

The Grand Review Brandy Station Foundation March 2019



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Brandy Station Foundation Annual Meeting & Fundraiser April 26,



2019

Col. John Singleton Mosby and some members of Mosby's Rangers, 43rd Virginia Cavalry Battalion (Digital file from original item from the Library of Congress www.loc.gov)

The Brandy Station Foundation Annual Meeting & Fundraiser will be Friday, April 26, 2019 at Pepper's Grill in the Best Western Culpeper Inn, 791 Madison Road, Culpeper at 6:30 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM. The cost for the dinner is \$30 per person. A cash bar will be available. The membership will vote on the slate of Officers and Board of Directors for the year 2019 presented by the Nominating Committee and any other matters to be brought before the Membership. Please remember that in order to vote at the annual meeting, you must be a BSF member and pay your 2019 dues on or before the meeting. A silent auction will have proceeds going to the Brandy Station Foundation. Please make reservations by Wednesday April 17th by contacting Bob Jones at 540-399-1702 or email

bsfjones@gmail.com or print, fill out and mail the reservation page to the Brandy Station Foundation, Box 165, Brandy Station, VA 22714

Well known Mosby expert, author, and speaker Mr. Donald Hakenson will be the lecturer for the evening on the topic “Mosby Comes to Culpeper”. Mr. Hakenson is a prolific Colonel John S. Mosby author, and will bring his books for purchase. He will talk about the capture of Union mapmaker, Robert Knox Sneeden, on Fleetwood Hill.

From amazon.com, is the following biographical information: Don Hakenson has conducted Mosby & Fairfax County Civil War bus tours for the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society; the Franconia Museum; and other Civil War related organizations inside and outside of the State of Virginia for over a decade.

Don is the past President for the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society. He is a current board member of that organization and served as a History Commissioner for Lee District in Fairfax County for over five years. Don is also a founder and a member on the board of directors for the Franconia Museum and is a Civil War advisor for the Mosby Foundation, in Warrenton, Virginia and for the Friends of Laura Ratcliffe, in Herndon, Virginia. He is also a member of the sesquicentennial committees for Fairfax City and Fairfax County.

Furthermore, Don's manuscript, This Forgotten Land, A Tour of Civil War Sites and Other Historical Landmarks South of Alexandria, Virginia, was the recipient of the 2001 Nan Netherton award presented by the Fairfax County History Commission and his book, This Forgotten Land, Volume II, Biographical Sketches of Confederate Veterans Buried in Alexandria, Virginia, received a special History award from the Alexandria Historical Society in April 2011 and received the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal Award from the United Daughters of the Confederacy Loudoun Chapter 170 on November 17, 2012. Don also published three other books about Colonel John S. Mosby and his men.

He is also the co-author of the newly released A Tour Guide and History of Col. John S. Mosby's Operations in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Don had two great-great grandfathers who served in the Confederate Cavalry of the Army of Northern Virginia. Don also had various cousins and uncles that served in the Forty-Third Battalion of Virginia Cavalry or Mosby's Rangers.

Annual Meeting and Fundraiser schedule of event:

6:30 - 7:00 - Event begins with Silent Auction and Cash Bar

7:00 - Buffet dinner

7:30 - Annual Meeting led by President William Truitt.

8:15 - Break

8:30 - Speaker Don Hakenson: “Mosby Comes to Culpeper” and book signing after his lecture

9:15 - Silent Auction ends

10:00 - Event ends

BSF ANNUAL MEETING & FUNDRAISER RESERVATION

April 26, 2019. Opens at 6:30 PM for the Welcome Reception including a silent auction. The buffet dinner which begins at 7:00 PM includes herb baked chicken, roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls & butter along with assorted desserts. The annual meeting is at 7:30 PM followed by guest speaker Mr. Donald Hakenson.

Best Western Culpeper Inn, 791 Madison Road, Culpeper, VA 22701

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

_____ # of reservations @ \$30 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

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You may also pay your annual dues with this form.

2019 annual dues (\$ 30.00 individual; \$40.00 couple; \$10.00 high school or college student) _____

RSVP: By April 17th by phone Bob Jones at 540-399-1702 or email bsfjones@gmail.com
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Park Day, April 6, 2019

On Saturday, April 6 2019, history buffs, community leaders, and preservationists will aid in the maintenance and restoration of numerous sites as part of Park Day, the American Battlefield Trust's annual preservation event. Our BSF point of contact, Eugene Hankinson, will have free Tee-shirts donated by the American Battlefield Trust to distribute to volunteers as well as our grateful thanks.

As the American Battlefield Trust's website <https://www.battlefields.org/events/park-day> explains, "this annual event brings history enthusiasts together in an effort to help keep our nation's heritage not only preserved, but pristine. Since 1996, the American Battlefield Trust has sponsored Park Day, an annual hands-on preservation event to help Civil War — and now Revolutionary War & War of 1812 — battlefields and historic sites take on maintenance projects large and small. Activities are chosen by each participating site to meet their own particular needs and can range from raking leaves and hauling trash to painting signs and buildings trails".

Please dress appropriately for doing work—tentatively the clearing of the fence line along Route 29 across from the Graffit House: Gloves, hard shoes or boots, long pants, & hats. If possible, please bring tools to help with the clearing of this fence line: rakes, shears, and small branch snippers. For more information about Park Day at the Graffiti House, please contact Eugene Hankinson at 540-439-0874 or by email at eugenehankinson@aol.com

Give Local Piedmont's 6th annual Day of Giving, May 7, 2019

Give Local Piedmont's 6th annual Day of Giving is May 7, 2019. Nonprofits that serve Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, and Rappahannock counties which reach fundraising milestones during that 24-hour period can receive bonus dollars! Please consider donating to the Brandy Station Foundation on May 7th by visiting

www.givelocalpiedmont.org.





Travels with Darley

Darley Newman and BSF volunteer and past President Bob Luddy at 2018 Graffiti House filming

The episode of “Travels with Darley” (Season Six) based in Culpeper was shown on PBS on February 8th. The PBS show coordinates with locals to experience the sights, sounds, history, and food of Europe, the Caribbean, Asia, and the United States.

Filming in May 2018 in and around Culpeper County spanned a week and Darley Newman hiked along the Appalachian Trail in Shenandoah National Park, bicycled on our county’s beautiful rural roads, experienced the Library of Congress Packard Campus which contains the world’s largest collection of film, video, and sound recordings, enjoyed a local winery, and more. Former BSF President Bob Luddy gave Darley a tour of the Graffiti House, and she also visited the Brandy Station Battlefield on horseback.

Interviewed about her visit by a representative of the American Battlefield Trust, Darley said that “traveling to destinations where history took place and being there firsthand gives you a deeper connection to the past.”

If you missed the episode, you can still view a 360 Video Tour: Civil War Era Graffiti House at this link:

<https://travelswithdarley.com/360-video-tour-civil-war-graffiti-house/>

This editor was a little confused initially when viewing the video tour. Darley is talking to Bob Luddy and I am thinking... why is the video not focusing on the wall with the names that Bob is discussing, for example Captain James Marshall, Company E 12th Virginia Cavalry or Michael Bowman, Company H, 7th Virginia Cavalry? It turns out that as Bob and Darley talk, we can use our computer mouse to go all around the room; hence the 360 video tour.

In the 360 Video Tour, Darley asked Bob what is it that you like about being here [volunteering and giving tours at the Graffiti House]? Are constantly discovering new things? Bob said that there is literally not a day when we don't see something we didn't see before—not necessarily because of new names that have been revealed under old whitewash and paint on the wall—that work is complete—but it could be the opinion of a different person presenting an idea about our interpretation of a sketch, for example, or the angle of light coming into a room.

Bob explained that he has been volunteering and giving tours for fifteen years and he still sees new things all the time. He said that is Brandy Station and in Culpeper County as a whole, if you turn over a rock, history comes out at you: Native American history, Colonial history, Civil War history, and prehistoric history. Culpeper County is truly an amazing place.

Bob said that the Brandy Station Foundation owns the Graffiti House because that's how the world works—somebody has to hold the title to a property. But his opinion is that the Graffiti House really belongs to the American people; it is just being tended to by people from Culpeper County [and volunteers who travel from outside the county like Bob!]

Membership Renewal Reminder

The Foundation relies on membership dues and donations. Please join the Foundation or renew your membership! The annual membership is \$30 for a single membership; \$40 for a family; and \$10 for a student. The form is on the outside of this newsletter.

2019 Sunday Seminar Series at the Graffiti House

The Brandy Station Foundation 2019 Sunday lecture series begins in April and is held on the last Sunday of each month from April through September and begins at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome, the lectures are free (although donations are welcome), and free refreshments are provided by BSF board members and friends.

Sunday, April 28, 2019 2-3 PM Carleton Young: lecture and book signing: "Voices from the Attic: The Williamstown Boys in the Civil War". Imagine cleaning out your attic and discovering the Civil War letters of two brothers from Vermont. Following that discovery, the author did extensive research and travel which culminated in this book which reveals these first-person accounts of two soldiers.

Sunday, May 26, 2019, 2 PM Richard Deardoff: "Where are They Now?": a review of the postwar careers of soldiers from the North and the South

Sunday, June 30, 2019, 2 PM Eric Buckland: "Mosby's Rangers"

Sunday, July 28, 2019, 2 PM Anita Henderson: Lecture title to follow

Sunday, August 25, 2019, 2 PM Dave Goetz: "Mosby and the Lincoln Assassination"

Sunday, September 29, 2 PM William Connery: "Civil War in 1861 Northern Virginia"



Jackson Van Ness Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony

Jackson Van Ness and BSF member Eugene Hankinson

Jackson Van Ness received his Eagle Scout Award. The ceremony took place on March 2, 2019 at Warrenton United Methodist Church. Jackson is a member of Troop 175 in Warrenton, Virginia. His Eagle project was the development and construction of a "Rest and Reflect" site at the Kelly's Ford property owned by the Brandy Station Foundation. Eugene Hankinson, a Foundation member and volunteer, was the point of contact with the Foundation for Jackson's Eagle project.

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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