



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XXX, Issue 10, OCTOBER 2023

**HISTORIAN KATE BITELY AND
AUTHOR KEVIN PAWLAK SPEAK
ON "THE BATTLE OF BRISTOE
STATION, OCTOBER 1863" AT
THE OCTOBER 12th GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The Battle of Bristoe Station, fought on October 14th 1863, is one that is near to us in location, and also dear to many of us at the BRCWRT. Many members have worked at, volunteered at, and supported the preservation of this battlefield for many years. We are so happy that as a Prince William County Historic Battlefield site since 2009, we will continue to support its preservation and expansion for years to come. For our 160th Anniversary event this month, we are pleased to have two BRCWRT members speak at our October 12th Membership meeting on this local battle.

Kevin Pawlak is a Historic Site Manager for Prince William County's Office of Historic Preservation. He manages Ben Lomond Historic Site and Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park. Kevin is also a battlefield guide at Antietam National Battlefield and Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. He is the author or coauthor of six books on the American Civil War, including *Such a Clash of Arms: The Maryland Campaign September 1862* and *John Brown's Raid: Harpers Ferry and the Coming of the Civil War, October 16-18, 1859*. He has for many years presented lectures throughout the country at various Civil War roundtables and symposiums/seminars.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, October 12, 2023

6 P.M. Social Hour

**7 P.M. In-person at the
Centreville Regional Library &
Streamed on Zoom & Facebook
Live**

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Kate Bitely and Kevin Pawlak

TOPIC:

**"The Battle of Bristoe Station,
October 14, 1863"**

Kate Bitely is a marketing director with a passion for public history. She has been a volunteer at Bristoe Station Battlefield Park since 2016. Kate completed her BA in history from Virginia Tech in 2011, her MA in history from George Mason University in 2022, and is working on her MBA at William and Mary. Her article *Judge Lynch Steps In: A Double White Lynching And The Legal Process That Moved Too Slow* was published in the Prince William County Historic Journal in 2022.

Come join your colleagues for the Social Hour at 6 PM to meet and chat with our featured speakers.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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November 9 J. Nathan McDonald - "The Battle of Droop Mountain WV, Nov 1863"

November 19 Special Meeting - "The Healing: Conversations of Civil War Nurses"

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The President's Column by Mark Whitenton

Photos by Janet Greentree

As during the Civil War, it seems that the weather can affect events.

Our General Membership meeting on September 9 was well attended, with a total of 54 members attending live at the Library and 45 others on Zoom (16) and Facebook Live (29). The featured speaker for the meeting was Jeff Hunt, giving us an interesting talk on the Battle at Rappahannock Station. If you missed your chance at the meeting, look for his newest book, *Meade and Lee at Rappahannock Station*.



Jeffrey Hunt and Mark Whitenton

The weather was also beautiful on September 16 at Ben Lomond's *Civil War Hospital Weekend*. Kevin Pawlak indicated that the historic site had 122 visitors. Kevin had arranged for living history: a Confederate camp (the 8th Virginia Inf.), a Union camp (the 124th New York Inf.) and a terrific Teddy Roosevelt, portrayed by Bill Rose. The BRCWRT was there with used books to sell and our display board. A special thanks to Blake Myers for bringing the materials and setting up the dis-

plays. Blake and Drew Pallo stayed the entire day. Debbie Whitenton and I assisted during the afternoon and with closing down. Thank you, Kevin, for providing us a tent. Regrettably, despite many good conversations, only about \$30 in books were sold and no new members signed up. Note that Kevin Pawlak is holding a much bigger event on October 14 commemorating the 160th anniversary of the 1863 Battle of Bristoe Station. Please join us then to help proselytize new members and enjoy yourselves. See Kevin's event flyer on page 11.

As luck would have it, the day after Ben Lomond, September 17, rain was forecast for most of the day. Nevertheless, about 80 intrepid members joined us for the annual Picnic out of the 100 who had signed up. [Please remember that the BRCWRT pays The Bone for all the registered members, whether or not they show up.] The Picnic, organized this year by our Secretary, Debbie Whitenton, was an unreserved success. Good speakers, awards to two of our distinguished members, and the sale of three of our donated Civil War prints brought in \$525 for our preservation fund. Please see the Picnic article on page 6.

Unfortunately, although Ophelia remained offshore, she still brought a lot of rain to the Mid-Atlantic region. The September 23 tour of the Bristoe Campaign was cancelled, but is rescheduled for November 11. Yes, you should sign up again.

Please note that the Fairfax County History Commission is holding its annual History Conference on November 4 at the Sherwood Community Center. See the flyer on page 20. Please join our member Lynne Garvey-Hodge (new Chairperson of the Commission) and many of us to

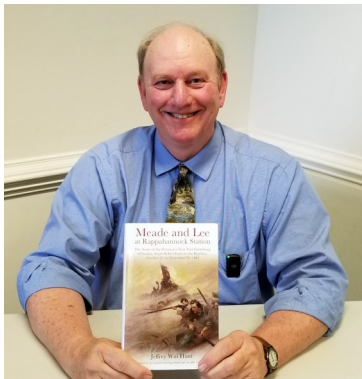
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PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

celebrate the award they are presenting to our past *Stone Wall* editor, Nadine Mironchuk!

Please mark your calendars for our **13th** annual General Membership meeting on November 19! See the flyer on page 18. This is a gathering that is especially oriented to those members who like the comradery of our Round Table, but simply can’t make it to a Thursday evening meeting in Centreville.

Although John DePue has retired from the ExCom, he again will be conducting this year’s election of officers from Zoom, beginning with the coming General Membership meeting on October 12. See John’s announcement on this page.



Jeff Hunt with his new book, *Meade and Lee at Rappahannock Station*
Our thanks to Jeff for a great talk!

NOTICE OF ANNUAL OFFICER ELECTIONS

Under our Bylaws, our President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are elected for one-year terms commencing on January 1st each year and terminating at the end of December. During our October General Membership meeting, nominations for these positions are opened. Nominations are closed and the names of the members running for office are announced during our November General Membership meeting. The officer election is then conducted during our December General Membership meeting. Any member in good standing is eligible to run for one of these offices or to nominate another member in good standing with his or her consent.

If you are interested in throwing your hat in the ring or in nominating another member for one of these offices, you can do so during our October 12, 2023, General Membership meeting. Alternatively, you can express your interest in running for office or in nominating another member by notifying the undersigned at jfdepue@comcast.net or by telephone ((703) 994-9023) prior to the closure of nominations.

Respectfully,
John F. De Pue
Nominating Committee Chair

The BRCWRT field trip to Bristoe Station and Auburn battlefields is rescheduled to Saturday, November 11. You can still register for this FREE tour, guided by Bill Backus, even if you did not previously sign up for it. See the flyer on page 17 for the event details.



Bull Run Civil War Round Table



Upcoming 2023-2024 Program of Events

Date	Event
October 12	Monthly Meeting Speakers: Kevin Pawlak and Kate Bitely – “The Battle of Bristoe Station, October 14, 1863”
October 14	160th Commemoration of the Battle of Bristoe Station : BRCWRT book sales
October 21	October Field Trip : “Postscript to Gettysburg: The Mine Run Campaign” – Guided by Mike Block
November 9	Monthly Meeting Speaker: J. Nathan McDonald - “Battle of Droop Mountain WV, November 6, 1863”
November 11	November Field Trip : “Postscript to Gettysburg: The Bristoe Station Campaign” – Guided by Bill Backus (rescheduled from Sept 23)
November 19	Special BRCWRT Meeting : “The Healing: Conversations of Civil War Nurses” Location: Brentsville Courthouse Historic Center, 12229 Bristow Rd, at 2:00 PM
December 14	Monthly Meeting Speaker: John Quarstein - “Into The Ring of Fire, Federal Admiral DuPont’s attack on Charleston SC, 1863”
January 11, 2024	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Harry Smeltzer - “The 69th NY Militia at the Battle of 1st Bull Run/Manassas”
February 8	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Kevin Pawlak - “The Emancipation Proclamation”
March 14	Monthly Meeting Speaker: David Goetz - “Colonel John Singleton Mosby and the Lincoln Conspiracy”
April 11	Monthly Meeting Speaker: James Anderson - “Civil War Spy Elizabeth Van Lew and the Bureau of Military Information”
May 9	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Chris Mackowski - “The Battle of the Wilderness, May 1864”
June 13	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Brad Gottfried - “The Maps of the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse, May 1864”
July 11	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Jonathan Noyalas - “The Battle of Cool Springs, July 1864”
August 8	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Doug Crenshaw - “Fort Harrison and the Battle of Chaffin’s Farm, 1864”
September 12	Monthly Meeting Speaker: Melissa Weeks - “Rendezvous With Destiny: Gen. J.E.B. Stuart at Spotsylvania Courthouse, 1864”

Monthly Meetings in “Black” [Tours/Field Trips & Special RT Events in “Red”](#) [County or outside sponsored events in “Green”](#)

2023 Annual Picnic a Great Success!

By Mark Whinton

Photos by Janet Greentree and Melissa Winn

On Sunday, September 17, the BRCWRT held its annual picnic at The Winery at Bull Run. Thanks to the winery's gift of the use of the big tent for the event, it was held "rain or shine." By all accounts, it was another great picnic event. About 80 BRCWRT members braved the weather to join in The Bone BBQ and to hear the speakers. Kudos to BRCWRT Secretary Debbie Whinton, who arranged the event.

Two distinguished BRCWRT members were honored with this year's Exceptional Achievement Awards. Ed Wenzel was honored for his "outstanding contributions to Fairfax County Civil War (including Ox Hill) battlefield preservation, ExCom leadership, Sesquicentennial and Chronology of the War in Fairfax County." John DePue was honored for his "twenty-seven years of outstanding contributions to the BRCWRT in preservation, tours and providing his legal expertise to the ExCom."

Our Vice President, Kim Brace, gave us an update on recent decisions on behalf of the Prince William County Historical Commission (of which he is a Commissioner.)

After the group photo, the delicious Bone BBQ lunch was served by members of the ExCom and cake was served by Sandra and Doug Cox. Jon Hickox, owner of The Winery at Bull Run and BRCWRT member, and his family came by to say hello. Don Hakenson, our featured speaker, presented him with one of the Stuart/Mosby Museum's prize artifacts, Col. Mosby's own .44 Colt pistol, for exhibiting in Jon's museum. It will be on loan until the Stuart/Mosby museum is again opened at a future venue. Don also loaned Jon a goblet presented to Mosby by Chinese merchants in 1885 for his service as the American Consul.

The BRCWRT also gifted Jon's museum the framed print of "First at Manassas" by Troiani, in appreciation of Jon's long and generous relationship with the BRCWRT. Jon was appreciative and told us some anecdotes relating to Stuart's cavalry, which are depicted in the print. Ex-BRCWRT Treasurer Mark Knowles made the suggestion that we give Jon the print, which was donated to us by the American Battlefield Trust.

As anyone who has perused the *Stone Wall* or attended the monthly General Membership meetings is aware, the BRCWRT advertised that there would be a silent auction of six framed Civil War prints at the picnic. Three were sold and one was given by the BRCWRT to Jon Hickox. The silent auction produced winners of "High Water Mark" by Troiani (purchased for \$275), "I Will Leave Within The Hour" by Kunstler (for \$150) and "Distant Thunder" by Kunstler (for \$100). The proceeds from the sale of these donated prints are dedicated to the BRCWRT's preservation activities.

After lunch, our own Don Hakenson regaled us with an entertaining address, serving up anecdotes from his recent trip with BRCWRT member Chuck Mauro to research their next book. In eight days, they visited four states, traveled over 2000 miles and visited 778 locations. Kris Butcher, the Manassas Battlefield Park Superintendent, spoke at the end of the event. Among the projects the Park is considering is rebuilding the Robinson house. He commented that Don was a tough act to follow!

This was a pleasant and memorable picnic. Thanks to those of you who helped make this a grand event. I hope many more of you will attend next year's picnic!

BRCWRT Annual Picnic, The Winery at Bull Run, September 17th 2023



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Becky & Sam Laudenslager



Brian McEneny



Mark & Brian Whitenton



Charlie Balch, Drew Pallo,
Debbie Whitenton



Clatie & Norma Cunningham



David Holland & Doug Cox



Don Hakenson



Don Hakenson & Jon Hickox



Don Richardson



Gayle & Jerry Watson and Kevin O'Keefe



Jeff Joyce



John De Pue & Alan Day



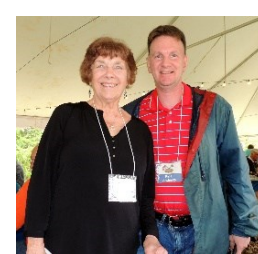
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Gene & Kathryn Schmiel



Jack & Gayle Machey



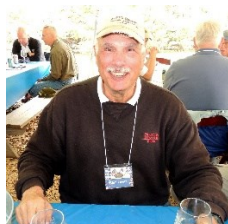
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Jayne & Joe Young



Jim Burgess



Jim Lewis



Kim Brace & Ed Wenzel



Kris Butcher



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Laurie & Mark Allen and Mike Rumsey



Lynne Garvey-Hodge



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Mairead Bauer & Patrick McGinty



Margie & Jack Miller



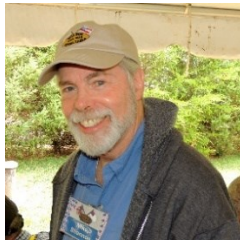
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Melissa Winn



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Rebecca & Dennis Pick



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Sandra Cox



Tom McGinlay & Gary Haskins



Janet Greentree, Gwen Wyttenbach,
Nadine Mironchuk, Nancy Anwyll



Mark Whitenton, John De Pue,
Ed Wenzel

HELP PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY!

Attend Town Hall Meeting on October 10

Prince William County is being developed at an alarming pace. Strip malls and warehouses are multiplying exponentially, making travel on Route 28 and Vint Hill and Linton Hall roads maddening and dangerous. And a current proposal to construct oversized distribution centers on Bristow Road threatens to put hundreds of tractor-trailers and other vehicles on roads already at capacity.

The future “Manassas Logistics Center” will transform Bristow Road from a rural thoroughfare into another frustrating, multi-lane Route 28. The proposal includes more than 770,000 square feet of warehouse space – nearly 4.5 times the size of the U.S. Capitol! Hundreds of loading docks and more than a thousand parking spaces will generate unending congestion for local residents. The project will also destroy a key part of the Bristoe Station battlefield, identified by Preservation Virginia as one of the most endangered historic sites in the state.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Fortunately, there is still time for you to weigh in about this proposal – but you and your neighbors must turn out for a **Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m.** At the meeting, you will learn more about this massive development proposal and how you can make your voice heard. Please set aside time to attend this important community event.

WHAT: Town Hall Meeting about massive “Manassas Logistics Center” development off Bristow Road in Bristow

WHEN: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Nokesville Volunteer Fire Department Community Hall, Station 5, 12826 Marsteller Drive, Nokesville, VA

You can find the latest information on the Town Hall here:
<https://www.battlefields.org/events/bristoe-station-town-hall>



This meeting is sponsored by the nonprofit historic preservation organizations, American Battlefield Trust and the Journey Through Hallowed Ground.



Bristoe Station 160th Anniversary

160th Bristoe Station Campaign Bus Tour

October 7

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; \$90 per person; *advanced registration is required* (www.pwcparks.org/HistoricPrograms).

Prelude to Battle: Voices of the Bristoe Station Campaign

October 13

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; Free, \$5 suggested donation.



160th Anniversary of the Battle of Bristoe Station

October 14

11:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Free, \$5 suggested donation.

Battlefield Tours: 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

Infantry Demonstration: 12:00 p.m.

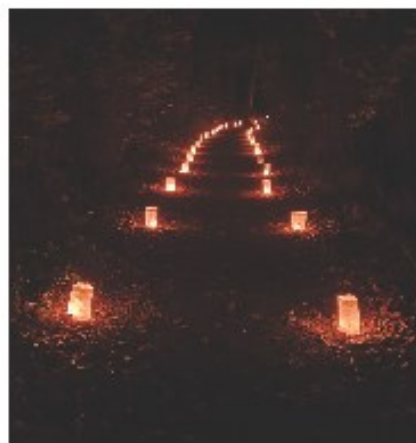
Artillery Demonstration: 2:00 p.m.

Immersive Battle Tour and Demonstration: 4:00 p.m.

Bristoe Station Luminary

October 14

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.; Free, \$5 suggested donation.



“Bury These Poor Men”: The Aftermath of the Battle at Bristoe Station

October 15

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.; Free, \$5 suggested donation.

———— Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park ————

The parking lot is located off Iron Brigade Unit Avenue, Bristow, VA. 703-366-3049

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Mine Run – The Great Battle Never Fought

BRCWRT Tour Marching Orders

Saturday, October 21, 2023



Subject Matter: The Army of the Potomac's eventual pursuit of the Army of Northern Virginia following the Battle of Gettysburg led back to Culpeper, Warrenton, Bristow, and the heights of Centreville in Oct – Nov 1863. Both Army Commanders were frustrated – Major General George Meade from the continuing pressure for a decisive defeat of the Army of Northern Virginia, and General R. E. Lee from the realization that his Army was in no condition for bold offensive action. The Battles of Auburn, Bristoe Station, Buckland Mills (the Buckland Races) and Rappahannock Station / Kelly's Ford followed, and although both armies achieved tactical victories in this Bristoe Campaign, the results were inconclusive. By late November, both Meade and Lee viewed Mine Run as an opportunity for a decisive victory, Lee from a defensive posture, and Meade from an offensive one. Our tour will focus on the actions that occurred leading up to Mine Run, and why this "great battle" was not fought.

Tour Stops: Germanna Ford, Payne's Farm (Battle of Payne's Farm), Locust Grove (after crossing the Rapidan, Meade's planned convergence point), New Hope Church (stalemate at New Hope Church), Confederate earthworks along Mine Run, Gen. Warren's flanking movement & Gen. Meade's difficult decision.

Tour Guide: Mike Block – Historian, Author & BRCWRT Member

Assembly Time & Location: 8:30 AM Centreville Library (14200 St. Germain Dr., Centreville); Check-in & carpool consolidation

Tour Carpool Departure & Return Times: Carpool to depart Centreville Library at 9:00 AM; Return to Centerville Library by 4:00 PM

Lunch: Picnic / Bring Your Own Brown Bag lunch (lunch, water/drinks)

Uniform of the Day: Appropriate dress for weather conditions, comfortable walking shoes, and bring a walking stick as desired; Moderate walking at two stops - walking trails are on open, level ground

BRCWRT Contact: Blake Myers – jb11thva@cox.net 703-868-1728

The tour is FREE! Sign up for the Tour via BRCWRT's website or at the October 12, BRCWRT Membership meeting

Preservation Corner

by Blake Myers

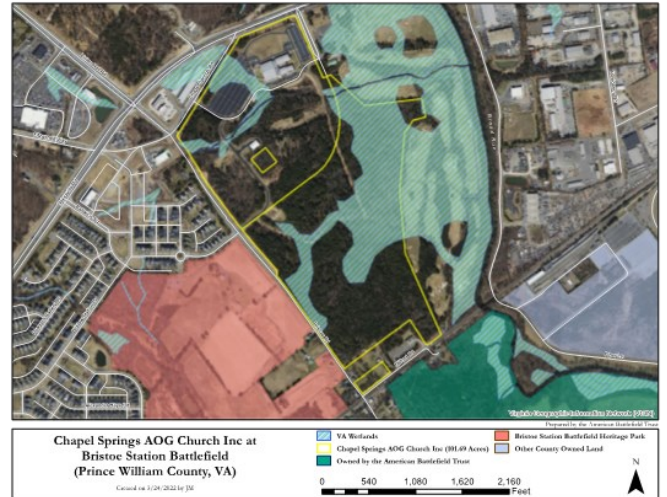


Greetings BRCWRT Members and Friends! This edition of *Preservation Corner* includes updates on the proposed Manassas Logistics Center development on former Chapel Springs property and adjacent to Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, the Prince William Digital Gateway (PWDG) Data Center proposals currently under consideration, and the proposed Wilderness Crossing development.

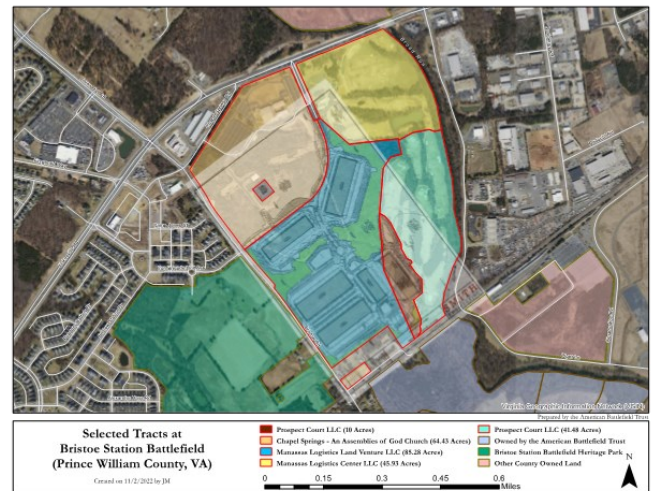
Manassas Logistics Center Phase II Proposed Development (Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, Bristoe Station & Kettle Run Battlefields)

This industrial project, proposed by commercial real estate developer Trammell Crow Company (TCC) and its affiliate Manassas Logistics Land Venture, LLC, is located along Bristow Road and directly adjacent to Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park and to preserved battlefield land owned by the American Battlefield Trust (ABT) (see parcel map, top right).

The proposed project is Phase II of a developer-proposed Distribution Center where Phase I has been constructed and is in operation on the site of the former Golf Academy adjacent to Nokesville Road (VA Rt 28) and immediately south of Broad Run (identified by blue star on the parcel maps). The project plan includes six large warehouse and distribution buildings, similar in style and size to the Phase I structure, totaling 72,400 square feet, and associated parking and loading areas (see depiction, center right).



Proposed Project Land, Formerly Chapel Springs Church Property, Adjacent to Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park



Manassas Logistics Center Phase II Project Concept Overlaid on Parcel Map

The National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 Review of this project, being conducted under the purview of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), began in December 2022 with preliminary coordination by USACE with potential consulting parties concerning the scope and potential effects of the proposed project. USACE’s Section 106 Coordination Form of June 21, 2023, included an

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extension of the proposed project's Area of Potential Effect (APE) to encompass those portions of the Bristoe Station Battlefield visible from the permit area, and USACE's determination that the project would have direct and indirect adverse effects on Core Areas of the Bristoe Station and Kettle Run Battlefields and a direct adverse effect on known and documented archaeological sites.

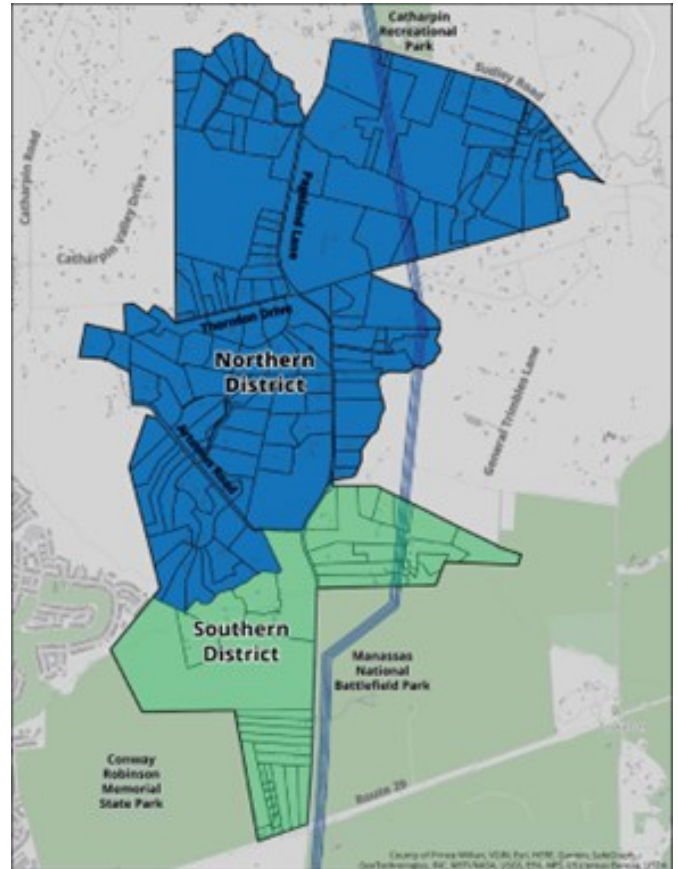
As a designated consulting party BRCWRT concurred with USACE's Adverse Effects Determination to historic properties, specifically the Battlefield Core Areas of the Battles of Kettle Run (August 27, 1862) and Bristoe Station (October 14, 1863), and archaeological site 44PW0971 that includes a Civil War campsite, earthwork remnants and soldiers' graves. BRCWRT's input also noted that the proposed project would have a direct adverse effect on the historic viewsheds to and from the adjacent Battle of Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park and adjacent historic battlefield land currently owned and preserved by the American Battlefield Trust.

USACE has scheduled a Consulting Party meeting for Thursday, October 5, 2023. This virtual meeting will be the first meeting of consulting parties in this Section 106 Review and, as no meeting agenda or pre-meeting materials have been provided to date, it may be primarily an organizational meeting to review and discuss the review process and timeline and the development of the governing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

Prince William Digital Gateway (PWDG) Data Centers (Manassas National Battlefield Park and Manassas National Battlefield Historic District)

Rezoning applications for three PWDG data center complexes along Pageland Lane - within the Manassas Battlefield Historic

District and adjacent to Manassas National Battlefield Park (MNBP) - were submitted to PWC by QTS Realty Trust (Digital Gateway North, Digital Gateway South) and Compass Data Centers (Compass Datacenters Prince William County Campus One) in July 2022.



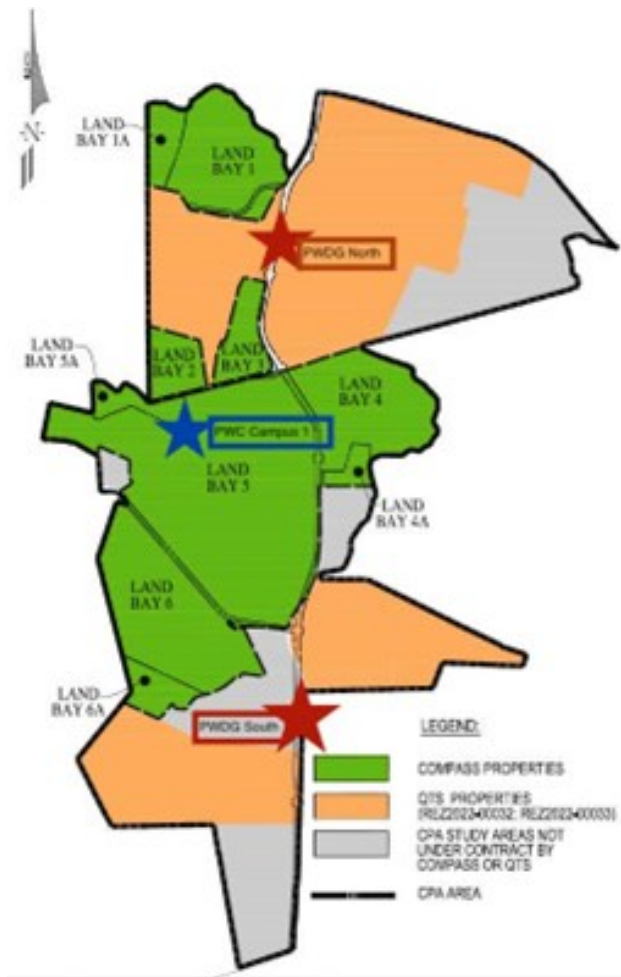
PWDG Study Area and Subdistricts Map

Based on a request from QTS Realty Trust, Prince William (PW) Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) Chair Ann Wheeler has scheduled the three rezoning applications for BOCS consideration and action during its December 12, 2023, meeting - the final meeting of the current Board prior to the seating of the new Board based on November 2023 election results. PWC BOCS action on these applications is premature given the significant concerns and issues that have been identified during the on-going rezoning

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application review, coordination, and revision process. Consistent with the coordination and information exchanges inherent in PWC’s rezoning application process and the complications inherent in potentially rezoning an area formerly zoned as Agricultural for Industrial use, QTS and Compass have submitted, or are in the process of submitting, their respective 4th Submissions in response to PW County staff feedback and requests for additional information.



PWDG Land Parcels Proposed for Data Centers

From a historic preservation perspective, the proposed data centers and the new infrastructure that would be required for their operation, including power transmission lines, power substations, sewer and

water lines, and storm water management infrastructure, would have highly significant adverse effects on the historic viewsheds to and from Manassas National Battlefield Park (MNBP) and its historic sites. Additionally, the noise levels generated by data center operations and, when used, backup generator(s) operations would have significant adverse effects on the visitor experience at MNBP.

For those interested in attending BOCS meetings and sharing their concerns with the proposed PW Digital Gateway Data Centers during Public Comment time, currently scheduled BOCS meetings are on October 10 and Oct 24 at 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM, Nov 28 at 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM, Dec 5 at 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM, and Oct 12 at 2:00 PM.

In a related item, the HOA Roundtable of Northern Virginia (HOA Roundtable), in partnership with the Loudoun Coalition of Homeowners and Condominium Associations (LCHCA) and Protect Fauquier, have developed recommended design and construction standards for data center facilities. These standards were developed to be shared with, and inform land use decisions by, local governing bodies. The recommended standards seek to collectively avoid, eliminate, or mitigate unacceptable adverse impacts of data centers on nearby residential communities, schools, and parks, and to positively influence land use decisions that directly affect residential quality of life, including environmental protection, historic preservation, and sustainable economic activity. This is the only attempt I know of to provide a viable, comprehensive set of standards for data center design, siting, screening, and landscaping, power infrastructure, environmental impacts, viewshed and aesthetics, and decommissioning – critical

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aspects that are applicable to any land use decision involving data centers. Interested persons may contact me (jb11thva@cox.net) for a digital copy of this document.

Wilderness Crossing (Wilderness Battlefield)

The development threat to the Wilderness Battlefield posed by the Wilderness Crossing rezoning and proposed development approved by the Orange County Board of Supervisors on April 25, 2023 remains. This 2,600-acre development near the intersection of Rt. 3 and Rt. 20 adjacent to the Wilderness Battlefield and across from Lake of the Woods was approved despite overwhelming public opposition. The project is the largest rezoning in Orange County history. All told, it could result in up to 5,000 residential units, and more than 800 acres of commercial and industrial development, with as much as 750 acres designated as economic opportunity zones that could be developed as data centers and distribution warehouses (see diagram, below).

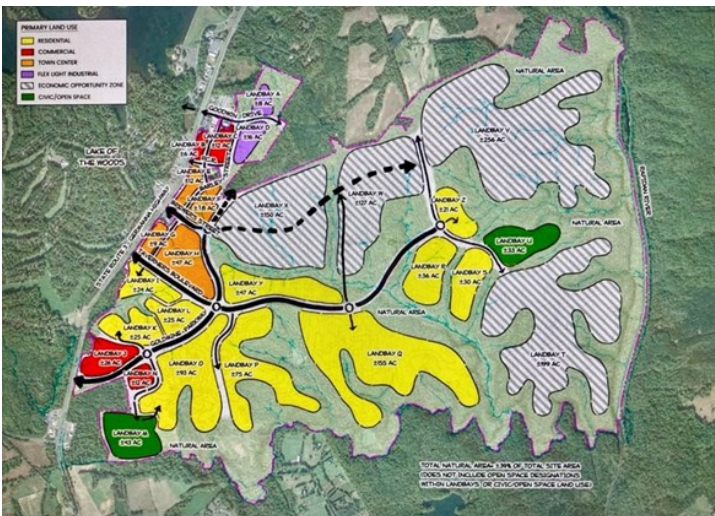
The plan also advances a long-envisioned realignment of the Route 3 and Route 20 interchange on the border with Spotsylvania County, which would have further detrimental impacts on the Wilderness Battlefield, including battlefield core lands owned by ABT and other conservation organizations, as well as the adjacent Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

The American Battlefield Trust’s legal challenge to overturn the Board of Supervisor’s rezoning approval is ongoing. BRCWRT members and readers are strongly encouraged to support ABT’s legal challenge by urging officials to reconsider “Wilderness Crossing” and/or making a donation, and may do so at:

<https://www.battlefields.org/preserve/speak-out/stop-largest-rezoning-orange-county-history>

Thank you for your continued interest in, and support of, Civil War historic preservation and BRCWRT’s preservation projects, actions, and activities.

Blake Myers, BRCWRT Preservation Chair



Wilderness Crossing Projected Land Use Designation (American Battlefield Trust)

BRCWRT BOOK SALES

The Round Table holds regular 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!



Bristoe Station Campaign October 13 – 19, 1863

(BRCWRT Caravan Tour)

Saturday, November 11, 2023

(Tour postponed from September 23, 2023)



Subject matter: Final week of the Bristoe Station Campaign, including the clash at Auburn, troop movements leading to the battle, the Battle of Bristoe Station and the Battle of Buckland Mills. 5 tour stops.

Tour Guide: Bill Backus, Preservationist - Prince William Office of Historic Preservation.

Assembly Time/Location: 8:30 AM parking lot at Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park (Iron Brigade Unit Ave, Bristow, VA)

Tour Start Time: 9:00 AM **Tour Duration:** Approx. 6 1/2 Hrs

Lunch: 12:30 PM Bristow Center Shopping Center: Choice of restaurant, Individual tabs

Mode of Transportation: Carpool caravan. We need to minimize the number of cars due to limited parking at a couple of stops.

Uniform of the Day: Appropriate dress for weather conditions. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Water & insect repellent advised. Walking stick if desired.

BRCWRT Contact: Gary Haskins – haskins_gary@yahoo.com / 703 850-2108

The tour is FREE! If interested, please sign up via BRCWRT's website, or at the October Membership meeting. Please sign up, even if you had previously signed up for the September 23rd tour.



BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

SPECIAL 13th MEMBERSHIP MEETING!!!

November 19th, 2023
at the **Brentsville Courthouse**
Historic Center
12229 Bristow Road

**1:00 PM - Guided Tour of the Brentsville
Grounds, including the Jail**

**2:00 PM - PRESENTATION OF *The Healing*
"Conversations of Civil War Nurses"**



Doesn't matter if you wore the blue or the gray

Presented by Dawn Diehl (Confederate) and Linda Harrison (Union)



THE BOOK CORNER



By Dave Button

Two by Virgil Carrington Jones

In the late 1930's Virgil Carrington (Pat) Jones wrote a book entitled *Ranger Mosby* about the adventures of one John Singleton Mosby of Civil War fame. The book was published in 1944. Later, he expanded on this theme with *Gray Ghosts and Rebel Raiders*, a 1956 book that explored the subject of guerrilla warfare during the Civil War.

In the introduction to *Gray Ghosts and Rebel Raiders* he chronicles his professional work, from being a reporter in Richmond, to his introduction to Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman, to a meeting of the Washington Civil War Round Table where he met Major General U. S. Grant III, who remarked "Dr. Freeman is so gracious he impels you to act politely". This event, coupled with his inspiration by Dr. Freeman, was the general impetus for the composition of *Gray Ghosts and Rebel Raiders*.

Mr. Jones addressed the student body at Annandale High School while I was a student and talked about his favorite subject, John S. Mosby. I had heard of Mosby through the television program The Gray Ghost (mid '50's starring Todd Andrews), but it was not until I heard Mr. Jones that things began to come together for me. If you look it up, the program is classified as a "western" (must be "western Virginia"). A legend I heard about Mr. Jones is that he bought two log cabins and "pushed them together" on the northern bank of Bull Run where he lived.

Ranger Mosby obviously deals with Colonel Mosby and the 43rd Battalion of Virginia Cavalry, a.k.a. Mosby's Rangers,

depending on your predilection. Most, if not all, of the stories that are told of his exploits are in this book.

Gray Ghosts and Rebel Raiders expands on the theme established in *Ranger Mosby* in that it discusses many other guerrilla units that operated in essentially this same area, including McNeill's, Ashby's, Gilmor's, and White's. The interactions of these units with the surrounding community as well as the "regular army" officers on both sides of the conflict (Confederate and Union) are discussed in detail.

These two books, in my opinion, are the basis for much of the material that has been written on Mosby over the past 60+ years. While most of this work has been scholarly, much of it does not have the "readability" that Mr. Jones' work does. It is of the "once I start, I can't stop" variety.

You have two choices: search on the Internet to find them at a price you are willing to pay, OR haunt used book stores to see if they have them. *Ranger Mosby* can usually be found in the reprinted paper edition in many (new) bookstores, particularly in "Mosby's Confederacy". Online the cost is around \$5. I have yet to see *Gray Ghosts and Rebel Raiders* in a "new" bookstore. It is available online, and depending on hard case or paperback and which printing, it runs from about \$5 to about \$50.

For those unfamiliar with Mosby's adventures, *Ranger Mosby* would be the better choice. For those who are familiar with Mosby and want a broader view of Civil War guerrilla warfare, *Gray Ghosts and Rebel Raiders* is a good starting point. The only shortcoming of the books is that emphasis is placed on the warfare in Northern Virginia, "The Western Counties" (West Virginia and parts of Maryland and Pennsylvania).

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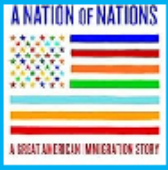
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Thank you for your continued interest in the BRCWRT!

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\$55.00

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You may pay by check, made payable to: BRCWRT (Bull Run Civil War Round Table) and give the form and check to the President or Treasurer at a General Membership meeting.

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Do you have any suggestions for additional BRCWRT activities? _____