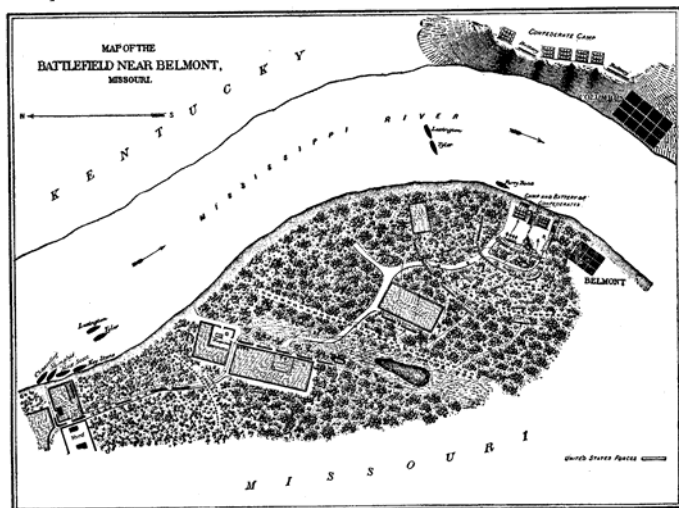




The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XVIII, Issue 8, NOVEMBER 2011

CRAIG SWAIN SPEAKS ON THE BATTLE OF BELMONT, MISSOURI

By Mark Trbovich



Source: *Battles and Leaders of the Civil War*:
I: *Sumter to Shiloh*, page 263.

We are so honored to have historian Craig Swain speak about the Battle of Belmont, Missouri, which was fought on November 7, 1861. It was the first combat test in the war for Federal Brigadier General Ulysses S. Grant.

Originally from Southeast Missouri, Craig received a B.A. in history from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. After college he served as an officer in the Army for eight years and was posted in Texas, Georgia, Korea, and the Middle East.

After the Army, he returned to college and completed most of the work for a master's degree in history. A career in information technology eventually landed him in Northern Virginia. Craig currently works as a consultant providing internal collaborative solutions for government organizations.

Craig is the "Civil War category editor" at the Historical Marker Database (<http://www.hmdb.org/>). He catalogs and documents historical markers. He serves as a board member on the Loudoun County Civil War Roundtable and is also on the board of the Brandy Station Foundation.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, NOV. 10, 2011
7:00 P.M. Centreville Library
GUEST SPEAKER:
Craig Swain
TOPIC:
Western Civil War Theater
The Battle of Belmont,
Missouri

Craig maintains a blog where he explores other Civil War topics, including interpretation of Civil War sites, battlefield preservation, tactics, and artillery. (See page 3 for his Leesburg blog) As we have been asked to bring Western U.S theater action to the BRCWRT this year, now is your opportunity to hear it and honor the fallen of Belmont, Missouri during this sesquicentennial month.

Please join us on November 10 as we venture out of Virginia with our topic and head West to Belmont, Missouri and the mighty Mississippi River. Hope to see you there.



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BRCWRT BOOK DONATIONS



Please remember to bring your unwanted Civil War books to our meetings to aid in our ongoing book event. Besides raising money for the BRCWRT, these books increase our members' understanding of the Civil War. Thank you.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

DECEMBER 8, 2011

SPEAKER:

Mark Trbovich

TOPIC:

The Battle of Dranesville

JANUARY 12, 2012

SPEAKER:

E. B. Vandiver, III

TOPIC:

The Civil War in Western Virginia in 1861

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The President's Column By Mark Trbovich

The October general membership meeting was again blessed with lots of rain, but hearty souls came out to hear an excellent lecture from Jim Morgan on the Battle of Ball's Bluff in the Sesquicentennial month of the battle. Jim knows that battlefield so well, and as I write this column, I know that the BRCWRT folks are getting ready to tour the battlefield on October 29 with Jim as our guide. The action of Ball's Bluff was really laid out hour by hour in such a captivating presentation, and Jim dispelled many myths about the action on those Leesburg, Virginia bluffs. Federal soldiers did not swan dive off the cliffs to escape the Confederates so get that image out of your head (as I now have). Thank you so much, Jim, for the lecture and tour. Come visit us anytime as you are a warrior for preservation and your battlefield.

October marked the beginning of the BRCWRT Officer election period as all four positions are open to the general membership to be voted on at our December 2011 general membership meeting. There will be another announcement for this election at the November meeting by the BRCWRT Nominating Committee chairman, John De Pue.

I want to thank all who volunteered at Centreville Days on October 22 for the BRCWRT booth and know that reaching out to the public is one of our main goals. As the weather gets colder and the leaves fall, it's my favorite time of the year. Remember to give thanks to all those who served and fell for our freedom in this great country of ours. Please honor our veterans on Veterans Day, November 11.

We will talk more about 2012 in the coming months, and you can bet the BRCWRT will be in the thick of the events next year. The signature Sesquicentennial event for Fairfax County will be September 1, 2012 for the Battle of Ox Hill/Chantilly. So mark your calendar for that.

Our BRCWRT survey earlier this year found that many members wanted to hear about Western U.S. theater battles so November is your month. Please come out to hear local historian, Craig, Swain, give an account of U. S. Grant's first fight.

Next year, my 2012 Sesquicentennial highlights will be to hear about battles such as Shiloh, Seven Days, Second Manassas, Antietam and Fredericksburg to name a few. It will be another full year. Remember that we will continue to be a beacon of light to our community for Civil War preservation and historical knowledge.

Before the 7:00 p.m. lecture, please come on out and enjoy supper and camaraderie with fellow BRCWRT members at the Copper Canyon Grill across Route 29 at 5:00 pm. See you there.

God Bless.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

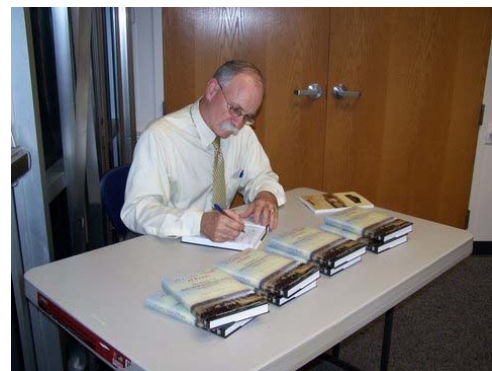
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SEAN REDMILES

JOHN SCHIFALACQUA



Jim Morgan, our October speaker, is busy signing his book, *A Little Short of Boats: The Battles of Ball's Bluff and Edwards Ferry, October 21-22, 1861.*

Thanks, Jim, for your excellent presentation.

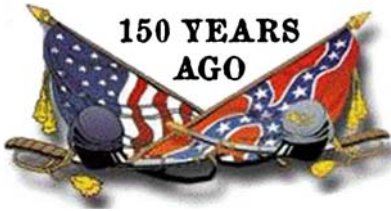
Photo by Gwen Wytenbach



BALLS BLUFF TOUR WAS CANCELLED...BUT

Craig Swain, our November speaker, has a blog that features a seven part discussion of the defenses of Leesburg and covers the sites that would have been covered had our Oct. 29 tour not been cancelled due to snow and rain. It is well worth everyone's reading.

[http://
markerhunter.wordpress.com/2009/01/31/
defenses-of-leesburg-part-1/](http://markerhunter.wordpress.com/2009/01/31/defenses-of-leesburg-part-1/)



By Nancy Anwyll

Events further from Northern Virginia brought news of leadership changes and a small battle. Voters in the Confederacy elected Jefferson Davis on **Nov. 6** to be their president. On **Nov. 7** Ulysses Grant conducted a large raid upon Belmont, Missouri, and General R. E. Lee took command on **Nov. 8** of the Confederate Department of South Carolina, Georgia, and East Florida. Closer to home, troops on both sides scouted each others' positions and spent time marching in reviews.

Nov. 1, President Lincoln named Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan as the successor to ailing Lt. Gen. Winfield Scott as the overall Union commander. A violent storm hit the D.C. area. Wind destroyed tents and equipment in both Confederate and Union camps.

Nov. 4, Stonewall Jackson bid farewell to his old brigade in a farewell ceremony held at Centreville. Jackson soon departed to Winchester to take command of the Valley District.

Nov. 12, Confederate Cavalry attacked a foraging detachment of the 3rd NY at Dulin's Farm (near Merrifield). The attack netted five corn-filled wagons, twenty horses, and thirty prisoners.

Nov. 18, two days before a huge troop review at Bailey's Cross Roads, a smaller review of Union troops was held at Upton's Hill (near Seven Corners). After watching the ceremonies, Julia Ward Howe returned to the Willard Hotel in D.C. that evening and was inspired to write the words to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Nov. 20, a review of Union troops was held at Bailey's Cross Roads. *The Washington Star* described the day as follows: "Everybody in Washington went over today to see the great review, but due to the traffic at

Long Bridge (today's 14th Street Bridge), it was a half-day's work to get to the point of review . . . Gen. McClellan, proceeding by the same route, did not reach the ground until quarter past 12 p.m. On his



LONG BRIDGE

arrival, he received a salute and salvos by battery. Gen. McClellan with his full staff and accompanied by President Lincoln, Secretary Cameron and Secretary Seward on horseback, dashed rapidly along past the immense bodies of infantry, cavalry and artillery, extending for miles in the open fields between Munson's Hill and Bailey's Cross Roads. Following this, the marching review of the troops took place, not to be finished until nightfall. How many spectators were present cannot be estimated, but they may be reckoned by scores of thousands."

Nov. 22, after an earlier reconnaissance on Nov. 12 by Union troops led by Sedgwick and Richardson from Alexandria to Accotink Creek and Pohick Creek, Franklin's Division arrived in the same area, fording the Accotink Creek and ascending a steep hill (near today's Fairfax County Parkway and Rolling Road). Brush huts of Rebel soldiers were found, and Confederate camps were spotted further toward Burke. Not meeting the enemy, the troops returned to Ft. Lyon.



RUINS OF THE RAILROAD BRIDGE
FORMERLY ACROSS BULL RUN

Nov. 23, Confederate troops began constructing a military railroad to bring supplies from Manassas to Centreville. It was the first railroad ever built for purely military purposes. The railroad crossed the Bull Run just east of Mitchell's Ford.

Nov. 26-27, The 3rd PA and 1st PA Cavalries ran into Stuart's 1st North Carolina Cavalry and the 13th Virginia Cavalry near Hunter's Mill and Dranesville.

Nov. 30, a grand review of Longstreet's Division occurred in the fields near Centreville.

Sources: *Mirror of War*, *The Washington Post Reports the Civil War* by Stepp and Hill; Unpublished manuscript of Fairfax County Civil War Chronology by Ed Wenzel; *The Civil War, Day by Day* by E.B. Long.

Source for photos: Library of Congress

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

5 Nov – “The Turnpike of Terror,” haunting tales at the Mount Zion Church, 40309 John Mosby Highway (Route 50) near Aldie. 7:30 p.m. \$5/adult. For information go to: www.mosbyheritagearea.org.

6 Nov – Music, “Portrait of the American Civil War,” performed by the Fairfax Choral Society Adult Chorus, and the Washington Symphonic Brass at the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas. 3 p.m. Reservations www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org.

6 Nov – Infantry and artillery demonstrations on Henry Hill in the Manassas National Battlefield Park. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free with Park admission. For info go to www.nps.gov/mana.

10 Nov – Lecture, “The Role of Sharpshooters in the Civil War,” at Carroll Community College in Westminster. 6:30 p.m. \$35. To register: (click on Personal Enrichment, then History, Culture) or call 410-386-8100.

11 Nov – “At the Crossroads of History: Baileys Through the Centuries,” a commemorative day conference to celebrate the sesquicentennial of Abraham Lincoln’s review of the troops on November 20, 1861. NOVA Alexandria Campus. Starts at 8:45 a.m. \$30 includes meals. Call 703-845-6357. [See newsletter page 7]

11 Nov – “Spirit of the Civil War,” special presentation of Civil War music and images at the Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 N. Beauregard Blvd, on the NOVA Alexandria Campus. 7:30 p.m. \$10/adult. Call 703-845-6252 or go to www.nvcc.edu.

12 Nov – “Georgetown Civil War House and Walking Tours,” offered by historic Tudor Place House and Garden, 1644 31st St. NW Washington. Special house tour 10:30 a.m., Georgetown walking tour 12:30 p.m. \$10 each \$15 for both. Call 202-965-0400 or go to www.tudorplace.org.

12 Nov – “Years of Anguish II: Virginia Goes To War,” featuring speakers Gary Gallagher and Peter Carmichael, at the Dodd Auditorium, University of Mary Washington, in Fredericksburg. 1-5 p.m. Free. For info go to www.nps.gov/frsp.

13 Nov – Lecture, “The Confederates Gather Steam: The Great Train Raid of 1861,” at Mt. Zion Church, 40309 John Mosby Hwy. (Rt. 50), Aldie. 3 p.m. \$5. For info go to www.mosbyheritagearea.org.

13 Nov – Walking tour, “Freedman’s Farm and Confederate Winter Camp,” at Montpelier, home of President James Madison. 2 p.m. Free with admission. For info call

540-672-2728 or go to www.montpelier.org.

19 Nov – “The Civil War in Washington, 1861, The Storm Begins,” Meet at 11 a.m. at 10th and E Streets NW (Cosi Coffee). \$10/adult. No reservations necessary. Call 301-588-9255 or www.historicstrolls.com.

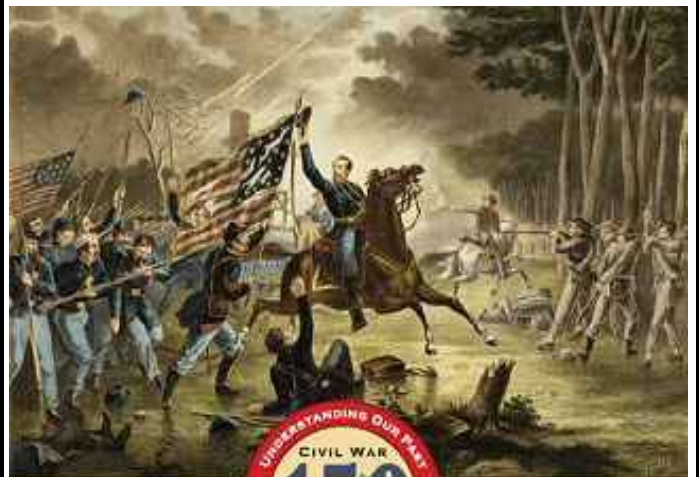
19 Nov – Boat Tour, “Civil War on the James River,” begins at the Deep Bottom Boat Landing southeast of downtown Richmond. Two-hour tours begin at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. \$40. For reservations call 804-938-2350.

20 Nov – Lecture, “Lincoln, A Bodyguard’s View of the President,” at Mt. Zion Church, 40309 John Mosby Highway (Rt. 50) in Aldie. 3 p.m. \$5. Go to www.mosbyheritagearea.org.

3 Dec – Memorial Illumination on the Antietam National Battlefield. Popular annual display of 23,000 candles representing battle casualties. Driving tour begins at 6 p.m. on Route 34 east of Sharpsburg. Free. Living History 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Pry House Field Hospital. Note: Visitor center and several park roads close at 3 p.m. Rain or high wind date is Dec. 10. For info go to www.nps.gov/anti.

4 Dec – “Christmas in Camp,” holiday customs at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Noon-4 p.m. Free. Call 703-591-0560.

“THE CIVIL WAR COMES TO FAIRFAX COUNTY”



November 12, 2011

Local historians and authors speak at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$20. Registration and info go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/histcomm/event.htm.

FAIRFAX 150th COMMITTEE MEETS TO FINALIZE MARKER PLANS

By Ed Wenzel

Members of the Fairfax County 150th Committee's "Civil War Trails Marker Project" met on October 26 at historic Cabell's Mill in E. C. Lawrence Park. Committee co-chair, Patrick Lennon, went over the process and timelines for the FY 2012 markers, including the Civil War Trails Marker Guidelines (for the text writers) and the Temporary Easement Agreement which must be signed by the property owners. Civil War Trails Inc. (CWT) needs the land-owners signed permissions as soon as possible so that the marker sites can be included on the next CWT map. The cut-off date for the signatures is November 11.

Patrick and John McAnaw, history subcommittee, discussed several changes that were made during the past month regarding the markers that are targeted for each of the coming fiscal years. Nine markers are now planned for FY 2012, five for FY 2013 and two for FY 2014. Previously, twelve markers were identified for FY 2012, but of that number, seven have been moved to other years and four new markers have been added, giving FY 2012 a total of nine markers. One new marker to be erected in each County Supervisor's district in the first year. The following markers are now scheduled for FY 2012: **The Rose Hill Raid; Flint Hill Cemetery; St. John's Church; The Grand Review; Freedom Hill Fort; Clifton in the Civil War** (i.e.: what is now Clifton); **Mrs. Lee at Ravensworth; Pohick Church; and The Lewinsville Actions.**

Authors are now committed to each marker, and completed texts and research will be submitted to John's history panel for a "first review." After that (by no later than January 4, 2012) the texts will be submitted to the Fairfax County History Commission Sesquicentennial Committee for their review. The Commission will then forward the text and materials to Civil War Trails Inc. by February 8th, and a "mock up" of the approved markers will be sent back to the Commission for final approval by March 7th. Manufacturing and installation will be done by CWT in the spring of 2012. Appropriate dedication ceremonies will be coordinated by the Fairfax County 150th Committee in collaboration with CWT, the Board of Supervisors, the author of the marker, and the History Commission.

The following persons attended the meeting: Ron Beavers, Gretchen Bulova, William Connery, Liz Crowell, Don Hakenson, Carole Herrick, Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Patrick Lennon, Jim Lewis, Jenee Lindner, Chuck Mauro, John McAnaw, Cheryl Repetti and the writer.

A REAL CHALLENGE - THE PRESERVATION OF IMPORTANT CONFEDERATE FORTIFICATIONS THAT PROTECTED CENTREVILLE & MANASSAS JUNCTION

by John McAnaw

In the last issue of the *Stone Wall*, I provided background information on two important Confederate fortifications in western Fairfax County: the "Apex Fort" and the so-called "Super Battery" site.

On 18 October 2011, the County Board of Supervisors (BOS) addressed, among other things, the proposed rezoning of 1.9 acres north of the "Super Battery", which is located north of Battery Ridge Lane and east of Stone Road (SU-RZ/FDP 2011-SU-006).

I was the first one to speak at the public hearing and also the last. This fact gives you an idea of the interest level in this agenda item. Of note, the rezoning application was passed unanimously by the BOS on 18 October 2011.

As the representative of the BRCWRT, I was given five minutes to air my views before the BOS. I used most of my time to provide an overview regarding the Confederate defenses covering Centreville and Manassas Junction and to emphasize the importance of preserving two surviving fortifications. The lamentable condition of these earthworks was addressed. Further, I provided every member of the County BOS plus concerned staff with four handouts that were related to my talking points.

Fortunately, the agent for the rezoning applicant preceded me to the lectern. He mentioned our discussions about preservation of the "Super Battery" site during a previously conducted recon of the area. My comments to the BOS continued on this theme of historic preservation.

The ownership status of the endangered Civil War properties addressed above is as follows: **"Super Battery"** site and adjacent woodland. 100% owned by the Sully Station II Community Association. Access to this site is by private road.

Apex Fort. Approximately 28% County property and 72% privately owned.

The interest level of private property owners as to preservation of these Civil War sites is unknown. Obviously, without their approval, nothing can be done.

Regarding the 14 September 2011 County Staff Report for this rezoning application, there is no guaranteed amount of money set aside in the draft proffers for the preservation of the "Super Battery" earthworks.

Both Civil War sites discussed above should have been included as Fairfax County parkland many years ago. Despite the ravages of time and neglect, they should be preserved. Possible courses of action will be included in future issues of the *Stone Wall*.



“LINCOLN’S GRAND REVIEW” Is Moved to Fort McNair; Troops March on November 12

By Ed Wenzel

The “Lincoln’s Grand Review” Sesquicentennial event, once scheduled for Bailey’s Crossroads, and then moved to Ft. Myer, has been moved yet again to Ft. McNair in Washington, D.C. Organizers say the Army has approved a scaled-down version of the reenactment to be held at Ft. McNair’s Parade Field on Saturday, November 12, from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. A press release just received says the event is weather dependent. If it rains hard on November 11 or 12, the event will be canceled to avoid damage to the field. If further details become known, BRCWRT members will be advised by e-mail.

Also, in conjunction with “Lincoln’s Grand Review,” the Eleventh Northern Virginia Studies Conference is presenting “At the Crossroads of History: Bailey’s Through the Centuries” on Friday, November 11, at the Alexandria Campus of NOVA from 8:45 a.m. to late afternoon. The opening session begins at 9:00 a.m. and is followed by numerous sessions, concurrent sessions, forums and panels. All lectures and discussions are being held at NOVA’s Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria. The registration fee is \$30. At 7:30 p.m., a multi-media music concert, “Spirit of the Civil War” will be held at the same venue.

Among the topics to be presented at the Conference are: “Abraham Lincoln’s Grand Review;” Bailey’s on the Battle Line; Defenses of Washington; Crushed Stone & Economic Entrepreneurs—the Role of Columbia Pike and Leesburg Turnpike at Bailey’s Crossroads; The Return of the Streetcar; Fortifications in Northern Virginia; African-Americans in the Civil War; African-American Soldiers and Military Families; Freedom Fighters; Music of the Civil War Period; Archaeological Highlights of the Dogue; The Pachyderm Panic of 1906: The Great Northern Virginia Elephant Hunt; Natives, Quakers and Elephants; and a number of items dealing with the Culture, Demographics, Development and Preservation of the modern Bailey’s Crossroads community. For detailed information about the Conference schedule and the concert, please visit the Web site at: www.fxva.com/includes/media/docs/novahistoryconference.pdf.

Lastly, the “Grand Civil War Ball” will be held the same evening (Friday, November 11, 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.) at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Registration for this event, however, appears to be closed. Check the Web site www.latcra.org for any updated information.

Note to readers: The “Grand Review at Bailey’s Crossroads,” long known as “McClellan’s Grand Review” was organized by MG George B. McClellan to showcase his newly created and trained Army of the Potomac. McClellan had taken command of the Union army after

its disastrous defeat at First Manassas (Bull Run). Over the next four months, the general completely rebuilt and retrained the army and whipped it into shape. Now he wanted to show off this fine army (and his organizational skill) to official Washington and to the public. Sixty-five thousand of his troops would march in the greatest military spectacle ever seen. President Lincoln, his cabinet and other dignitaries would be there, as well as tens of thousands of Washingtonians who would travel eight miles from the city to witness the grand event. At its conclusion, not even McClellan had ever seen a finer display of military might and pageantry—not even in Europe. On this blustery November day at Bailey’s Crossroads, the Army of the Potomac was officially born. This army was McClellan’s own child, and the review was truly *his* Grand Review. In the writer’s humble opinion, if anyone should have a claim to the planned bronze statue at Bailey’s Crossroads, it should be the creator and builder of this historic army—George B. McClellan (with no apologies to Abraham Lincoln).



IT’S ALMOST ELECTION DAY...FOR THE 2012 BRCWRT OFFICERS THAT IS

Election season for BRCWRT officers is upon us. Our nominating committee lead, John DePue, will be accepting nominees at the November meeting. The membership will vote for the slate of officers at the December meeting.

Please see John if you would like to run for president, vice president, treasurer, or secretary of our Executive Committee for the upcoming 2012 BRCWRT season.

Nominations can be made from the floor at our November meeting. Voting will take place at the general membership meeting on December 8.



JOIN US AT THE COPPER 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, other members, and our monthly guest speaker for good food and camaraderie.

We are currently meeting around 5:00 p.m. at the Copper Canyon Grill located just across Lee Highway from the library. We have a great time!

CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

Boston, Mount Auburn Cemetery, & General Benjamin "Beast" Butler

By Janet Greentree

First of all, I must say that I LOVE the Civil War Round Table of Greater Boston. My sister, Kathe, and I toured the New England states which included three days in Boston. Six of their members, Al Smith, Dave Smith, Marilyn Greenfield, Alan Smolinski, Joyce Kelly, Ingeborg Reichenbach, and Nadine Mironchuk (our driver through the maze of Boston streets and traffic) all turned out to greet us. They treated us to many historical sites in the Boston area and many good meals together. What a fun group they are.



GAR HALL, LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS

Our tour started in Stoughton, MA. One wonders if it was named for Union General Edwin Stoughton, captured by Colonel John Singleton Mosby, but the general was born in Vermont. Our first stop on the agenda was a visit to the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) Hall in Lynn, Massachusetts, where the CWRTGB meets. What an absolutely amazing place this is. I kept saying how much the BRCWRT members would love to see this place. The hall was built in 1885 and is one of many in the country. There are 210 GAR Halls alone in Massachusetts. The main hall on the third floor is 56' x 46' and has original furnishings and photos of the veterans line every wall. There are many historical artifacts in the hall which is now a museum including a large frame filled with carte de visites of all the Lincoln assassination conspirators, President and Mrs. Lincoln, and Boston Corbett who killed John Wilkes Booth. There is a signed note from Lincoln to Secretary of War Stanton, the last Confederate flag to fly over Richmond, and many, many more very interesting things. The hall is named for General Frederick W. Lander. On May 7, 1979 the GAR Hall

was added to the National Registry of Historic Places.



Members of the CWRT of Greater Boston at Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, MA. L to R—Dave Smith, Alan Smolinski, Al Smith, Nadine Mironchuk, Kathe Fernandez (Ms. Rebelle's sister), and Joyce Kelly

Alan Smolinski gave all of us a wonderful tour of Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, MA. Joyce Kelly was his able assistant. There are ten Civil War generals buried in the cemetery – George Andrews, James Carleton, Robert Cowdoin, Charles Devens, Jr., Henry Eustis, Edward Hincks, Albion Howe, Charles Russell Lowell, Charles Paine, and Thomas Stevenson. In addition to the generals, many historic figures are also buried in the cemetery including Edwin Booth, Dorothea Dix, Mary Baker Eddy, Edward Everett, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Julia Ward Howe, Ernest Longfellow, a monument to Robert Gould Shaw, and Charles Sumner. At every stop, Alan gave us a narrative of the person's accomplishments and connections to the Civil War. We also stopped at other notable's graves with Civil War connections. Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond is patterned after Mount Auburn. The cemetery was founded in 1831. The founders of the cemetery believed that burying and commemorating the dead was best done in a tranquil and natural setting. The cemetery is full of ornamental plantings, beautiful old trees, flowers, fences, and fountains. It was a joy to finally see this as I've heard Alan and Joyce talk about it so much over the years.

Our able driver, Nadine, gave us a tour of downtown Boston stopping at the Robert Gould Shaw Memorial on the edge of Boston Commons. The sculpture was done by Augustus Saint-Gaudens and Stanford White. It was begun in 1885 and not completed for another fourteen years. The memorial was commissioned by a group of Bostonians to honor Colonel Shaw and the 54th MA. He rides erect with his regiment. There is a winged female figure hovering over Shaw and his troops. She has poppies in her hand, the traditional emblem of death and remembrance, plus an olive branch for victory and

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Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Massachusetts Memorial at Boston Commons

peace. The monument is very beautiful. In 1982 sixty-two names of the 54th MA were inscribed on the back of the monument. Shaw's story was made into the movie *Glory* in 1989. The poet, Robert Lowell, made reference to Shaw and the memorial in his poem "*For the Union Dead.*" The Shaw neighborhood in D.C. was also named for Robert Gould Shaw.

A warm October day in Boston took us out in the Boston Harbor for a boat ride to Georges Island and Fort Warren. Fort Warren is a star fort built in 1833. It protected the shipping channels and was named for Dr. Joseph Warren, a patriot, who deployed Paul Revere and William Dawes to alert Lexington and Concord on the night before the Revolution began. Dr. Warren was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill. It is much larger than Fort Sumter and Fort MCHenry. The fort defended Boston Harbor from 1833 through the end of World War II. During the Civil War the fort served as a prison for Confederate officers and government officials. Among the many notable Confederates held there were Generals Richard S. Ewell, Isaac Ridgeway Trimble, John Gregg, Adam Rankin "Stovepipe" Johnson, Simon Bolivar Buckner, and Lloyd Tilghman. Vice President of the Confederacy Alexander Stephens and Confederate Postmaster General John Henninger Reagan were also held there. A very kind Park Ranger showed us an area of the fort that is similar to where Alexander Stephens was held. The song *John Brown* was written at the fort incorporating an old Methodist camp song. Julia Ward Howe heard the song while in Washington, D.C. She wrote new words for the song at the Willard Hotel, and it was then called *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*. The song is one of the most remembered songs of the Civil War era.

My friend Nadine knows of my interest in finding the graves of Civil War generals around the country. When asked what things we would like to see in the Boston area, the grave of General Benjamin Butler came up.

His grave, however, is in the Hildreth Family Cemetery in Lowell, Massachusetts, and is locked to the public. Nadine (who says she's a member of a secret American cemetery society) found someone to contact for the key so Ms. Rebelle was able to personally unlock the cemetery gate to get into Butler's locked cemetery. Of course, it wasn't entirely easy as the first cemetery address we came to had a lock that our key wouldn't fit. A woman across the street saw what we were trying to do and pointed us to the cemetery gate just adjacent to the other one. There were two huge locks to open before we could actually access the correct cemetery. Butler has a huge stone noting his accomplishments. Butler's daughter Blanche was married to General Adelbert Ames, who is also buried in the cemetery. We all know of Butler's General Order No. 28 made in New Orleans proclaiming that if any woman should insult or show contempt for any officer or soldier of the United States, she shall be regarded and shall be held liable to be treated as a woman of the town plying her avocation, i.e., a prostitute. This is dedicated to my late friend and BRCWRT member, Bev Regeimbal, who had a chamber pot with Butler's face at the bottom of it.

Another first for me was visiting a cemetery at night. General Frederick West Lander is buried in Salem, MA. After attending an evening 2nd South Carolina String Band concert in Beverly with Nadine, we went to Salem to find the general. By that time it was dark. Unfortunately his brass marker has been stolen, but I have a picture of where it used to be! President Dave Smith of the CWRT of Greater Boston also showed us General Nathaniel Prentiss Bank's grave in Waltham, MA.

All in all, my sister and I travelled 2,500 miles through 12 states to see the sites and fall color. We hit every single New England state, and I have twenty-five more generals' graves to add to my total which now stands at 380 - 214 Union and 166 Confederate. More to follow.



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