

The Grand Review Brandy Station Foundation June 2019



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St. James Commemorative Church Service on the Brandy Station Battlefield

Sunday..... June 2nd, 2019....9:30 A.M.

Christ Episcopal Church
and
Brandy Station Foundation

invite you to the site on the Brandy Station Battlefield for the
11th annual church service commemorating the battle and destruction of

St. James Episcopal Church
156th Anniversary

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

The Rev. Tom Hayes officiating

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

Music by Evergreen Shade
Bag Piper....Gary Winemiller

The bugler and color guard are from the
Matthew Fontaine Maury Camp 1722

After the service, all are invited for refreshments at

The Graffiti House
19484 Brandy Road
Brandy Station, VA

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

On Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 9:30 AM, Christ Episcopal Church and the Brandy Station Foundation invite you to attend the 11th annual St. James Church Commemorative Service on the Brandy Station Battlefield. The church was destroyed by Union troops during the winter occupation of Brandy Station in 1863. The service will be led by Rev. Tom Hayes of Christ Church, Brandy Station, using the original Civil War chalice with readings from the original Bible of St. James Church. Parking available at the American Battlefield Trust parking lot (corner of St. James Church Road & Beverly Ford Road near 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. Benches are at the site or you can bring a folding chair. Closed shoes are suggested and period dress welcome. In the event of rain, the service will be held at Christ Church, [14586 Alanthus Road](#) in Brandy Station.

Former Brandy Station Foundation President Bob Jones will make comments on the history of the site and read an original poem; Evergreen Shade will provide the music; Gary Winemiller is the bagpiper, and the color guard is the Mathew Fontaine Maury Camp 1722 Honor Guard. After the service, refreshments will be served at the Graffiti House, [19484 Brandy Road](#) in Brandy Station.

Park Day 2019 at the Graffiti House



On Saturday, April 6th, history buffs, community members, and preservationists aided in the maintenance and restoration of numerous sites as part of Park Day, the American Battlefield Trust's annual preservation event. Thank you to all of the volunteers at the Graffiti House on Park Day! BSF President William Truitt (at right in the above photo) made sure to thank all the volunteers, including those from Liberty High School in Fauquier County, Fauquier High School and Ardent Mills Culpeper. The Ardent Mills Culpeper mill helps bring flour to the mid-Atlantic and northeastern United States. This is the second time that the Ardent Mills Culpeper Team has helped out the Foundation on Park Day. BSF volunteer Eugene Hankinson (center, kneeling in green Park Day tee shirt) organized the event for the Foundation. Eugene and BSF Board member Peter Mocarski (to the left of William Truitt) were part of a group of twenty who worked on clearing an overgrown fence line along Route 29 on our lot across from the Graffiti House. The Graffiti House is now more visible from the highway and the view towards the Blue Ridge Mountains from the Graffiti House has been improved. Eugene's wife Lana kindly brought snacks and drinks for volunteers.



Virginia is For Lovers at the Graffiti House

LOVE sculpture in downtown Culpeper across from the Train Depot

“Virginia is For Lovers® was created in 1969, 50 years ago, and has become one of the most beloved and well-known slogans in the world. While it has meant a lot of different things to a lot of different people, one thing hasn't changed – the LOVE. Everywhere from big cities to small towns in Virginia are celebrating 50 Years of Love in their own special

way. You'll find everything from special lovers lagers at breweries and lovers blends at wineries, 1969 inspired meals and prices at restaurants, special 50 Years of Love events, annual events with 1969 themes, contests, giveaways, and much more"--<https://www.virginia.org/50yearsoflove>

Our BSF vice president, Paula Johnson, has this news about the Virginia is For Lovers® event at the Graffiti House on July 13th:

Come out to the Graffiti House in Brandy Station on Saturday, July 13th with someone you LOVE. We will have our own Brandy Station LOVE letters to hold while we take your picture and send it to you by email. The offer includes a LOVE rose given to the first 24 people that participate along with LOVE-ly punch and cookies to complete the LOVE celebration. Come out for the LOVE but don't miss the graffiti on the walls. The hours are 11:00 - 4:00 on Saturday and Sunday. The Graffiti House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization and located at 19484 Brandy Rd., Brandy Station, Virginia 22714. Our website is: www.brandystationfoundation.com for further details.

President's Message



BSF Foundation President William Truitt (third from left) at the annual dinner

At the Brandy Station Foundation Annual Meeting & Fundraiser, William Truitt reported on our Foundation's most recent efforts and programs in the annual report:

We have enjoyed another stellar year at the Brandy Station Foundation. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the BSF membership, BSF Board members and Advisory Board members for your contributions this past year to make the Brandy Station Foundation the success that it is. Also, I want to thank Jennifer Reilly and the Francis Chapin Foundation for their generous donation to assist with ongoing Graffiti House foundation stabilization and repairs. In addition, I'd like to thank Liberty High School, Fauquier High School and Ardent Mills, one of the local businesses in Culpeper, for their recent participation on Park Day to improve the grounds and fence line along the Graffiti House property line. I would like to express my gratitude as well to Jackson Van Ness who received an Eagle Scout badge for his work in making the rest and reflection area, with benches, on BSF Foundation property along the Rappahannock River at Kelly's Ford.

The proposed Brandy Station Cedar Mountain State Park is gaining more traction with local and regional residents. The park would include sites where the Battle of Brandy Station (June 9, 1863), Kelly's Ford (March 17, 1863) and the Battle of Cedar Mountain (August 9, 1862) were fought during the Civil War. The park would provide the Commonwealth with a unique opportunity to showcase our history, increase tourism, and promote outdoor recreation in a region currently underserved by the Virginia state park system. A budget amendment for the proposed BSCM Battlefield park received the support of the Senate this year, but did not make it out of the conference committee between the House and Senate at the end of the legislative session. Two state senators who represent Culpeper, Emmett Hanger and Bryce Reeves, secured the Virginia Senate's support for the budget language. The amendment directed the Department of Conservation and Recreation to review the Brandy Station and Cedar Mountain Battlefield properties and make recommendations on their suitability for development as a park.

Mark Coombs, Deputy Director of Government Relations, American Battlefield Trust shared the Trust's public statement on this front:

"Good ideas take time, and great ideas take a little longer. While the budget amendment did not make it through the 2019 session, we are pleased with the progress we have made — particularly the enthusiastic support of the entire Culpeper legislative delegation — and will continue to build bipartisan support in the General Assembly for the Brandy Station and Cedar Mountain State Park. We are optimistic that park status will ultimately be achieved and bring historic, recreational, environmental and economic benefits to the area, making this project well worth the wait."

The Brandy Station and Cedar Mountain State Park Alliance presently includes the American Battlefield Trust, the Brandy Station Foundation, the Culpeper Department of Tourism, the Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield, the Germanna Foundation, the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership, the Museum of Culpeper History, the Piedmont Environmental Council, Preservation Virginia, the Remington Community Partnership and the Virginia Association for Parks. The State Park Alliance continues to promote the park through local events such as Culpeper Fest, Tribute Day (at the Graffiti House and Brandy

Station Fire Hall), and various events held by the Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield and the American Battlefield Trust. The “Generations” event, sponsored by the American Battlefield Trust, was held on Fleetwood Hill in 2017 and attracted many children and adults who were able to observe mock cavalry charges on the hill performed by reenactors. Recently, a “Generations” event was held at Cedar Mountain Battlefield and featured reenactors demonstrating camp life and included: reenactors loading powder and firing Civil War era (replica) weapons and a display of 3D pictures showing the battlefield as it looked after the Battle of Cedar Mountain. The reenactors even allowed the children to try on some uniforms, participate in mock infantry charges, and try some “Hardtack”.

The Marines from Quantico, VA led by their fearless leader, Phillip Gibbons, continue to be a perennial fixture on the Brandy Station Battlefield. Part of the Marine training includes staff rides to provide insight as to what the commanders were thinking during the Civil War at the Battle of Brandy Station on June 09, 1863, and what tactics they would use now compared to then. We are expecting them to arrive late in May of this year for another staff ride.

The Spring 2019 issue of Hallowed Ground provided a Virginia Legislative update. Of special note was the news that on January 30, 2019, American Battlefield Trust board member and president and CEO of the Marine Corps University Foundation Lt. Gen. Richard P. Mills, USMC (Ret.) encouraged lawmakers to “support budget language that would direct the Commonwealth to study the potential creation of a Brandy Station and Cedar Mountain State Park.” He spoke of the “role that battlefields play in providing active training grounds for America’s armed forces. He emphasized that staff rides conducted on these storied sites give America’s servicemen and women an edge in applied strategic and tactical thought that is not readily available elsewhere.”

In closing, I want to thank all of the volunteers for their time and dedication regarding the many hours and hard work they spend throughout the year in ensuring that the visitor’s experience at the Brandy Station Battlefield and the Graffiti House is educational, memorable, and enjoyable. Thank all of you for this rewarding, enriching, and delightful opportunity to serve as the Brandy Station Foundation President and I look forward to a plethora of exciting activities coming up this year.

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

Give Local Piedmont's 2019. Nonprofits that and Rappahannock this platform. Thank you Station Foundation on



6th annual Day of Giving was May 7, serve Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, counties received donations through to those who donated to the Brandy May 7th.

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

Sunday, July 28, 2019, 2 PM Anita Henderson: Ms. Henderson is a member of the Company of Military Historians and currently interprets both a military and civilian impression. She is a mounted cavalry bugler currently riding with the 13th VA Cavalry, Co. H, Light Sussex Dragoons and also portrays an enslaved/free black woman who is a cook using period recipes and implements.

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"

Brandy Station Foundation
P.O. Box 165
Brandy Station, VA 22714-0165

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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