



The Newsletter of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table — Vol. XXV, Issue 5, AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2018

**AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN
CHRISTOPHER L. KOLAKOWSKI
SPEAKS ON "THE KENTUCKY
CAMPAIGN AUGUST-NOVEMBER 1862"
AT THE AUGUST 9TH MEETING**

The Kentucky Campaign was a series of maneuvers and battles in East Tennessee and Kentucky in 1862. From June to November, Confederate forces under the commands of Braxton Bragg and Edmund Kirby Smith launched a series of movements to outflank the Union Army of the Ohio (General Don Carlos Buell) and draw the border state of Kentucky into the Confederacy. For the complete story, we are so happy to have a good friend and previous BRCWRT speaker for our August 9th meeting.

Christopher L. Kolakowski was born and raised in Fredericksburg, Va. He received his BA in History and Mass Communication from Emory & Henry College, and his MA in Public History from the State University of New York at Albany. Chris has spent his career interpreting and preserving American military history with the National Park Service; New York State; the Rensselaer County (NY) Historical Society; the Civil War Preservation Trust; Kentucky State Parks, and the U.S. Army. He has written and spoken on various aspects of military history and leadership from 1775 to the present, and has published two books with the History Press: *"The Civil War at Perryville: Battling For the Bluegrass"* and *"The Stones River and Tullahoma Campaign: This Army Does Not Retreat."*

Chris is a contributor to the Emerging Civil War Blog, and his study of the 1941-42 Philippine Campaign titled "Last Stand on Bataan" was released by McFarland in late February 2016. In September 2016, the U.S. Army published his volume on the 1862 Virginia Campaigns as part of its sesquicentennial series

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

7 p.m. Centreville Library

THURSDAY, August 9, 2018

GUEST SPEAKER:

**Author and Historian
CHRIS KOLAKOWSKI**

TOPIC:

**"The Kentucky Campaign - August
to November 1862"**

THURSDAY, September 13, 2018

GUEST SPEAKER:

**Author and Historian
ERIC WITTENBERG**

TOPIC:

**"Cavalry Action at the
Battle of Chickamauga"**

on the Civil War. Chris lives in Norfolk, Virginia, where he is Director of the MacArthur Memorial.

**AUTHOR/HISTORIAN ERIC WHITTENBERG
SPEAKS ON "CAVALRY ACTION AT THE BATTLE OF
CHICKAMAUGA - SEPTEMBER 1863" AT THE
SEPTEMBER 13th MEETING**

The Battle of Chickamauga in September 1863 featured two important delaying actions conducted by mounted Union soldiers at Reed's and Alexander's bridges on the first day of Chickamauga. A cavalry brigade under Col. Robert H. G. Minty and Col. John T. Wilder's legendary "Lightning Brigade" of mounted infantry made stout stands at a pair of chokepoints crossing Chickamauga Creek. Their dramatic and outstanding efforts threw Confederate Gen. Braxton Bragg's entire battle plan off its timetable by delaying his army's advance for an entire day. For the rest of the story, we have a noted author Eric Wittenberg to

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**UPCOMING 2018 MEETINGS**

October 11th, 2018 - Dr. Jeff McClurken - "Take Care of the Living: Reconstructing Confederate Veteran Families in Virginia"

November 8th, 2018 - Mark Dunkleman - "Gettysburg's Unknown Soldier: The Life, Death, and Celebrity of Amos Humiston"

December 13th, 2018 - Eric Buckland - "They Rode with Mosby"

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The President's Column

By Mark A. Trbovich

Bull Run Civil War Round Table Members,

This summer has proven to be a 'bombshell' of lectures - three for June and July - which was a first for our round table. We are so happy to bring the best speakers possible for our Civil War journey; a journey that includes excellent tours, lectures and events to be enjoyed with your BRCWRT family.

At our June meeting, we had the great pleasure of having National Park Service Ranger



National Park Service Ranger Steve Phan was the June speaker at the BRCWRT.

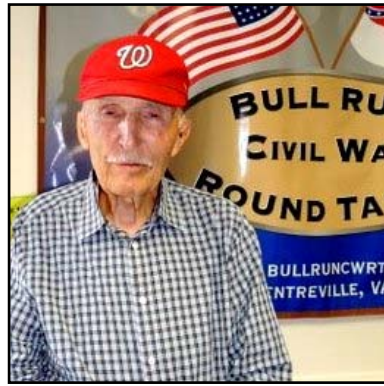
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Steve Phan bring us the "Battle of Nashville, December 1864." Steve gave us a blow-by-blow description of the campaign, including the cold weather suffering on both sides, and we left much more informed on this Western

Theater battle. Thank you so much, Steve, and please come anytime to visit.

Our second meeting in June was held at the Winery at Bull Run - it was an outstanding event featuring our friend, Dave Goetz, speaking on: "Ever the Gray Ghost: Colonel John Singleton Mosby and the Lincoln Conspiracies." Dave took us on a case-by-case analysis of the timeline of the Lincoln assassination plot to find the truth to this most interesting conspiracy. I highly recommend buying this book, and hope to see Dave anytime at our round table meetings.

The July lecture brought us our dear friend, NPS Historian Emeritus Edwin Bearss, 95 years young, and his lecture on the "Battles of Ft. Henry and Ft. Donelson - February 1862." We were so happy to see Ed speak to a packed house; and he brought us an outstanding description of the Federal campaign to capture both forts. We look forward to see Ed again next year, and so happy to see him well and fit at our meeting.



At left - the incomparable Ed Bearss, NPS Historian Emeritus was the July speaker at the BRCWRT. Below, left to right, is Ed with his devoted fans, including: Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Sandra Cox, Janet Greentree, Ed Bearss, Nadine Mironchuk, Nancy Anwyll, and Gwen Wyttenbach.

Photos by Janet Greentree



Again, quite the 'action-packed' two months, and we will continue to brainstorm new ideas regarding the lecture schedule for 2019. Don't forget, you can also 'tune in' to all of our lectures, along with viewing Powerpoint slides, at our Web site audio archives, located at the address: http://bullruncwrt.org/BRCWRT_AudioArchives/Audio_menu.html.

On a very sad note, we lost one of our great BRCWRT presidents, preservationists and tour guide, John McAnaw, on July 7th. Many of us are so thankful to have been able to visit John for a few weeks prior to his passing, while he was at a hospice facility, to let him know how much we cared for him. His funeral was held on July 13th, and was highly attended by many organizations and friends, giving deserved honor to him. His legacy will live on in all of the hearts of those who knew him; it was my honor to have known him for the past 20 years. He was a mentor to me on preservation matters, and also provided unparalleled leadership to our award-winning round table. John's leadership for all those years helped build the BRCWRT to grow

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In Memoriam – John P. McAnaw (September 11, 1935 - July 7, 2018)

Bull Run Civil War Round Table Loses Visionary Leader, Friend

by Blake Myers



Lieutenant Colonel (U. S. Army, Ret.) John P. McAnaw

Lieutenant Colonel (U.S. Army, Ret.) John Patrick McAnaw, past president; long-time member (since 1993) of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table, and a wonderful friend, colleague, leader and mentor for so many, passed away on Saturday, July 7, 2018, at Fairfax Nursing Center. John was the beloved husband of Mary, devoted father of Maire Weathers (Jason) and dear brother of Mary Brigg (late Michael), Margaret Borock (Donald) and Michael McAnaw. John had the Irish gift of gab and a keen sense of adventure.

John was the genuine article, true to himself, his faith and his values - what you saw was what you got - and a great teacher and team builder. He was passionate - totally committed to his family, his faith, history and historic preservation, military service, his local community, and his friends and colleagues. And he was fearless - never was John deterred from doing what was right and what was called for to advance a cause or activity in which he believed. We all gained and learned so much from working with and being around John, and will miss him dearly.

A native of Ohio, John graduated from the University of Cincinnati, with a degree in Geology, and its ROTC program in 1959 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. John served 26 years as an Infantry Officer, including three combat tours in the Republic of Vietnam and assignments at the U.S. Pacific Command, the U.S. Army War College and HQDA at the Pentagon. John's assignments in Vietnam included duty as a unit commander, a staff officer, and a Senior Advisor with the South Vietnamese Army, during which he participated in nine campaigns, earned six Bronze Stars – three for valor and three for meritorious service, the Air Medal, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and Combat Infantry Badge. In 2002, John was inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame.

Upon John's retirement from the Army, he continued to reside in the Kings Park West neighborhood of Fairfax County and became immersed in church, civic, patriotic, and historic preservationist projects. A parishioner of Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church, John served as Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Blue and Gray Post 8469, Commander of the VFW's 10th Virginia District, and Chairman of the VFW Department of Virginia Legislative Committee. As a member of Virginia's Ancient Order of Hibernians, John served as the Division's Historian and President. John was also a member of American Legion Post 177 and served as its historian. As a member of the Kings Park West Civic Association, John served as Chairman of its Parks and Lake Committee, and in that capacity, spearheaded the effort to establish a hiking trail and recreational area around Royal Lake. As the result of his tireless dedication to the planning and completion of this project, on May 17, 2008, John was honored in a ceremony establishing the "John P. McAnaw Woodlands and Recreation Area" in Kings Park West.

Joining the BRCWRT in 1993, John was truly the heart and soul of our organization for many years. He served as Preservation Committee Chairman for twenty-one years (1994 – 2015), three years as Vice President (1996, 1999, and 2003) and eight years as President (1997, 2001, 2002, 2004 to 2008), and was the monthly meeting's featured speaker on many occasions. The numerous tours that John led achieved almost legendary status due to his in-depth knowledge, meticulous planning and logistical



Then-Major McAnaw during his service in Vietnam.



Deserved recognition for John's local preservation efforts.

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In Memoriam: John P. McAnaw – (con't from page 4)

arrangements, and the handouts he provided.

John was an indefatigable fighter for historic preservation in Northern Virginia. Working with Ed Wenzel, he fought to preserve, plan, fund and fully interpret the Ox Hill Battlefield Park in Fairfax County, and for more than 20 years was the Master of Ceremonies for the annual Memorial Day Service conducted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians at the Kearny and Stevens monuments located in the Park. In Prince William County, John led the fight to preserve the Bristoe Station Battlefield and the Civil War cemetery sites located on the Rawlins' farm tract then under development planning by Centex Homes.

He was instrumental in establishing the Centerville Historic District and working with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, professional historians and archeologists in the planning, conduct and completion of the Fairfax County Civil War Sites Inventory, building relationships with key public officials and gaining their support for preservation efforts in Fairfax County. Working with professional historians and archeologists retained by Fairfax County, John scoured literally every acre in the County in this quest to identify and document the remaining traces of Civil War sites throughout the County. This effort resulted in the identification of more than 800 sites, many of which were previously unknown to county officials.

John took on many preservation actions, all the while leading the round table and educating its membership through his unique and insightful site tours and hikes through the woods and along streams, and generally preaching the gospel of preservation wherever he went. Additionally, John frequently spoke at local civic and historical group meetings, enlisting their support in historic preservation. Truly a unique individual, John's genuine passion, thoughtfulness, modesty and humbleness were the character traits that set him apart and made him such a beloved friend, colleague and leader.

John's July 13, 2018 funeral mass at Holy Spirit Catholic Church drew a large number of friends and colleagues. Numerous members of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum and the Fairfax County Historical Commission were in attendance to honor and celebrate John's life. The service included a reading of the poem, The Dash – an appropriate and fitting tribute to John.

The Dash

I read of a man who stood to speak at a funeral of a friend.
 He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end.
 He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears,
 but said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.
 For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth
 and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.
 For it matters not, how much we own, the cars, the house...the cash.
 What matters is how we lived and loved and how we spend our dash.
 So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change?
 For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.
 To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more
 and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.
 If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...
 remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.
 So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash,
 would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?

by Linda Ellis

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: the Civil War Trust, Division of American Battlefield Trust, 1140 Professional Court, Hagerstown, MD 21740 (www.battlefields.org/McAnaw); Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Capital Campaign for Renovations, 5121 Woodland Way, Annandale, VA 22003 (www.holyspiritchurch.us); VFW Foundation, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111 (www.vfw.org).

Tributes to John McAnaw by BRCWRT friends

President: 1997-98, 2001-2002, 2004-2008

Photos Courtesy of Janet Greentree, Blake Myers, Ed Wenzel and Jim Lewis

Ed Wenzel: “The contributions of John McAnaw to the Bull Run Civil War Round Table and to education and preservation in Fairfax and Prince William counties will long be remembered by those of us he mentored and led. John was a font of knowledge and his famous motto “We’re Cheap and we’re Proud” was a line that belied the serious purpose he advocated. Our Round Table’s principal missions were always education, field trips and preservation, but during John’s long tenure of leadership, he took those important missions to new heights.

I first came to know John in 1994, when he spoke at the Memorial Day ceremony at Ox Hill. I believe it was the first year that this ceremony was held, organized by Bob Hickey of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (and later of the Bull Run Civil War Round Table). John too was a member of the AOH and a past commander of the VFW post at Fairfax Station. That September, John was named the BRCWRT’s Preservation Chairman and soon a flood of reports and articles under John’s byline began appearing in the *Stone Wall* newsletter. Among the first was a three-part feature entitled “Focus on Union Mills” which highlighted the scenic and historic terrain along Bull Run, the O&A Railroad, and the 1862 battle at the Bull Run Railroad Bridge.

In subsequent parts of his Union Mills feature, John recounted his extensive reconnaissance on both sides of Bull Run, especially the high ground on the Fairfax side, where he and a few stalwarts found and mapped numerous archeological sites, ruins, fortifications, entrenchments, camp and bivouac areas, cemeteries, fords, mill sites, and ancient road



Another day of learning from John’s expertise - including: left to right: Dale Maschino, Ed Wenzel, John, Blake Myers, John Pearson, and Pat McGinty.

traces. However, in their trek through the silence and beauty of the wooded terrain, ominous signs of future threats were observed in the form of engineer tape, ribbons, and stakes. John would write sadly of the disconcerting realization that no matter how many important vestiges of the Civil War might be preserved or protected, eventually those sites would be surrounded by upscale homes and golf course development. The historic landscape would be changed forever.

After John became President of the BRCWRT, he would come back to Union Mills again and again as he led new members and lots of old ones over the historic ground. For those who trekked along on those first glorious expeditions with John McAnaw, you saw the wonder of a natural, wild landscape above historic Bull Run, much of which has now vanished into memory. But John did not stop with tours or field recon trips. As he did with Union Mills and every other preservation or educational endeavor, he talked with relic hunters and round table historians; he met with county supervisors and Park Authority officials, cultural resources personnel, archeologists, and even the developers to plead for the protection of Civil War sites. John testified at numerous public hearings, some in the early hours of the morning, to urge the preservation of irreplaceable



Clearly, John always traveled ‘the path less taken’ on his tours, such as when he scoped out the the Bull Run railroad bridge.

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CIVIL WAR TRAVELS WITH MS. REBELLE

Gen. Albert Gallatin Jenkins, CSA

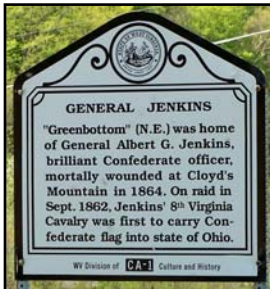
By Janet Greentree

So, who do you think had the best beard in the Civil War? There is Strong Vincent and Ambrose Burnside rocking sideburns; George Crook with a separated beard that he sometimes tied separately; James Longstreet had a pretty long and thick beard; Lafayette Laws; John Bell Hood; Maxcy Gregg; Alpheus Williams, and Gustavus DeRussy, to mention a few. My favorite after George Crook is Albert Gallatin Jenkins. with his very long, skinny beard.



Gen. Albert G. Jenkins

Albert Gallatin Jenkins was one of the generals I found on a trip to find Gen. John McCausland in West Virginia. He is buried in Spring Hill Cemetery in Huntington, WV, and McCausland is close by in the Smith Family cemetery in Henderson, WV.



Greenbottom, the Jenkins home, and historical marker at the site, in Cabell County, West Virginia.

Photos by Janet Greentree

Jenkins was born on his family's plantation, called Greenbottom, in Cabell Co., western Virginia, on November 10, 1830. His parents were Dr. William Jenkins and Janetta McNutt.

His

father had built and lived in the Greenbottom house since 1835. The farm consisted of 4,441 acres along seven miles of the Ohio River. Dr. Jenkins practiced medicine in St. Louis, MO, before moving to western Virginia. The Greenbottom house is still standing on the Ohio River Road, Lesage, WV.

Young Jenkins attended Jefferson College in Canonsburg, PA, between the ages of 14-18. When he graduated in 1848, he studied law at Harvard and was admitted to the bar in 1850. Albert married Virginia Bowlin on July 15, 1858. They had four children – James Bowlin, Alberta, Margaret, and George. While researching Jenkins and looking for photos of him, I found more pictures of his daughter, Alberta, who was an actress, than pictures of the general.



Alberta Jenkins

Jenkins was a delegate to the 1856 Democratic Convention. He represented his district in West Virginia in the 36th and 37th Congresses. When the Civil War began in April 1861, he resigned his seat in Congress and stood with the Confederate cause. He started out as a captain from Cabell and Mason Counties. His company became a cavalry command known as the Border Rangers. Jenkins' rangers defended the Kanawha Valley in western Virginia and trained on the grounds of Greenbottom. He and 50 of his rangers captured several prominent citizens of Point Pleasant, getting the attention of the public. He fought several battles in western Virginia, including Scary Creek, in a fight against Col. George S. Patton, Hawks Nest (near Piggot's Mill), and Guyandotte, capturing all the papers, books, and rolls of the Union Army located there.

Taking time out from the army, he served as a congressman from February 18, 1862 to August 6, 1862. He re-entered the army when he was commissioned a brigadier general. Still in western Virginia, he fought at Cheat Valley, destroying the B&O Railroad,

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Rich Mountain and Buckhannon, capturing 5,000 rifles and supplies. He also destroyed Weston. While in Ripley, he took \$5,525.00 from a paymaster of the Union Army. After fording the Ohio River on September 4, 1862, he planted the Confederate flag on Ohio soil. He captured the town of Racine, OH, and forded back across the Ohio River into western Virginia. Gen. Robert E. Lee requested his presence in the Shenandoah Valley in late 1862 and put him in charge of foragers and couriers in the Valley, reporting to Lee's headquarters. Jenkins went back to western Virginia in 1863, fighting at Hurricane Bridge, where he ordered the Union bridge guard to surrender. After five hours of



The Rupp House (at rear) in Mechanicsburg, which Jenkins occupied in June 1863, with large marker in the foreground. Photo above, right: historical marker notes Rupp House history, also

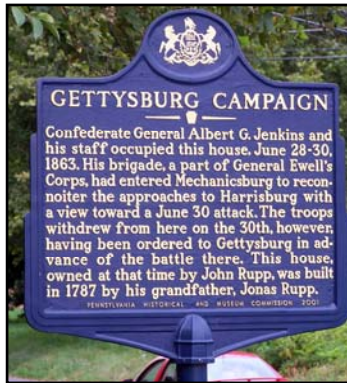


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fighting, Jenkins withdrew his men and went on to Point Pleasant.

In June 1863, Jenkins was assigned to the Gettysburg Campaign under Gen. Robert E. Rodes. The Confederates made their way north through Winchester and Berryville, and then attacked Martinsburg. Jenkins demanded the surrender of Martinsburg. After five hours, the town did surrender. Jenkins crossed the Potomac River at Williamsport, MD, bringing them onto northern soil, where his men seized large numbers of horses from the Union troops. They continued on to Greencastle, PA, where he commandeered the residence of the editor of the newspaper, *The Repository*. Moving on to Chambersburg, he waited for the arrival of Gen. Rodes' division but had to withdraw. He

Jenkins' shield marker on the East Cavalry Field at Gettysburg, PA.

Photo by Janet Greentree



reoccupied Chambersburg on June 22, 1863, and realized the town had hidden all their supplies from the Confederates. He ordered the citizens of Chambersburg to feed

his men. Jenkins' cavalry went on to Shippensburg, Carlisle, Harrisburg, and Mechanicsburg. He occupied the Rupp house in Mechanicsburg from June 28-30, 1863. Unbelievably, there is a Confederate marker there to Gen. Jenkins, located at 5115 East Trindle Road at Jenkins' headquarters. As a side note, the marker was created by Rick Robison of Codori Memorials, who is my daughter's neighbor in Gettysburg. His wife Kim was a Codori.

Gen. Lee called Jenkins back to Gettysburg, where the general was wounded on July 2nd on Barlow's Knoll, with his horse shot from under him while guarding Gen. Richard S. Ewell's left flank. Jenkins was unable to continue fighting, but his men were with Gen. J.E.B. Stuart on the East Cavalry Field.

A marker dedicated to Gen. is on the Confederate side of the East Cavalry Field, behind the Rupp Barn. Gen. Rodes praised Jenkins as one of nine Confederates who had won distinction in the Gettysburg Campaign. Jenkins recuperated from his wound until the fall of 1863. He was then in West Virginia (statehood, 6/20/63) at Calahan's Station, and at Franklin in Pendleton County. By May 1864, he was appointed Commander of the Department of Western Virginia, with his

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Gen. Jenkins' tombstone in Spring Hill Cemetery, Huntington, West Virginia.

Photo by Janet Greentree

headquarters in Dublin. His final battle was Cloyd's Mountain against Gen. George Crook, where he endured a mortal wound. He died in Dublin on May 24, 1864, at age 34.

In an article published by the Huntington Herald on June 22, 1900, writer E. F. Chapman wrote the following about General Jenkins: "That General Jenkins was a brave man is fully attested by the circumstances of his death. During the

battle of Cloyd's Mountain his brigade was charged by two Ohio regiments of Federal troops...and repulsed.... The General headed the 45th Virginia and, with drawn sword, was encouraging the men to stand and cover the retreat of the other regiments of the brigade. They too fled, leaving the General alone when he was shot from his horse and picked up by the Federal troops. He was taken to the house of Mr. Cloyd (or Guthrie) and all

possible done to aid his recovery, but he died on the above date."

His death was also reported as follows: "The widow and three children of General Albert Gallatin Jenkins of the Confederate Army, reached Charleston, VA, on the 1st inst., under a flag of truce, a chaplain accompanying them there. Gen. Jenkins was wounded three times at the fight with Gen. Crook at Cloide Mountain, near Dublin. The wound causing his death was in the arm near the shoulder; amputation was necessary and was made. He was removed to a place near Dublin, where his family joined him, and was doing well until one night the artery, which had been incautiously taken up began to flow, and once those in attendance discovered it, he had bled so profusely that recuperation was impossible. He was 35 years of age, and owned a splendid property in Virginia, on the Ohio, a few miles below the Kanawha, valued at \$300,000." His age was reported incorrectly, as he was only 34.

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 424 - 169 Confederate and 255 Union. You may contact her at jlgrtree@erols.com.

Upcoming Speakers – (con't from page 1)

speak at the September 13th meeting.

Eric Wittenberg was born in 1961 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He earned an undergraduate degree in Political Science and Economics from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in 1983. Eric earned both a Master's Degree in Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1987.

Eric is the author of 18 books on the Civil War and more than three dozen articles that have appeared in various national magazines. His preservation efforts have

included work with the Civil War Trust (now American Battlefield Trust), the Trevilian Station Foundation and the Brandy Station Foundation. Due to his familiarity with and expertise concerning Civil War battles and battlefields, he has given many lectures on the Civil War and has led numerous battlefield tours. He is now an attorney in private practice. He and his wife Susan and their three golden retrievers reside in Columbus, Ohio.

Come on out and meet and dine with both Chris and Eric prior to each meeting at Carrabba's Italian Restaurant, 5805 Trinity Parkway, Centreville, VA 20120: (703) 266-9755.

President's Column – (con't from page 3)

to where we are today; let us honor John by continuing to make the BRCWRT the best it can be, and to grow for years to come.

At the June meeting, it was such a highlight to introduce our 2018 Scholarship winner, Joseph LaVigne, from Seton Catholic High School in Manassas, VA. It was wonderful to have dinner with his family, along with Scholarship Committee Chair Nancy Anwyll, prior to the meeting.

Joseph wrote his winning essay on the Battle of Ox Hill; he spoke to the membership at the meeting and thanked all of you for your support of his upcoming college career. He has been accepted at George Mason University and will attend in the Fall. We hope to see him at future meetings, being 'right around the corner!' at GMU. Again, a huge "thank you" to Nancy Anwyll and team, Charlie Balch and Brian McEnany, for performing a wonderful and thorough selection process again this year!

We are happy to report that, as of July 25th, we have 246 active members, and hope for more to join up as the year goes on. I want to, again, thank Vice President Mark Whitenton and his Membership Committee team, and Treasurer Mark Knowles, for their efforts all year. Please reach out to any Civil War enthusiast you might know who hasn't signed up yet and remind them of what a great newsletter, series of lectures and tours we provide to our members.

Another great event on our list of announcements is that of our Annual Members Picnic, which will be held on Sunday, September 16th, at the Winery at Bull Run. More details are to follow, but folks - you don't want to miss this

enjoyable get-together!

Your Executive Committee has been working overtime on new initiatives for constantly improving our round table's vision and mission. This year will be another tremendous year for us at the BRCWRT, as we continued to bring great lectures and events to the membership. Preservation Lead, Blake Myers, and his team have been working on many projects this year. You can follow the details of these efforts in the *Stone Wall*. They will be involved with many more as the year unfolds.

Our new Marketing Committee lead, Stephanie Vale, needs some volunteers as she unveils our BRCWRT to a larger audience in the region.

As always, please try to make it out to each meeting, as we will have so much local Civil War information to get out to you and friends with whom to share our history fellowship. The Summer of 2018 will feature many local Civil War events unfolding in our area.

As always, this month, and every month in 2018, we will continue to offer for sale Ed Wenzel's "Chronology of the Civil War of Fairfax County." This book is the perfect gift for the Civil War enthusiast on your shopping list. Also, the BRCWRT 25th Anniversary book will be on sale at meetings, and on the Web site. As the year moves forward, we will be here bringing you the best Civil War lectures, tours, events and newsletters in the region, with preservation and education as a solid part of our mission!

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

Saving Our Battlefields - The Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant Program

by Blake Myers

The Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant Program is up for reauthorization with bipartisan sponsorship. This program has helped states and preservation groups to purchase Civil War, Revolutionary War, and War of 1812 battle sites and prevent them from being lost to development projects.

Much land remains in private hands both in out-of-the-way places, and also adjacent to or within existing national parks. Until recently, a key four-acre tract less than 500 feet from the Antietam visitor's center was privately owned. The Civil War Trust purchased the land, using, in part, Land Acquisition Grant funds, and transferred it to the National Park Service.

I encourage each of you to go to the following American Battlefield Trust link, <https://www.battlefields.org/support-preserving-americas-battlefields-act>, fill in the requested information and click "Send Message." The site is programmed to send your e-mail to your U. S. representative and two U. S. senators.

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heritage.

When it came to preserving historic resources, John often spoke of developers as “land maulers” and their ubiquitous projects and re-zoning requests as “bear hugging,” meaning that if they didn’t destroy the historic resource outright, they would build right up against it, like a bear hugging a tree, leaving little natural landscape for protection or setting. It was always a fight to preserve priceless heritage and keep “land maulers” at bay.

John McAnaw’s hard work and perseverance often proved critical to success. One success that John was especially proud of was the Fairfax County Civil War Sites Inventory, which had its genesis in his campaign to protect the Centreville earthworks. To fund an inventory needed to identify the locations of Civil War resources in the county, the Fairfax Board of Supervisors (at John’s urging) appropriated \$150,000 in 1999, followed by an additional \$200,000 in 2001. The inventory was conducted by John Milner Associates and was supported by BRCWRT members led by our intrepid president who undertook numerous “search and find missions” to augment the professional effort. It was estimated that Milner might find about 250 sites in Fairfax County, but when the funding finally ran out, Milner’s database contained 850 events, historical sites, and archeological locations—and only 41 percent of Fairfax County had been surveyed! In a letter of thanks and appreciation to John and the BRCWRT, Milner Associates praised John’s extraordinary effort to identify, record, and protect Civil War resources including his donation of information carefully compiled through his many years of independent investigation.

A retired and highly-decorated US Army infantry officer, John habitually used military lingo to describe the round table’s field trips—“Objectives,” “After Action Reports,” “mentioned in dispatches,” and “cited individuals.” “Deep strike operations” referred to planned tours of distant battlefields. And he often sprinkled humor into his AAR reports such as: “Participants had a good work out moving cross-compartment through the parkland. All returned to base in good shape with the exception of one pack mule.”

John McAnaw’s preparations for tours or reconnaissance forays were extensive and included carefully annotated maps often highlighted with color markers, and all with laborious hand-printed information. As he led his troops into the field, John always wore his sweat-stained “flak jacket,” a tan vest full of pockets that held a compass, maps, energy food, water bottle, first aid kit, knife, and who knows what else. Off we would go, John in the lead, forging ahead through the brush and brambles and over fallen logs or across ravines. As Nancy Anwyll often observed, “If there was a nice trail anywhere, John never took it!”

And so it was with all of John’s tours and preservation efforts, and there were many: From Manassas NBP to Centreville’s extensive earthworks and its historic district; the Centreville Military Railroad; Blackburn’s Ford battle; Little Rocky Run entrenchments; Bristoe Station battlefield and the search for artifacts and soldier’s burial sites; the Bull Run fords; skirmish at McLean’s Ford; the O&A Railroad and Bull Run Bridge; Signal Hill and Camp Carondelet; Mayfield fort and Manassas Junction; Grigsby’s Hill and Clifton; Sangster’s, Fairfax, and Burke’s Stations; Brimstone Hill; Wolf Run Shoals; the redoubt at Farr’s Cross Roads (at GMU); Brandy Station, Chancellorsville, Wilderness and Spotsylvania; Winchester, Petersburg, and countless other sites and battlefields along the way, including of course our own Ox Hill Battlefield Park.

Regarding Ox Hill, John was very outspoken about completing the battlefield park. He visited there often, helped pick up trash, and was usually the master of ceremonies on Memorial Day when he always presided wearing his VFW commander’s cap. In 2001, John suggested using the *Stone Wall* newsletter as a monthly platform to report on the constant delays and issues affecting the park. In 2004, he played a critical role in planning the battlefield park after being named to the citizen task force advising the park

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authority. The resulting Ox Hill Master Plan was approved by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board in January 2005, and the Park was officially opened on September 1, 2008. However, getting there was not without major headaches over funding, the level of interpretation and many other issues.

The interpretative matter was resolved when the round table membership (on John's motion) voted unanimously to support full interpretation as opposed to the officially preferred elementary level interpretation. Ultimately, park planners agreed. As for the funding shortfall, John and Charlie Balch arranged meetings with BOS Chairman, Gerald Connolly, and Park Director, Michael Kane, to devise a solution to the crisis. They did—the funding was found and the matter was settled. Without John's critical assistance at the highest levels, Ox Hill would not have opened for many more years, and in fact might still be languishing. Once more, John's leadership, diplomacy and determination were the keys to success.

I am forever grateful to John for his encouragement of and contributions to the book *Chronology of the Civil War in Fairfax County*, published by the round table. Even as he battled deteriorating health, John helped to get this important sesquicentennial project off the ground and provided his expert opinions on much of the content. His wonderful Introduction encapsulated the book's value for Fairfax residents and Civil War buffs alike and was a great blessing, an imprimatur if you will, because John knew and loved the history and understood the effort made to compile it.

Among John's many sterling traits and qualities, one we really respected was that he proudly opened every meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer for our first responders and law enforcement—the people who keep us safe and protect us. He did that unfailingly and we continue to follow his example. John was generous, humble, and gracious—always giving credit to others while taking so little for himself.

John McAnaw's contributions to our nation in time of war, to the community, and to his comrades and associates will always be remembered with great affection and respect. He was a friend, a Christian, and a patriot; and honesty, integrity, and loyalty were the qualities that defined him—very special, very humble, and true to God and Country.

Thank you for many wonderful years, John.

May God bless you, and may the road always rise up to meet you!"

Charlie Balch: "John loved poking around in the woods looking for evidence of Civil War activity. My favorite memories are of John hiking along with a walking stick pointing out earthen hut locations, redoubts and graves. Then, with excitement in his voice, John would announce, "here is disturbed earth." He had found another Civil War gem.



Left to right - John McAnaw and the late nationally-recognized Civil War expert Brian Pohanka participated in the 2004 Memorial Day commemoration at the Ox Hill battlefield in Fairfax, VA.



Two great American heroes met often and shared their love of our country's history; left to right: John McAnaw and former Marine (WWII Pacific Theater, Purple Heart) Ed Bearss, Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service.

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John was always teaching, always caring. He made history personal. His Centreville tours were a tradition for many of us. He was passionate about history and preserving historic sites.

John's interaction and friendship with Gerry Connolly, then Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, saved the Rice Property and its apex fort in Centreville in spite of fierce opposition from the local Supervisor and a developer."

Mark Trbovich: "In January 1999, I went to my first BRCWRT meeting to find out some information on the Battle of Blackburn's Ford. I needed information because I had an idea to place a historic marker there (as I lived north of Blackburn's Ford on the Bull Run). John and Dan Paterson made me feel so welcome - I knew I had come to the right place. John took me on a recon of the site a few weeks later and we located rifle pits on the PWC side of Bull Run - - I was hooked!

John mentored me in Civil War preservation and I attended the late hour PWC Board of Supervisor sessions on Bristoe Station Battlefield hearings and actually spoke from the podium for the first time. On July 18, 2001, the 140th Anniversary of the Battle of Blackburn's Ford, John, Dan and I installed and dedicated two Virginia CW Trails signs at Blackburn's Ford. Ten years later, we returned on the 150th anniversary and laid a wreath to honor the fallen from that battle.

As the BRCWRT president going on nine years now, I owe so much of my leadership foundation for preservation and fighting spirit to John McAnaw. He never gave up the fight to save as much land as he could for future generations to treasure and remember all who sacrificed for our freedom. John's spirit and love for the BRCWRT will always be in our hearts as we move into our next 25 years as a Round Table. Rest in Peace John, we will never forget you"

Sandra Cox: I met John on a Fairfax Station Railroad Museum tour he was leading in 2002. I kept asking him how to pronounce terms I was reading in a Civil War book like abatis and chevaux-de-frise. Towards the end of the tour and after another question he said, "You need to join the Bull Run Civil War Round Table." I said, "Do you allow women?" He said, "Women are our best members." He invited me to the next meeting. When I walked in the door, he hollered across the room, "There's Sandra Cox!" John had such a way of making people feel welcome and included.

Brian McEnany: John McAnaw was not only active in preserving civil war sites in Northern Virginia, he led frequent tours along Bull Run fords and other sites. John's tours were frequently off road and through forests. You needed bug spray and walking sticks to keep safe. His commentary provided extensive information about the areas we struggled through. On one particular tour, John made sure all of us understood one of the ground rules-keep information about the site quiet. Don't advertise where you've been so relic hunters stay away and people unfamiliar with preservation don't dig or tear down the earthworks over time.

There was a trail nearby, but John led us through the forest. We stumbled, fell, knocked away branches, and then arrived at the earthworks. It was amazing – and in almost pristine condition. John explained how it was constructed and why it was constructed in this location. Then we were off again through the trees, this time to observe a Crimean Oven, then depressed areas in the ground that were obvious tent sites. His commentary offered us an in-depth look into American history. I watched and took notes about how to conduct tours and learned much from an expert and fellow Civil War enthusiast.

Jenee Lindner: "I met John when I joined the Fairfax Station Railroad Station Museum Board in about 2007 - - he was the Civil War guru. When he did his Civil War walking tours, I signed up. What wonderful things I learned. I came to learn that the Civil War was right in our backyards! People were so nice to allow us to visit their properties - down the ravines, in the woods, near a stream, and so on. I learned about local Civil War winter camps, Sangster's Station, creek fords, and the long and winding

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Fairfax Station - Wolf Run Shoals Road, as busy arteries for Civil War supplies and troops. All this became real to me as John spoke with his breadth and depth of Civil War knowledge.

He was very patient with those, like me, who were new to this subject. No question was off-limits, and John would continue to provide details until you understood. I found myself becoming as enthusiastic as he was.

I remember a particular hike to the redoubt we visited next to a golf course. As he discussed the redoubt, he talked about the parallels to reconnaissance in Vietnam. He had a respect for soldiers from all wars. I appreciated his heart-felt, patriotic reverence very much. He spoke often of the hallowed ground we were walking upon where the Civil War soldier once operated, lived and where many made the ultimate sacrifice.

He introduced me to the VFW in Fairfax Station. How nice they have been to me through the years. I went to high school in the Philippines from 1968-1972. Soldiers stationed in Vietnam came in and out of there. It was wonderful to have associations with those Vietnam War veterans and others. John also introduced me to the Bull Run Civil War Round Table. What a find! I could never have learned all I have learned about Civil War history without it. My Civil War living history programs are directly related to the people and programs found therein. And, most importantly, what a treasure of friends I now have as fellow Civil War connoisseurs!

Thank you John for sharing yourself through your work in many organizations. My horizons are brighter because of the friendship you shared with others and me. My circle expanded in so many good directions because of you. Thank you for being you."

Blake Myers: "While I participated in so many of John's Civil War sites tours and treks through Virginia's woodlands, countryside and streambeds, I stopped counting years ago. However, one tour will always stand out for me from a personal perspective – our September 11, 2004, Tour of the Bull Run Valley.

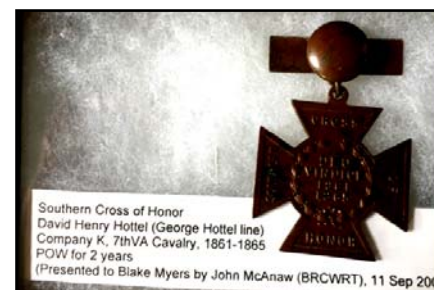
Some background - In the late 1990s John had come into possession (through a family friend) of a Southern Cross of Honor Medal that had belonged to Sergeant David H. Hottel of the 7th VA Cavalry and from Woodstock, Virginia. (Even though more than 35,000 were awarded to Confederate Veterans, these medals are extremely rare as most were pinned to the coats of the veterans when they were buried.) One of John's tours of the Battle of Cedar Creek (October 19, 1864) in the early 2000s included a stop at the ruins of Hottel's Mill and Hottel's Ford on Cedar Creek. During the discussion at this stop I explained to the group my ancestral relationship to the Hottel Family (William and Katherine Hottel) who owned and operated Hottel's Mill. I also mentioned my ancestral relationship to Confederate Veteran Sergeant David Henry Hottel, who served in Company K, 7th Virginia Cavalry under Turner Ashby and, upon reorganization of Ashby's Cavalry after his death at Harrisonburg, with the Laurel Brigade in the 11th Virginia Cavalry under Thomas Rosser.

Well, John remembered all that, and during one of our infrequent rest halts on the September 2004 Bull Run Valley Tour John took the opportunity to tell the story of the Southern Cross of Honor Medal, Sergeant David Hottel, and then proceeded to present Sergeant Hottel's Medal to me. In John's words he thought it "fitting and proper to return the medal to one of Sergeant Hottel's descendants." But he also warned me – employing his impeccable humor with a dose of reality - that he had better

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Above, John McAnaw (left) presenting Blake Myers with a rare Southern Cross of Honor medal. Below, the medal.



Southern Cross of Honor
David Henry Hottel (George Hottel line)
Company K, 7th VA Cavalry, 1861-1865
POW for 2 years
(Presented to Blake Myers by John McAnaw (BRCWRT), 11 Sep 2004)

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never see the medal for sale on eBay! I was completely taken by surprise and deeply touched that John would remember my story and make such a thoughtful gesture and gift. John - I treasure and still have that medal, and it is a significant item I discuss at each of our biennial family reunions!"

Janet Greentree: "When I first joined the round table, John was so welcoming to me. He always looked out for the women, who had an interest in such a male-oriented Civil War field. I went on so many tours with John and the round table. One that stands out is when only six women showed up for one of his tours in Centreville. John got such a chuckle out of that. After the tour we all went out to lunch at Payne's Restaurant in Centreville. John got lots of stares from the patrons when he came in with six women.

Another kindness was when we were hiking in Clifton and the "bee event" happened. Nancy



Members of John McAnaw's 'Six Ladies Tour' included: left to right: Mary Ahrens, Harriet Condon, Sandra Cox, Bev Regeimbal (deceased), Janet Greentree, and Nancy Anwyll.

Anwyll, Sandra Cox, and I were all stung many, many times by yellow jackets when someone stepped on the nest in the ground. John was so worried about us. Thank goodness no one was allergic. John was famous for his "one more ridge" while hiking. Nancy Anwyll coined the phrase "if there is a path we won't take it" - so true. John was a prince among men and a real gentleman. He was one of the good guys. We will all miss him so much. He was a great historian."

Nancy Anwyll: "John enjoyed scouting out and leading tours for us. When the weather was good, there was no better way for us to spend a Saturday

than to hike the countryside or the battlefields with John in the lead. Occasionally, we would, at his command, stop where we would study the maps he provided and listen to him explain the story of what happened there. After a few hikes, I began to think that John might have been purposely toughening us up to walk through more difficult ground because it seemed the hills were steeper and the creeks deeper. On occasion, I would notice there was a level path or easier trail off to the side of where our group was struggling. We would eventually get over to those paths, but only when John thought it was time to do so. After a few years of this and while on a tour near the Occoquan River trekking through woods, I saw the usual easier path off to the side. I told those around me that we needed to create another slogan for the round table. I suggested, 'If there's an easier path, we don't take it.' Those around me laughed and agreed. But it was only in fun, because none of us ever really wanted to change a thing.

We learned more about Civil War historical events with John because we were off the trails in the middle of woods hiking on steep rocky hills that were covered with wet leaves and fallen limbs, or where hidden bee nests, snakes, and ticks waited for us to come close, or where barking dogs showed their impatience and flowing creeks waited to be crossed, or where we all baked under a scorching sun or shivered with cold. That's where and how things happened during the Civil War, and that's what soldiers and civilians had to endure. Thanks to John McAnaw, that's how our Round Table learned more about the history. May he rest in heavenly peace!"

Mark Knowles: "My friendship with John began in 1993, as we both joined the BRCWRT that year. John asked me if I'd like to join him on a recon as part of his local history research. Little did I know what a McAnaw recon truly entailed – that first hike with John and fellow BRCWRT member Charlie Grymes ended up being an all-day affair. After the first five hours of ground pounding, John let us take a break. I was whipped by the time I got home, but exhilarated. I spent many wonderful hours after that initial hike

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walking the woods of Virginia with John, sometimes in the snow, knocking on private doors seeking permission to bring Round Table members on-site.

John always wore his tan photographers vest with many pockets, a backpack containing water, crackers and tuna. Not to mention all the maps and books pertinent to the area. He would chew on an unlit



John supported the work of many local historians publishing their works; shown here at right, dishing out for a signed copy.

cigar, using it as a pointer for emphasis. John shared his historical knowledge on the grounds we traversed and, on occasion, an experience from his days in Vietnam (severely edited I'm sure). Remember John's vintage white Ford Taurus leading a tour and the orange surveyors tape he affixed to each car's antenna so he knew who was on the tour? There were so many strips of orange tape on John's antenna that it bowed in the wind due to resistance as we moved from one stop to another.

A couple years passed. Then . . . John asked me, "Would you be interested in being the treasurer..." There are defining moments in one's life that stand out - - we know exactly when and where we were when that moment occurred. This is one of those moments in my life - August 1996, in an evening phone call from John. We chatted amiably about general round table stuff, and then he got to the main purpose of the call. Hard to believe it's been 22 years since that phone call. His expressions like "say again" and "wait one" were common

McAnawisms that I came to understand as we interacted.

John's dedication to preserving local history and his perseverance on each effort established the standard for our Round Table. On occasion, I kept John company at county forums all thru the night and into the wee hours of the morning so he could provide his three minutes of insight. He was forever vigilant in his efforts to save historic sites.

In 1997, my girls had their first experience on a McAnaw tour. Through the years, John would always ask how the family was doing, always remembering their names. A classic gentleman.

Would my life be different had I said no to John's question in 1996? Yes. Will I miss my friend and mentor? Absolutely.

Thank you John for giving us your greatest gift...yourself."

John DePue: "Many of the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences I have had over the past 10-plus years were spent with John McAnaw planning battlefield tours and exploring the undeveloped parts of Fairfax, Prince William and Stafford Counties for the remnants of Civil War earthworks and camps. John's enthusiasm for these ventures was contagious and his energy unmatched. On one occasion, while exploring the Signal Hill earthworks, we encountered a barbed wire fence that bisected the site. In his best Infantry style, John crawled under the wire, convincing me to do so as well. After surmounting the obstacle, we were confronted by an irate homeowner who informed us that we were on her side of the fort. I am sure that John is now looking down on us satisfied that today that fort has been preserved for posterity.

The historic preservation community in Northern Virginia will be forever indebted to John and his unceasing efforts to identify and preserve battlefields, earthworks and other significant Civil War sites in the area. He will be missed but never forgotten. The many sites that he had a hand in preserving will be a lasting monument to his dedication and his memory."

Harriett Condon: "Hiking the wilds of Fairfax County and Prince William County backwoods and

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streams discovering Army of Northern Virginia earthworks, star forts, and old roadbeds, I made sure I stayed in front so as to never miss a word of my hero John McAnaw."

John Pearson: "John was a great historian, friend, and mentor, and ever ready with support and encouragement. He had a wonderful knack of drawing others into a conversation and including them in a group discussion. I most enjoyed the "recons" we undertook in preparing for battlefield tours - - John's fondness for these seemed boundless. I'll never forget his enthusiasm while in the backwoods of Louisa County tracing Custer's attack at Trevilian Station. John would bound from the car to knock on doors to say "I'm John McAnaw with the Bull Run Civil War Round Table, can I ask you a question?"

Nadine Mironchuk: John McAnaw - Red Sox Fan-slayer. I first met John when I traveled down in 2006 from Boston to make a presentation regarding soldiers from my town killed at Blackburn's Ford - the 'Centreville Six' discovered by Kevin Ambrose, disinterred and reburied as likely soldiers of the 1st Massachusetts. I knew that John had placed his imprimatur on the presentation when, after the meeting at a lunch get-together, he sidled up to me to find out if I liked sports - baseball, in particular, and when I humbly mentioned yes, I had, with the rest of Red Sox Nation, traveled through all 86 years of pain for the (ahem) 2004 World Series win, he employed the brutal tactics that might have ensured his survival three tours of duty in Vietnam - strike first and strike hardest - he cut me down with the stealthily-thrust invective: "BUCKY DENT!" Argggghhhh!

1978 - the 'lyric little bandbox' in the Back Bay of Boston - Red Sox and Yankees tied for the AL Pennant and have to play a one-game play-in to our first World Series run in living memory; hand-to-hand combat on the field, until *that man* slams one out onto Landsdowne Street. Crushing...our...souls. The twinkle in John's eyes was radiant. I immediately signed on as a member of McAnaw Nation.

Although, come to think of it, it may have been the one and only time John got the history wrong... In Boston history, there is no one named Bucky Dent. There is only Bucky Bleepin' Dent.

Chuck Mauro: "In 2002, I had just published my first book, "The Battle of Chantilly (Ox Hill): A Monumental Storm." I still remember giving one of my first talks at St. Mary's Church. I had just finished giving my talk when a voiced boomed out, "Let me tell you about Chuck Mauro." I had no idea who it was and was a little apprehensive of what this person was going to say next. "He has walked the ground!" And that was my introduction to John McAnaw.

Little did I realize it then, but I believe that was the highest compliment John could have given me due to the maps I had drawn and photographs I had taken. As I came to know John, I realized that was his mission and his passion, to walk the ground of the civil war in our area, to educate us about it, and to preserve it. I am honored to have been recognized by John, and to have shared his passion in my own small way, in his exemplary life's work."



Holtzer Brothers Bar the Door for Prisoners at Civil War Day at The Winery at Bull Run

The Bull Run Civil War Round Table joined with area Civil War enthusiasts on June 24th to support the Civil War Day held at The Winery at Bull Run - as shown by the participation of our youngest 'troops,' Ben and Bryan Holtzer (l to r, front).

The Boys in Gray made life difficult for a blue-belly John Myers, at back, as crowds strolled by, Merlot and pulled pork in-hand.

Photo by Jim Lewis

BRCWRT Honors Scholarship Recipient at June Meeting

by Nancy Anwyll

The winner of this year's BRCWRT \$2000 scholarship, Joseph M. LaVigne, was recognized at the Bull Run Civil War Round Table meeting in June. He is the son of Paul and Marjorie LaVigne of Herndon and graduated from Seton Catholic High School in Manassas. He will enter George Mason University in the fall, where he will major in International Relations and Economics.

As was the usual practice for the BRCWRT scholarship winner, Joseph and his father accepted the invitation to join various BRCWRT members who gather at the Carrabbas Restaurant prior to the meeting. There they were able to participate in table discussions with the evening's speaker, Mr. Steve Phan and President Mark Trbovich. Joseph's mother later joined her husband and son for the regular meeting.

I, Scholarship Committee Chair, introduced Joseph to the membership present in the library. I next emphasized Joseph's academic qualifications and quoted from Joseph's history teacher's recommendations, to illustrate some of Joseph's qualifications. I then quoted a remark from his application, in

which he said that he "will always study history and help preserve the heritage of our country. As a

Virginian, I am especially concerned with the preservation of the historic sites located throughout our state."

After Joseph was presented with a certificate, a BRCWRT cap and a copy of Ed Wenzel's book on Fairfax Civil War chronology of events, he responded by giving his thanks to the BRCWRT and then explained his interest in history. He referenced a few Civil War history books that inspired him, and he also told about a few visits he has made to nearby battlefields.

Alex Hughes, last year's scholarship winner and currently a sophomore at GMU, introduced himself to Joseph after the meeting. Both hope to make connections in the upcoming school year. There now are three BRCWRT scholarship winners attending GMU since the scholarship was first offered in 2013. Besides Joseph and Alex, Taylor H. McConnell, the first scholarship winner, graduated from GMU and is now working on his graduate degree at GMU.

The Scholarship Committee, composed of myself, Charlie Balch and Brian McEnany, thank everyone on the Executive Committee who supported the work of garnering and awarding the scholarship. We especially want to thank those in the membership who donated money to the Scholarship Fund. Those donations over the past five years has allowed the Round Table to increase a \$1000 scholarship in 2013 to a \$2000 scholarship in 2018. We feel that this increase helped stir more interest in applying for the scholarship and made students become more aware of our area's local Civil War history.



Joseph LaVigne, BRCWRT Scholarship awardee, thanks members of the Round Table for supporting his college attendance this year at George Mason University.

Photo by Janet Greentree



Above, the Scholarship Committee of the BRCWRT presents Joseph LaVigne with his \$2000 scholarship at the June meeting for his upcoming freshman year at George Mason University. Shown, left to right, are: Charlie Balch, Chair Nancy Anwyll, Joseph, and Brian McEnany. Below, BRCWRT Mark Trbovich (left) adds his own congratulations for Joseph's attaining the tuition funds with such a great essay.

Photo by Janet Greentree





THE BOOK CORNER



By Ralph G. Swanson

Ambrose Bierce may be the only prominent American novelist who actually participated in our Civil War and whose writing was inspired by his own war service. He enlisted in 1861 in the 9th Indiana Volunteers and fought at Shiloh, Chickamauga and was badly wounded at Kennesaw Mountain. Despite his wounds, he served throughout the war and was discharged in 1867 with the rank of Major. He saw the elephant more than once.

Thereafter, Bierce became a celebrated author, well known for his short stories. He wrote 25 of them about our Civil War. They are readily available in other volumes, but are conveniently assembled for us in *The Civil War Short Stories of Ambrose Bierce*, compiled, and with a forward, by Earnest J. Hopkins (Univ. of Nebraska Press, Bison Books, 1970).

These are not light, breezy tales. Bierce's theme is the horror of war, more specifically the horror of death in war. After all, war is a death machine, a systematic purveyor of death. He occasionally veers into the supernatural, almost as if his characters have inadvertently stumbled into the Twilight Zone. (His writing has inspired some episodes of that iconic TV series.) Young lovers never triumph over adversity in these tales. Love is one of the very many tragic casualties of war. And then, there is often the fateful twist at the end. This is not just a gimmick, to show off his creative mind. It propels the story, often completes it in a manner that brings his point home to the reader.

Despite his war themes, his writing is generally accepted as anti-war. In a sense, Bierce is asking how normal, average people can come together and do such horrible things to other people. Is it some form of temporary insanity?

Some of these short stories are extremely short-- just a page and a half. All are character driven and Bierce goes quickly to his character and establishes him firmly with the reader. The action of the story immediately surrounds the character and, ultimately, determines his fate. Bierce is an absolute master of this writing style. It is our privilege to experience and enjoy his creative genius.

Ultimately with war and death, these are stories of the individual soldier. Stephan Crane (*Red Badge of Courage*) and Leo Tolstoy (*War and Peace*) both carried that same theme in their immortal war fictions. Honor and dishonor, courage and cowardice do not belong to the regiment or the brigade. They are of the lone soldier—always alone, even with thousands of others close by on the field of battle.

Perhaps Bierce's most celebrated short, "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge," is here. Over the years it has been made into at least three film adaptations and inspired many other stories because it is so powerful, his descriptive writing of the action and the setting so impossibly intimate. The literary interpretations and analyses of this haunting tale run to the reams by now. So indulge yourself: search out some external reviews on the internet and enjoy the magic of Ambrose Bierce even more.

Bierce was inordinately drawn to war and was clearly influenced by it, an odd muse by any definition. In 1913, he joined the Mexican Revolution and disappeared without a trace while traveling with rebel troops. Investigations by the American consulate in Mexico never raised a clue as to his fate or whereabouts. But he has left us with much of himself and much of our Civil War to ponder and enjoy.

Until next time, keep reading.

Note: *The Book Corner* invites comment on these critiques and, especially, your personal recommendations for other outstanding books on the Civil War. Comments are always welcome at: renataralph@gmail.com.

Ben Lomond Civil War Hospital Weekend -- Rainy, but not a Washout

by Mark Whitenton and Paige Gibbons-Backus

BRCWRT member and Prince William County Historic Site Manager Paige Gibbons-Backus planned a robust program of in-door and out-door activities for July 21-22, but Mother Nature repeated her bad temper of 157 years ago by raining on the event. Nevertheless, quite a number of interested public braved the constant rain to see, learn, buy a few BRCWRT used books, and for a few, to even join our roundtable.

In addition to the participation of her Prince William County colleagues, which included Bull Run Civil War Round Table members Rob Orrison and Kate Bitely, Paige pulled together Confederate troops (47th VA Inf.) and many volunteers and living historians, such as BRCWRT members Naomi Arlund, Fred Eckstein, Julie Holtzer with her sons, Bryan and Ben, John Myers, Drew Pallo, Stephanie Vale, Mark and Debbie Whitenton, and new member, Jeff Joyce. Recently joined members, Dave and Misty Ly, came by on Sunday with their infant son, Torian (featured in the May 2018 *Stone Wall* on page 8).

As Paige notes: "Despite the summer monsoon, we had over 160 visitors to the site and we heard nothing but GREAT compliments!

"Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to bring the hospital to life! Everyone really gave it their all and I appreciate you putting up with the smells of the hospital and the pouring rain. It was all worth it, because many visitors stayed on-site a long time, enjoyed the displays, the evening tours and talking with everyone. Great job everyone - I hope you had fun with it!

"To all of the interpreters and support staff and volunteers, thank you for helping to make sure the event ran smoothly, was prepared, and helping with children's activities, entrance tents, and effectively tying the history of the site to the event.

"I appreciate everyone taking the time and making the effort to make it the best it could be. I've already heard many great suggestions for the event next year, and I hope you all are interested in coming back and helping us with the event again. You know what they say - third time's a charm - so we should have great weather next year!"

Despite the reduced crowds, BRCWRT volunteers were able to sell 34 used books for \$123 and sign up two new members, with the promises from two to three others of joining the BRCWRT soon.



BRCWRT members who helped with the Ben Lomond Civil War Hospital Weekend, left to right: Paige Gibbons-Backus (program manager), Stephanie Vale, Debbie and Mark Whitenton, Naomi Arlund, Jeff Joyce (signed up at the event), and Drew Pallo.

Photo courtesy of Mark Whitenton



In photo above, left to right, BRCWRT members Rob Orrison, Julie Holtzer, Ben Holtzer, Fred Eckstein, Bryan Holtzer, and John Myers.

Photo by Debbie Whitenton

Manassas History Weekend — August 24 to 26 at Liberia House

Bull Run Civil War Round Table members will be at the Manassas History Weekend encampment at Liberia House during the August 24-26 weekend. Come out and support the great folks who will be manning the info tables, selling books and reenacting the troops and their ladies. This is a BIG event, and you are guaranteed to enjoy the many activities being offered!

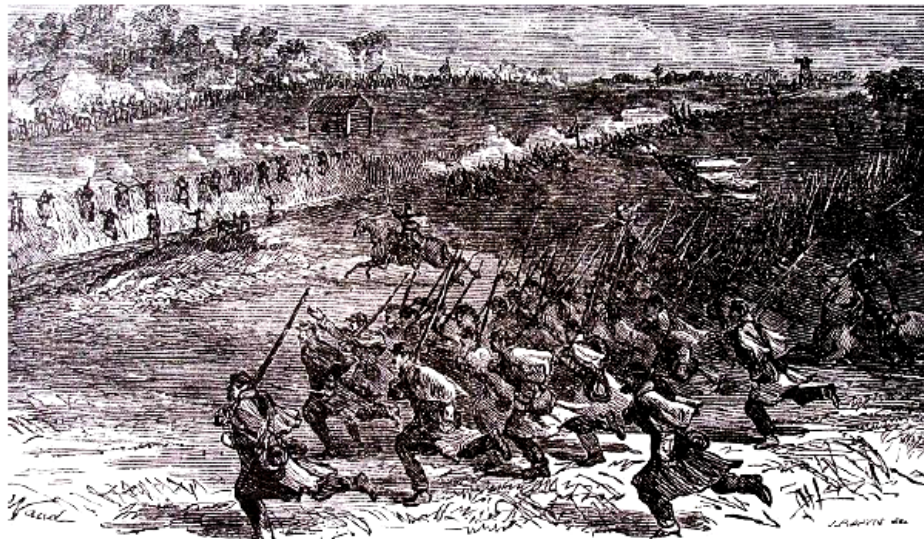
Visit: Manassascity.org for information on this delightful living history day.

BRCWRT 2018 Fall Tour Announced

October 1863 Bristoe Campaign



After the battle of Gettysburg in the summer of 1863, Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia and George G. Meade's Army of the Potomac limped back into Virginia eventually squaring off across the Rapidan River. When Lee began a flanking movement, Meade pulled his army back towards Centerville, VA, setting the stage for the 1863 Bristoe Campaign. Join us for the Fall Tour, sponsored by the Bull Run Civil War Round Table, featuring Bill Backus as tour guide, with planned visits to some key preliminary battle sites and a walking tour of the culminating October 14, 1863, Battle of Bristoe Station.



Day: Saturday, September 29, 2018

Meet: 8 a.m.; Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park (Parking Lot);
10707 General Kirkland Dr. Bristow, VA 20136

Lunch: Tuscani Italian Grill

End: 5 p.m.

Tour Guide: Bill Backus (Historic Site Manager, Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park)

POC: D. Scott Kenepf

E-mail: dsk22264@comcast.net

Cell: 703-624-4995



Summer Programs

Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park

August 11-12, 25-26
Free Battlefield Tours

11 a.m. - 3p.m.; tours leave at the hour
 Bristoe Station Battlefield staff and volunteers will provide guided tours of the Park. Donations welcome.



August 18

Stonewall Jackson's Bold Sweep: Second Manassas Campaign Bus Tour

8:30 a.m. - 4:00p.m.; \$70 per person

Bus tour following Stonewall Jackson's famous flank march to Manassas.

Reservations required.



August 25

Battle of Bull Run Bridge Car Caravan Tour

8 a.m. - 11 a.m.; \$20 per car

Join battlefield guides to explore one of the forgotten 2nd Manassas battles.



For more information or reservations, please call:

703-366-3049

Iron Bridge Unit Ave. & Tenth Alabama Way, Bristow, VA 20136



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155th Bristoe Station Anniversary Weekend October 13-14, 2018

Explore the third and final battle in Prince William County visit a section of the battlefield never open to the public before.

Saturday, October 13

11am-4 pm

**Luminary starting at 7pm*

- ◊ *Living History*
- ◊ *Special Guided Tours*
- ◊ *Evening Luminary featuring over 800 luminaries.*

Saturday, October 14

11am-4 pm

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- ◊ *In Time Tours*

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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 the BRCWRT:

- ◆ Wayne Kline
- ◆ Jeff Joyce
- ◆ Lynn Bristol

- ◆ Jim Logan
- ◆ Charlie Stubbs
- ◆ Hidemi Stubbs

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

Annual dues are:

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

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

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