

**The Grand Review  
Brandy Station  
Foundation  
June, 2016**



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**Brandy Station Foundation & Christ Episcopal Church Join for Commemorative Service at St. James Site on Sunday, June 12th**



Bagpiper Gary Winemiller and Reverend Peter Way by a sketch of St. James church

Christ Episcopal Church, Brandy Station and the Brandy Station Foundation are pleased to announce that the 8th Annual Commemorative Church Service will be held at the site of the destroyed St. James Church on the battlefield at Brandy Station on Sunday, June 12<sup>h</sup> at 9:30AM. We will gather beginning at 9:00 AM.. Rev. Peter Way will officiate at the service, using the original Civil War Chalice with readings from the original Bible of St. James Church. Former BSF President Bob Jones will make comments on the history of the site. The church was destroyed by Union troops during the winter occupation of Brandy Station in 1863. The site continues to be owned by its descendant church, Christ Episcopal of Brandy Station and the Brandy Station Foundation is the steward of the 2 acre property in the midst of the largest cavalry battle of North America.

It is asked that those attending park their cars at the designated Civil War Trust parking circle at the intersection of Beverly Ford Rd. and St James Church Rd. This is just before the entrance into the Culpeper Airport. It is a short walk down the road to the site entrance and then a shorter path leads us through the woods to the site of the church. Some seating will be provided but you can bring folding chairs. Period dress welcome. After the service refreshments will be provided at the Graffiti House (19484 Brandy Road, Brandy Station). In the event of rain, the service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 14586 Alanthus Road, Brandy Station.

The community is invited to participate in this recreation of a 1860's service of Holy Eucharist.

**2016 Annual Dinner and Election of Brandy Station Board of Directors**



The 2016 Board of Directors of the Brandy Station Foundation were elected at the Foundation's annual dinner and meeting on April 22nd. From left are President William Truitt, Tony Seidita, Barry Atchison, Peggy Misch, Erich Fritz, Secretary Don Carlson, Kathy Orr, Jim Woehr, Paula Johnson, Treasurer Gary Wilson, Denise Smith, Helen Geisler, Vice President Eugene Hankinson, Robert Kenefick, outgoing President Joe McKinney, and Jane Brookins. Not pictured are Scott Mitchell and John Orr.

The featured speaker at the dinner was preservation landscape architect Glenn Stach. Glenn talked about the **Brandy Station and Cedar Mountain Battlefields State Park Feasibility Study** he prepared for the Civil War Trust. As detailed in his study, The Civil War Trust currently owns (fee simple) over 992 acres of core battlefield at Brandy Station. The Brandy Station Foundation, a local non-profit preservation organization, owns an additional 38 acres of battlefield land. At Cedar Mountain, the Trust owns 164 acres of hallowed ground. In addition to these lands, the Trust and Brandy Station Foundation could offer two additional parcels totaling 10 acres of protected lands fronting the Rappahannock River in close proximity to Brandy Station. The Brandy Station Foundation and the Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield collaborate with the Trust to continue to preserve and maintain these

battlefields as a living memorial, and the park proposal includes their continued partnership and resources.

Nearly all of the property owned by the Trust and Brandy Station Foundation could be transferred to the Commonwealth for the establishment of a park for history and nature lovers alike. Glenn discussed some of the recreational aspects that the proposed park could potentially offer: Rappahannock River water activities, camping, and equestrian trails.

### **Brandy Station Foundation Sunday Lecture Series**

The Brandy Station Foundation Sunday Lecture Series begins on April 24. The lectures began on the last Sunday of the month in April and run through September. They begin 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. Please check the website for the schedule of speakers: [www.brandystationfoundation.com](http://www.brandystationfoundation.com)

### **Graffiti House Interpretive Guide**

A new interpretive guide to the graffiti in the Graffiti House has been completed after approximately three years of preparation. It was prepared by BSF past presidents Joe McKinney , Bob Luddy and Bob Jones. It is full of photographs and information about the graffiti on the walls and the soldiers associated with the graffiti. It is now on sale in the Graffiti House gift shop. The cost for the spiral-bound book is \$15.00.

### **Community Helpers**



Volunteers from Ardent Mills in Culpeper were at the Brandy Station Foundation's Graffiti House on April 23rd, cleaning brush on the grounds and around the picnic area. Volunteers from the company had also recently volunteered on Park Day, April 2nd. On that day, they worked on clearing the Kelly's Ford trail by the Rappahannock River.

### **Two Cannons Unveiled at Cedar Mountain Battlefield**



Photo by Nancy Olds, Civil War News

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, BSF President attended the unveiling a pair of circa 1890 cannons placed on the Cedar Mountain Battlefield. The cannons had previously been at Gettysburg and were given by the Civil War Trust to the Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield. From left to right are Mark Coombs, Civil War Trust, Mike Block, Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield, William Truitt, Jim Burgess, Manassas Battlefield Park Museum Specialist, Diane Logan, President of the Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield, and Matthew "Matt" George, Land Stewardship Manager for the Civil War Trust.

### **Brandy Station Foundation Battlefield Tours**



Battle of Brandy Station Marker on Fleetwood Hill

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.

Beverly Ford & St. James Church - **June 4, July 30**

Kelly's Ford & Stevensburg - **June 18, August 13**

Fleetwood Hill - **July 2, August 27**

Buford Knoll & Yew Ridge - **July 16, September 10**

When: Saturdays 10:00 am until noon

Where: Tours leave from & return to the Graffiti House, 19484 Brandy Road, Brandy Station, VA

Cost: Adults \$10.00 each. Children under 12 free.

Transportation: Personal vehicle caravan

No advance reservations needed.

For further information: [www.brandystationfoundation.com](http://www.brandystationfoundation.com) or 540-547-4106.

### **Battle of Brandy Station Battlefield Tour Descriptions**

#### Beverly Ford & St. James Church

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

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

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.

#### Buford Knoll & Yew Ridge

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.

### **Brandy Station Foundation Fundraiser**



Raffle tickets for a signed, framed Mort Kunstler print, "Before the Ball" are being sold by the Brandy Station Foundation. The print was donated by Don and Ginny Carlson and the custom framing was done and donated by Village Frameworks & Gallery in Culpeper. The estimated value of the framed print is \$500.00. The print depicts General JEB Stuart and his party on Davis St. outside Culpeper Courthouse on June 4, 1863. This was the ball that was held just days before the Battle of Brandy Station. The drawing for the winner will be on the 153<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the ball on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Graffiti House. The winner need not be present to win. The following page provides raffle tickets if you would like to purchase them by mail. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

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Brandy Station Foundation Fundraiser--Raffle of "Before the Ball" print by Mort Kunstler

The Brandy Station Foundation is raffling off a signed print of "Before the Ball" by Mort Kunstler. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be at the Graffiti House in Brandy Station on June 4, 2016. You need not be present to win. Please fill out the number of raffle tickets above that you like would to buy & send on this page to: The Brandy Station Foundation, PO Box 165, Brandy Station, VA 22714; we will cut out the tickets. This page can be copied if you wish to buy additional tickets.

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Checks may be made out to: Brandy Station Foundation. Please send this page to: The Brandy Station Foundation, PO Box 165, Brandy Station, VA 22714

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Please enroll me as a member of the Foundation. Please mail to:

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PO Box 165, Brandy Station, VA 22714-0165

\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Membership (\$25.00 individual; \$40.00 couple; \$15.00 high school or college student)

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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](http://www.brandystationfoundation.com)