



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XXIX, Issue 7 SEPTEMBER 2022

**HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR DANIEL WELCH
"BATTLE ON ANTIETAM CREEK - SEPTEMBER
17, 1862" AT THE SEPTEMBER 8th, 2022
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The Battle of Antietam, also called the Battle of Sharpsburg, occurred on September 17, 1862, at Antietam Creek near Sharpsburg, MD. It pitted Confederate General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia against Federal General George McClellan's Army of the Potomac and was the culmination of Lee's attempt to invade the north. The battle's outcome would be vital to shaping America's future, and it remains the deadliest one-day battle in all of American military. We are so happy to have an author and historian from Ohio come to speak to us at our general membership meeting on the 160th Anniversary month of the battle.

Dan Welch currently serves as a primary and secondary educator with a public school district in Northeast Ohio. Previously Dan was the education programs coordinator for the Gettysburg Foundation, the non-profit partner of Gettysburg National Military Park, and continues to serve as a seasonal park ranger at Gettysburg National Military Park. He received his B.A. in instrumental music education from Youngstown State University and M.A. in military history with a Civil War era concentration at American Military University. Dan has also studied under the tutelage of Dr. Allen C. Guelzo as part of the Gettysburg Semester at Gettysburg College.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, September 8, 2022**

7 P.M. In-person at the Centreville Regional Library & Streaming via Zoom or Facebook Live

GUEST SPEAKER:

Daniel Welch

TOPIC:

"Battle on Antietam Creek - September 17, 1862"

His first book, *"The Last Road North; A Guide To The Gettysburg Campaign 1863"*, was released as part of the Emerging Civil War Series in June 2016. Dan has also co-edited several volumes in the Emerging Civil War's Tenth Anniversary Series, including: *Grant vs. Lee*, *The Summer of '63: Vicksburg & Tullahoma*, and *The Summer of '63: Gettysburg*. He is also the co-author of *Ohio at Antietam: The Buckeye State's Sacrifice on America's Bloodiest Day*.

Dan has published numerous essays, articles, and book reviews. He currently resides with his wife, Sarah, in Boardman, OH. Come on out at 5 p.m. and meet and dine with Dan at Carabba's Italian Restaurant, 5805 Trinity Parkway, Centreville, VA: (703) 266-9755.

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JOIN US AT CARRABBA'S

Do you come to the monthly meeting directly from work and look for a place to eat, or would you just like to come early to dinner? Join BRCWRT members and their guest speakers for good food and camaraderie. Currently, we gather prior to each meeting around 5 p.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill, across Lee Highway from the Centreville Regional Library.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 8: Dan Welch – "Battle of Antietam Creek - September 17, 1862"

October 13: Jon-Erik Gilot - "Albert G. Jenkins' Trans-Allegheny Raid"

November 10: Dominish Marie Miller - "Women at War"

December 8: Dr. Chris Mackowski – "Battle of Fredericksburg - December 13, 1862"

January 12: Chuck Mauro and Don Hakenson – "John Mosby Takes Command, Dec 1862 – Jan 1863"

February 9: Melissa Weeks - Topic TBA

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BRCWRT BOOK SALES

The Round Table holds sales of donated books to raise money for the \$2000 Annual Scholarship Fund; these books increase our members' understanding of the Civil War. Members are also encouraged to make tax-deductible monetary donations to the Fund. Thank you!





The President's Column by Mark Whitenton

The BRCWRT has had a great summer so far and the next two months are going to be fantastic! Please take advantage of these opportunities to join with colleagues and enjoy Civil War history in the company of other enthusiasts.

Our August speaker was one of our own, Mike Block, to tell us about his favorite subject: the Battle of Cedar Mountain.



Mike had many insights into the battle, which included the startling fact that this relatively obscure battle was intense and had huge casualties for many of the units involved.

Photo by Debbie Whitenton

Mike has also written a new book, which was published this past January, "The Carnage Was Fearful: The Battle of Cedar Mountain, August 9, 1862". See Mike holding his book below.

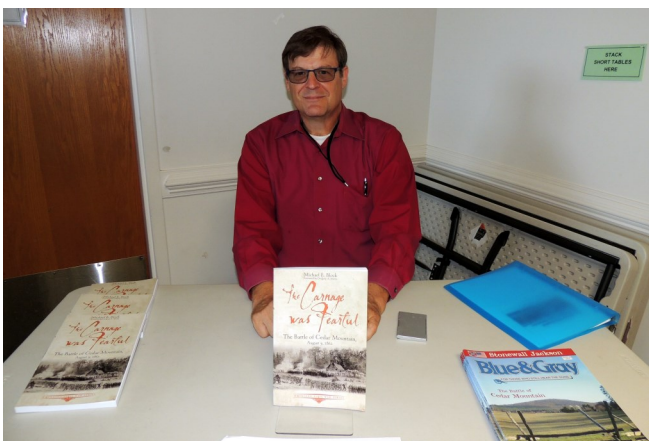


Photo by Janet Greentree

On August 27, we worked a tent for recruitment and used book sales at the Kettle Run Commemoration at the Bristoe Battlefield Historic Site. See the story and photo on page 5.

On Thursday, September 8, we have a great speaker, Dan Welch, driving all the way from Ohio to talk about the "Battle of Antietam Creek - September 17, 1862". Please read Mark Trbovich's article on page 1.

We also have our annual picnic on September 18! If you haven't signed up yet, please do so at our live meeting on September 8 or on our website before September 11! Remember, it is free for members! See the article and flyer on pages 5 and 6.

October starts with a bang. The BRCWRT Fall Tour will be October 1 in Fredericksburg. Please see the information provided on page 7 and join in a terrific tour and opportunity to enjoy learning about history on the ground with your colleagues. THEN, there is the BRCWRT and GMU dedication of the Redoubt at Farr's Crossroads on October 7. It will be a grand affair. See pages 8 through 10.

Finally, October will have another BRCWRT recruitment and book sales opportunity at Bristoe Station on October 15, during the Commemoration of the 1864 Battle. Please come out and join us to show our support for our fellow member Kevin Pawlak, the Historical Site Manager, while learning more about this battle in the company of fellow members.

Please review the ExCom's proposed changes to the BRCWRT Bylaws. John De Pue has spent a great deal of time revising the current Bylaws to update them to our current practices. John's summary of the major changes is provided starting at page 11 and the proposed new text is in the Appendix at the end of this newsletter. The changes will be discussed at the September 8 and October 13 meetings, with votes to occur at the October meeting.



Bull Run Civil War Round Table Upcoming 2022/2023 Program of Events

Date	Event
September 8	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Dan Welch – “Battle of Antietam Creek – Sept. 17, 1862”
September 18	BRCWRT Annual Picnic at Bull Run Winery – sign-up on the website
October 1	Fall Tour: “December 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg,” Tour Guide – Gregg Mertz
October 7	Civil War Redoubt at Farr’s Crossroads Dedication Ceremony - (10 am – 12 pm) This will also include a site tour!
October 13	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Jon-Erik Gilot - “Albert G. Jenkins’ Trans-Allegheny Raid”
October 15	159 th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Bristoe Station, Bristoe Station Battlefield. Membership Drive & Book Sales
November 10	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Dominish Marie Miller - “Women at War”
December 8	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Chris Mackowski – “Battle of Fredericksburg – Dec. 1862”
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Note: All events are either sponsored by the Bull Run Civil War Round Table and are posted on our website: <http://Bullruncwrt.org/BRCWRT/Meetings.html> or they are events in which the Round Table is participating. More logistics, sign-up and contact information will be posted on the website as individual events get closer. Our monthly meetings begin at 7:00 pm at the Centreville Library and also are available by ZOOM and Facebook Live.

BRCWRT Attends the Battle of Kettle Run Commemoration

By Mark Whitenton

On August 27, 2022, several members of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table attended Prince William County's Commemoration of the Battle of Kettle Run at the Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park. BRCWRT member Kevin Pawlak, who is the Historic Site Manager at Bristoe Station, provided a canopy and table for us to recruit new members and sell used books for the Annual Scholarship Fund. Our participation was organized by Stephanie Vale, Chair of the Marketing Committee. Despite the modest number of visitors due to the very warm weather, the effort collected \$52 in book sales and one new membership (#301)! See photo of the crew, below.



From left to right: Blake Myers, Mark Whitenton, Debbie Whitenton, John Myers, Kevin Pawlak, Stephanie Vale, Drew Pallo and Jeff Joyce. Photo taken by Kate Bitely. Joe Young, who had helped during the morning, had to leave prior to the photo being taken. Gary Haskins and Don Richardson also missed the photo.

This Year's BRCWRT Picnic Is September 18

By John Myers and Fred Eckstein

The BRCWRT's annual picnic will be on **Sunday, September 18!** As everyone has become accustomed, **The Winery at Bull Run** will host the event and **The Bone** will provide the food. With respect to the COVID issue, the winery is abiding by State laws and there are currently no restrictions. However, as a precaution, we would hope that everyone who is eligible will be fully vaccinated. If not, we would appreciate you and/or members of your family wearing face masks.

As usual, we'd appreciate everyone bringing their own "comfortable" chairs, a hearty appetite, and a bit of taste for "the grape." [Please do not bring your own beverages]. There are two changes from past picnics: 1) There is a very small increase in the cost of a "guest" to \$13.50 [all active BRCWRT members are entitled to attend the picnic for free]; and 2) We have been allowed to use a large tent (for no cost) by Jon Hickox, so this event will go forward rain or shine. Details are provided in the flyer on page 6.

For those interested, there will be a free museum tour from 10:00 – 11:00 am. Although food will be served between 12:00 and 2:00, feel free to join us in the tent from 11:00 on.

If you are interested, **please sign up by Sept. 11** via the link on BRCWRT's website [brcwrt.org] and **make your selection** of a **beef** or **pork** platter. This will assist us in advising **The Bone** of our requirements. We look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces and resuming old acquaintances at this fun, annual event.

Bull Run Civil War Roundtable

6th Annual Picnic

Sunday September 18, 2022

The Winery @ Bull Run

New Museum Tour 10 am – 11 am

BBQ Served 12-2 pm

Food Provided by...

THE BONE

hand-shredded pulled pork platter

(OR)

certified angus beef brisket platter

platter 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 @ \$13.50



Locations in Gainesville
& Manassas, VA

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BRCWRT Fall Tour: Saturday, Oct. 1

Battle of Fredericksburg River Crossings & Fighting in the Streets (Dec. 1862)



Tour Guide: Gregg Mertz – retired Fredericksburg Nat'l Bfld. Park Ranger

BRCWRT Contact: John Scully - scullycivilwar@gmail.com / 703 869-4036

Subject matter: The Army of the Potomac's crossing of the Rappahannock River and the street fighting that occurred in Fredericksburg, Dec. 1862

- 8 tour stops

Assembly Time/Location: 10:00 AM (Chatham opens at 9:00 AM) Chatham, Fredericksburg National Battlefield Park (FNBP)

Directions: From I-95, take exit 133BUS-17BUS S/Warrenton to Chatham Heights Rd. to Chatham Lane

Departure Time: 10:30 AM

Lunch: Targeted for around 12:00 PM (several nearby sub shops – everyone is on their own to bring or purchase their lunch)

Tour Duration: Terminating approx. 3 PM in downtown Fredericksburg

Mode of Transportation: Carpooling – consolidation at Chatham

- Individuals may arrange carpool transportation from NVA to Chatham on their own

Uniform of the Day: Dress for fall weather, wear comfortable shoes

- The tour will entail a little over 2 miles total walking

The tour is FREE! If interested in attending, please sign up via BRCWRT's website or at the August or September Membership meetings.

Dedication Ceremony Celebrating the Preservation and Interpretation of the Redoubt at Farr's Cross Roads

By Blake Myers, BRCWRT Preservation Committee Chair (Photos courtesy of Blake Myers)

Local historians have long known of the historical significance of the area surrounding the Ox Road (Route 123) / Braddock Road (Route 620) intersection. Several studies, including the Fairfax County Civil War Sites Inventory prepared by John Milner Associates, Inc. in 2002, have documented the existence of civil war era redoubts, earthworks and camps on George Mason University's Fairfax Campus and in the area surrounding this intersection – an intersection historically known as Farr's Cross Roads.

Beginning in 2016, Bull Run Civil War Round Table (BRCWRT) members Blake Myers, Brian McEnany and Jim Lewis embarked on a "mission" to preserve and interpret the Farr's Cross Roads site and its extant civil war redoubt through direct and active engagement with George Mason University (GMU). Their actions began with an initial outreach to GMU's Department of History and Art History, which initially led to an annual class and tour of the Farr's Cross Roads site for the History Department's Civil War and Reconstruction class, and ultimately to a BRCWRT partnership with GMU to preserve and interpret the historic site. This unique preservation and education opportunity and project was chronicled in BRCWRT's May 2021 Preservation Corner article, which can be viewed at:

http://bullruncwrt.org/BRCWRT/Preservation/BRCWRT%20Preservation%20Corner_May%2030%202021.pdf.



Redoubt at Farr's Cross Roads Sketch

During 2020 and 2021, the GMU-BRCWRT partner team developed and implemented a preservation and interpretation project plan that included removing several large trees that threatened the redoubt's integrity; clearing vegetation, tree saplings and undergrowth on and around the redoubt; establishing an access trail to and an interpretive trail around the redoubt; and installing interpretive markers (signs) at the access trail entrance and at the redoubt. A Dedication Ceremony celebrating this project, though long-delayed due to COVID-19 safety concerns and restrictions, will be conducted on Friday, October 7, 2022, at 10:00 AM. BRCWRT members and friends are invited and encouraged to attend (see the Dedication Ceremony flyer on page 10).

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Farr's Cross Roads Dedication Ceremony – (cont from page 8)

The ceremony will be conducted at the Farr's Cross Roads historic site entrance at the western end of Parking Lot K (follow directional signs beginning at the Fairfax Campus entrances off Braddock Road and Ox Road). The ceremony will include a program that recognizes the GMU-BRCWRT partnership and thanks its team members, highlights the site's historical significance, and highlights the project's preservation and interpretation actions. The program will be followed by a tour of the site and the redoubt.



Access Trail and Interpretive Marker



Redoubt and Interpretive Marker

Please join us, our GMU partners, the 8th Green Machine Regiment Band, and period-dressed living historians on Friday, October 7, 2022 at 10:00 AM as we celebrate this unique preservation and education partnership and project.

The Bull Run Civil War Round Table Welcomes Our Newest Recruits!

James Dean

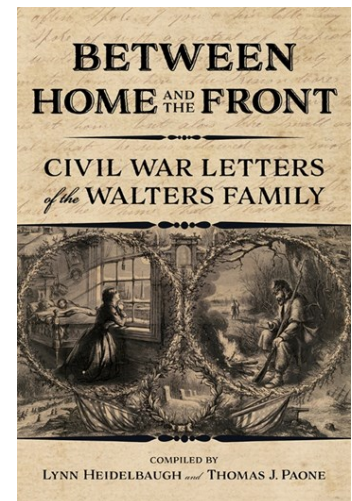
Frank Sturgeon

Clifford Wheeler

Smithsonian Lecture: Between Home and the Front

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at
7:00 – 8:00 pm Eastern

Online (on
ZOOM) and on
the ground floor
of the National
Postal Museum



Registration at:

<https://postalmuseum.si.edu/book-talk-%E2%80%93-between-home-and-the-front-civil-war-letters-of-the-walters-family>



You Are Cordially Invited!

Friday, Oct. 7, 10:00 AM

**George Mason University, Fairfax Campus
West tree line (back-end) of Parking Lot K
(Near Braddock & Ox Road Intersection)**

Dedication and Tour of a Preserved & Interpreted Civil War Redoubt At Farr's Cross Roads

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Blake Myers, Moderator & Speaker

Speakers

State Senator Chap Petersen

Dr. Brian Platt, GMU History Department

Jim Lewis, Bull Run Civil War Roundtable

Brian McEnany, Bull Run Civil War Roundtable

Music By

8th Green Machine Regiment Band

Directions:

**From Braddock Rd.: Turn onto Roanoke River Rd., 1st left into Lot K
From Chain Bridge Rd.: Turn onto University Dr., 1st right onto Aquia Creek
Ln., (rt) onto Patriot Circle, travel through circle, (rt) into Lot K**



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERSHIP

By John De Pue

Proposed Revisions to Bylaws Submitted for Your Approval

For the last several months, the Executive Committee has been working to update and revise the BRCWRT Bylaws. Last week, the Executive Committee voted to approve a number of proposed changes to the current Bylaws, which are now being submitted for your approval.

These revisions were undertaken because the committee structure in the present version of our Bylaws no longer corresponds to BRCWRT's actual practice. Specifically, the number of committees has expanded beyond those enumerated in the current Bylaws. As a result, several members serving as Committee Chairs are not officially recognized as voting-eligible members of the Executive Committee. The correction of this problem also requires the modification of other provisions in the Bylaws that involve the issue of Executive Committee structure and membership. In addition, events over the last few years, such as the advent of remote, off-site meeting participation, have warranted official recognition and accommodation in our Bylaws. Finally, many minor edits have been made to the text to improve consistency and eliminate redundancy.

Our current Bylaws require that following approval by the Executive Committee, amendments to the Bylaws must be presented to the membership in the *Stone Wall* and presented at two successive General Membership meetings. A draft of the revised Bylaws, which includes the amendments approved by the Executive Committee, are now presented for your information and review in this *Stone Wall*. We anticipate presenting these proposed amendments at the September 8 and October 13 General Meetings. We will seek a vote on these proposed Bylaws amendments during the October General Membership meeting.

The full text of the proposed Bylaws, including the proposed changes, are included at the end of this newsletter as an Appendix. Here is a summary.

Summary of the Significant Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

Article II – Officers and Duties

Section a. Officers of Organization - We have added a final sentence permitting the Executive Committee to delay the December officer elections due to exigent circumstances.

Section b (1). President - We have deleted the names of the extant Standing Committees in this section as they no longer reflect actual practice. In lieu thereof, we have provided that the President, with approval of a majority of the Executive Committee, is authorized to appoint the Chairs of all committees designated elsewhere in the Bylaws, and up to four At Large members. The draft revision also permits the President to remove members of the Standing Committees and At Large members by a majority vote of the Executive Committee (excluding the member(s) to be relieved).

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Section b (4). Treasurer - We have specified the dates by which a proposed budget for the coming year must be approved by the Executive Committee and presented to the General Membership for approval.

Section c. Vacancies - In a new first sentence, we have provided that the Vice President will assume the Presidency should the President resign or become permanently incapacitated [this was previously understood, but not articulated].

Article III - Executive Committee

Section a. Membership Defined - We have added a sentence to make it clear that each member of the Executive Committee has a vote with respect to such matters as may come before it.

Section b. Tenure - We have provided that the Immediate Past President will remain a member until superseded, and that Committee Chairs and At Large members serve an indeterminate term, but can lose their positions as the result of removal by the President (with the concurrence of the Executive Committee).

Section d. Quorum and Voting - This paragraph increases a quorum of the Executive Committee from five to eight members, while still including two elected officers. This change reflects the increased size of the Executive Committee. Also, this proposed amendment would require a majority of the entire membership of the Executive Committee to approve any matter requiring a vote of approval.

Article V – Standing and Special Committees

Section a (1). Newsletter Committee - We have increased the minimum number of Newsletters to be issued per year from six to ten. The Chair of this Committee now may be - but need not be - the Newsletter Editor.

Sections a (6), (7), (8), (9). New Committees - We have added the following Standing Committees: (6) Education Committee, (7) Scholarship Committee, (8) Marketing Committee, (9) Fundraising Committee. Several of these Committees had functioned as Special Committees under the extant Bylaws, but their Chairs were not recognized as voting members of the Executive Committee. We have described the duties and responsibilities of each committee in language that was previously formulated by the members engaged in the activities of each such Committee.

Section b (1). Nominating Committee - This revision moves the closing of officer nominations and announcement of the slate of candidates from the October General Membership meeting to the November General Membership meeting. This reflects the Organization's current practice.

Section b (2). Other Committees – This paragraph revises and replaces the current Article V, Section c. It enables the President and the Executive Committee to establish "Other Committees" to undertake projects that may arise but do not fall within the responsibilities of the Standing Committees. Membership on such a committee does not, by itself, entitle one to membership on the Executive Committee.

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Section d. Committee Administration – This paragraph is new. It affords Committee Chairs flexibility in staffing their committees, establishing duties and internal procedures.

Article VI – Year

Replaces the term “Calendar Year” with the term “Fiscal Year”.

Article VII – Membership Dues

Amends Sections c and d to account for “multi-year members”.

Article VIII - General Membership Meetings

This Article is new. Section a requires the President to endeavor to call twelve (12) General Membership meetings per year.

Section b. Remote voting – This section allows members to vote on matters coming before the General Membership by remote means when so provided for by the Executive Committee.

Article IX – Amendments

This Article now permits General Membership voting on Bylaw amendments by remote means.

(Full text of Bylaws with proposed changes is at the end of this Stone Wall)

September 1st, 1862: Stonewall Jackson attempts to cut off the Union retreat after Second Manassas, but is stopped by the divisions of Kearney and Stevens at Ox Hill (Chantilly), fighting in a driving rainstorm that forces many to use their bayonets due to wet ammunition. Both Union commanders are killed in the battle.



GENERAL KEARNEY'S GALLANT CHARGE
at the Battle of Chantilly, Va. 1st of September 1862.



CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

Major General Alfred Pleasanton, USA

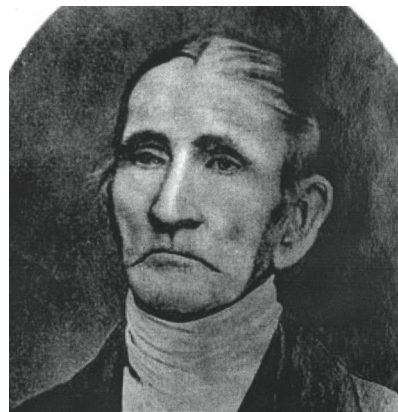
By Janet Greentree

Did you know his nickname was "The Knight of Romance?" He was given that nickname by the press since he was notorious for his vanity and dishonesty. One of his subordinates during the Civil War said: "You always see his name in the papers, but to us who have served under him and seen him under fire he is notorious as a bully and toady. He does nothing save with a view to a newspaper paragraph." He also never married. This is a harsh start for one of Ms. Rebelle's profiles. One of his greatest achievements was leading the Union cavalry at Gettysburg. Pleasanton has a statue on the Pennsylvania Monument (on the south side) in Gettysburg, as well as his last name (at the top on the east side). After resigning from the army he became pretty much a hermit.

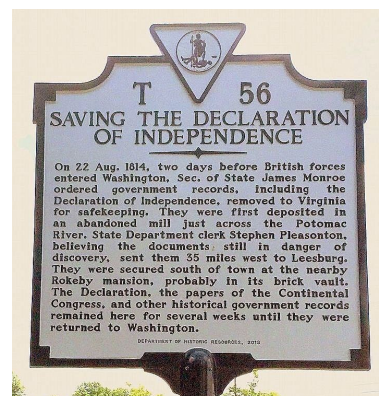
Alfred Pleasanton was born in Washington, D.C. on July 7, 1824 to Stephen P. and Mary Hopkins Pleasanton. He was the fourth of six children – Mary Matilda, Augustus James, Laura, Virginia, and Clementine. Alfred's older brother (by 23 years) Augustus graduated from West Point in 1826 and was the Assistant Adjutant General and paymaster of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during the Civil War.



I am going to give his father, Stephen Pleasanton, his own paragraphs. Stephen served in the War of 1812. He was well-connected in Washington as a politician and was the 5th Auditor of the Treasury. His real claim to fame came during the War of 1812 when the British attacked Washington and burned part of the U.S. Capitol and the White House. The elder Pleasanton, then working in the State Department, was credited with saving the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, the Constitution, George Washington's personal papers, and Secret Journals of the Senate located in the Capitol building. (I must say I am extremely curious about the "Secret Journals of the Senate.") He packed the papers in linen bags and transported them to an abandoned grist mill belonging to Edgar Patterson on the Virginia side of the Potomac River. According to a Washington Post article in 2002, the papers spent one night in the Loudoun County Courthouse.



Stephen Pleasanton

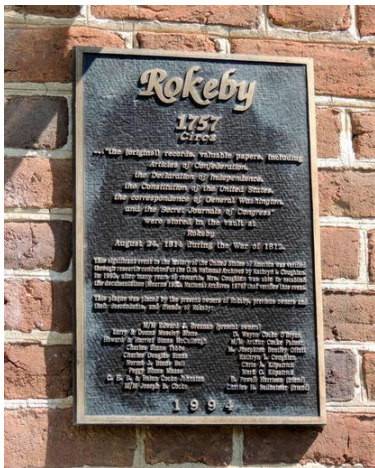


Marker on Rt 15 near
Rokeby

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Ms. Rebelle – (cont from page 14)

The papers were then moved on August 24, 1814 to a vault at Rokeby mansion, south of Leesburg, which was abandoned at the time. The keys to the vault for these important papers were given to the Clerk of the Loudoun County Court, Charles Binns, III.



Rokeby Mansion (above)
and Marker (left)

Photos by Janet Greentree

This last bit of information was given to me by Rocky Robinson, who is related to the family that currently owns the home. Ms. Rebelle recently visited Rokeby. After asking if I could take a picture of the house, Mr. Robinson and his son Riley graciously gave me an inside tour of Rokeby, which is truly beautiful. I was able to see the cellar vault where all of the Government's important papers were kept. It was more than a little dicey to get into the cellar, but with help from Rocky I made it.

It is always such a thrill to walk in history and go into a famous historical house that was built in 1757. There is a historical marker relating to the events at Rokeby at the corner of Route 15 and Gleedsville Road. There is also a plaque by the front door denoting the history of the house. (The Washington Post article is dated August 18, 2002, and is titled "In Debate About Documents' Hiding Place, a Loudoun Legend Lives On.") My mantra has always been "it doesn't hurt to ask." This is the 4th historical place I have been allowed to see just by asking.



Rokeby Cellar Vault and Plaque

Photos by Janet Greentree

Alfred and his brother were both accepted at West Point due to their father's service during the War of 1812. Augustus was in the class of 1826 and was a brigadier general in the Pennsylvania Militia during the Civil War. Alfred graduated 7th in the class of 1844. Unlike most West Point classes of the period, the class of 1844 only produced four Civil War generals – Simon Bolivar Buckner, Daniel Marsh Frost, Winfield Scott Hancock, and Pleasonton.

Alfred's first assignment after graduating from West Point was with the 1st Dragoons (heavy cavalry) as a brevet second lieutenant. He was stationed at Fort Atkinson in the northeast part of present-day Iowa, then in Minnesota, back to Iowa, and finally Texas. He was promoted to 2nd lieutenant in the 2nd Dragoons in 1845.

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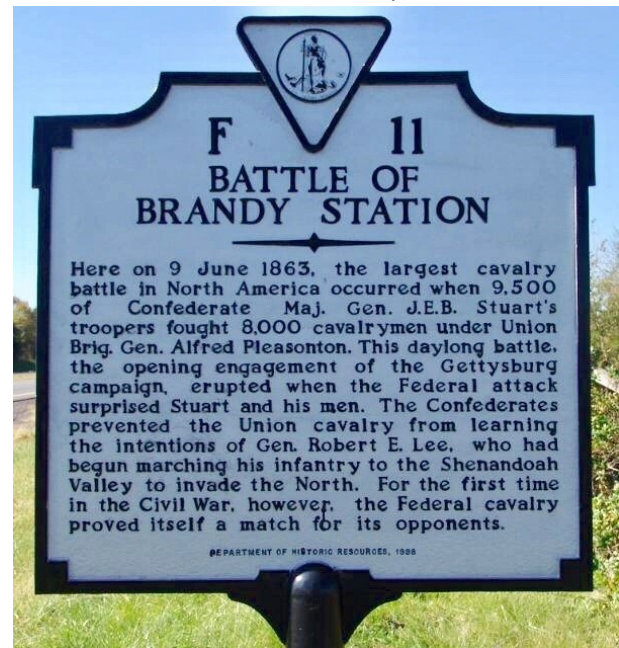
Pleasanton and the 2nd Dragoons fought in the Mexican War. He was promoted to 1st lieutenant for his gallantry in the battles of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma in Texas. In April 1855 he was transferred to Missouri, which was known as a dumping ground for unpopular officers. He was second in command of the Department of the Missouri. At that time there were no combat activities in Missouri, so Pleasanton did staff work. From 1858-1860 he was assistant adjutant general of the Department of Oregon. When the Civil War began in 1861, he brought his 2nd Dragoons all the way from Fort Crittenden, Utah to Washington, D.C. He was then assigned to the 2nd Cavalry and was involved with the defenses of Washington. He fought in the Peninsula Campaign, and at Antietam, Chancellorsville, Brandy Station, Gettysburg, Byram's Ford, Mine Creek, and Marais des Cygnes/Trading Post in Kansas.

Pleasanton received a promotion to brigadier general on July 16, 1862. At the battle of Antietam, his right ear was injured by a concussion from cannon fire on September 17, 1862. At the battle of Chancellorsville in May 1863, Pleasanton boasted to the newspapers that he had saved the Army of the Potomac's XI Corps from destruction, which was not true. He only did battle with a small detachment of Confederate infantry at Hazel Grove.

After Chancellorsville, he was placed in command of the cavalry by Gen. Joseph Hooker. He was in command at Brandy Station, fighting against Confederate Gen. John Chambliss (subject of my last article) in a 14-hour inconclusive battle. He and General Custer had time to pose for pictures together in Warrenton before Brandy Station. On June 22, 1863 he was appointed Major General of Volunteers.



Custer and Pleasanton at Warrenton
(Matthew Brady)

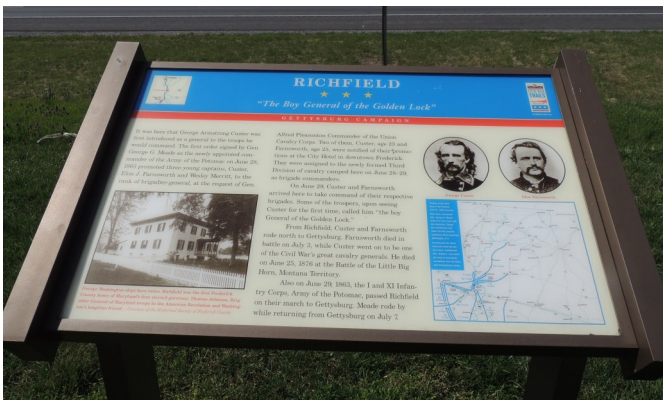


Brandy Station Marker

During this period Pleasanton used political influence to obtain promotions for Elon Farnsworth (his aide-de-camp), Wesley Merritt, and George Armstrong Custer to Brigadier General. They joined their new commands two days before the Gettysburg battle at Richfield (on Route 15 north of Frederick MD).

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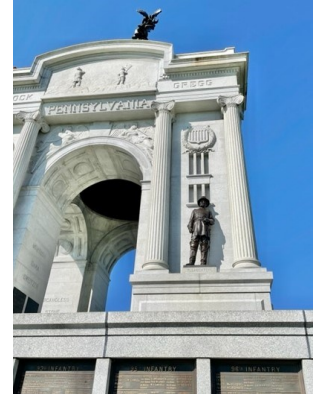
Richfield House and Marker

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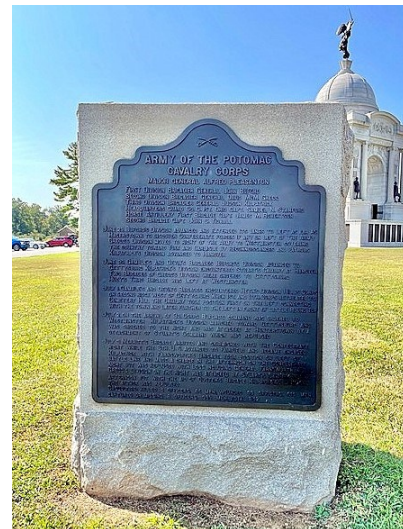
While he was nominally in command, Pleasanton did not participate directly in the cavalry battles at Gettysburg; General Meade kept him on a short leash by keeping him at his HQs. Meade had more control over the cavalry at the battle than did Pleasanton. Pleasanton's headquarters marker is on the north side of the Pennsylvania Monument, on the side where his name is carved near the top of the monument. It is also near the intersection of Pleasanton Avenue (off the Taneytown Road) and Humphreys Avenue.

In his OR report, Pleasanton stopped to congratulate the officers and men in his command for their conduct during the campaign: "In reviewing the conduct of the cavalry corps in this campaign, it becomes a proud gratification to call the attention of the major-general commanding

to the devoted spirit and resolution that animated the officers and men throughout all the difficulties, privations, trials, and dangers they had constantly to meet, and which they overcame so gloriously. Not a single mishap occurred to mar the recollection of their noble and brilliant deeds."



Pennsylvania Monument showing Pleasanton's name and his statue (above) and the Union Cavalry Corps marker at the monument (below). Photos by Lisa Tully.



In March 1864, Pleasanton was transferred to the Department of the Missouri. In September 1864, Confederate General Sterling Price invaded Missouri with 12,000 men. Price's goal was to recruit Missourians for the Confederacy and undermine President Lincoln's reelection.

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The fight moved to St. Louis, and Pleasonton and his cavalry saved the city from capture. Price took his men to Jefferson City, with Pleasonton in hot pursuit with his 6,600 cavalry. They met Price in Kansas City. Pleasonton attacked waving a riding crop as he led the charge.

They chased each other and fought all over Missouri. At the Battle of Westport, Pleasonton was outnumbered, facing attack by two Confederate divisions. He ended up at Byram's Ford on the Big Blue River, ordering his men to attack again and again. He even fired one of his brigade commanders for not performing well. Pleasonton persevered and won the battle.

At Mine Creek on October 25, 1864, Price and Pleasonton faced each other again. Pleasonton charged Price's much larger line and routed them. Several hundred Confederates were captured, including General John S. Marmaduke, a division commander. Price's men escaped, but this time Pleasonton did not pursue them. On October 27th he left his command, stating, "the effects of a severe fall and exhaustion had rendered him paralyzed." He returned to St. Louis for treatment and also received therapy in Philadelphia. On January 1, 1866 he resigned from the Army, after having been in over 100 battles and skirmishes, because he felt he had been passed over for advancement in favor of officers who were subordinate to him. In 1888 Congress passed legislation making him a major on the retired list.

After the war Pleasonton served as U.S. Collector of Internal Revenue under President Grant. He was asked to resign after he lobbied Congress for repeal of the income tax and quarreled with his superiors at the Treasury Department. He refused to resign and was dismissed. He served for a time as president of the Terre Haute and Cincinnati Railroad.



In March, 1880 during a physical, the physician stated he appeared prematurely old (he was 56). He had partial deafness in his right ear from the cannon concussion at Antietam. In addition to the medical issues that terminated his service, he had also suffered from malaria several times during his life. After surgery for an abscess on his buttocks, he was confined to bed for three months. His death certificate states the causes: Bright's Disease, malaria, and pneumonia. His symptoms lasted 10 days before he died in his sleep at the Gleason House, 1303 E Street in Washington, on February 17, 1897, at the age of 72. As far as I can tell, the site is now either the Warner Theatre or a CVS.

General Pleasonton is buried in Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C., Range 41, Site 245 next to his brother Augustus and his father.

A newspaper obituary: "Bravest of Brave, General Alfred Pleasonton Dies in Washington, D.C. - Saved the Army of Potomac - His Last Days Unhappy - Washington, D.C., Feb. 25 —General

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Alfred Pleasonton in later life

Grave Marker, Photo by Janet Greentree



Alfred Pleasonton, one of the most distinguished cavalry officers on the Union side during the late civil war, has just died in this city. His death resulted from a system worn out with activity and work. For the past six years he had lived the life of a recluse, surrounded by his books and enjoying the society of a few friends of his army days. General Pleasonton had been a great sufferer. Some time ago he underwent several painful surgical operations, rendered still more painful by the fact that he refused the aid of anaesthetics. He was confined to his room in a curious old-fashioned boarding house, known as the Gleason house, at 1303 E Street. He went there to get away from visitors. He received a pension of \$240 a

month. This was for a time his only income, but less than 10 years ago a sister willed him \$50,000."

Another obituary from an unknown newspaper: "General Pleasonton's Burial – Floral Tributes from Gen. Stanley and Others —Many Paid Respects. The funeral services over the remains of Gen. Alfred Pleasonton were held at St. John's Church (at 1525 H St., NW – the church of presidents), at 2:30 yesterday afternoon. The catafalque, resting in front of the pulpit, was covered with many floral tributes, among them being a handsome pillow presented by his nephew, Mr. Alfred Pleasonton of Philadelphia. A circle of floral pieces, a tribute of respect on the part of Gen. D.S. Stanley, of the Soldiers' Home, was surrounded by floral pieces from a nephew of the deceased, Mr. F.S. Pleasonton, of Philadelphia, and others. Rev. Mackay-Smith officiated...."

The Indianapolis Journal of Feb. 20, 1897 had an interesting obituary: "General Pleasonton's Funeral. Washington, Feb. 19—The remains of Gen. Alfred Pleasonton, the Union cavalry commander, were buried at the Congressional Cemetery this afternoon in the presence of many veterans of the late war. There were no honorary pallbearers, the casket being moved by the undertaker's assistants. The body, according to his wish, was attired in citizens' clothes, with a single yellow bud, the cavalry color, as its only decoration. It was placed in his coat by the wife of the late General Gibbon."

NOTE: Ms. Rebelle's hobby is travelling 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 jlgrtree@erols.com.



THE BOOK CORNER

By Dave Button



"Whatever You Resolve to Be Essays on Stonewall Jackson, With a New Introduction by A. Wilson Greene" is a collection of five essays about General Jackson.

The first essay, "Stonewall Jackson: The Man Behind The Legend", relates Jackson's early life from his birth through his upbringing, the loss of his parents, his years at West Point, and his activities during the Mexican War. In fewer than 35 pages, the author covers the tips of the mountain of Stonewall's life prior to the War Between the States. This brief essay gives the essentials that many other biographers take chapters to cover.

The second essay, "Failure or Scapegoat: Jackson at the Seven Days", goes into great detail about not only the Seven Days Campaign, but also Jackson's seemingly lackluster participation in the battles. Various and sundry explanations are discussed. One of the more interesting observations is that up until the Seven Days Campaign, Jackson had never truly acted in a subordinate position - that his fame was built upon his acting as an independent commander.

The third essay, "Artistry in Action: Jackson at Second Manassas", displays Jackson at his finest. He had been detached from the army around Richmond, fought at the battle of Cedar Mountain, and had sneaked around John Pope's army. It shows what he could do as an independent commander.

The fourth essay, "Opportunity to the South: Meade vs. Jackson at Fredericksburg", shows that when he was rested and given semi-independent command, Jackson could perform magnificently. By this time, Lee had Jackson and Longstreet as his corps commanders - one who believed in offense, the other who believed in defense. To use a football analogy: an offensive coordinator and a defensive coordinator.

The last essay, "The Generalship of Stonewall Jackson", summarizes his leadership from First Manassas to Chancellorsville. The author covers what most biographers take hundreds of pages to cover. There is less emphasis on who did what to whom, and when and where, but more to show how Stonewall's leadership style evolved over half of the War Between the States.

The book is well footnoted and has an extensive index. This being a reissue of a 1992 work, there is a 5-page foreword by Robert F. Krick, a 5-page preface by the author, the 2005 Introduction with comments and elaborations, and then "the rest of the story".

For the reader who wants a brief biography of Stonewall Jackson, this is a good choice. It is not so academic as to turn the casual reader off, but it is not so "fluffy" as to turn the more serious ones off, either. The essays are short, and focused on Stonewall and whatever was happening in his life at the time. If one wants battle details, they will be found lacking.

The ISBN is 1-57233-430; it's available on Amazon in paperback for \$6.50 & hardcover for \$34.80. I recommend this book to anyone who wants to get "just the tips" of Stonewall's story. Fans of Bud Robertson, Gary Gallagher or James McPherson will find it wanting, but for the casual reader, it is great.



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APPENDIX

PROPOSED BYLAWS OF THE BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

Original Enactment: July 11, 1991.
First Revision: May 14, 1992.
Second Revision: April 11, 1996.
Third Revision: August 12, 1999
Fourth Revision: September, 2001

Fifth Revision: August, 2005
Sixth Revision: June, 2010
Seventh Revision: November, 2019
Eighth Revision September, 2020
Ninth Revision

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION a. ORGANIZATION NAME. The Name of the Organization will be THE BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE (hereafter “BRCWRT” or “the Organization”).

SECTION b. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION. The purpose of the Organization will be to stimulate interest in the American Civil War by educating its members and the public about the military, political, economic, diplomatic, and social history of the United States of America and the Confederate States of America, including Antebellum and Reconstruction topics of interest. Educational topics may include preservation and interpretation of sites, buildings, artifacts, and memorials connected with that war.

ARTICLE II - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION a. OFFICERS OF ORGANIZATION. The Organization will have the following elected officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each officer will be elected at the December General Membership meeting by vote of the members participating in that meeting, in person or by remote means, to serve for a term of one (1) year commencing on the first day of January of the following year. Candidates for the foregoing four elected positions must receive at least a simple majority of the votes cast to be elected. The Executive Committee, by majority vote, may postpone the December officer election to a later date when exigent circumstances so require. During the interim, the incumbent officers will continue in their positions

SECTION b. DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS.

(1). **President.** The President will preside at all General Membership meetings of the Organization and of the Executive Committee. If the President is unable to preside at a meeting of the General Membership or of the Executive Committee, the Vice-President shall do so. If the Vice-President is unable to preside at such meetings, the President will appoint another member of the Executive Committee to do so. The President will have the authority to appoint the Chairs and members of all committees. The President is responsible for all programs and the overall management of the Organization. However, he or she may designate other members of the Executive Committee to assist in fulfilling such functions. The President shall be thoroughly familiar with the Bylaws of the Organization and rules of parliamentary procedure. The President will appoint the Chairs of the Standing Committees enumerated in Article V, Section a. In addition, the President may appoint up to four At-Large members to the Executive Committee, whose specific duties and responsibilities the President can assign. Each Committee Chair and At-Large member must be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. The President may relieve the Standing Committee Chairs and the At-Large members of their positions with the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee, excepting those members who are under consideration for removal. In addition to the Standing and Special Committees enumerated in Article V, the President, with the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee, may establish additional committees as the need arises.

(2) Vice-President. The Vice-President will assume and perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President. The Vice-President will be thoroughly familiar with the Bylaws of the Organization and the rules of parliamentary procedure. The Vice-President will assist the President in the development of the Organization's programs and will assume such additional responsibilities as assigned by the President.

3) Secretary. The Secretary will maintain the records of the Organization. The Secretary will coordinate with the Treasurer, the Chairs of the Membership and the Newsletter Committees to ensure that the Organization's membership roster is maintained and is current and accurate. The Secretary will issue notices of the meetings of the Executive Committee, keep the minutes of that body's meetings, and perform such other duties as assigned by the President.

(4) Treasurer. The Treasurer is responsible for the following:

1. Opening of bank accounts on behalf of the Organization and designating the Signatories required therefor.
2. Keeping the Organization's financial records with detailed accounts in chronological order of the receipts and expenditures affecting the administration of the Organization.
3. Presenting a report to the Executive Committee at each of that body's meetings. Such reports will show the previous balance of the Organization's funds, the amount and source of all moneys received, the amount and purpose of all disbursements made, and the resulting current balance of the funds.
4. Presenting to the Executive Committee a proposed budget for the coming year no later than at the Committee's December meeting. The proposed budget must include, at a minimum, an estimate of the projected income and expenses associated with the Organization for the new year and must receive concurrence by a majority vote of the Executive Committee prior to the first General Membership meeting of the new year. Following such concurrence, the proposed budget must be approved by a majority of the members attending, in person or by remote means, the first General Membership meeting of the new year.
5. Making available to the General Membership during the first quarter of each new calendar year an Income & Expense Summary Report for the previous year. The accounting method to be used for the Income & Expense Summary Report is "Cash Basis."
6. Preparing the and submitting the annual Federal and State Corporation tax returns
7. Reviewing the Organization's finances with the incumbent and incoming President no later than one month after the incoming President assumes office.
8. Collecting membership dues.
9. Maintaining and regularly updating the Organization's roster of members.

SECTION c. OFFICER VANCANCIES AND SUCCESSION IN OFFICES. In the event of the resignation or permanent incapacity of the President, the Vice-President will succeed to that office for the remainder of the President's unexpired term. Should the office of the Vice-President, the Secretary, or the Treasurer become vacant for any reason, the President, with the concurrence of a majority of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a successor from the Organization's membership who will complete the unexpired term. in that office.

ARTICLE III - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION a. MEMBERSHIP DEFINED. Membership in the Executive Committee will consist of the following: the four Elected Officers; the Immediate Past President; the Chairs of the Standing Committees; and no more than four At-Large Members. Unless otherwise specified (see Art. II, Section b. (1)), each member of the Executive Committee is authorized to vote on such matters as may come before it.

SECTION b. TENURE. The Immediate Past President will serve on the Executive Committee until superseded. All appointed members of the Executive Committee will serve indeterminate terms subject to the provisions of Article II, Section b (1). An elected officer can concurrently hold an appointed position on the Executive Committee. A member of the Executive Committee who is an appointed member under Article II, Section b (1) may hold more than one such appointed position.

SECTION c. MEETINGS. The Executive Committee will meet at the call of the President or upon the call of a majority of its members, but in any case a minimum of eight times a year. At the direction of the President, the Executive Committee, meetings may be live, by remote means, or by a combination of both. The President or, if there is no President, the Vice President will preside over the Executive Committee meetings. The President will conduct an annual planning meeting at a date agreed upon by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

SECTION d. QUORUM AND VOTING. A quorum of the Executive Committee will consist of no less than eight members, including at least two elected officers. Voting on any matter may be cast in person, by remote means or by e-mail. A vote of approval of any action considered by the Executive Committee will require a majority of all Executive Committee members voting in the affirmative, not merely a majority of those present at the meeting during which the vote was taken.

SECTION e. DUTIES. The duties of the Executive Committee will be to plan for regular or special meetings of the Organization, to supervise all financial transactions, and to perform any act with the objective of advancing the purposes of the Organization. The Executive Committee may delegate any of its duties or responsibilities except those dealing with financial matters, to any Standing or Special Committee. The Executive Committee may aid and support in any way it deems appropriate other groups or organizations with similar interests in the American Civil War.

ARTICLE IV - FINANCES

SECTION a. NON-BUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS OVER \$500. No allotment or disbursement of funds exceeding \$500, not otherwise approved in the annual budget, will be made without first receiving the approval of the Executive Committee and majority approval of members participating, either personally or by remote means, during a subsequent General Membership meeting. Prior to such General Membership meeting, the proposed non-budgeted expenditure will be publicized in the Newsletter.

SECTION b. NON-BUDGETED DISBURSEMENTS OF \$500 OR LESS. Before consideration of any proposed disbursement of \$500 or less not included in the approved budget, the members of the Executive Committee will review the funding request, make changes as warranted, and provide recommendations. A majority vote of the Executive Committee is required for any such expenditure exceeding \$50.00.

ARTICLE V - STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECTION a. THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES CONSTITUTE THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE ORGANIZATION:

(1). Newsletter Committee. This Committee will prepare and distribute to those individuals and groups on the Organization's mailing list a Newsletter containing notice of the Organization's meetings, activities, and other news of interest to the Membership. The goal of the Committee will be to publish a Newsletter prior to each regular meeting of the Organization but not less than ten issues per year. The Committee Chair may also serve as the Newsletter Editor.

(2). Membership Committee. This Committee will manage and oversee, in conjunction with the Treasurer, BRCWRT's membership application process and the Organization's membership roster. It will provide welcome packets to new members, conduct regular and periodic outreach and communications that highlight significant activities, initiatives, and volunteer opportunities. It will plan, manage, and conduct member appreciation events, and assist the President and other Executive Committee members in promoting membership. In the absence of a Chair appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Committee, the Vice-President will chair this Committee.

(3). Preservation Committee. This Committee will prepare and disseminate to the General Membership a list of sites, buildings, or memorials connected to the Civil War that are in need of protection, preservation, or restoration. The Committee will inform the General Membership and the Executive Committee of the significance of each site, building, or memorial as well as the threat each faces. The committee will recommend to the General Membership and the Executive Committee what action the Organization should take in relation to the site, building or memorial. The Committee should, to the best of its ability, keep abreast of Civil War preservation efforts and report frequently to the General Membership on such efforts in writing whenever possible. The Committee will regularly provide a report on Civil War preservation efforts to the Newsletter Editor for publication in the Newsletter. It will also inform the General Membership of such efforts, as well as developing preservation concerns, by announcements at General Membership meetings, notices on the BRCWRT website, and e-mail when warranted.

(4). Field Trip and Tour Committee. This Committee will plan, organize, and publicize no less than two (2) field trips or tours for the Organization each year and as many local Civil War site tours as practicable. It will coordinate logistical requirements and support for each field trip or tour to include designation of a leader, transportation, site or venue reservations and itinerary. The Chair will coordinate with the Treasurer for any Organization funds required for such event. Any proposed expenses exceeding \$50.00 must be approved in advance by a majority vote of the Executive Committee pursuant to Article IV, Section b.

(5). Website Committee. This Committee will operate and maintain the BRCWRT website, ensure that its structure is readily understood by users, and that information contained on it is current and readily updated. The Committee is responsible for keeping track of the Host Server usage, maintaining the website, and reporting to the Executive Committee changes made to the site. The Chair is responsible for requesting funds for site expansion and re-licensing of the Domain Name (BullRunCwrt.org) and coordinating with the Newsletter Editor the appropriate time for uploading the previous month's Newsletter. At least two Executive Committee members will have the log-on and password for the site and know how to access the set-up page.

(6). Education Committee. This Committee will conduct outreach to primary and secondary schools, and to collegiate history departments to encourage and support the study of Civil War history, sites, and battlefields. It will assist the Scholarship Committee in implementing the Organization's scholarship program. It will also assist the Organization's speaker program by arranging for presentations by recognized Civil War historians and scholars during General Membership meetings. It will provide logistical and technical support for such meetings as needed.

(7). Scholarship Committee. This Committee is responsible for administering the BRCWRT's competitive high school scholarship program. It will publicize the scholarship program to public and private high schools in Fairfax and Prince William Counties, promote student participation, establish criteria for applications, select winning applicants, coordinate with the Treasurer for administration of the Scholarship Fund, and superintend the conferral of monetary awards.

(8). Marketing Committee. This committee will manage and conduct BRCWRT's marketing and communications activities and programs. It will design, develop and maintain BRCWRT's marketing and communication materials, promote BRCWRT, its mission, activities and projects via social media, and maintain focused marketing and communication campaigns to support such missions and activities. It will develop and disseminate press releases, as appropriate.

(9). Fundraising Committee. This Committee will, in coordination with the Treasurer, conduct and manage fundraising initiatives to support BRCWRT's general operations and programs, consistent with its status as a non-profit, charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It will coordinate with the Treasurer to ensure that funds raised and donations made are properly recorded and deposited and that timely acknowledgments to donors are made.

SECTION b. SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

(1). Nominating Committee. The President will, prior to October of each year, appoint from the Executive Committee a Chair and no more than two other members of the Nominating Committee. The Committee will identify candidates from the membership of the Organization for nomination for all four elected offices. The Committee will solicit nominations from the floor during the October General Membership meeting. It will announce the names of all nominees to the General Membership for consideration no later than the November General Membership meeting and by publication in the November Newsletter. The election of officers from the slate of nominees will be held during the December General Membership meeting unless such election is postponed by vote of the Executive Committee in accordance with Article II, Section a. Provision will be made to enable members to vote by remote means.

(2). Other Committees. The President may, with the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee, appoint from the general membership such other committees as may be required to address projects or requirements that may arise. Although the membership of any such committee can include members of the Executive Committee, any such appointment shall not, of itself, confer membership on the Executive Committee. With the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee, the President can dissolve any such committee.

SECTION c. COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION. Chairs of Standing Committees or Special Committees authorized under Section (b).2 will be responsible for the recruitment and appointment of an appropriate number of members to serve on their committees. Chairs may assign specific duties and responsibilities to such members and develop internal guidelines and procedures for the management of their committees' responsibilities. At his discretion, the President may appoint members of the General Membership to such committees.

ARTICLE VI - FISCAL YEAR

The Calendar Year of the Organization will be from 1 January through 31 December of each year. The Organization will meet not less than ten (10) months of the Calendar Year.

ARTICLE VII - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION a. MEMBERSHIP DEFINED. Membership in this Organization extends to those whose names are carried on the Treasurer's Roster of Members for the current Calendar Year. The Roster will be updated as required by the Treasurer.

SECTION b. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES. Four categories of membership are carried on the Roster of Members for the current calendar year. They include: (a) Annual Members, (b) Multi-year Members, (c) Honorary Life Members, and (d) Special Members.

SECTION c. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS. (a) Annual Members and Multi-year members will pay dues. (b) Honorary Life Members will be approved by the General Membership for their outstanding contributions to the purpose and objectives of the Organization. (c) Special Members will be selected by the Executive Committee because of their unique contribution to Civil War education or preservation, or for contributions to the Organization.

SECTION d. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. To become an Annual or Multi-year Member of the Organization, an applicant will complete and file with the Treasurer a membership form, together with one full year's annual dues. If a new membership application is submitted on October 1, or thereafter, the payment of dues will be credited in full to the following calendar year.

SECTION e. REMOVAL FROM MEMBERSHIP. Any member can be expelled from the Organization by a majority vote of the Executive Committee for conduct prejudicial to the general welfare of the Organization.

SECTION f. MEMBERSHIP DUES. The Executive Committee will determine the amount of annual and multi-year membership dues. Commencing at the October membership meeting, the Treasurer will solicit the payment of membership dues for the following calendar year. Any member who fails to pay his or her dues by March 31 of that year, will be delinquent and subject to termination of membership. The Executive Committee is authorized to issue procedures for the timely collection of dues and for terminating the membership privileges of delinquent members. Such procedures will be published for the information of the membership.

ARTICLE VIII - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SECTION a. FREQUENCY. The President shall call 12 General Membership meetings per year, if feasible. Efforts will be made to publicize these meetings to the membership through emails, the BRCWRT website, the Newsletter and other social media, as appropriate.

SECTION b. VOTER PARTICIPATION. Votes of the members that may be required to be taken at a General Membership meeting in accordance with these Bylaws shall be by the members participating in that meeting, either in-person at the meeting venue or by remote means when such means are available. Votes cast before or after the call of the question during the meeting will not be counted.

ARTICLE IX -AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Bylaws will be proposed to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will review all such proposals and make any changes and recommendations. Any proposed Bylaw amendment must be approved by a majority vote of the entire Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will then report the proposed amendment(s) to the General Membership at a regular meeting. The amendment(s) will be published and provided to the Organization's members by email prior to presentation at any meeting. Proposed amendments will be presented at two successive meetings and voted upon by those members participating in the second meeting. Approval of any Bylaw amendment requires a two-thirds vote of members participating either in person or by remote means at the second meeting.

ARTICLE X - TENOR OF ORGANIZATION

The Officers and the other members of the Executive Committee will conduct themselves and thereby the Organization in such a way as to facilitate a spirit of camaraderie and good fellowship among the membership. The Organization cannot succeed in its objectives without friendship and cooperation among its members, which is, in fact, one of its goals. Informality and amicability should serve as guiding principles for the Officers and Members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI - AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

The authority for other matters necessary for the conduct of business and not addressed in the Organization's Bylaws is the most recently revised edition of Demeter's Manual of Parliamentary Law and Procedure.

ARTICLE XII – DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

SECTION a. DISSOLUTION VOTE. In the event that the membership of the Organization, as defined in Article VII, consists of five persons or less, such persons, may, by majority vote, elect to dissolve the Organization. Such dissolution will be effective 60 days following such vote, or at a date set by a majority vote of the members.

SECTION b. DISSOLUTION PROCESS. In the event that, as a consequence of the vote described in Section a, the Organization is to be dissolved, its physical assets, including books, memorabilia, and programmatic items, will be disposed of by sale. The proceeds of any such sale and any monetary assets remaining in the treasury, will be distributed, in the manner specified by majority vote of the remaining members, to one or more federal, state, local or private entities dedicated to the preservation of Civil War sites or the interpretation of any such site; provided that any such private entity designated for a monetary contribution shall be a tax exempt organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any corresponding successor provision.

ARTICLE XIII – CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST POLICY

The conflict of-interest policy of the BRCWRT is described in Appendix A of these Bylaws.

APPENDIX A: CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

BYLAWS

Bull Run Civil War Round Table (hereafter “BRCWRT”)

Article I

Purpose

The purpose of the conflict-of-interest policy is to protect the BRCWRT’s interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or member of its Executive Committee or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Article II

Definitions

1. Interested Person

Any officer, or member the Executive Committee as these positions are defined in the Bylaws of the BRCWRT with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

2. Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the BRCWRT has a transaction or arrangement;
- b. A compensation arrangement with the BRCWRT or with any entity or individual with which it has a transaction or arrangement, or;
- c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the BRCWRT is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the Executive Committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Article III

Procedures

1. Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the Executive Committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

- a. An interested person may make a presentation at the Executive Committee meeting but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- b. The President or, in the event of his or her ineligibility, the Vice President of the BRCWRT shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- c. After exercising due diligence, the Executive Committee shall determine whether the BRCWRT can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the Executive Committee shall determine by a majority vote of its disinterested members whether the transaction or arrangement is in the BRCWRT's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

- a. If the Executive Committee has reasonable cause to believe an Officer or member thereof has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the Officer or member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- b. If, after hearing the Officer or member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the Executive Committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate corrective action.

Article IV Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the BRCWRT Executive Committee shall contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Article V Compensation

No officer or member of the BRCWRT's Executive Committee is permitted to receive compensation directly or indirectly from the BRCWRT.

Article VI Annual Statements

Each Officer and member of the BRCWRT Executive Committee shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

- a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy.
- b. Has read and understands the policy.
- c. Has agreed to comply with the policy.
- d. Understands that the BRCWRT is a charitable organization and, in order to maintain its federal tax exemption, it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Article VII

Periodic Reviews

To assure that the BRCWRT operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information and the result of arm's length bargaining,
- b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the BRCWRT's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

Article VIII

Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the BRCWRT may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.