

**The Grand Review
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Conservator Christopher Mills smiles by new graffiti uncovered in December 2010

**BRANDY STATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER,
Friday, APRIL 8, 2011**

Friday evening, the 8^h of April, 2011, is the date chosen for the Brandy Station Foundation Annual Meeting of the Membership. The meeting will be held at the Brandy Station Fire Hall, 19601 Church Rd., Brandy Station, VA at 6:00 P M with dinner served by the Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary at 7 P M. The cost for the dinner is \$25 per person and a cash bar will be available. A silent auction will be held beginning at 6:00 PM; winners need not be present to win at the end of the evening. Provided below is a form for your reservation. We have provided time to respond in advance but if it is more convenient for you, you may telephone your reservation to board member Cecilia Schneider-Vial at 540-718-3754 or

email: mceciliaschneider@gmail.com and then you may pay at the door. We must receive your reservation by March 28th, as a count will be provided to the Ladies Auxiliary.

We are pleased to announce that Greg Mertz, Supervisory Historian of the National Park Service will be the speaker for the evening. After the program we will conduct the short but important business meeting at which the membership will vote on the slate of Officers and Board of Directors for the year 2011 presented by the Nominating Committee; and any other matters to be brought before the Membership. Please remember that in order to be a voting member of the BSF your 2011 dues must be paid by the date of this meeting.

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ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER RESERVATION
April 8, 2011. Opens at 6:00 PM to visit with friends. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM at the
Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department Hall, 19601 Church Road, Brandy Station, VA 22714

Name(s): _____
Address: _____

_____ # of reservations @ \$25 per person Total: \$ _____

Check # or credit card # _____ VISA__MC__ exp. Date _____

I am unable to attend but wish to make a donation of \$ _____

Checks may be made out to: Brandy Station Foundation

Signature (if using credit card) _____

My billing address (if different from mailing address) is:

You may also pay your dues with this form—2011 annual dues \$25

2011 annual dues \$ 25.00 - _____

RSVP: By March 28th by phone 540-718-3754 (Board Member Cecilia Schneider-Vial) or by email: mceciliaschneider@gmail.com or print, fill out and mail this page to the Brandy Station Foundation, P.O. Box 165, Brandy Station, Virginia 22714

NEW GRAFFITI UNCOVERED AT YEAR'S END



December 2010: Former BSF President Bob Luddy and his wife Paula view the new graffiti

Just after Thanksgiving, on November 28th, Christopher Mills arrived at the Graffiti House in Brandy Station for a week of stabilizing the plaster walls in the house; in the process he revealed additional graffiti. Chris said that three to four days were devoted to stabilizing the plaster. Chris works on the plaster on both sides; on the visible plaster, and--to get the plaster to adhere to the unseen wooden lathe--he carefully injects a compound into the wall at targeted locations. In the process of conserving the walls, Christopher uncovered more graffiti. For example, the name E. Kelly had been revealed, but now the first name, Frank, is visible. In addition, these words were found: Remember the Baltimore Light Artillery, and the date, September the 2nd, 1863. So... new times and days and people have emerged. It will take time and research to learn the new stories that the graffiti has to tell.

Sunday Lecture Series

The Brandy Station Foundation Sunday lecture series begins again this April—a welcome sign of spring! The lectures are the last Sunday of the month from April through October and begin at 2:00 PM. This year, as Easter falls on the last Sunday,

the first lecture will be on April 17th. Everyone is welcome, the lectures are free (although donations are welcome), and free refreshments are provided by BSF board members and friends.

4/17/11 ""Keeping Time in the Civil War" --Art Candenquist

5/29/11 "The Botched Battle of Bristoe Station"—Todd Berkoff

6/26/11 "The Crossing of the Potomac - Edwards Ferry, Hune 24-28, 1863"—Craig Swain

7/31/11 "Armies on the Move: Cavalry Battles in Fauquier County"—Joe McKinney

8/28/11 "24 Hours at Manassas Junction - August 27, 1862 - Stonewall Jackson Raid on Manassas Junction"— Mark Trbovich

9/25/11 "Orange & Alexandria Railroad - A Virtual Ride"—Chuck Siegel

10/30/11 To be announced

BRANDY STATION FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS PARTY



BSF President Clark B. "Bud" Hall chatting with Diane Logan of the Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield.

A good time was had at the BSF Christmas Party on December 18th. Santa Claus (Dale Brown) was in attendance, as were some visiting re-enactors. Dale Brown signed our Hall of Honor; his ancestor was Pvt John Henry (K)Nupp [Knapp] of the 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Company G. This is from Muster Roll records. Below is a picture of Dale signing the wall:



Dale Brown (Santa Claus) signs the wall in the Hall of Honor on December 18, 2010.

MASONIC CIVIL WAR LODGE OF RESEARCH VISITS GRAFFITI HOUSE

The Civil War Lodge of Research #1865 was held at the Masonic Temple at Fairfax Lodge #43, 209 E. Davis Street, Culpeper, Virginia 22701 on Saturday, December 4th A.D. 2010, A.L. 6010, at 10:00 AM. The guest speaker, Michael Block, Treasurer of the Brandy Station Foundation. presented his slide program on Culpeper and Brandy Station.

After lunch, several CWLR members & their ladies toured the Graffiti House in Brandy Station, which was used as a hospital by both sides during the War, as well as the provost marshal's office by the Army of the Potomac during the winter encampment, 1863-64. Mike Block led the tour and pointed out the various graffiti (singular for graffiti) in the upstairs rooms left by soldiers of both sides during their stays at the house, 1862-

64. Lauris M. Eek III signed the Hall of Honor; his relative, Nathaniel Sisson, was a bugler for the 7th Michigan cavalry. Nathaniel sounded the last Union recall and taps on the last day of the Civil War at Appomattox Court House.



Lauris M. Eek III signs the wall in the Hall of Honor on December 4, 2010.

SATURDAY BATTLE OF BRANDY STATION BATTLEFIELD TOURS 2011

The BSF is presenting a series of two-hour tours, one devoted to each of the four engagements that comprise the Battle of Brandy Station on June 9, 1863.

Transportation: Personal vehicle caravan will depart from the Graffiti House at 10AM. The cost is \$10 (children under 12 are free). Tours leave from the Graffiti House at 10:00 am and last 2 hours. No reservations are needed, please arrive at the Graffiti House before ten. Special tours for individuals or groups on other days can be specially arranged.

Beverly Ford & St. James Church (April 2, May 28, July 23)

Kelly's Ford & Stevensburg (April 16, June 11, Aug 6)

Fleetwood Hill (April 30, June 25, Aug 20)

Buford Knoll & Yew Ridge (May 14, July 9, Sept 3)

Beverly Ford & St. James Church – April 2, May 28, July 23

The first tour in the series covers the early morning fighting between troops under the command of Union General John Buford and those commanded by his West Point classmate, Confederate General William E. "Grumble" Jones. Incidents examined include the death of Union Colonel Benjamin Franklin Davis in a one-on-one encounter with a Confederate lieutenant on the Beverly Ford Road, and the charge of the 6th Pennsylvania Cavalry against Confederate artillery at Saint James Church.

Kelly's Ford & Stevensburg – April 16, June 11, Aug 6

The second tour in the series begins with a discussion of the Union river-crossing at Kelly's Ford, and then follows the route of march of the Union cavalry division commanded by Colonel Alfred Napoleon Duffie, a deserter from the French army, to Stevensburg. The fighting at Stevensburg, a neglected aspect of the Battle of Brandy Station, is presented in detail. This tour concludes with a description of the mortal wounding of Captain William Farley, JEB Stuart's volunteer aide de camp.

Fleetwood Hill – April 30, June 25, Aug 20

The third tour focuses on the fighting for Fleetwood Hill, the most intense and prolonged combat on June 9, 1863. At one point 12 regiments -- 6 Union and 6 Confederate -- struggled for control of the hilltop. Unlike most Civil War battles, the troopers fought from the saddle, mostly with sabers. One frustrated Rebel was heard to shout at his Yankee opponent, "Why don't you Yankees put away your sabers, draw your pistols, and fight like gentlemen!"

Buford Knoll & Yew Ridge – May 14, July 9, Sept 3

The final installment in the series of tours presents the fighting that took place later in the afternoon of June 9 between General Buford and General W.H.F. "Rooney" Lee's brigade. During the fighting, Rooney Lee, Robert E. Lee's second son, was shot in the thigh and carried from the field. Colonel Solomon Williams of 1st North Carolina Cavalry, commanding his regiment in battle for the first time, was shot in the head and killed. He had been married just two weeks earlier.

3rd Annual Commemorative Service at St. James

The Foundation and Christ Episcopal Church at Brandy Station are pleased to announce that the third annual Commemorative Service will be held in June at the Historic St. James Church site on the Brandy Station Battlefield. We will honor with remembrance those who fought and gave their lives at the Battle of Brandy Station on June 9, 1863. The Reverend Joi Weiher will officiate at the service of Holy Eucharist. All are invited to attend this service and Civil War period costume is welcomed. The chalice and Bible dating to the Civil War will be a part of the service. Parking will be available at the CWPT parking circle at the corner of Beverly Ford Rd. and St. James Church Rd. (For reference this is off the airport road just before the entrance into the airport.) We

suggest that you bring a folding camp chair for sitting during the service. Everyone is welcome to return to the Graffiti House at 19484 Brandy Rd., after the service for light refreshments, and of course the House will be open for touring at this time. The date and time will be posted on the website, but it is tentatively June 12th at 9AM.

Culpeper Remembrance Days April 16-17

The Foundation will welcome the game of cricket to the lawn across from the Graffiti House on Saturday, April 16th. Numerous events will be nearby during the days on April 16-17 during Culpeper Remembrance Days.

On Sunday, April the 17th, at 2 P.M. the Graffiti House will host its first monthly Sunday Seminar. Featured for this special Remembrance Days Weekend is Art Candenquist of the Brandy Station Foundation. His topic will be ""Keeping Time in the Civil War".

Enjoy a weekend full of educational and entertaining programs, demonstrations, and activities commemorating and celebrating Culpeper's rich history!. For more information, please visit the Culpeper tourism website: <http://www.visitculpeperva.com/remembrance.cfm>