



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

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The Bull Run Civil War Round Table (BRCWRT), a 501(3)c organization, exists 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. As such, we promote a better understanding of the meaning and interpretation of Civil War battlefields, memorials and sites for its members and the general public. We accomplish these objectives by promoting education of Civil War era issues, battlefields and sites and promoting their preservation by raising awareness of threats to the integrity of local and national battlefields, memorials and sites with local authorities.

History is complex, multi-faceted and often not pleasant. Civil War monuments are part of our nation's history. To some, they honor veterans and their sacrifices, to some, they honor a proud history of struggle and recovery, and to some, they represent a long and painful past, before, during, and after the Civil War. As advocates of history, we need to remember and understand the past and not attempt to judge actions taken more than a century ago by present day values.

The BRCWRT:

- Finds the recent destruction and/or removal of Civil War monuments to be ill-advised and divisive.
- Supports maintaining, protecting and preserving Civil War monuments, memorials and statues and ensuring they are readily accessible to the general public.
- Supports community-based decisions to add appropriate context to sites containing monuments, memorials or statues, and stands ready to assist, if requested.
- Supports the principle that decisions regarding the monuments, memorials and statues should rest with the communities in which they are located, subject to applicable Virginia laws, procedures and processes.

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