



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XXII, Issue 9, DECEMBER 2015/JANUARY 2016

NPS HISTORIAN/RANGER MATT ATKINSON SPEAKS ON THE "BATTLE AT THE DEVIL'S DEN – GETTYSBURG, PA - JULY 1863" AT DECEMBER 17th MEETING

Note the later date of the December meeting!

By Mark Trbovich

The "Devil's Den" is a boulder-strewn hill used by artillery, infantry and snipers during the 2nd day of the Battle of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863. This present-day visitor attraction features several boulders, worn from foot traffic, and the site includes numerous cannon, memorials, and walkways, including a bridge spanning two boulders. On July 2, 1863, this rocky fortress was a strategic location during the battle. We will learn of its importance to the outcome of the fighting that day when we hear the presentation given by our December speaker NPS Ranger Matt Atkinson.

It is always an exciting night when we host Matt Atkinson at our BRCWRT meetings. This will be his third visit, and everyone has been extremely entertained by his previous lectures. He brings a high level of passion to his presentation, as our audience will see. Matt is employed by Gettysburg National Military Park as a park ranger, where he has to be ready to face Civil War enthusiasts daily!

Matt hails from Houston, Mississippi (Grierson's Raid came through his town), where he loved learning about the Civil War. Matt attended 'Ole Miss' and graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Arts in History. He is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in History at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. He currently resides in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania with his wife Angela and son Benjamin Lee.

Members are encouraged to come early and get a front seat. And don't forget the great refreshments we will have on hand to increase the festiveness of the evening!!

Please come on out to dinner prior to the meet-

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

THURSDAY, December 17, 2015

7 p.m. Centreville Library

**GUEST SPEAKER:
NPS HISTORIAN/RANGER
MATT ATKINSON**

TOPIC:

**"BATTLE AT THE DEVIL'S DEN
GETTYSBURG, PA - JULY 1863"**

THURSDAY, January 14, 2016

7 p.m. Centreville Library

**GUEST SPEAKER:
HISTORIAN/AUTHOR
DANIEL TOOMEY**

TOPIC:

"THE WAR CAME BY TRAIN"

ing and meet Matt. We will gather at 5 p.m. at Carrabba's Italian Restaurant, 5805 Trinity Pkwy., Centreville, VA; (703) 266-9755 (right next to closed Copper Canyon Grill).

**AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN DANIEL TOOMEY
SPEAKS ON "THE WAR CAME BY TRAIN" AT
THE JANUARY 14TH MEETING**

The Civil War is the first war in which railroads were a major strategic factor in the fighting. The 1850's had seen enormous growth in the U.S. railroad industry. By 1861, 22,000 miles of track had been laid in the northern states and 9,500 in the southern States. Great rail centers formed, including Richmond, Atlanta and Chattanooga. During the war, these centers and many others were fought over for control of the supply of war provi-

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and events of the Civil War**

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 17, 2015 - NPS Ranger Matt Atkinson - "Battle at the Devil's Den - Gettysburg, PA: July 1863"

January 14, 2016 - Dan Toomey - "The War Came By Train"

February 11, 2016 - Kevin Knapp - "The Use of Balloons by Union and Confederate Armies During the Civil War"

March 10, 2016 - Dan Vermilya - "Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, GA"

April 14, 2016 - John Quarstein - "Battle of Mobile Bay"

May 12, 2016 - Chris Mackowski - "Battle at the Mule Shoe Salient"

June 9, 2016 - Anniversary Meeting - Panel of Past BRCWRT Presidents

July 14, 2016 - Ed Bearss - "Battle of 1st Manassas"

August 11, 2016 - John Hennessey - "Battle of 2nd Manassas Campaign"

September 8, 2016 - Jon Hickox - "Historic Finds at Bull Run"

October 13, 2016 - William Backus - "Battle of Bristoe Station"

November 10, 2016 - Bruce Venter - "Kill Jeff Davis, The K&D Richmond, VA Raid"

December 8, 2016 - Dwight Hughes - "CSS Shenandoah"

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The President's Column

By Mark A. Trbovich

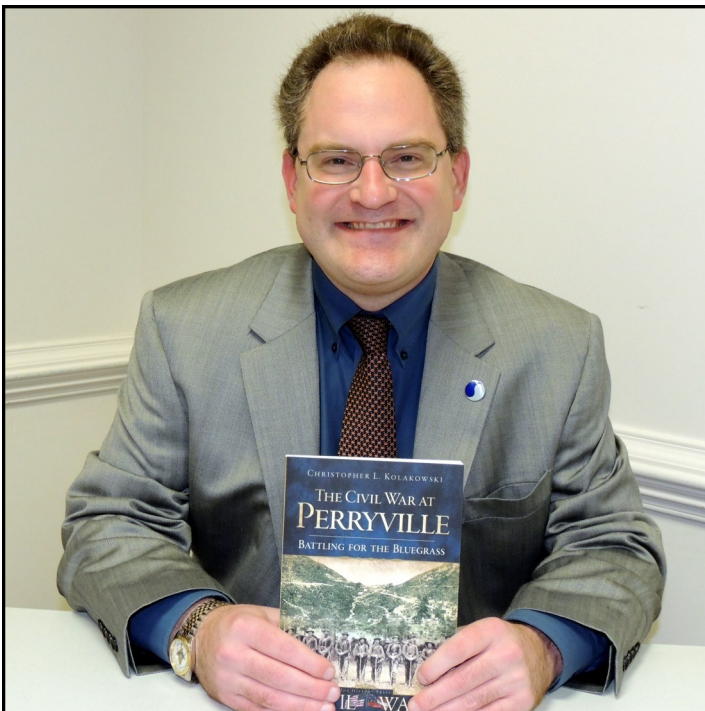
Bull Run Civil War Round Table Members,

It's the Holiday Season, when good friends gather to bring in the holidays with warm fire-place chats and discussions of the past year's events. So too, as the winter season is upon us, we happily look back on our outstanding 2015 Civil War Sesquicentennial anniversary presentations, and now look forward with great anticipation to 2016, the BRCWRT's 25th Anniversary arrives.

We have accomplished many things at our round table in the past 25 years, but as always, our work is never done.

It is my pleasure to have served as your President for the past six years, and I look forward to my seventh in 2016. The upcoming year of BRCWRT 25th Anniversary celebration events and lectures will certainly be memorable for our members and friends.

Please ensure you sign up early this year during our 2016 membership drive, as you will not want to miss any of these events and newsletters.



NPS Ranger Chris Kolakowski, November speaker, holds his latest book on the Battle of Perryville.

Photo by Janet Greentree

Our November speaker, Christopher Kolakowski, presented a wonderful lecture on the *CSS Alabama* and her tales of plunder that lasted until June of 1864, when she met her fate, being sunk at the hands of the *USS Kearsarge* outside the port of Cherbourg, France.

His knowledge of the epic sea battle is exceptional. He described all of the dramatic action that saw the loss of the Confederacy's most important connection out of the blockade.

We will want to have Chris back soon for another passionate performance.

I would like to thank all of the BRCWRT officers and Executive Committee members for another outstanding year; I eagerly look forward to again working well together in 2016.

I also would like to thank all the volunteers who worked at our events and you, the membership; without you, we would not be the renowned round table we are today.

Tours and trips sponsored by the BRCWRT have been outstanding this year, and I hope there are even more touring events in 2016.

As always, please continue to spread the word about the BRCWRT to your family and friends, and encourage them to come on out and hear our outstanding lectures.

Our 2015 four-general statue raffle was won this year by Bob Hickey. The money donated by means of the raffle will go to support our 2016 Scholarship Fund. The winning ticket was pulled at our November 12th meeting dinner by our speaker.

Thank you to everyone who supported this worthy cause and good luck to you when we hold our next raffle in 2016.

Our 2016 election of officers process, which began in October, will conclude with an election held at our December 17th meeting.

I would like to thank Ed Wenzel for working again this year as the lead member of the Nomination Committee.

Again, have a wonderful holiday season and thank you for making 2015 another memorable year at the BRCWRT.

Let us bring in the New Year with joy, knowing our 2016 year will be even more successful.

Let us never forget the people who served, and what they did for us. God Bless all of you.

Meet the Member ~

So Who Is This Ms. Rebelle Anyway?

Janet joined the Bull Run Civil War Round Table when we still met in the auditorium at the Manassas Battlefield Park Center. She had a lifelong interest in Civil War history but didn't learn of our round table until she signed up for a Virginia battlefield tour with the Greater Boston Civil War Round Table. They suggested she join a local round table; some internet research found us, and she joined. Nine years later, she became Ms. Rebelle - but more about that later.

Her father was an avid Civil War amateur scholar (sounds better than a Civil War nut!) who visited and photographed sites, studied genealogy, and participated in the 1961 Centennial Reenactment of the First Battle of Manassas. Janet had an eighth grade history teacher who really ignited her interest in history, especially by taking the class on a field trip to the Gettysburg Battlefield. She has been visiting Civil War sites ever since.

Janet was born, raised, and attended public school in Annapolis, Maryland, where her father Alan worked as an engineer for the Navy. He was born in Indiana, grew up in Ohio, and got a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Ohio State University (it became *THE* Ohio State University later on). He worked in Ohio a short while before moving to Annapolis to work at the Naval Engineering Experiment Station where he specialized in shipboard diesel engines and aircraft carrier catapult systems. While on a hometown visit after graduation, he reconnected with a high school classmate acquaintance, found her unattached, and they married. Throughout World War II, he continued to be engaged in war essential work with the Navy. During this time, his family expanded to include Janet and her younger sister Kathe (Fernandez), who to this day accompanies Ms. Rebelle on her cemetery jaunts and other historical site explorations.

After graduating from Annapolis High School, Janet attended secretarial college in Baltimore, taking a position with the Navy in Annapolis and then moving from there to work with the Air Force in the Pentagon. She remembers vividly the shocked, chaotic reception there of the news that President Kennedy had been killed. Her early working career ended when children came along, eventually four in all, causing her to stay home until they were launched. She then returned to the workforce (the marriage had ended along the way) with a Fairfax City attorney, serving as the office manager until retiring. She still



**Janet
Greentree**
Since 1998

works there one day a week, the common fate of people who become indispensable.

Janet had two great-grandfathers in the Civil War, one from Virginia with the Confederate Army, and another from Ohio serving in the Union Army. She visits the gravesites of both Confederate and Union generals, photographing and writing of them in her "Civil War Travels with Ms. Rebelle" feature in our newsletter. Her pronounced Southern leanings gave rise to her nom de plume of Ms. Rebelle, conferred by a friend.

A Confederate ancestor (a maternal great-grandfather) George Baker from Augusta County, Virginia, served with the 23rd Virginia Cavalry Regiment. This unit was formed in April 1864, when seven companies of the 41st Virginia Cavalry Battalion were combined with two companies of O'Ferrall's Battalion. Originally, the 41st conducted operations in Western Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley. When reorganized as the 23rd Cavalry Regiment, it was assigned to Imboden's Brigade, participating in the defense of the Shenandoah Valley until the war ended and they disbanded. An older brother, John Baker, in the 12th Virginia Cavalry, also served in the Shenandoah Valley in 1864 with General Early's Army. They were eventually both captured (but at different times), interred at Camp Chase, Ohio, repatriated to Virginia, and finally migrated back to Ohio to farm. Janet says that today George Baker's farm is covered by an upscale housing development near Columbus, Ohio.

Another maternal great-grandfather served in the Union Army, joining the 18th U.S. Infantry Regiment, the second Battalion of which was organized at Camp Thomas near Columbus, Ohio in the summer of 1861. It became part of the Regular Army Brigade of the Army of the Ohio, serving all its campaigns and battles in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Georgia. After the fall of Atlanta, it moved to the Chattanooga,

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SPREAD THE WORD

Do you know a high school senior who is fascinated with American History or the American Civil War? You can help the BRCWRT find that student so that we can give away a \$1500 scholarship to be used for a student's first semester's tuition of college. In general, the requirements include:

- Graduate in 2016 from a public or private high school
- Reside in Prince William or Fairfax County
- Enroll in college or community college
- Prove a strong interest in American history or Civil War history
- Show how American history will be included in one's post college career, whether as vocation or avocation
- Visit a local Civil War historic site and write a short essay about it
- Apply by April 1, 2016



All of the information about how to apply is found on the BRCWRT website at <http://bullruncwrt.org>. Information can also be found by interested students on Prince William and Fairfax County public high school scholarship sites which are accessed in the schools' career centers, guidance departments, and by students' personal computers. In addition, BRCWRT members can pick up a flyer at the monthly general membership meetings to share with anyone they think might be interested. See Nancy Anwyll, Rob Orri-son, Brian McEnany, or Charlie Balch for more questions. Let your family, friends and neighbors know about our offer!

...And the Winner Is...

by Gwen Wytenbach

For the past several years, BRCWRT member Bob Hickey has headed up our yearly fund-raising raffle. The item being raffled has usually been a beautifully framed Civil War print by a famous artist. However, this year's raffle featured four Chilmark 10" intricately detailed pewter sculptures by Francis Barnum entitled "The Adversaries," featuring Civil War Generals Robert E. Lee, Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, William T. Sherman and Ulysses S. Grant.

The 1991-1993 issue price was \$1,400 per sculpture, with a 2015 value of about \$1,000 for the four-statue set. Round Table members and guests were able to view the donated sculptures at our February monthly meeting.



"The Adversaries."

Photo by Janet Greentree

The raffle ticket drawings are always held at the dinner before our November meeting. This year's drawing took place on November 12 at Carrabba's Restaurant in Centreville. The raffle ticket container was held high and passed along the table as tickets were mixed and contents were shaken as it was passed.

Chris Kolakowski, our November speaker, was asked to draw the lucky name. He announced: "And the winner is Bob Hickey!" Everyone laughed, and explained to Chris that Bob, who wasn't present, was in charge of the raffle! Congratulations Bob! Thanks for another successful raffle.

After printing costs, postage, etc. were deducted, \$783.01 was added to the BRCWRT 2016 College Scholarship Fund.



Bob Hickey.

Photo by Sandra Cox and Gwen Wytenbach



CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

Major General Philip St. George Cooke, USA

By Janet Greentree

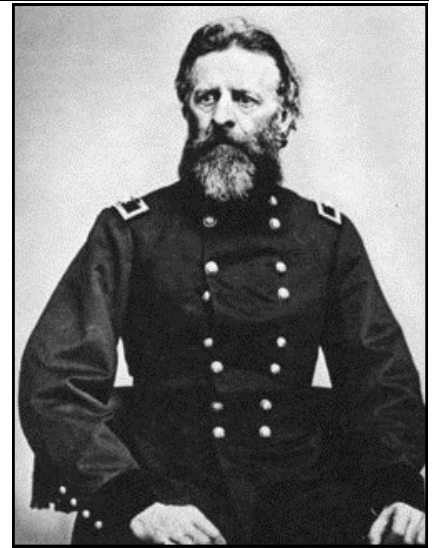
Following my passion to find the graves of Civil War generals and place the appropriate flag on their graves, I was recently in Detroit, Michigan at Elmwood Cemetery, where I found the grave of J.E.B Stuart's father-in-law, Major General Philip St. George Cooke, USA. I must say good things about Elmwood Cemetery, as they have section markers and excellent maps to help guide one's search for a particular gravesite. In addition to Cooke, there are five other Civil War generals buried at Elmwood. Arriving with acute apprehension about doing anything in Detroit, I found that Elmwood wasn't in a bad neighborhood and it is maintained beautifully. It is patterned after the garden cemetery design of Mount Auburn in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The general and his wife Rachael are buried in Section H, Lot 94 with flat, in-the-ground markers requiring you to get out of your car and walk around the section to find him.



Flora Cooke Stuart.

'Brother against brother' (as Civil War fighting has been described) would be an appropriate statement in Cooke's case; or, rather, father against son, son-in-law, and grandson. Can you imagine chasing after your son-in-law J.E.B Stuart, wife of daughter Flora, when Stuart was riding around General McClellan's Union Army? Philip's own son, John Rogers Cooke, a Confederate general, was also riding with Stuart. It's been said that, during his

fierce pursuit of Stuart, that Philip Cooke found a note stuck to a telegraph pole: "Dear Father: I am very sorry that I cannot wait to see you as I have pressing business elsewhere. Your loving son-in-law, J.E.B. Stuart."



Major General Philip St. George Cooke.

John Rogers Cooke's son, John Esten Cooke, also rode with J.E.B. John Esten, deriding Philip's military talent, stated that his grandfather "was a poor cavalry officer if he couldn't find the tracks of 1,200 cavalry in a big road, and catch them ten miles off in twelve hours." Stuart would capture his father-in-law's baggage at one point, including a box of silver worth \$25.00. General Cooke said that "he would cut off his vagrant son-in-law with a shilling." Stuart retorted that he "was afraid he (Philip) never would cut him off with cavalry."



Gen. J.E.B. Stuart, CSA.

Cooke was born in Leesburg, Virginia on June 13, 1809, the son of Dr. Stephen & Catherine Esten Cooke. He entered West Point at the tender age of 14 and graduated with the class of 1827. Three of his fellow classmates of '27 would become Civil War

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generals: Leonidas Polk, Napoleon Bonaparte Buford and Gabriel J. Raines. Polk and Raines would become Confederate generals, Buford and Cooke Union generals.

His marriage to Rachael Witt Hertzog would produce four children: Daughter Flora St. George married J.E.B Stuart, daughter Julia Turner married Union Brevet Brigadier General Jacob Sharp, daughter Maria Pendleton married surgeon Charles Brewer, and his son, John Rogers Cooke, CSA. John Rogers Cooke would marry Ann (Nannie) Gordon Patton. She is descended from the Hugh Mercer and the Patton families. Flora and J.E.B met at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where her father was stationed. They would marry on November 14, 1855 at Fort Riley, Kansas. The wedding was to be lavish, but Stuart's father died on September 20th, so the wedding was only attended by family members. J.E.B Stuart would die on the couch at Dr. Brewer's house in Richmond on May 12, 1864, after being mortally wounded by Gen. George Custer's men at Yellow Tavern.

General Cooke was a career Army officer following graduation from West Point. He spent much of his time in the west fighting Indians, and was garrisoned at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis where two of his children were born, including Flora. In 1833, he was promoted to first lieutenant of the 1st U.S. Dragoons. Dur-

ing the Mexican War, he led the Mormon Battalion from Council Bluffs, Iowa to San Diego, California. His troops marched 2,000 miles; it was the longest military march ever recorded. He served in New Mexico, fought at the battle of Ash Hollow against the Sioux, and was sent to keep peace in Bleeding Kansas just prior to the Civil War. He also participated in the Utah Expeditions of 1857-1858. Cooke was sent as an observer of the Crimean War in 1859-60. After returning to the U.S., he was in command of the Department of the Utah when the Civil War began. The department was closed and he was sent to Washington City.

When the Civil War began, Cooke chose to stay with the U.S. Army. When J.E.B Stuart heard that his father-in-law would remain with the Union, he stated: "He will regret it only once, and that will be continually." Stuart and Cooke never

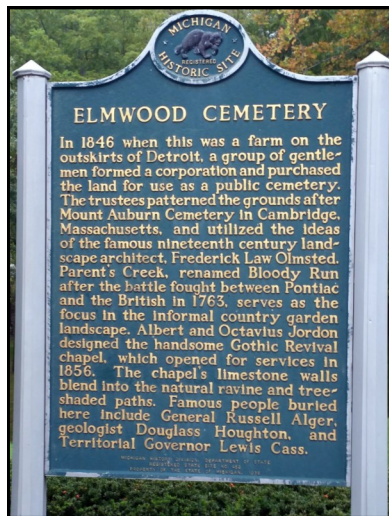
spoke again. Flora and J.E.B. had named their son, born in 1860, after Flora's father, but changed his name from Philip to J.E.B Stuart, Jr. (Jimmie) when Cooke stayed with the Union.

Cooke's first assignment of the War was to the defenses of Washington. He fought in the Peninsula Campaign, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Gaines Mills, White Oak Swamp, and the Seven Days Battles. After the Peninsula Campaign, he left active service - most likely for enduring the embarrassment of J.E.B Stuart's ride

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Above, left, Cooke's Marker - Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit, MI. At right, above, Elmwood Cemetery marker denoting Mount Auburn Cemetery's influence on the design of Elmwood.



Photos by Janet Greentree

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around the Union Army. He served on court martial boards, commanded the District of Baton Rouge and was in charge of recruiting for the Adjutant General's office. He was made a major general by President Andrew Johnson on March 13, 1865.

General Cooke stayed in the U.S. Army after the Civil War, commanding the Departments of the Platte, Cumberland, and the Lakes. He was transferred to Detroit in 1870, where he retired on October 29, 1873, after fifty years of service in the U.S. Army. He died in Detroit on March 20, 1895 at the age of 85.

General Wesley Merritt would remark on the death of Cooke as follows: "The General's career was remarkable alike for its length and its variety. His service exceeded that covered by the average life. When it is remembered that for a quarter of a century or more after General Cooke entered the army the

school geographies eliminated much speculation by classing the Western Plains as 'The Great American Desert,' some idea of his frontier service may be formed."

Cooke is the author of several books: *Notes of a Military Reconnaissance, from Fort Leavenworth, in Missouri, to San Diego in California* (1848), *Scenes and Adventures in the Army or Romance of Military Life* (1857), *Cavalry Tactics* (1862), *Handy Book for United States Cavalry* (1863), and *The Conquest of New Mexico and California* (1878). He was sometimes called the "Father of the U.S. Cavalry."

Camp Cooke in Lompoc, California was named for him in 1941. Vandenburg Air Force Base now occupies the former Camp Cooke.

NOTE: Ms. Rebelle's hobby is traveling the country finding and honoring the graves of our 1,008 Civil War generals. So far, she has located and photographed 412 -- 169 Confederate and 243 Union.

Upcoming Speakers – (con't from page 1)

sions to both sides. At the January meeting we have as our speaker the author of the book *The War Came by Train*.

Daniel Carroll Toomey is a seventh-generation Marylander whose first American ancestor taught school for John Carroll of Carrollton. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland and the author of several books, including *The Civil War in Maryland*, *Marylanders at Gettysburg*, and *The Maryland Line Confederate Soldiers' Home*. He is also co-author of *Baltimore During the Civil War* and *Marylanders in Blue*, all of which were published by Toomey Press.

Mr. Toomey has lectured to a number of historical organizations, as well as the National Park Service and the Smithsonian Institution. His course "The Civil War in Maryland" has been offered at a number of local colleges. Dan has also contributed to radio and television programs as well as two Civil War battle videos.

He is a member of the Surratt Society, the Maryland Arms Collectors Association and the Company of Military Historians. He serves on the Mar-

ylard Military Monuments Commission and was project historian for the Maryland Memorial erected at Gettysburg in 1994.

Dan Toomey has won numerous awards for his historical research and exhibits, including the Gettysburg National Battlefield Award in 1985. He was the 2001 recipient of the Peterkin Award, given by the National Park Service at Fort McHenry for his many contributions in the field of research and preservation. Toomey is currently the Guest Curator at the B&O Railroad Museum.

Members are encouraged to come early and join us for dinner prior to the meeting and meet Dan; we will gather at 5 p.m. at Carrabba's Italian Restaurant, 5805 Trinity Pkwy., Centreville, VA; (703) 266-9755 (right next to closed Copper Canyon Grill).

Join the Bull Run Civil War Round Table and Win the Battle for Preservation!



BRCWRT Members Attend/Exhibit at Fairfax County History Conference



The 11th Annual Fairfax County History Conference was well-attended by members of the BRCWRT, shown here (l-r) with Conference committee members and presenters: Tim Duskin, Blake Myers, Nadine Mironchuk, Nancy Anwyll, Mary Shiner, Janet Greentree, Lynne Garvey-Hodge, George Washington (Dean Malissa), Janee Lindner, Gwen Wyttenbach, Rob Airaghi, Bill Carritte, Chuck Mauro.

Article by Gwen Wyttenbach
Photos by Janet Greentree

Saturday, November 7th, Fairfax County hosted its Eleventh Annual History at the beautiful Sherwood Community Center Conference in downtown Fairfax. The event was well-attended, with an audience that included many members of our BRCWRT. Several members of

the Round Table exhibited their materials and publications. The conference was opened by BRCWRT member and conference committee-woman Lynne Garvey-Hodge with a PowerPoint presentation and overview of the symbolism of the Fairfax County Seal and its coat-of-arms. This was followed by Ms. Garvey-Hodge's introduction of Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova, who gave a welcome and greeting on behalf of the Board.

The speaking program began with a genealogy of the Fairfax family, given by historian, historic reenactor and BRCWRT member Jenee' Lindner. Ms. Lindner's fascinating talk included information beginning with the original Land Grant given to Lord Fairfax by the King of England and continued through the centuries to the present-day Lord Fairfax (the 15th), who resides on this side of the "pond."

Her excellent presentation was followed by an overview of "Working the Land" on George Washington's farms, gristmill and distillery, given by Steven T. Bashore, Director of Historic Trades at Mount Vernon. Interesting to note -

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The Bull Run Civil War Round Table's Newest Recruits!

Here's a grateful "Huzzah!"
For these folks who have
recently joined:

- ♦ Mitch McGlynn
- ♦ Frank O'Leary

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flour and whiskey are both still being produced on the Mount Vernon estate. The talk also included a description of Mt. Vernon's public programming that presents year-round examples of animal husbandry and seasonal demonstrations of tilling of the land.

The last outstanding presentation before the break for lunch was given by Marion Dobbins, historian and historic reenactor who

dressed in period dress and spoke in the persona of "Lucy Lee" on the subject of an "18th Century African American Woman." Ms. Dobbins' character talked about the life, times and ordeals caused by slavery that black families faced here in Northern Virginia counties, and how traces of those past African-American communities are still in evidence today.

After lunch, it was time to "meet" his Excellency, General George Washington, superbly portrayed by Dean Malissa, Mount Vernon's nationally-acclaimed historic reenactor. His hour-and-a-half presentation in the "persona" of General George Washington took us into an amazing "time warp," providing a fascinating glimpse into Washington's life, featuring a first-person account of Washington's early youth, his fighting in the French and Indian War with the British Army, and his longing to return to his beloved Mount Vernon. Mr. Malissa's imposing stature, gestures and Colonial "manner of speech" captured perfectly General Washington's personality, and charmed everyone in the audience.

Wrapping up the conference was a presentation given by Katrina Krempasky, Curator of Fairfax Circuit Court Historic Records, detailing the incredible story of the preservation of "The Wills of George and Martha Washington," which have survived down to present day through war-time, neglect. Incredibly, in the case of Martha's will, the precious document survives an escape from destruction with the pages of her will having been scattered about the floor of the Fairfax Courthouse and nearly thrown into the fireplace with other courthouse documents during a Union raid and ransacking, but being "saved" by a Union soldier!

The conference ended with an invitation to attend the next conference, tentatively set for November 12, 2016 at the Sherwood Community Center. You won't want to miss this next conference, as it will feature "Fairfax County's Founding Fathers - Part II." BRCWRT members who attended are looking forward to a reenactment & visit from George Mason! Round Table members attending were: Tim Duskin, Blake Myers, Nadine Mironchuk, Nancy Anwyll, Nancy Olds, Mary Shiner, Janet Greentree, Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Janee' Lindner, Gwen Wytenbach, Rob Airaghi, Bill Carritte, Claudette Ward, Chuck Mauro, Lauren Kirby, and Charlie Balch.



Left to right—BRCWRT member and "BFFs" Gwen Wytenbach, Nadine Mironchuk, Nancy Anwyll, and Janet Greentree met up recently at the Fairfax County History Conference. The BRCWRT exhibit of our preservation efforts is in background.



BRCWRT Member Authors New Book on Bristoe Station

Bull Run Civil War Round Table member and Prince William County historian Rob Orrison has co-authored a new book on the Bristoe Station Campaign.

Entitled *A Want of Vigilance*, it is part of the popular "Emerging Civil War Series" from Savas-Beattie Publishing.

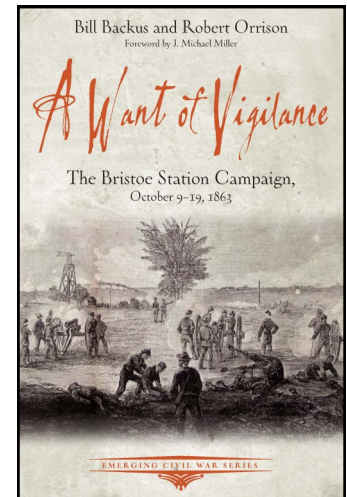
The book covers the beginning of the campaign, from October 9 to 19, 1863, including the battles of James City, Brandy Station, Auburn, Bristoe Station, Buckland and Rappahannock Station.

BRCWRT member Mike Block also wrote an appendix in the book referencing the Battle of Rap-

pahannock Station.

Rob and co-author Bill Backus have worked at Bristoe Station Battlefield for many years and have led tours of the campaign and battlefield regularly.

The book can be found at local book stores, Amazon.com, and also at Savas Beattie Publishing:



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Tennessee area, remaining there until July, 1865. He was medically discharged in January, 1864, returning to Ohio to farm (also in the Columbus area). Today, that farm is being overrun by suburban housing developments.

Janet's first tour with our round table was to Arlington National Cemetery, which piqued her interest in the final resting places of Civil War generals. The first gravesite visited when she became Ms. Rebelle was that of Colonel John S. Mosby in Warrenton, Virginia (hey, he wasn't a general, but he did more damage than most of them did!). Ms. Rebelle now makes an annual trip with her younger sister (who lives in California and attends our round table when visiting Janet, most recently this past October), with each trip resulting in one or more "Civil War Travels with Ms. Rebelle" articles in *The Stone Wall*. Other trips have been with BRCWRT members Nancy Anwyll, Gwen Wyttenbach, and Nadine Mironchuk.

To-date, there have been 61 such articles documenting many of the 412 gravesites visited (of the 1003 Civil War generals North and South), and a few other interesting individuals who were not generals. One such attractive figure is Lt. Myles Keogh, who died fighting with Custer at the Little Bighorn. She found his battlefield death marker after a harrowing hike on rattlesnake-infested trails, and later visited his grave in Fort Hill Cemetery in Auburn, New York. Her favorite general's grave is that of General William T. Sherman at Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri. She admires the crossed flags and other symbols on his elegant tombstone. Her son took her on this visit on a beautiful sunny day, creating an indelible and cherished memory.

Janet's children are grown, so she now shares her home with an eight-month old Maine Coon Cat named Charlotte. She never misses coming to our monthly round table meetings (only two or three unavoidable absences in 17 years), enjoying the fellowship of the speaker's dinner beforehand. She loves learning about the war and especially enjoys the tours. She never missed any of John McAnaw's frequent local tours. She plans continuing the travels of Ms. Rebelle. The sisters are currently designing a trip for next year to the Pacific Northwest.

Perhaps, someday, the round table will publish a volume of all her articles to-date, for leisurely, winter fire-side reading. Ms. Rebelle says her #1 Fan, Ed Bearss, has long urged this. I know I would buy one.

Keep it up Ms Rebelle: you only have 591 more generals to go.

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Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman's impressive gravesite memorial in St. Louis, MO.

Photo by Ms. Rebelle

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