



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XV, Issue 8—Dec. 2008/Jan. 2009

## OUR PRESIDENT AND NOTED PRESERVATIONIST, JOHN McANAW, DISCUSSES CIVIL WAR SITES ALONG BULL RUN

By John De Pue

Our speaker for the month of December is none other than our President and tireless sleuth of Civil War sites in Northern Virginia, John McAnaw. No one would dispute that John is a Civil War preservationist extraordinaire. It is no exaggeration to say that his successes in identifying Civil War sites, dogged determination in lobbying on their behalf, and ability to capture the attention and interest of key public officials have been almost solely responsible for the preservation of most of the remaining sites in southern Fairfax County. John's discussion, however, will focus upon the initial step in the preservation process – his painstaking field work to locate the sites themselves and determine through research and intuition their likely origin, purpose and significance.

John's talents and abilities in this process are the result of his lifelong interest in Civil War history and his career as an infantry officer, a profession in which the ability to identify key terrain and assess its significance is a basic tool of the trade. A native of Ohio, John graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1959 with a degree in Geology. Having participated in the university's ROTC program, John was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Regular Army. After completing the Infantry Officer's Basic Course and Airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and enduring stateside assignments as a junior officer, John served three combat tours, totaling two and a half years, in the Republic of Vietnam. His assignments in "Nam" included duties as a unit commander, a staff officer, and a Senior Advisor with the South Vietnamese Army. During his three combat tours, John participated in nine campaigns, earned six Bronze Stars – three for valor and three for meritorious service, the Air Medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, as well as two other South Vietnamese decorations, and the coveted Combat Infantry Badge. One of John's Bronze Stars for Valor resulted from his personal leadership in the planning and execution of a night raid on a North Vietnamese Base Camp while an advisor to the South Vietnamese First Infantry Division.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
THURSDAY, 11 December 2008

7:00 P.M. Centreville Library

GUEST SPEAKER:

**John McAnaw**

TOPIC:

**The Little Known History  
of the War Along Bull Run and  
the Occoquan River**

**6:30 PM Christmas/Holiday  
Refreshments**



"I signed up and paid my dues, what about you?"

Among the many other decorations John earned during his military career are: the Legion of Merit, five Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, the Parachutist Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

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The Bull Run Civil War Round Table publishes the *Stone Wall*.

**General Membership meetings** are held at 7:00 PM  
on the second Thursday of each month at the

**Centreville Regional Library**

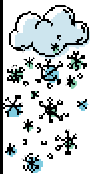
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For specific meeting dates and information,  
please visit the WEBSITE:

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### INCLEMENT WEATHER SOP

**If adverse weather conditions exist or are imminent, and you wish to determine if the meeting will be held, call the Centreville Regional Library (703.830.2223).**

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## ROUND TABLE BOOK SALES

Please remember to bring your used Civil War books to our meetings to aid in our ongoing book sales. Besides helping to raise money for the BRCWRT, these books help raise our members' understanding of the Civil War. Thank You.



## UPCOMING MEETING

8 JANUARY 2009

SPEAKER

Keith Young

SUBJECT:

Saints and Sinners:

The War in the Far West;

1861-1862

## JOIN US AT THE REDROCK CANYON GRILL

Do you come directly to the monthly meeting from work and look for a place to eat, or would you just like to come early for dinner? Join the BRCWRT board and our monthly guest speaker for good food and camaraderie.

We are currently meeting at 5:15 p.m. just across Lee Highway from the library. **Space is limited so RSVP** to Dale Maschino at smasch1@verizon.net or 703.734.3244 no later than Tuesday before each meeting.

Of course, it's always Dutch treat for the 'cheap and the proud'! Bring cash to get us out quickly.



## SUBMISSION DEADLINE

For FEBRUARY 2009 Issue

E-mail Articles By 9:00 A.M. Thurs., Jan. 29

To Sandra Cox at [scox@capitalav.com](mailto:scox@capitalav.com)

**If you do not receive an acknowledgment of your e-mail article by deadline**, please call Sandra at 703.675.0702 (cell) or 540.374.2011 (Capital AV) as it may have been blocked by company software.



## The President's Column

### By John P. McAnaw



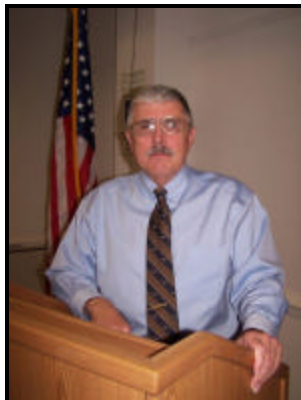
John, wearing one of his many 'hats' of responsibility.

Photo by Doug Cox

This is my last column as president. Thanks to the efforts of you, the membership, we had a string of successful and memorable years while I was fortunate to be the organization's leader. Please accept my sincere thanks for all that you did for "The Cheap and the Proud".

Also, I want to specifically thank members of the BRCWRT Executive Committee and *Stone Wall* staff for sharing their expertise and commitment in support of the organization's endeavors. They are: Keith Young, John DePue, Mark Knowles, Dale Maschino, Ed Wenzel, Charlie Balch, John Pearson, Kevin Anastas, Ken Jones, Sandra Cox, Nancy Anwyll, Andy Kapfer and Janet Greentree. A special thanks to Jim Lewis for helping in a myriad of ways.

For the record, several items of interest occurred at our monthly meeting on Thursday, 13 November. All 73 individuals in attendance voted unanimously to raise Annual Dues for individual BRCWRT members from \$15.00 to \$20.00. The dues increase went into effect immediately. Annual dues for a family (\$25.00) and a student (\$10.00) remained unchanged.



November speaker Dr. Joseph Whitehorne

Photo by Janet Greentree

Dr. Joseph Whitehorne's presentation on 13 November was actually a two-parter. Part I was "The Price of Gettysburg, the Battle of Auburn, Va. 13-14 October 1863." During Part II, Dr. Whitehorne spoke about the decision by the Frederick Co. Board of Supervisors to approve the rezoning of 639 acres owned by O-N Minerals Co., aka Carmuse. Cited company is now permitted to mine the extremely pure limestone strata on its property. Unfortunately, much of this acreage is on the Cedar Creek battlefield. Dr. Whitehorne also explained the role of the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation in this contentious issue. His presentation was very enlightening.

2008 has been a productive year for the BRCWRT. I believe that the tempo and quality of our activities exceeds that of any other Round Table in the region. Further, we are active 12 months a year. Also, permit me to cite our superb newsletter (with award winning photographs); the quality and frequency of our field trips; the talented slate of monthly speakers; and our dedicated involvement in the preservation of Civil War Sites, not only in Virginia, but also in West Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee and Louisiana.

Membership for this year totaled 220—a new high! Thanks to our dues funds, book sales and several donations by generous members, we again will end this year in the black. This will permit the Round Table to again make donations to some deserving non-profit Civil War preservation organizations.

I ask you to give your wholehearted support to the incoming president, Nancy Anwyll, and other BRCWRT officers who will serve in 2009. Nancy has been a member of our Round Table for many years. There is no doubt in my mind that Nancy will be a superb President. We are lucky to have her.

What a run! I cannot express how much I have enjoyed being President of the BRCWRT. It was an honor to have been associated with such a fine group of Civil War buffs. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve.

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**DON'T FORGET TO NOTIFY OUR  
TREASURER MARK KNOWLES  
IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL OR  
ADDRESS CHANGE!**

**See newsletter mailer.**

## JOHN [Continued From Page 1]

John's post-Vietnam assignments included duty with Pacific Command, service as the senior Army advisor to an Army Reserve airborne unit, the Army War College, and finally duty with the Army Staff at the Pentagon. John is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the Air War College. In 2002, John's military achievements resulted in his induction in the Ohio Military Hall of Fame.

Upon John's retirement from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1987, he continued to reside in the Kings Park West neighborhood of Fairfax County and became immersed in civic, patriotic, and historic preservationist endeavors. Among his other accomplishments, John served as Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Blue and Gray Post 8469, Commander of the VFW's 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia District, and Chairman of the VFW Department of Virginia Legislative Committee. As a member of Virginia's Ancient Order of Hibernians, John served as the Division's Historian and President. John is also a member of American Legion Post 177 and has served as its historian, and is a parishioner of Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church.



Photo by Suzan Maschino, wife of  
BRCWRT Secretary Dale Maschino

A member of the Kings Park West Civic Association, John has, for the past 21 years, served as Chairman of its Parks and Lake Committee. In that capacity, he spearheaded efforts to establish a trail around Royal Lake. As the result of his selfless dedication to the development of the recreational area, on May 17, 2008 John was honored in a ceremony that renamed the properties comprising the park the "John P. McAnaw Woodlands and Recreation Area."

Joining the BRCWRT in 1993, John has been the heart and soul of our organization almost since its inception. In 1994, he was appointed to the Executive Board as Chairman of the Preservation Committee. He has been our featured speaker on three prior occasions and

has held elective office almost continuously since 1996, including three terms as Vice President (1996, 1999, and 2003) and eight years as President (1997, 2001, 2002, 2004 to 2008). The numerous tours that he has led have achieved almost legendary stature due to John's knowledge, meticulous planning, logistical arrangements, and the handouts he has provided. Finally, John's uncanny ability to attract prominent guest speakers – authors and experts in their fields – has made the BRCWRT the envy of other Civil War Round Tables throughout the region.

First as Chairman of the Preservation Committee and subsequently as President, John has been an indefatigable fighter on behalf of historic preservation in Northern Virginia. Working with Ed Wenzel, John fought to preserve, plan, fund and fully interpret the Ox Hill Battlefield Park. He has been highly instrumental in the establishment of the Centerville Historic District and has obtained the vital support of several key public officials in preservation efforts. He has testified on numerous occasions before county planning officials and boards of supervisors concerning the importance of historical sites threatened by development and the civic need to save them from the bulldozer. Without John's passion, commitment and expertise, there is little doubt that almost no trace of the Civil War in Fairfax County would survive today.

Crossing the border into Prince William County, John led the fight to preserve the Bristoe Station Battlefield, and upon accomplishing that objective, assumed a leadership role in the effort to locate and preserve military burial sites on the portion of the tract that was ceded to development. In addition to these efforts, John is frequently called upon and freely gives of his time to lecture other local civic and historical groups and to enlist their support in historic preservation.

Anyone who knows John understands that he is no armchair historian. Working with professional historians and archeologists retained by Fairfax County, John has scoured literally every acre in the County in the quest to identify and document remaining traces of Civil War activity. By one count, this effort has resulted in the location of some 800 different sites, many of which unbeknownst to county officials, are located on county property.

John has taken on many sites and issues at once, all the while leading the Round Table, educating the membership through his wonderful tours, and generally preaching the gospel of preservation wherever he goes. He is truly unique! And his genuine modesty and always giving credit to others are things that really set him apart and make him a true leader.

Please join us on Thursday, December 11th, as John shares his experience in locating and documenting Civil War sites – Federal and Confederate – along Bull Run.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



*Note: If you plan to attend an event, please verify the information given. Advance reservation and fee may apply. If you would like an event posted please e-mail Dale Maschino at [smasch1@verizon.net](mailto:smasch1@verizon.net).*

**6-7 Dec** – “Prospects of Peace: A Soldier’s Prayer,” Christmas 1864 at Harper’s Ferry National Park. 11 am-5 pm. Free with park admission. Call 304-535-6029 or link to [www.nps.gov/hafe](http://www.nps.gov/hafe).

**7 Dec** – Fort Washington Park, tours and living history, near the Washington Beltway. Free. Call 301-763-4600 or [www.nps.gov/fowa](http://www.nps.gov/fowa).

**7 Dec** – “Old Salem Church Christmas Music Program”. 6 pm. On Route 3 west of Fredericksburg. Free.

**13 Dec** – “Christmas in Camp”, celebrated as it was during the war with a period Santa Claus. Living history and special readings at Fort Ward Museum in Alexandria. Noon-4 pm. \$2/adults. Call 703-838-4848 for reservations.

**13 Dec** – Living history tours and more in downtown Fredericksburg commemorating the 146<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle. Urban fighting scenarios and demonstrations. Guided tour of the Irish Brigade route to Marye’s Heights. For details link to [www.VisitFred.com](http://www.VisitFred.com).

**14 Dec** – The annual Anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Fredericksburg includes speakers and wreath laying. 2 pm. Battlefield Visitor Center. Free. [www.nps.gov/frsp](http://www.nps.gov/frsp).

**27 Dec** – DC walking tour, “Fort DeRussy Hike.” Ranger led walk to one of the Union Forts defending Washington, attacked in July 1864. Begins at the Nature Center, 5200 Glover Road NW in Rock Creek Park. 2 pm. Free. [www.nps.gov/rocr](http://www.nps.gov/rocr).

**31 Dec** – Annual New Years Eve party aboard the USS Constellation in Baltimore Harbor. 10 pm – 1 am. Reservations required. Fee charged. Call 410-539-1797 or, [www.constellation.org](http://www.constellation.org).

**9 Jan** – Frederick, MD; “Civil War Trains” mini-lecture followed by a showing of “The General” at the Weinberg Center, 20 W. Patrick St. 8 pm. \$6. (Also good for one admission to the Museum of Civil War Medicine). Call 301-600-2828, or [www.weinbergcenter.org](http://www.weinbergcenter.org).

## Group Ticket Rates to Ford's Theatre for “The Cheap and the Proud”



Join us in attending one or both of the following plays that will be performed at Ford's Theatre in honor of its reopening and the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth:

### The Heavens Are Hung in Black

*Lincoln*

Saturday, March 7, 2009 2:30 P.M.

Description of play from Ford's Theatre's Web site ([fords.org](http://fords.org)):

“Highlighting the five months between the death of Lincoln's son Willie and the delivery of the Emancipation Proclamation, Heavens will offer audiences a glimpse into the person who was Abraham Lincoln. Faced with unbearable personal, political and historical pressures, watch how Lincoln copes with the world around him and eventually, through an amazing transformation of thinking, conquers it.”

### The Civil War

Sunday, April 26, 2009 2:30 P.M.

Description of this Tony-nominated musical from Ford's Theatre's Web site:

“A musical landscape of the people, voices and sentiments of the American Civil War, the show is inspired by the words of Walt Whitman, Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, and Abraham Lincoln as well as the lives (as documented through letters, photographs, and journals) of ordinary people in extraordinary times.”

**INVITED PARTICIPANTS:** Round Table members, their families and invited guests

**TICKET COST:** \$43.00 per ticket (a savings of nine dollars if twenty of more members go)

### NO REFUNDS

**SIGN-UP INSTRUCTIONS:** Sign up at the Dec. or Jan. meeting or with Jill Hilliard at [jbroll-ing@live.com](mailto:jbroll-ing@live.com) - (703)866-0569 **no later than Jan. 15.** Indicate how many tickets you wish to purchase for each play.

**Detailed instructions for payment of tickets,** assembly location, transportation, and restaurant reservations (for those who wish) will follow.



## SPECIAL MANASSAS BATTLEFIELD TOUR FOR BRCWRT MEMBERS Saturday, Dec. 13

Henry "Hank" Elliot from the Manassas National Battlefield will be conducting a private tour for the BRCWRT on Saturday, December 13. It will focus on the gallant stand made by Maxcy Gregg's South Carolina brigade on August 29, 1862. Gregg's brigade guarded the extreme left flank of the Confederate army at Second Manassas and withstood the onslaught of a half-dozen separate Union attacks.

We will concentrate on their response to three of the major Union assaults that hammered their position that day: the attacks of Carl Schurz, Cuvier Grover, and Phil Kearny. The stand made on August 29, 1862 is arguably the single greatest day in the history of Gregg's/McGowan's brigade.

Much of the tour will be off the designated trail, and in the woods and fields where the combat occurred, including atop Gregg's famous "rocky knoll." We will also visit the Civil War Preservation Trust's property off of Featherbed Lane atop Stony Ridge to discuss the Confederate reserves and their role. Few visitors explore this area of the park and the story is not frequently told.

The group should assemble at the visitor center at 1:00pm on Saturday, December 13. We will caravan out to the Sudley Church area, and walk approximately 3 miles in total. Tour will last upwards of three hours. Since much of the tour is off trail and in the woods, participants should be physically fit. Dress according to the weather and be prepared for walking through potentially muddy conditions.

### IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009



See Treasurer Mark Knowles at the meeting or use the mailer on Page 8.



## LINCOLN AND THE SOUTH

As the nation commemorates the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of President Abraham Lincoln in 2009, The American Civil War Center at *Historic Tredegar*, in partnership with the University of Richmond's Jepson School for Leadership Studies, will host *Lincoln and the South*, a two-day conference March 12-14, 2009. Featuring a keynote address by Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian, Dr. James McPherson, the conference will include nearly a dozen historians, a special session for educators, and a twilight reception at the Center.

One of the most dynamic relationships in American history has been that of Lincoln and the South. Rarely has the election of one man to the nation's presidency stirred such passion or led to such momentous consequences. The 1860 presidential election platform of Lincoln's emergent Republicans was so detested in the South that the party did not even have a ticket in 10 Southern states.

Internationally recognized scholars from across the country will convene in Richmond to discuss the genesis of the region's antipathy for the "rail splitter," the evolution of his policy of the Emancipation Proclamation, his characterization by the South over the course of the war, and, perhaps most important, how Southerners have wrestled with Lincoln's legacy since his assassination. "This conference will be a little different from more traditional programs," said Mark Howell, director of education at the Center and the conference coordinator. "We will be putting much more emphasis on audience interaction with our team of scholars. It should be a very dynamic and exciting two days."

For updates on the conference lineup and activities, please join the Center's mailing list at [www.tredegar.org](http://www.tredegar.org) or call (804) 780-1865 x18.



### ELECTION OF OFFICERS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER MEETING

The election of Round Table officers for 2009 will be held at the regular meeting, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Nominations closed last month. The election slate is as follows: for President, Nancy Anwyll; Vice President, John De Pue; Treasurer, Mark Knowles; and Secretary/Adjutant, Dale Maschino.

**PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY  
Historic Preservation Division  
2009 History Lecture Series**

***They Are Indeed a Very Useful Corps:  
American Riflemen in  
the Revolutionary War***

Thursday, January 29th 7:00pm

Local historian, teacher, and author Michael Cecere will explore the important role that American riflemen played in the Revolutionary War. Many of these riflemen, including their commander, Daniel Morgan, hailed from Virginia, and played a crucial role in winning the Revolutionary War.

***Newby Family and Harper's Ferry, 1859***

Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

Historian Dr. Philip Schwarz will lecture on the dramatic and interesting story of local residents Dangerfield and Harriet Newby. This touching story about Dangerfield's desperate attempts to free his wife, who lived in Brentsville, which led to his prominent role in John Brown's Harper's Ferry Raid in 1859.

*Co-sponsored by the Prince William-Manassas-Manassas Park Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War.*

***The Life and Times of  
John Singleton Mosby***

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

Historian and owner of Mosby's Confederacy Tours, David Goetz will lecture on the famous Confederate partisan raider, John S. Mosby. Mosby's many exploits took place throughout Northern Virginia and Prince William County. Mr. Goetz will present an encompassing look at Mosby's life and some of his most famous adventures.

***J.E.B Stuart's 1862 Christmas Raid***

Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>., 7:00pm

Local historian and lecturer Mark Trbovich will discuss Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart's December 1862 cavalry raid behind Federal lines into Prince William and Fairfax Counties. Stuart's raid on Federal supply lines and depots involved cavalry engagements at Dumfries, Occoquan and Burke Station.

*Lectures are free and held at the Old Manassas Courthouse*

9248 Lee Ave.

Manassas, VA

703-792-4754



**CHRISTMAS NIGHT OF '62**

The author was a member of Lee's Army of Northern Virginia during the Christmas of 1862 and bivouacked near Fredericksburg after the battle.

*The wintry blast goes wailing by,  
The snow is falling overhead;  
I hear the lonely sentry's tread,  
And distant watch-fires light the sky.*

*Dim forms go flitting through the gloom;  
The soldiers cluster round the blaze  
To talk of other Christmas days,  
And softly speak of home and home.*

*My sabre swinging overhead  
Gleams in the watch-fire's fitful glow,  
While fiercely drives the blinding snow,  
And memory leads me to the dead.*

*My thoughts go wandering to and fro,  
Vibrating between the Now and Then;  
I see the low-browed home again,  
The old hall wreathed with mistletoe.*

*And sweetly from the far-off years  
Comes borne the laughter faint and low,  
The voices of the Long Ago!  
My eyes are wet with tender tears.*

*I feel again the mother-kiss,  
I see again the glad surprise  
That lightened up the tranquil eyes  
And brimmed them o'er with tears of bliss,*

*As, rushing from the old hall-door,  
She fondly clasped her wayward boy--  
Her face all radiant with the joy  
She felt to see him home once more.*

*My sabre swinging on the bough  
Gleams in the watch-fire's fitful glow,  
While fiercely drives the blinding snow  
Aslant upon my saddened brow.*

*Those cherished faces all are gone!  
Asleep within the quiet graves  
Where lies the snow in drifting waves--  
And I am sitting here alone.*

*There's not a comrade here to-night  
But knows that loved ones far away  
On bended knee this night will pray:  
"God bring our darling from the fight."*

*But there are none to wish me back,  
For me no yearning prayers arise.  
The lips are mute and closed the eyes--  
My home is in the bivouac.*

William Gordon McCabe [1841-1920]

**BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE**

**The Stone Wall**

**P.O. Box 2147**

**Centreville, VA 20122**

**2009 Bull Run Civil War Round Table — MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**We are delighted that you are interested in joining our organization and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting and at our upcoming events!**

**Annual dues are:**

**Individual—\$20.00. Family—\$25.00. Student (age 22 and under)—\$10.00.**

**Make checks payable to: BRCWRT (Bull Run Civil War Round Table). This form may be given to the President or Treasurer at the General Membership meeting. Or mail it to:**

**Mark Knowles, Treasurer  
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169 Applegate Drive  
Sterling, VA 20164**

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