



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XX, Issue 1, FEBRUARY 2013

NOTED HISTORIAN AL CONNER TO SPEAK AT FEBRUARY MEETING

By Mark Trbovich

Our BRCWRT is honored to have **Albert Z. Conner** as our speaker on February 14th. Al is a two-time past president and the current (2012-2013) president of the Fredericksburg Civil War Round Table, and a four-time past president of the Stafford County Historical Society. He is a 1966 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute (B.A., History). He received his graduate education at Georgetown University with an M.A. in Government and a Certificate in National Security Studies, both obtained in 1981.

Mr. Conner served for 12 years in the Regular Army, in grades from second lieutenant to major. His highly-decorated US Army service included two tours in Vietnam – one each as an infantryman and a military intelligence officer – and five years in the 82nd Airborne Division. Among his decorations are: the Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star for valor, earned during the 1968 Tet Offensive; and the Staff Service Honor Medal 1st Class, for meritorious service during the 1972 Easter Offensive.

Al later served for 18 years with the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), including a 12-year detail with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). He served as a division-level intelligence manager and senior intelligence officer with both CIA and DIA. There he was awarded the DIA Civilian Meritorious Service Medal and DIA Director's Medal, and received three awards (one individual and two unit) from the Director of Central Intelligence.

In addition to a large number of military and intelligence publications, Mr. Conner is the co-author of *Red Army Order of Battle in the Great Patriotic War* (Presidio Press, 1985) and the author of *A History of Our Own: Stafford County, Virginia* (Donning Company, 2003). He was also a contributing author to *Professional Military Education in the United States: A Historical Dictionary* (William E. Simons, Editor; Greenwood Press, 2000) and has authored or

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, Feb. 14, 2013

7:00 P.M. Centreville Library

GUEST SPEAKER:

Al Conner

TOPIC:

**"Union Army's 'Valley Forge'
Stafford VA 1863: 93 Days
That Saved America"**



co-authored over 20 articles for historical magazines and Journals.

He recently completed *Union Army's "Valley Forge" 1863: 93 Days That Saved America*, planned for publication by Savas Beatie in 2013. He currently serves on the Fredericksburg-Stafford County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee and is a member of the Friends of Stafford Civil War Sites.

Al volunteers as an historical interpreter with the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park at "Chatham" and has spoken on Civil War and Stafford County-related historical subjects to numerous community and educational organizations.

Members are encouraged to come early to meet Al at the Copper Canyon Grill at 5:00 p.m. for supper and great conversation. Please come early to the library to enjoy some fellowship, and get a great seat. Hope to see you then.



The President's Column

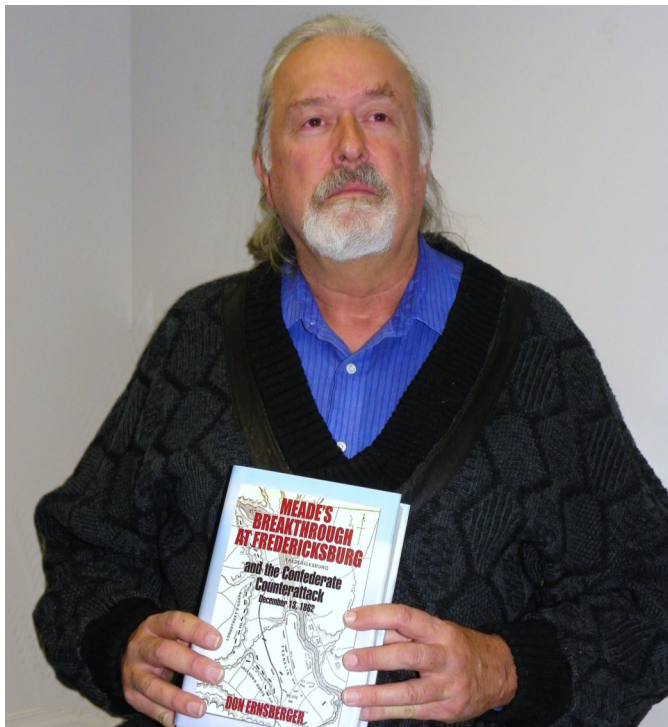
By Mark Trbovich

We all welcome February 2013 the same way...bundled up, ready for snow and (of course) Valentine's Day. Our February meeting will be held on Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14, 2013 this year, so bring your sweet-heart for another outstanding lecture and to enjoy fellowship with other BRCWRT members.

These past two winter months have been pretty cold, and snow and ice are with us aplenty, but in the Centreville Library we will be nice and warm as we hear Al Connors lecture on the "Union Army's 'Valley Forge' 1863: 93 Days That Saved America." We will hear about the hardships endured by the Federal soldiers in their winter quarters and understand what those brave souls went through every day in the freezing elements.

At our December 13th meeting (the actual 150th anniversary date), the general membership heard about the 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg, brought to us by Don Ernsberger.

The presentation was so educational, as



Don Ernsberger, author of "Meade's Breakthrough at Fredericksburg," was the speaker at the BRCWRT's December meeting.

Don led us through Federal Gen. George Meade's attack on both Gen. Lee, and on Stonewall Jackson's right flank, as he tried to break through to the Fredericksburg/Richmond Turnpike and head south to the Confederate capital. What an outstanding presentation that was, and a great way to end the year.

Before the lecture, the BRCWRT held its Annual Election of Officers. The following officers were unanimously voted in by the general membership: Mark Trbovich – President; Robert Orrison – VP; Mark Knowles – Treasurer; and John Pearson – Secretary. Congratulations to all, and I look forward to serving with you and the entire 2013 BRCWRT Executive Committee.

Our January 2013 meeting featured the CW Sesquicentennial Month lecture on the "Battle of Stones River/Murfreesboro, TN" by Antietam NPS Ranger Dan Vermilya. What an excellent lecture, describing the day-by-day struggle in the cold, on a battle about which many don't know the details.

I surely learned my fair share that night and really appreciated Dan for bringing it to us. The BRCWRT wanted Western theater battles as lectures, and we will do our best to bring them to you throughout the CW Sesquicentennial.

In January, we welcomed three new Ex-

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Antietam NPS Ranger Dan Vermilya lectured on the Battle of Stones River at Murfreesboro, Tenn., at the January BRCWRT meeting.

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General Membership meetings are held at 7:00 P.M. on the second Thursday of each month at the
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For specific meeting dates and information, please visit the Web site: <http://bullruncwrt.org>.

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For the **March 2013 issue**, e-mail articles by 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 28, to Nadine Mironchuk at: nadinem@mindspring.com.

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Support the BRCWRT in its important mission to educate and commemorate the battles and events of the Civil War
- place your advertisement in the *Stone Wall* -

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

Feb. 2013: Al Conner, Historian - *“Union Army’s ‘Valley Forge’ - Stafford VA 1863: 93 Days That Saved America”*

March 2013: Ralph Peters, Historian - *“Myths of Gettysburg—and Beyond”*

April 2013: Don Hakenson, Historian - *“John Mosby's Fairfax City Raid of March 1863, and Much More”*

May 2013: Ed Bearss, Historian - *“Gettysburg, Day 2 - July 2, 1863”* BRCWRT 22nd Anniversary

June 2013: Mike Block, Historian - *“Battle of Brandy Station, VA - Largest Cavalry Battle on American Soil - June 9, 1863”*

July 2013: Matt Atkinson, National Park Service Ranger - *“Battle Of Vicksburg, Miss. - July 1863”*

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ecutive Committee members to their new positions: Jim Meagher – Webmaster; Nadine Mironchuk Newsletter Editor, and Brian McEnany as an At-Large member.

January also brought the beginning of the 2013 BRCWRT four-month membership drive, and our Treasurer, Mark Knowles, revealed this year's annual budget, which was voted on favorably and unanimously by the general membership. You don't want to miss receiving any issues of the BRCWRT *Stone Wall* by not renewing your membership in a timely manner.

The new year's Lecture Series is nearly 75% completed, and I will be getting you those lecture titles by the end of the month. This season will bring us a much-anticipated trip to Gettysburg in late June 2013. More details of our planned motor coach bus trip there will follow in the next few months.

In closing, I hope and pray everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and now we are again blessed and thankful to be able to meet at the Centreville library in the coming year, every 2nd Thursday. As your president the last three years, and now in my 4th year, I can say we have continued our high level of fun-filled activity and look forward to sharing so many more outstanding initiatives and efforts we will accomplish together.

Scenes of fellowship and fun at recent BRCWRT meetings



Sandy Iasiello & Deanna Bailey were up all night baking so that members could enjoy some fabulous cake!



BRCWRT Board Members are taking names and — presumably — dues, while organizing cool stuff for interested attendees to peruse.



Above, members of the BRCWRT gather to chat while taking a peek at some of the great books, pamphlets and magazines being sold (at right) by Charlie Balch.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



If you plan to attend an event, please verify the information given. Advance reservation and fees may apply. If you would like an event posted, please email Dale Maschino at fsainc@netzero.net.

30 Mar - Unheralded Heroines: Women in the Civil War Tours - Many people are familiar with the hard-working, independent 'Rosie the Riveter' of World War II who forged new opportunities for women. Long forgotten are the women who either through choice or circumstance challenged and changed women's roles in Civil War-era America. In honor of Women's history month, join site staff for a guided, hands-on tour about these pathfinders for women's rights. Tours start on the hour with the last tour at 4 p.m. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; \$5.00 per person, free for children under six. Ben Lomond Historic Site, 10321 Sudley Manor Dr., Manassas, VA 20109; 703-367-7872.

28 Mar - Lecture: Pickett's Charge - Historian Matt Atkinson from Gettysburg National Military Park will give a detailed look into the events of July 3, 1863 and the men of General George Pickett's Division that made history that day. 7:00 p.m. Free; donations accepted. Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Ave., Manassas, VA 20109, Call 703-792-4754 for more information.

4 Apr - Lecture: 1st Minnesota Actions in Prince William County - Historian James Owens will present a detailed look into the 1st Minnesota, focusing on the Battle of First Manassas in July of 1861 and the Battle of Bristoe Station in October of 1863. Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Ave., Manassas, VA 20109. Call 703-792-4754 for more information. 7:00 p.m. Free; donations accepted.

6 Apr - CWPT Annual Park Clean Up Day - Bristoe Station Battlefield - Join the staff at Bristoe Station Battlefield and the Civil War Preservation Trust at History for Park Day 2013. Park Day is a nationwide event that encourages Civil War enthusiasts to help maintain, restore and preserve Civil War sites through volunteerism. Come out and join us for a fun and rewarding day of work at Bristoe Battlefield. Projects will include litter pick up, cleaning cemeteries and trail maintenance throughout the 133-acre park. Wear sturdy work shoes, bring gloves and remember sunscreen. Tools and snacks will be provided. Meet in the parking lot off Iron Brigade Avenue. Please no pets. Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park. The parking lot is located off of Iron Brigade Unit Ave., Bristow, VA 20136, (703) 366-3049. 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

11 Apr - The Gray Ghost, John S. Mosby — Prince William County Historic Preservation Division will host Historian and author David Goetz. John S. Mosby formed the 43rd Battalion Virginia Cavalry also known as Mosby's Rangers

in 1863. Mr. Goetz will present an overview of the units' development and exploits throughout the Civil War and Mosby's life after the war. Mr. Goetz will have copies of his latest book *Hell is Being a Republican in Virginia* available for purchase and autograph. 7:00 p.m. Free; donations accepted. Old Manassas Courthouse, 9248 Lee Ave., Manassas, VA 20109, Call 703-792-4754 for more information.

13-14 Apr - Muster Days - Join living historians as they interpret soldiers from the Army of Northern Virginia during the pivotal days in the spring of 1863. Join soldiers as they camp, guard against enemy reconnaissance, and witness a large company drill in person! 9am- 4pm. FREE, \$5 per person for tour of buildings, children free under six. Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre 12229 Bristow Rd., Bristow, VA, 703-365-7895

19 Apr - Buckland During the Civil War - Join Buckland resident David Blake for a unique opportunity to be on the grounds and learn the Civil War history of the town of Buckland. Space is limited so please call for reservations (703) 792- 4754. 7:00 p.m. Free; donations accepted.

20 Apr - Universal Wellness 2nd Annual 5K to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project at Bristoe Station Battlefield - Join joggers and walkers from all skill levels to get some exercise and support the Wounded Warrior Project. The Wounded Warrior Project is a nonprofit organization whose stated mission is to "honor and empower wounded warriors" of the United States Armed Forces. Race begins at 9a.m. and proceeds benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Contact info: Universal Wellness 8870 Rixlew Ln., Suite 101 Manassas, VA 20109. 571-379-4572 or:

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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.



CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

**KIA - TWO CONFEDERATE GENERALS
WHO DIED TOO YOUNG**

By Janet Greentree

With no disrespect for our new Yankee editor, Nadine Mironchuk, Ms. Rebelle has been up north way past the Mason-Dixon Line for much too long and has ignored her Southern generals. It's time for us to go south down to Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina. What absolutely beautiful cities they are, full of Southern gentility, ornate beautiful old houses, gorgeous flowers, good Southern food, and many monuments. Yankee Nan (Nancy Anwyll) and I did this trip in June, 2004. Charleston is a lovely city to walk around and enjoy the sights. The porches/piazzas are definitely part of its charm with many houses having their entrance on a side porch. Charleston loves General Beauregard. We saw a beautiful painting and his sword in one of the city buildings. It was mighty hot in Charleston in June so Nancy and I spent part of each evening in White Point Gardens enjoying the breezes from the Battery.

General Micah Jenkins, CSA

Micah Jenkins was only 28 years old when he was killed by friendly fire at the Wilderness on May 6, 1864. He was born on December 1, 1835, on Edisto Island, South Carolina, located between Charleston and Beaufort. His father was a wealthy cotton grower and sent his 15 year old son to the South Carolina Military Academy now called The Citadel. The Citadel looks very much like VMI in Lexington, VA. Micah graduated at the top of his class in 1854. In 1855 he founded the Kings Mountain Military School in Yorkville, South Carolina. He stayed at the school until 1861, when the Civil War began. He began his Civil War service by recruiting the 5th South Carolina Infantry Regiment on April 13, 1861. Jenkins fought at the First Battle of Manassas under David Rumph Jones. He made brigadier general on July 22, 1862, becoming one of the "boy" generals of the Confederacy assigned to General Richard H. Anderson.



Jenkins was extremely religious. He took his Bible and prayer books with him everywhere and frequently could be found reading them on the battlefield.

At the Battle of Seven Pines in May 1862, Jenkins was wounded in the knee, the first of four wounds he would incur. Captain W.B. Smith of the Palmetto Sharpshooters said of him at Seven Pines: *"After we had driven back four fresh lines of battle General Jenkins drew his lines back a short way and formed a new line, someone said to him 'just look at them coming at the double quick'. Jenkins replied: 'We shall meet them at the double quick.'"* Leading his men on horseback through the entire battle, Jenkins fought five charges by five lines of battle and whipped every one.

At Gaines Mill in June 1862, Jenkins' brigade engaged the 16th Michigan, captured their colors, and a large number of men. Jenkins presented the flag to the Governor of South Carolina. Also in June 1862, at Frayser's Farm with Longstreet, he was wounded by shrapnel after his horse was shot out from under him, his personal aide shot beside him, his saddle shot, his horse's bridle cut in half, and his sword hit three times.

At the Second Battle of Manassas in August 1862, he was wounded in the abdomen. He was sidelined for two months recuperating and missed being with his brigade during the Battle of Antietam in September 1862. Jenkins was assigned to General George Pickett at the Battle of Fredericksburg in December 1862 but was not engaged. He fought in the Siege of Suffolk with General Longstreet in 1863 and became a favorite of the general. In the fall of 1863 he was assigned to the First Corps of the Army of Northern Virginia and sent to Tennessee in command of General Hood's division. There he fought at the Battle of Chickamauga on September 20, 1863. Jenkins led his brigade to victory against Federal cavalry at the Battle of Kimbrough's Crossroads. He fought at Campbell Station and the Siege of Knoxville. His health deteriorated in the spring of 1864 with carbuncles between his shoulder blades attributed to undernourishment.

His health was still suffering at the Wilderness battle on May 5, 1864 but he insisted on being



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THE BOOK CORNER



By Ralph Swanson

Have you ever seen the Emancipation Proclamation? I speak now of the actual document itself. I have been privileged to see one of the few originals (Lincoln apparently had several prepared) on display at the National Archives. It is engrossed, by hand, on sheepskin parchment with the Great Seal of the United States squashed and virtually unrecognizable down in one corner. And it is signed "Abraham Lincoln," black and bold, not "A Lincoln" as he usually signed things.

We pause now to consider this momentous document and its role in our great national tragedy. Our guide is *Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation: The End of Slavery in America* (Simon and Shuster, 2004) by Allen C. Guelzo, Professor of the Civil War Era at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania.

The Book Corner has previously waxed enthusiastic over a Guelzo book, *Lincoln and Douglas: The Debates That Defined America*. Both books have won the Lincoln Prize and the Abraham Lincoln Institute Prize, and Guelzo remains the only two-time winner of both awards. Along the way, he has received numerous distinguished teaching and writing awards.

It was a lively time for President Lincoln in the early years of his administration, with everybody playing/meddling in the emancipation game. Radical Republicans wasted no time enacting two Confiscation Acts touching on emancipation. War Secretary Cameron dabbled irresponsibly, probably to ingratiate himself with Congress and protect his job. Army Generals overstepped their authorities respecting slaves within their jurisdictions. Any number of Congressmen called upon Lincoln to act unilaterally within his military powers.

All of these Lincoln deftly parried and dodged. He virtually ignored the Confiscation Acts, replaced Cameron, and promptly reversed his generals (Hunter) or dismissed them outright (Fremont). Curiously, he sustained General Ben Butler, who originated the "contraband" theory of slave freedom. As Guelzo tells it, all of this would have been downright laughable had it had not concerned human freedom.

It is no wonder the South believed that its cherished domestic institution was now, and finally, in jeopardy within the existing Union. For those still doubting why the South did not - could not - rely on Lincoln's assurances regarding slavery, Guelzo's insightful analysis will serve to answer.

Modern authors have painted Lincoln as everything from a closet abolitionist to one who cared nothing for the black man. Guelzo pushes no controversial theory of Lincoln's true mind. He is an historian of the first order and presents only the facts within the tumult of events for our sober consideration. Lincoln wrote and spoke clearly and repeatedly all his life on the issues of

emancipation. We need no revisionist historian to tell us what Lincoln was really thinking.

In truth, Lincoln's own plan for emancipation - state legislation supporting gradual and compensated emancipation, followed by colonization of freedmen outside of America - was as wrong-headed and infeasible as any he rejected. Lincoln's genius was to recognize the fallacies of his own ideas, and to adopt alternative policies that offered success.

Any mere presidential proclamation regarding emancipation faced serious obstacles in 19th-century America, which eschewed slavery but did not wish to pay the bill for emancipation nor have freedmen come among us as equals.

Here Guelzo provides his most valuable enlightenment. Could even wartime presidential powers nullify state laws, and take private property without jury trial? Would any such "war proclamation" have any post-war effect? Would the citizenry, or the army, support such a policy? And perhaps most importantly, would the courts sustain the constitutionality of such a proclamation, particularly with Lincoln-nemesis Roger Taney sitting as Chief Justice?

More than just the lawyers among us will enjoy the legal and political jousting on these matters. If you have ever wondered what it would be like to be President of the United States and the final arbiter on issues that will affect this nation for all future time, read Guelzo carefully and thoughtfully.

All the weaknesses of the Emancipation Proclamation you ever learned in school are true. It did not free slaves in the border states, nor effectively free slaves in the slave states; it did not deter continued European support for the Confederacy; it did not prevent the failures of Reconstruction or the rise of "Jim Crow."

But listen to Professor Guelzo: it was the "stake in the heart of slavery's collective psyche." It gave every slave, everywhere, a legal claim on freedom. It converted our Civil War into Total War, not just for reunion, but for complete subjugation of the South. Most of all, it linked victory to the end of slavery in America.

Is the Emancipation Proclamation anything more than a wrinkled old curiosity of yesterday's history? Or is it a metaphor for issues of race, immigration and human freedom we still struggle with today? Is our nation great enough - are our people great enough - to meet the challenges the Emancipation Proclamation still represents?

Until next time, keep reading.

Note: If you missed the Emancipation Proclamation recently on view at the National Archives, the Library of Congress will display the original draft of the preliminary proclamation (and rarely-shown copies of the Gettysburg Address) at its 2013 exhibit "The Civil War in America." Call the library, or go online at www.loc.gov, for details.

The Book Corner welcomes your comments, and especially, your recommendations for outstanding books on the Civil War. Send your comments to: renataralph@gmail.com.

Reenlist Today!

The Importance of Your Membership Renewal

By Rob Orrison, Vice President-Membership

It is that time again...time to renew your membership with the Bull Run Civil War Round Table! This is an exciting time to be part of one of the premier Round Tables and preservation organizations in the Mid-Atlantic region. The BRCWRT serves as the premier source in the Northern Virginia region for Civil War lectures, tours and information. Our members are able to enjoy one of the most comprehensive newsletters out there and through this newsletter, have access to up to date information on Civil War events and recent preservation threats and victories.

Two years ago, the BRCWRT decided to become a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, allowing us to raise money for local Civil War based charities and assist in preservation efforts. Recently, the BRCWRT has undertaken its first scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a local high school student pursuing a college degree in history or historic preservation. Also, the BRCWRT has some exciting tours planned for this year with the main tour being a bus trip to Gettysburg over the summer. And of course, our top notch monthly speakers and meetings at the Centreville Regional Library. We are an active round table indeed and making a difference in our region.

All of this cannot be done without YOU, our membership. Though our membership fees are small, (only \$20 for individual membership!), we stretch that money, and it goes a long way. Without the funds from our membership dues, many of these worthwhile endeavors could not be accomplished. You are part of a solid and well respected organization (voted Civil War Trust's Round Table of the Year in 2011), and we hope you continue your membership. Thank you for your support as we move forward to preserve and interpret the defining moment in America's history.



BOTH SIDES TOUR

Civil War Sesquicentennial Event
GETTYSBURG: ON THE HALLOWED GROUND

We'll cover the epic three-day battle in one day as only the Both Sides Tour can do it! The first stop will be at McPherson's Ridge to cover the fighting on the first day, July 1, 1863. Then it's on to Culp's Hill to discuss a crucial battle on the Second Day. Following lunch at General Pickett's Buffet, we'll view the exciting Cyclorama at the Visitor's Center, then return to the Hallowed Ground for a stop at Little Round Top for another important Day Two encounter where Brigadier General Gouverneur Warren saved the day for the Union. View the Wheat Field and the Corn Field, sites of other important battles. The final stop in the Union Lines will cover the decisive event on Cemetery Ridge where Confederate General Armistead's Brigade was stopped by a furious Union counterattack. Finally, we'll visit Seminary Ridge where the Confederates artillery barrage set the stage for the fateful Pickett's Charge on July 3, 1863 that ended the battle.

Saturday, April 20, 2013

Sponsored by the Franconia Museum

Start the day at 8 a.m. with coffee and donuts at the Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road. Board a comfortable rest-room equipped motor coach for the trip to

Gettysburg. Along the way, we'll discuss the leaders and trace the routes of the two armies to Gettysburg, setting the stage for the Civil War's most decisive battle. On the way home, we'll discuss the ramifications of the battle's aftermath and position both armies for the continuation of the war. This tour will take a little longer than usual Both Sides tours. Hear vignettes along the way.

SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION

At the High Water Mark of the Confederacy, you'll learn the identity of some of the handful of Southerners who reached the Union lines with General Armistead and tried to turn captured cannons on their adversaries only to be stopped by the deadly assault of a determined group of Union Reserves. Armistead was mortally wounded and the others were either captured or wounded or both. Among the Confederates was a private who would become Carl Sell's great uncle.

COST: \$100.00 each. Includes Bus Ride, Buffet Lunch (including gratuity) and a Snack Card to spend on the way home, as well as all entrance fees.

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Franconia, VA 22310

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present. An ambulance had transported him to the battlefield. Later while riding at the head of the column with General Longstreet near the Brock Road trenches, men from the 12th Virginia under General Mahone, mistook them for Federal troops and opened fire. Both generals were wounded, Jenkins mortally, with a shot to the head. The ball lodged in his brain. He lived for about six hours and died that evening. General Longstreet suffered with his wounds for the rest of his life.

Jenkins was married to the former Caroline Jamison, daughter of General D. F. Jamison, who was one of the founders of The Citadel. He left four young children. Originally buried in Summerville, South Carolina, he was moved to Magnolia Cemetery in Charleston in 1881. Jenkins Hall is named after him at The Citadel.

General Longstreet said of Jenkins: *"He was one of the most estimable characters of the army. His taste and talent were for military service. He was intelligent, quick, untiring, attentive, zealous in discharge of duty, truly faithful to official obligations, abreast with the foremost in battle, and withal a humble, noble Christian. In a moment of highest earthly hope, he was transported to serenest heavenly joy; to that life beyond that knows no bugle call, beat of drum or clash of steel. May his beautiful spirit, through the mercy of God, rest in peace! Amen!"*

General Maxcy Gregg, CSA

We now venture to Columbia, South Carolina to find the grave of General Maxcy Gregg. Columbia is the state capitol and has a magnificent state house with six bronze star markers denoting where the building was hit by artillery on February 19, 1865. Thirty monuments are located on the lawn, including General Wade Hampton, with twelve bronze plaques commemorating the battles Hampton fought in at the bottom of his equestrian monument.



General Gregg was mortally wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg (on Ms. Rebelle's future birthday December 13th), and died two days later on December 15, 1862. General Gregg is buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Columbia.

Maxcy Gregg was born August 1, 1814 in Columbia, South Carolina. His father was Colonel James Gregg, a distinguished attorney in Columbia. He was the grandson of Esek Hopkins, a commodore in the Continental Navy. Gregg graduated from South Carolina College, now known as the University of South Carolina, with a degree in law. He practiced law with his father for a time and then went into the army and fought in the Mexican-American war as a major

in the 12th U.S. Infantry. Gregg had many interests including botany, ornithology, languages, astronomy, and even owned his own private observatory. He carried an antique scimitar from the Revolutionary War.

In 1858, as an ardent supporter of secession, he wrote a pamphlet entitled, "An Appeal to the States Rights Party of South Carolina." In 1860, when South Carolina seceded from the union, Gregg helped organize the 1st South Carolina Volunteers and was made their first colonel. He became a brigadier general and served in A.P. Hill's Light Division. He fought at the battle of Gaines Mill, Second Manassas, and Lee's Maryland Campaign. Prior to Second Manassas, he was stationed at Centreville, Fairfax Courthouse, and commanded infantry in Vienna. He also fought at the battle of Ox Hill — another local connection.

When fighting at Antietam he was wounded in the thigh by the same bullet that killed General Lawrence O'Bryan Branch. He discovered the ball in his handkerchief the next morning at breakfast. His brigade reached the field in time to save the Confederate right.



[Note: The remains of one of his men were unearthed at Ox Hill in 1985 during the construction of townhouses. Dubbed "South Carolina's Unknown Soldier," the remains were reinterred with appropriate ceremony at Columbia's Elmwood Cemetery on November 22, 1986.]

At the battle of Fredericksburg, both Confederate Generals Gregg and Thomas Cobb were killed. Gregg was hit with a rifle ball that entered

his side and passed through his spine. He lingered in agony for two days and then died on December 15, 1862. General A.P. Hill in whose command he served during the entire war stated: *"A more chivalrous gentleman and gallant soldier never adorned the service which he so loved."* Prior to General Stonewall Jackson's death, he said of Gregg: *"General Gregg was a brave and accomplished officer, full of heroic sentiment and chivalrous honor. He had rendered valuable service in this great struggle for our freedom, and the country has much reason to deplore the loss sustained by his premature death."*

NOTE: Ms. Rebelle's hobby is travelling the country finding and honoring the graves of our 1,008 Civil War generals. So far she has located and photographed 384...168 Confederate and 216 Union. You may contact her at jlgrtree@erols.com.

The Civil War and American Art

Smithsonian, American Art Museum

By Chuck Mauro

Seventy-five pieces of captivating art about the Civil War are currently on view in D.C. - transporting us back in time to experience a multitude of aspects of the war - some of which we are certainly familiar with - but many whose significance seem only to have apparent at the time.

This exhibit illustrates a broad range of aspects about the war; soldiers, carnage, society, slavery, fear, and hope. There are two mediums used, beginning with landscape paintings signaling the oncoming storm, scenes during the war, and also reflections on the storm after its passing. The exhibit balances these idealized interpretations with photography, showing the grim reality of the affair.

The artists are among the most famous of their time, painters Winslow Homer, Frederick Edwin Church, Albert Bierstadt, and photographers Alexander Gardner, Timothy O'Sullivan and George Barnard. Many others are represented, each bringing unique perspectives.

A scant few of the pictures from the show are available to download. These include "Our Banner in the Sky"



painted by Frederick Edwin Church in 1861, portended the oncoming conflict. A number of paintings by Winslow Homer include "Home Sweet Home" showing two Union soldiers listening to the song of the same name which commanders



wanted banned as it was thought to promote desertion. "Prisoners from the Front," shows the disdain of captured



Confederate soldiers at the end of the war, and "The Cotton Pickers" from 1876 perhaps representing resignation to the present and a look to the future in the faces of a two black women still picking cotton.



While many of us have seen the painting of the *Submarine Torpedo Boat H. L. Hunley*, by Conrad Wise Chapman, how many have ever seen the original? There are a number of vintage photographic prints from Antietam by Alexander Gardner, including "Confederate Dead, Antietam" with the Dunker Church in the background. There is also a print of the famous *Home of a Rebel Sharpshooter, Gettysburg* by Gardner. Post war prints include *Ruins in Charleston, South Carolina* and *Ruins in Columbia, South Carolina*, by George N. Barnard, both from 1865. All bringing visceral reality to the viewer.

This exhibit is a must see, even worth a couple of visits. The wide variety of styles gives the viewer a lot to take in, reflect on, and perhaps revisit. Although the images are available on-line, one must visit the exhibit to take it all in. The scale of the images, both large and small, brings an authenticity allowing one to experience the content as it was originally intended to be viewed, adding to the experience and interpretation.

The Civil War and American Art is located at the American Art Museum at 8th and F Streets, N.W., next to the Gallery Place/Chinatown metro stop on the Red, Yellow and Green lines. The exhibit runs until April 28, 2013. For further information go to <http://americanart.si.edu/>

UPDATE ON THE ELECTRIC MAP OF THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG

By Tim Duskin

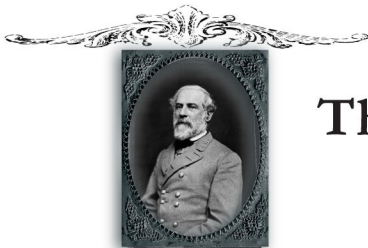
The writer published an article in the March 2011 issue of *The Stone Wall* in which it was reported that the National Park Service (NPS) permanently closed the Electric Map at Gettysburg in 2008 and had placed it in storage. The present article is an update to the previous one.

In October 2012, the NPS decided that it had no more use for the Electric Map and put it up for sale. The NPS planned to dispose of the map if there was no buyer. In that case, the map would have gone to a landfill. The map was offered for sale at auction by the General Services Administration, which is standard procedure for the sale of Federal Government property. It was purchased by Mr. Scott C. Rowland of Hanover, Pennsylvania, for \$14,010. There were only two bids for it, and his was the winning bid. Mr. Rowland is a business owner who desires to revitalize downtown Hanover. The map was purchased in the name of Blue Ridge Holdings in

Hanover, which is Mr. Rowland's business.

In October, the Electric Map was moved to a former bank building on Carlisle Street in Hanover which is to become a heritage and conference center as part of the revitalization effort. Mr. Rowland is now having the map put in working order, and he hopes to have it operational and open to the public by the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg this coming July. There is also to be an exhibit in an adjacent room on the Battle of Hanover, a cavalry battle which took place on June 30, 1863, the day before the Battle of Gettysburg began.

The writer of this article welcomes this event. He hopes that once the Electric Map reopens, visitors to Gettysburg will first visit the Electric Map of the Battle of Gettysburg in Hanover, which is fourteen miles east of Gettysburg, and then proceed to the Gettysburg National Military Park to visit the battlefield. As he previously stated, he believes the Electric Map to be the best explanation of the Battle of Gettysburg for visitors, so he appreciates what Scott Rowland is doing very much and feels that he is to be highly commended for bringing the Electric Map back.



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