

Bull Run Civil War Round Table, P.O. Box 2147, Centreville, VA 20122

You also may join using your credit card by going to our Web site at BRCWRT.org and clicking on "Membership Application."

NAME		
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE_	ZIP
PHONE	E-MAIL	