

# The Grand Review Brandy Station Foundation June 2022



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## **The 159th Anniversary of the Battle of Brandy Station** **by Paula Johnson**



*BSF President Paula Johnson on the porch of the Graffiti House*

The Brandy Station Foundation will present a free event entitled "The 159th Anniversary of the Battle of Brandy Station: Then and Now" at the Graffiti House located at 19484 Brandy Road, Brandy Station, VA 22714 on Saturday, June 18th. In 1863, the battle was fought on June 9th. and was the largest predominantly cavalry engagement in the Civil War. Also called the Battle of Fleetwood Hill, it was the largest battle ever to take place on American soil and

was the opening engagement with a profound impact on the Gettysburg Campaign with the battle "making" the Federal cavalry. The Graffiti House was a field hospital after the battle and the soldiers signed the walls, made drawings, and comments on the walls as a very unique and irreplaceable record in time for us to observe today.

### **Tours of the Graffiti House**

The Graffiti House will open at 12:00 PM and tours of the graffiti rooms will be ongoing. In one room Michael B. Toth, president of R.B. Toth Associates, will discuss the technologies that are helping preserve and reveal new layers of the history of the Civil War through his advanced imaging of the graffiti on the walls of Graffiti House. [rbtoth.com](http://rbtoth.com)

### **Tours of the Battlefield**

Two one hour tours of the battlefield are planned with experienced and long time Brandy Station Foundation battlefield guides. The first is at 12:00 and will return just before 1:00 when the Program of Events begins. The second tour will take place at 4:00 and both will begin at the Graffiti House.

### **The Program of Events**

The Program of Events will begin at 1:00 with an overview of the "Battle of Brandy Station" given by Brandy Station Foundation board member Greg Mertz and following the lecture, Greg will interview Generals JEB Stuart and Alfred Pleasonton



*John Tole, Musician*

at 1:30 with a talk entitled "The Generals Speak." Scheduled at 2:00, Culpeper author and tour guide, Virginia Morton and Board President, Paula Johnson will provide "Snippets from the War"; telling interesting short stories about soldiers that happened during the battle.

Well known, master musician John Tole will play two sets of period music for the event. The first one begins at 2:30 and the second set is scheduled at 3:30.

At 3:00 Rev. Dr. Uzziah Anthony Harris, President of the Culpeper Branch of the NAACP and Pastor of Unity Baptist Church in Culpeper, will present a talk on Juneteenth, the June 19th federal holiday. The date celebrates the enforcement of Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in Texas on June 19, 1865.

Dr. Harris provided this information on the subject:

The significance of Juneteenth is manifold; when the Emancipation Proclamation went forth in 1863 freeing slaves in rebellion states, the war was still raging. Enforcement would take time and states as remote as Texas would take longer to embrace the reality of Black Freedom. In 1865 when Union troops entered into Galveston, Texas to decree General Order 3, it served as an announcement that freedoms which had been promised were now enforceable. It took more than two years but freedom finally came for those who had been previously (and brutally) enslaved. As a people we continue to commemorate this day as a promise that "Justice delayed is not Justice denied," and that time is no match for God's gift of self actualization and determination.

### **The 3:30 Raffle Drawing for C.E. Monroe, Jr. Framed Print**

The Brandy Station Foundation is having a fundraiser raffle for a chance to win a 18 x 24 signed, numbered & framed C.E. Monroe, Jr. print titled "Last Charge at Brandy Station". The framed print is on display at the Graffiti House.

The framing was donated by Lou and Skip Price, owners of Village Frameworks & Gallery at 206 S. Main St #101, Culpeper, VA. Raffle tickets for the print are being sold to benefit the Brandy Station Foundation. Raffle tickets cost \$5.00 for one, \$20.00 for five. Please send checks made out to Brandy Station Foundation & indicate your address and number of tickets requested to Brandy Station Foundation, P.O. Box 165, Brandy Station, VA 22714. Checks must be received by our treasurers before the drawing date.

Winner need not be present to win; the drawing is Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 3:30 PM.

The Brandy Station Foundation is a 501 (C) 3 and an all volunteer organization.

## **President's Corner**

### **Spring/Almost Summer at the Graffiti House - Witness to History**

Sometimes summer shows up for a day or two but it is not here yet. However, coming up is our summer event on Saturday, June 18th. The free event is "The 159th. Anniversary of the Battle of Brandy Station: Then and Now" beginning at 1:00 PM. We will have tours of the Graffiti House, the battlefield, music, lectures and a discussion about the technologies that are helping preserve and reveal new layers of the history of the Civil War through advanced imaging of the graffiti on the walls of the Graffiti House. I hope you will have a chance to stop by and enjoy our Program of Events.

With the summer travel time and vacations, we are planning on many visitors at the Graffiti House. We are planning to be open two Saturdays a month until we get more volunteers trained but look at our website to see the exact days we are open. If you have some free time, please check out the opportunity to volunteer at the Graffiti House one day a month by being a greeter or tour guide. The training will take place soon and you will get to meet new friends and interact with people that have an interest in history from all over the country.

We have lots of projects going on and beginning new ones. We had Park Day in April and what a great job Lana and Gene Hankinson did along with workers from Ardent Mills to organize the clean up and lay the bricks around the flagpole area. We will be getting a new website platform with new functions added and we are still working on the displays. We are so grateful for all of our volunteers that help us and had 1100 volunteer hours in 2021, even during the pandemic.

We look forward to having a visit from you soon!

Sincerely,



Paula K. Johnson  
Brandy Station Foundation  
President

## **Crepe Myrtle Dedication in memory of Bob Jones, August 14, 2022**

On August 14th, a crepe myrtle planted near the Graffiti House will be dedicated in memory of Robert L. (Bob) Jones. The time will be determined and posted on the BSF website.

Last June, the Brandy Station Foundation was sorry to learn of the death of Robert L. (Bob) Jones on June 29th. Bob had served the Foundation in so many roles, from President, Treasurer, Board Member, Graffiti House tour guide, Brandy Station battlefield tour guide, author, and friend. Bob and his wife Peg had hosted conservator Christopher Mills while Chris did work at the Graffiti House, stabilizing the walls and revealing graffiti hidden beneath layers of paint.

Bob co-authored The Graffiti House Interpretive Guide, "Voices from the Past", along with Bob Luddy and Joe McKinney. Bob also wrote a poem "Listen" which took the listener from dawn until dark on the day of the Battle of Brandy Station, June 9, 1863. He read this poem many times during the St. James Church site commemorative services held in June to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Brandy Station and the destruction of St. James Episcopal Church on the Brandy Station battlefield during the Winter Encampment. Bob had also talked about the history of Battle of Brandy Station at some of the June services.

Here is one of Bob's introductions to the Battle of Brandy Station at the service:

### *WHY WAS THERE A BATTLE AT BRANDY STATION? by Bob Jones*

*Some battle sites are obvious: Vicksburg, Atlanta, Richmond.*

*Some are by pure chance: Antietam, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, and Brandy Station.*

*Two (2) major reasons for Brandy Station: JEB Stuart; and Grass!*

*Horses needed to be re-fit after Chancellorsville; Culpeper County is only a short day's ride from Fredericksburg.*

*The Confederate Cavalry is preparing for the summer campaigns.*

*General R E Lee has decided to again go north; cross the Potomac; through Maryland; into Pennsylvania.*

*Lee is in Culpeper on June 7th; tells Stuart he wants to review the cavalry on June 8th; and Longstreet's Corps is already moving westward.*

*The Grand Cavalry Review is June 8th which means that all of Stuart's brigades are now close by to the site of the review -Auburn.*

*Union commander Hooker plans to take the offensive against Lee, instructs Brig. General Pleasonton, his cavalry commander, to dispatch a large body of cavalry (3 Divisions) against Stuart at Culpeper Courthouse to disrupt Lee's plans. They do not know that the Grand Review has placed the bulk of the Confederate cavalry near Brandy Station.*

*On June 9th the Union cavalry cross the Rappahannock River at Beverly's Ford and at Kelly's Ford and the five (5) battles of Brandy Station take place throughout the day.*

Sunday.... June 11th, 2017....9:30 A.M.

**Brandy Station Foundation  
and  
Christ Episcopal Church**

invite you to the site on the Brandy Station Battlefield for the  
9th annual church service commemorating the battle and destruction of

**St. James Episcopal Church**  
154th Anniversary

The service is a recreation of the Second Sunday after Pentecost in 1863

**The Rev. Peter Way officiating**

Robert Jones will present a brief history of the  
St. James site and The Battle of Brandy Station  
.....and recite the poem "Listen"


Matthew Fontaine Maury Camp 1722 Honor Guard

Music by The Cabin Raiders  
Bag Piper....Gary Winemiller

After the service, all are invited for refreshments at  
The Graffiti House  
19484 Brandy Road  
Brandy Station, VA

Direction to Service Site ---At Elkwood (15/29), turn onto  
Beverly Ford Road, then left onto St. James Church Rd.  
The site is located near the Culpeper County airport.

Period dress welcomed



## **BSF Annual Business Meeting, May 1, 2022**

The Brandy Station Foundation 2021 Annual Report was available for meeting attendees. President Paula Johnson reported on the 2021 highlights and COVID challenges. She recognized special guests in attendance. Peter Mocarski gave the Buildings and Grounds report for 2021. Highlights included the installation of new windows and gutters at the Graffiti House. The interior of the Graffiti House was repainted with new, period-correct, trim and wall colors. New period-correct

curtains and window coverings were installed in the Graffiti House. Paula Johnson introduced Chuck Laudner. Chuck is President of the Friends of Culpeper Battlefields-a coalition including the BSF which is supporting a state park in the Culpeper region. He gave an update of the state park initiative. He expects we will learn of state funding as the deadline for budget reconciliation is the end of June for the Virginia General Assembly. Paula thanked the Brandy Station Foundation volunteers and asked them to be recognized. She recognized BSF Advisory Committee member Virginia Morton on being selected as the Winner for the Best of Culpeper Awards in the category of Writers.

The 2022-2023 Brandy Station Foundation Officers and Board of Directors elected are: President: Paula Johnson; Vice President: Howard Lambert; Treasurers: Peter and Peggy Mocarski; Secretary: Peggy Misch. Brandy Station Foundation Board of Directors: Jane Brookins, Donald Carlson, Helen Geisler, Gregory Mertz, Larry Pullen, Rice Wagner, and Paul Warmack.

### **Park Day, Saturday, April 9th**



*Park Day Volunteers at the Graffiti House*

Park Day at the Graffiti House took place on Saturday, April 9th. Some of the work included outlining and mulching the flower beds by volunteers. The flag area was laid in with bricks in sand. Thank you to all who participated to enhance the Graffiti House. Volunteers were members of the Brandy Station Foundation, its friends, and local business Ardent Mills. Eugene Hankinson organized the event.



**Brandy Station Foundation**

**P.O. Box 165**

**Brandy Station, VA 22714-0165**

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**BRANDY STATION FOUNDATION – MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Send my newsletter by EMAIL (please give email address) or POSTAL SERVICE (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

The Brandy Station Foundation is a 501(c)-3 non-profit group dedicated to preserving the natural and historic resources of the Brandy Station area of Culpeper County, Virginia. It relies on tax-deductible donations to meet its goals. More information at: [www.brandystationfoundation.com](http://www.brandystationfoundation.com)