

**The Grand Review  
Brandy Station  
Foundation  
March, 2017**



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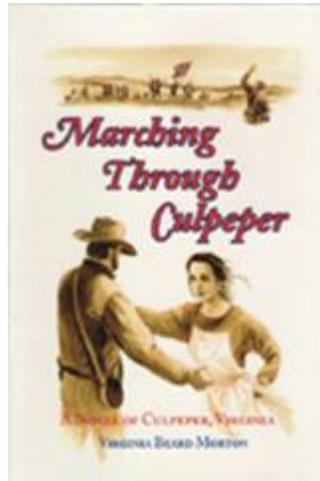
**Brandy Station Foundation Annual Meeting and Dinner**

The Brandy Station Foundation Annual Meeting of the Membership will be Friday, April 21, 2017 at the Brandy Station Fire Hall, 19601 Church Road, Brandy Station, Va. 22714 at 6:00 PM with dinner served by the Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary at 6:45 PM. The cost for the dinner is \$25 per person and a cash bar will be available. There will be a silent auction with proceeds going to the Brandy Station Foundation.

Provided below is a form for your reservation. Please make reservations by April 13th as a count will be provided to the Ladies Auxiliary.

At the short but important business meeting, the membership will vote on the slate of Officers and Board of Directors for the year 2017 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 2017 dues must be paid by the date of this meeting.

Our guest speaker is Mrs. Virginia Morton. The Culpeper resident, tour guide, and author of "Marching through Culpeper" will present: "Within these Walls: Stories of Culpeper's Wartime Houses." The talk will highlight many life stories of the nineteenth century in historic Culpeper homes.



### **President's Corner**

The BSF is pleased to announce that with the generous matching donation of \$22,000 from an anonymous donor, along with our individual Foundation members' donations, we were recently able to pay off the Graffiti House mortgage in full. I want to thank everyone who made this stellar milestone possible. In addition, we recently received an additional \$20,000 donation from The Frances Chapin Foundation Philanthropic Fund (United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona) C/O DR Robert Maxfield and Jennifer K. Riley. This money will be used for additional land preservation and Graffiti House maintenance.

Myself and several members of the Brandy Station/ Cedar Mountain (BSCM) State Park Alliance recently visited the General Assembly in Richmond to lobby and garner support for the proposed BSCM State Park. We received very positive feedback from many of the delegates and senators with whom we had the opportunity to meet. The BSCM Alliance will be following up with those whom we met in June.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Meeting on April 21, 2017!

Best regards,

William

William Truitt, President Brandy Station Foundation

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BSF President William Truitt (left) welcomed Civil War and World War II historian Ed Bearss to the Graffiti House on March 4. Mr. Bearss led a Smithsonian bus tour that included a tour of the Graffiti House.

Mr. Bearss served as Chief Historian of the National Park Service from 1981 to 1994 and is currently Chief Historian Emeritus.



Give Local Piedmont's 4th annual Day of Giving is May 2, 2017. Nonprofits that reach fundraising milestones during the 24-hour period can receive bonus dollars! Please consider donating to the Brandy Station Foundation on May 2nd by visiting [www.givelocalpiedmont.org](http://www.givelocalpiedmont.org).

### **Brandy Station and Cedar Mountain State Park Alliance**

A state park encompassing the Battle of Brandy Station (June 9, 1863) and Kelly's Ford (March 17, 1863) would provide the Commonwealth with a unique opportunity to showcase our shared history, increase tourism, and promote outdoor recreation in a region currently underserved by the Virginia state park system.

The Virginia Association for Parks at its October 1, 2016 meeting passed a resolution in support of creating a Brandy Station and Cedar Mountain Battlefields State Park. Brandy Station and Cedar Mountain battlefields in Culpeper County are among the most significant sites of the American Civil War.

To date, about 1,400 acres of proposed park land have been purchased and permanently protected at the Brandy Station and Cedar Mountain battlefields. Individuals interested in supporting the Brandy Station and Cedar Mountain State Park Alliance are encouraged to visit [BSCMstatepark.com](http://BSCMstatepark.com) to sign and send a letter to the members of the Virginia General Assembly with the power to turn the Alliance's proposal into a park — and a lasting legacy.

## **Brandy Station Foundation Volunteer Jack Maher Receives Recognition from the Marine Corps University**



On February 22, 2017, Jack Maher, a long-time volunteer with the Brandy Station Foundation, was presented with a letter of appreciation from James Cohn, the Dean of Academics for Enlisted Professional Military Education at the Marine Corps University in Quantico, Virginia. A large group of Marines were on hand for the presentation at the Graffiti House.

Marines attending the Marine Corps University participate in decision-forcing "staff rides" which are case studies at the places where the decisions in questions were actually made. In this case, the case study is the Battle of Brandy Station. Jack's "subject expertise on the June 1863 Battle of Brandy Station and the events that surrounded the Graffiti House earned the appreciation of the Marines from Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy in Quantico".

Jack was thanked for his knowledge that added to the successful, professional development of 50 gunnery sergeants from Marine Corps University; it was noted that the students experienced a far richer understanding than they could possibly have achieved in the classroom alone.

## **Brandy Station Foundation Upcoming Events**

**Sunday, March 26, 2017, 2PM-5PM** at the Graffiti House, 19484 Brandy Road Brandy Station, Virginia 22714: The Brandy Station Foundation will present a genealogy workshop entitled "Find Your Relative and the Walls will Talk" at the Graffiti House. Have you ever wondered if your relative fought at the Battle of Brandy Station or recovered there as a soldier? Possibly your relative served as nurse after the battle. Join us to see if we can help you discover if they were there. Many signatures and

pictures are on the walls to speak to us today. Mr. Robert Gilbert believes his great, great grandmother Constance Cary Harrison's picture was drawn on the wall and he will speak about her and the research he has done on his family. But also, she will speak for herself as Mrs. Paula Johnson dressed in period clothing of the mid - nineteenth talks about helping the soldiers in their recovery. You may not know if a relative was at the Graffiti House but are just generally interested to find your relatives and don't know how to get started. Mrs. Anne Howard and Mrs. Denise Smith will help you with the research from 2:00 - 5:00 PM at the Graffiti House located at 19484 Brandy Road Brandy Station, Virginia 22714. Donations will gratefully be received and for further information about the event, please contact Paula Johnson at pauladrdr@aol.com or 540.341.7019.

**April 1, 2017** Park Day: Cleanup of areas Civil War Battlefields and sites, including the Graffiti House. For information and to volunteer, please contact Richard Deardoff at deardoff@comcast.net or 540-937-7718

**Sunday, April 30, 2017, 2 PM** Lecture at the Graffiti House. "Matthew Fontaine Maury" by John Grady. John Grady, a managing editor of Navy Times for more than eight years and retired communications director of the Association of the United States Army after 17 years, is the author of Matthew Fontaine Maury: Father of Oceanography. It was nominated for the Library of Virginia's 2016 non-fiction award.. During the earliest days of the Civil War, Matthew Fontaine Maury, former head of the National Observatory, saw himself as the man best equipped to create an almost impenetrable defense of ports, inlets, and waterways. As a member of the governor's advisory council, he had positioned Virginia's defenses to his liking—mines and obstructions to secure ports and waterways; well-placed coastal artillery, the heaviest guns with the longest range; and fast, maneuverable gunboats to sting invaders. Now as head of Confederate coastal defense, he intended to build the nation's layered defense. He was building the Confederacy's expertise in naval guerrilla warfare.

**May 7, 2017** Trolley Tour. A Brandy Station History + Wine Trolley Tour in conjunction with Visit Culpeper VA and Old House Vineyards. The tour includes a visit to the Graffiti



House. More details will be posted on our website, [www.brandystationfoundation.com](http://www.brandystationfoundation.com)

## Historic Greenwood Property for Sale in Culpeper

### GREENWOOD

#### HISTORIC PROPERTY FOR SALE



*Zillow, Greenwood today*



*Zillow, Greenwood from rear*

Greenwood, the home of Mrs. Angus Green and her late husband—both long-time members of the BSF—is presently offered for sale. The property is conveniently located 1 mile south of Culpeper on Orange Road. The home dates from the late 18th-early 19th Centuries and is on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.



*Greenwood Gate from Orange Road*

The property has a rich history. On August 24, 1825, the Marquis de Lafayette and former President James Monroe were hosted by a reception at Greenwood during the Marquis' tour as a "guest of the nation." During the Battle of Culpeper on September 13, 1863, Union troops under the command of Brigadier General George Custer advanced south from Culpeper Courthouse. At Greenwood they were met by cavalry and artillery under the command of Confederate general Fitzhugh Lee, later governor of Virginia, after a sharp engagement on the northern slopes of "Greenwood Hill," Custer withdrew. Later in the Civil War, Culpeper County was occupied by the Union Army of the

Potomac. Federal artillery pieces were on Greenwood's grounds with signs of their emplacements still visible today.



*Town of Culpeper GIS, Greenwood Property - 1931 Orange Rd*

Today the historic home and its outbuildings sit on 11.83 acres. The house lies well back from Orange Road with an expansive front yard featuring mature trees and shrubs—an ideal setting for outdoor events. The central portion of the house dates to the late 18th Century. The wings were added circa 1824 with further additions to the rear of the house made in the 20th Century. The house has five bedrooms and three baths with 3921 square feet. While the house has been a family dwelling for more than two centuries, it has potential as a bed and breakfast venue.

If you are interested having the in the satisfaction of preserving and living in an historic property, or perhaps of exploring a business opportunity, we of the Brandy Station Foundation urge you to please contact Mrs. Angus Green at 540-219-0139.