

THANKS TO NANCY ANWYLL

By John McAnaw

Effective 1 January 2006, Nancy Anwyll will no longer be the Secretary for the BRCWRT – a position that she has held for five years. Nancy performed her prescribed duties as Secretary in an absolutely superb manner, thereby greatly facilitating the effective operation of the Executive Committee and the success of our scheduled activities.

Nancy faithfully attended all organizational meetings and virtually all of our numerous tours. She also was an active participant in the Round Table's hugely successful search for Civil War sites in Fairfax County. As mentioned elsewhere, she planned and led a most rewarding and enjoyable tour of Civil War Baltimore on 12 November 2005. On many occasions she demonstrated her astute knowledge of the American Civil War. She also insured that all participants in Round Table activities were given a distinctive name tag, thereby increasing camaraderie within the organization. For years, Nancy has been a key member of the Newsletter Team by acting as a proofreader and insuring that each issue of the *Stone Wall* is mailed to the membership in a timely manner.

On behalf of every member of the Executive Committee, I want to thank Nancy for her assistance and advice. The good news is that although Nancy is standing down as Secretary, she will continue to be an active member of our organization.

One last item, **Nancy added a second motto, or shibboleth to our Round Table crest**, as a result of our tours and intensive search of Civil War sites. You had to be there to appreciate her words, **"If there's a path, we won't take it!"**

AFTER ACTION REPORT OF BALTIMORE TOUR

By Nancy Anwyll

The first tour by the BRCWRT to Baltimore on November 12th was enjoyed by 17 of our members and spouses on a sunny and pleasant day. After assembling in Fairfax and Baltimore, we stopped at Federal Hill, the first historic site on the agenda. There we enjoyed a magnificent view of the Inner Harbor and got an overview of the location of railroads, railroad stations, and Civil War forts that were in Baltimore. John McAnaw then

explained to us how General Benjamin Butler took control of the city in early May of 1861.



Federal Hill photo by Janet Greentree

Our next stop was at the President Street Railroad Station, the site of the Philadelphia, Wilmington, & Baltimore Railroad Station in the Civil War. Here Ralph Vincent and Charles Frascoti, two volunteers from the Friends of the President Street Station, led us on a walking tour of the route that the 6th Massachusetts Regiment took from the PW & B Station to the B & O Camden Station on April 19, 1861.

Whereas the 6th Massachusetts on their march fought off loud and angry civilians in 1861, we had to fight off on our march the loud noise from heavy traffic on Pratt Street. The 6th Mass. lost four killed in 1861; the BRCWRT lost none in 2005. After the walking tour, we returned to the PW & B station and viewed the Civil War exhibits on display at the Civil War Museum in the station.

After a relaxing lunch on our own at nearby restaurants, we drove to Ft. McHenry. There we saw the film in the Visitors' Center. We then walked out to the flag pole where we and many fort visitors heard a 25-minute interesting and dramatic presentation by Chief Ranger, Scott Sheads, about the fort during the Civil War.

After Ranger Sheads spoke, our group walked the fort on our own, viewing exhibits, the large cannons, and the buildings within the fort walls. In addition, as we stood on the parapets, we noted the fort's strategic location on the Patapsco River and the magnificent view.

Those attending the tour were: Kevin Anastas, Nancy Anwyll, Dominic and Effie Bumbaca, Don and Marcia Clements, Sandra Cox, Janet Greentree, Mark Knowles, Lyle Loveall, Dan Lundeen, Dale Maschino, Harold Matthias, John McAnaw, Randy Moller, Rose Nelson, and Bev Regeimbal.