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RICHMOND CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

FEBRUARY 2023

“The Civil War is the crux of our history. You cannot understand any part of our past, from the convening of the Constitutional Convention, down to this morning, without eventually arriving at the Civil War.”

Bernard de Voto

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**February 14, 2023
7:30 p.m.**

**At First Presbyterian Church
AND VIA ZOOM
4602 Cary Street Road
Richmond, VA 23226
(The parking lot is behind the church; go up the
steps to fellowship hall on the left)**

**JOAN WAUGH
“The Election of 1868”**



This talk examines Ulysses S. Grant and the often ignored election of 1868 arguing that it, like the two earlier and more well known presidential contests in 1860 and 1864, is a vital part of understanding how a number of extraordinarily polarizing and vital issues – including Reconstruction and the economic perils of the wartime debt, shaped the post-war identities of the Republicans and Democrats. The two candidates, Republican Grant and Democrat Horacio Seymour, presented and represented dramatically different agendas for the country's future in 1868 and beyond. Even with the Republicans' comfortable victory, the intense level of hostility exhibited during the campaign by a partisan press predicted a rocky path for the newly reunited country.

Professor Emerita Joan Waugh of the UCLA History Department researches and writes about nineteenth-century America, specializing in the Civil War, Reconstruction, and Gilded Age eras. Waugh has published many essays and books on Civil War topics, including U.S. Grant: American Hero, American Myth (2009) and The American War: A History of the Civil War Era (2015; 2nd edition, 2019), co-authored with Gary W. Gallagher.

Other books include Unsentimental Reformer: The Life of Josephine Shaw Lowell (1998); The Memory of the Civil War in American Culture (2005); and Wars Within A War: Controversy and Conflict Over the American Civil War (2009).

President of the Society of Civil War Historians from 2020-2022, Waugh is often invited to give public lectures about the Civil War. She has been interviewed for many documentaries, including the PBS series, "American Experience" on Ulysses S. Grant and the History Channel's production of "Lee and Grant" (2011). Dr. Waugh taught the

"Civil War and Reconstruction," and "Gilded Age America, 1865-1900" lecture courses, and has been honored with three teaching prizes, including UCLA's prestigious Distinguished Teaching Award. She was appointed Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar from 2021-2022. Waugh's current projects include an exploration of the nature of U.S. Grant's surrender policy during the Civil War.

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

By Andy Keller

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81790157845?pwd=YkpjWnpHMjdRRjVVBh2VXV6by9xUT09>

Meeting ID: 817 9015 7845

Passcode: RCWRT

To participate in a Zoom session, your computer will need a camera function, standard for most laptops, smart phones, and tablets. We recommend that you join 5 – 10 minutes before the meeting starts, to be sure your equipment is working and review some of the features. You will be unmuted on admittance during that time for project socializing, but you should mute yourself when requested.

Please be sure to thank the fantastic Brik Cash of First Presbyterian Church for his expertise and dedication in making these Zoom meetings possible for our group.

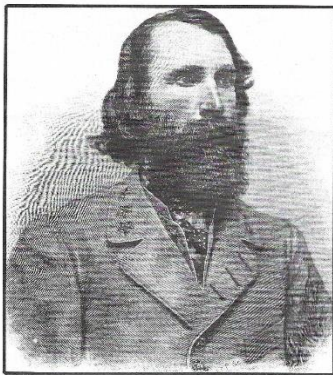
A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

On April 2, 1865, just a few days before the surrender of Lee's Army at Appomattox, Lt. General Ambrose Powell Hill was killed at Petersburg. On April 4, 1865 he was buried in the Old Winston Cemetery, Chesterfield County.

As is well known, it was not his final resting place. In July of 1867 his remains were moved to Hollywood Cemetery, Lot N-35 according to the Historical Marker Database (www.hmdb.org). But... this also was not the final resting place of the general. A monument to him was dedicated on May 30, 1891 at the intersection of Laburnum Avenue and Hermitage Road and that same year, on June 24, the Hill Monument Association moved Hill's remains to rest in the pedestal

underneath the monument.

Now, after more than 130 years, A.P. Hill has been buried a fourth time in his – hopefully – final resting place in



Lt. General A.P. Hill
Re-interment Memorial Service
2:00 PM Saturday, January 21, 2023

Fairview Cemetery - Culpeper, Virginia

Fairview Cemetery in his native Culpeper. On Saturday, January 21, Billie and I attended the re-burial ceremony. It was a wonderful day and a dignified, moving ceremony as the General was laid to rest, this time with the military honors he deserves. His casket, covered in an old Virginia flag, was on a mule-drawn wagon, followed by a riderless horse. Approximately 1,000 people were in attendance, including hundreds of reenactors, bagpipes, musket and gun salutes, Taps, and the eulogy by actor/historian Patrick Falci, well known as “the face of A.P. Hill.” Our own Art Wingo marched in the honor guard, and Round Table members Donald Currin and Jerry

Netherland were there as well in their uniforms. Look for photographs on page 6.

This month we will have our second Zoom meeting and, like last month, it will be available in a group setting at the church. We have not heard about the election of 1868 at our meetings in the past, as far as I can tell. So, I am very excited to have Dr. Joan Waugh tell us all about it when she joins us via Zoom from California.

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ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

By Andy Keller

The annual dues season is upon us. They are due by February 15, and since the February meeting will again be a Zoom meeting, I am not planning to be at the church to collect dues. It is therefore incumbent on you to mail them to me by the February 15 deadline.

Since postage is now 60 cents, I suggest again that you set up payment with your bank or credit union's bill pay program and let them pay the postage for you. When you set it up make it an annual payment so you will be set for future years as well. The current dues of \$35/\$45 are unlikely to change anytime soon. Make checks payable to RCWRT and mail them to c/o Andy Keller, 9701 Fireside Drive, Glen Allen, VA 20360-6280.

Another alternative is to give your check to Art, who – weather permitting – will be at the church for the Zoom meeting.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR
NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

GRAHAM HOWELL
DAVID TRUMP

FIELD TRIP HEADS-UP

The recent survey regarding a preferred month for our annual field trip resulted in changing the month from June to October. All the details, including the date, will be in future newsletters. We do know, however, that we will tour the Weldon Railroad and that our tour guides will be Jerry Netherland and Mark Jacobson.

We will tour Grant's second attempt to capture the Petersburg and Weldon Railroad, part of the Fourth Offensive of the Petersburg Campaign, August 18-21, 1864. The tour focuses on the Fight for the Weldon Railroad, a supply line running from Wilmington, NC to Weldon, NC and then from Weldon on into the City of Petersburg. This vital railroad line carried supplies from the last open seaport of the Confederacy to forces of General Robert E. Lee and the beleaguered cities of Petersburg and Richmond.

This tour will also showcase two core battlefield properties recently saved by the American Battlefields Trust and the Petersburg Battlefields Foundation. The tour will visit public, National Park Service, and private sites. You will not want to miss this opportunity!



SPECIAL EVENT FOR ROUND TABLE MEMBERS

The Round Table has arranged a special "behind the scenes" tour of the American Civil War Museum on **Saturday, March 18**. Long-time Director of Collections Robert Hancock will host us in the collection

vault area to see some rarely displayed gems from the collection and a tour of the collection area. The Round Table has never done this before, but the Civil War Relic Collectors have done it often. Ask Jack Mountcastle or Ben Greenbaum what they think.



Attendance is limited to 20 participants on a first come, first served basis. Email Waite Rawls at waiterawls@gmail.com to go on the list.

The Round Table in 1969

The Richmond CWRT will be 72 years old this month. Here is what it looked like in 1969:

The membership was sixty; of those, ten were women and three couples. Of those sixty members, two are still on the roster in 2023: Hobson Goddin and, of course, Dan Balfour. President was Roland Calvin. Meetings were held on the second Thursday of the month then, and there were no meetings in July and August. Dues were \$7.50 and had to be paid in January. *The good old days.*

Thank you to Dan Balfour for this information.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

February 18: The American Civil War Museum's annual symposium, entitled "The Civil War & Remaking America," will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is moderated by Dr. Caroline Janney from the

University of Virginia. For full details and how to register, check:

www.acwm.org/2023-symposium.

March 4: Gettysburg's Seminary Ridge Museum & Education Center's Annual Symposium, "Five Crucial Days to Gettysburg," is held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Gettysburg historians James Hessler, Stuart Dempsey, and Eric Lindblade will examine five days in late June 1863 that brought two great armies to clash at Gettysburg. For questions, email Rob Williams: rwilliams@seminaryridge.org.

April 15: McCormick Civil War Institute Spring 2023 Conference: "So Tired & Exhausted: In Battle's Aftermath," 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The registration fee of \$30 covers all presentations and lunch. For more information, contact Jonathan Noyales at jnoyales01@su.edu.

PARK NEWS

By Bert Dunkerly

Richmond National Battlefield Park has scheduled its special events for the year:

April 2: Civil War & Emancipation Day Lincoln Walk

April 29: Welcome Back to Rural Plains

May 20: Drewry's Bluff Battle Anniversary Event

May 27: Memorial Day Commemoration at Fort Harrison National Cemetery

June 3-4: Cold Harbor Battle Anniversary Event

June 1, 8, 15: Lectures on the Lawn at Rural Plains

June 24: Gaines' Mill Battle Anniversary Walking Tours

July 1: Malvern Hill Battle Anniversary Walking Tours

August 25: National Park Service Birthday Celebration

Sept 30 – Oct 1: Fort Harrison Battle Anniversary Event

PRESERVATION UPDATE FROM BULL RUN CWRT

In our April 2022 newsletter we reported on a preservation alert concerning Manassas Battlefield. At issue was the development of a 2,100-acre data center immediately adjacent to the park's western and northwestern boundaries. Unfortunately, the Prince William County Board of Supervisors voted 5-2 to approve the Digital Gateway Comprehensive Plan Amendment on November 2, 2022. If you want more information on this, please check out the Bull Run Civil War Round Table's website at www.bullruncwrt.org, on their "Preservation Corner" page.

Now Virginia Senate Bill #1078 is up for debate in the Senate's Local Government Committee, the first step in moving a bill into Virginia law. It is designed to add state-level protection to prohibit building data centers next to national parks. If passed, this bill could help protect historic lands from unrestrained development. We can all hope that this Bill will pass.

NOTABLE QUOTE

"In great deeds something abides. On great fields something stays. Forms change and pass; bodies disappear, but spirits linger, to consecrate ground for the vision-place of souls. And reverent men and women from afar, and generations that know us not and that we know not of, heart-drawn to see where and by whom great things were suffered and done for them, shall come to this deathless field to ponder and dream; And lo! The shadow of a mighty presence shall wrap them in its bosom, and the power of the vision pass into their souls."

*Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain,
October 3, 1889*

*At the dedication of the monument to the
20th Maine*

A.P. HILL'S RE-INTERMENT SERVICE



Art Wingo with the Honor Guard



Donald Currin & Jerry Netherland



Patrick Falci



UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 14: Kristopher White, "The Ides of May: The Wounding of James Longstreet"

April 11: John Hennessy, "Subordinate Command in the Army of the Potomac"

May 9: Robin Snyder, "The Job of a Battlefield Park Superintendent"

June 13: Clay Mountcastle, "Confederate Guerrillas and Union Generals who Hated Them"

July 11: James Hessler, "The Fight at East Cavalry Field"

August 8: Emmanuel Dabney, "Broader Recruitment Training of USCT"

September 12: Jonathan Jones, "Veteran Addictions"

October 10: Rob Havers, "Anticipation of War in U.S. Military Society in the Antebellum Period"

November 14:** Annual Dinner Meeting, Garry Adelman, "Preservation Accomplishments in the Richmond Area & Future Plans"

December 12: Jake Wynn, "Civil War Medicine"

***February meeting will be via Zoom**

****Date subject to change**

Attendance at January Meeting:

Via Zoom: 25 – In Person: 29

SNOW POLICY

In case of inclement weather, please check the Richmond school district's policy. If schools are closed, so is the meeting at the church.