



Reconstituting BRCWRT's Field Trip & Tour Committee

BRCWRT has long been known and recognized for its site visits and tours of CW battlefields, museums and historic sites. While we traditionally focused on sites in Northern Virginia, we also periodically visited and toured battlefields and venues beyond our immediate area.

Unfortunately, as with all similar groups, we suspended site visits and tours during the coronavirus pandemic and the attendant concerns for our members' health and safety. Fortunately, with vaccines predicted to be widely available by the near future and vaccination rates expected to increase dramatically, we anticipate the possibility of re-starting our site visit and tour program later this year – perhaps by late summer or the fall of 2021. With these considerations in mind, we are starting now to anticipate and prepare for a "re-start" of BRCWRT Tours.

The first thing we must do is reconstitute our Field Trip & Tour Committee. In that light we are currently seeking individuals who have an interest in planning and coordinating field trips and tours for BRCWRT to serve on the Field Trip & Tour Committee. Personally conducting and/or leading a field trip and/or tour is not a prerequisite or requirement, but is certainly a plus if you have an interest in doing so.

BRCWRT Executive Committee members Blake Myers and Jim Lewis will be working with and guiding the re-constituted Field Trip & Tour Committee - - assisting in its reorganization, in determining committee member roles, in developing a database of CW historians, authors and tour leaders for potential use as event guides/tour leaders, and in developing a field trip & tour program for 2021 - 2022.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity to play a key role in helping BRCWRT fulfill a fun, educational and rewarding part of its mission, contact Blake Myers (<u>jb11thva@cox.net</u>) or Jim Lewis (<u>antietam1862@verizon.net</u>).