

**The Grand Review
Brandy Station
Foundation
June 2012**



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Brandy Station Foundation & Christ Episcopal Church Join for Commemorative Service at St. James Site on Sunday, June 10th

Christ Episcopal Church, Brandy Station and the Brandy Station Foundation are pleased to announce that the 4th 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 10^h at 9:30AM. We will gather beginning at 9:00 AM.. Rev. Peter Way will officiate. The community is invited to participate in this recreation of a 1860's service of Holy Eucharist. It will be an especially moving service in this first year of the Civil War Sesquicentennial.

The service will be outside at the location of the small Episcopal church which was totally dismantled during the encampment of Union troops in the winter 1863-64. 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.

All are then invited after the service to the Graffiti House o 19484 Brandy Road in Brandy Station for refreshments. Below: Alongside St. James Church Road in Brandy Station, re-enactor Stephen Dunn holds the Bible from St. James Church which was stolen by Union troops and later returned.



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 yards before the entrance into the 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. . We will have some chairs available for seating during the service but we recommend that you bring a folding lawn chair if possible. Drivers for handicapped persons may drop them off at the entrance to the woods and then remove the auto to the parking circle area. It is also suggested that you prepare for the woods with closed shoes and bug repellent.

Brandy Station Foundation Annual Dinner



Back row, from left: Cecilia Schneider-Vial, Tony Seidita, Barry Atchison, Jack Maher, Dan Beattie, Bob Luddy, Bob Jones. Front row, from left: Jane Brookins, Richard Deardoff, Peggy Misch, Joe McKinney, Eugene Hankinson, Helen Geisler, Scott Aylor, and Steve Sylvania.

At the Brandy Station Foundation Annual Dinner and meeting on April 20, 2012, the following Board of Directors and Advisory Committee were elected: President, Joseph W. (Joe) McKinney, Vice-President, M. Cecilia Schneider-Vial, Treasurer, Gary Wilson, and Secretary, Peggy Misch. The Board of Directors elected include: Barry Atchison, Dr. Scott Aylor, Jane Brookins, Richard Deardoff, Jim Flanagan, Helen Geisler, Eugene Hankinson, Jack Maher, and Anthony (Tony) Seidita.



Dr. Daniel Beattie at the Annual Dinner
Save the Date: March 16, 2013 Brandy Station Foundation Ball at the Inn at Kelly's Ford to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Kelly's Ford

The Brandy Station Foundation would like to announce an exciting and fun ball to commemorate the Battle of Kelly's Ford which occurred on March 17, 1863. The music will be provided by the well known period musical group 2nd South Carolina Band. The dress is black tie and period dress is optional. There will be Silent Auction items and prizes. The location will be The Inn at Kelly's Ford, 16589 Edwards Shop Road, Remington, Virginia 22734 The phone number for reservations for accommodations at the Inn is 540-399-1779. The Culpeper Tourism site also has information about accommodations: <http://www.visitculpepera.com/>.

The Brandy Station Advisory Committee includes Dr. Daniel Beattie, Edwin F. (Ed) Gentry, Robert L. (Bob) Jones, Robert Kenefick, Steve Sylvia, and Dr. John R. Tole.

Dr. Daniel Beattie was the featured speaker at the BSF Annual Dinner. His topic was 'If You Want to Have Fun, J'ine the Cavalry': What Cavalry Really Did in the Civil War. He also signed copies of his recent book published by Osprey: Brandy Station, 1863: First Step Towards Gettysburg.

Rogers Ford Winery

Our friends at the Rogers Ford Winery in Sumerduck, Virginia, have a sherry sporting a Battle of Brandy Station label. The winery website indicates that they produce “wine handcrafted in the style of Old-World artisan wineries”. The winery is located in Fauquier County at 14672 Rogers Ford Road, Sumerduck, VA 22742; phone 540-439-3707. The tasting room is open from 11-5, Friday-Monday, March - December.

Foundation News by BSF President Joe McKinney

Dear Members and Friends,

First I would like to encourage you all to visit the BSF website, www.brandystationfoundation.com, and review our 2011 Annual Report. (Click on the tab “About Us” and then click on “Annual Reports.”) This year we have attempted to lay out in greater detail the activities and financial status of the BSF. It is our intent to try and keep you fully informed, and we hope that you find the report interesting. We also hope that you agree that we have done a good job of husbanding the BSF’s resources during the past year. If you have any questions or comments, please send them directly to me via email. There is a link at the “Contact Us” tab on website.

I am pleased to announce that last month the BSF, working with concerned Culpeper residents and other preservation/environmental groups, defeated an application by a local business to build and operate a biosolids storage facility on the Rappahannock Station I battlefield. We have no issue with the agricultural use of biosolids by local farmers and landowners; however, we considered the proposed storage & distribution facility to be totally inconsistent with the strategic goals of our foundation. In our view, had the application been approved, the site of the opening battle of the Second Manassas Campaign would have been irreparably harmed. We are gratified that the Culpeper Board of Supervisors, after lengthy hearings on the matter, voted to deny the application.

As may of you know, we held our annual meeting on April 20. I am personally honored that the members present approved my nomination to continue as your president for a second year. I am very pleased that the members also approved a slate of highly capable, hard working officers and board members. I pledge to each of you that we will do our best to further the interests of the Brandy Station Foundation through the coming year.

Take care,
Joe McKinney

2012 Saturday Brandy Station Battlefield Tours

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 (June 2, July 28)

Kelly's Ford & Stevensburg (June 30, Aug 11)

Fleetwood Hill (June 30, Aug 25)

Buford Knoll & Yew Ridge (July 14, Sept 8)

Beverly Ford & St. James Church – June 2, July 28

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 – June 30, Aug 11

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 – June 30, Aug 25

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 – July 14, Sept 8

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.

2012 Sunday Seminar Series at the Graffiti House

The Brandy Station Foundation Sunday lecture series began again this April. The lectures series runs on one Sunday of each month from April through October and 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.

Sunday, June 24, 2 PM: Confederate Veterans of Fauquier County - The lecture will concentrate on life in Fauquier County, the experiences of individual foot soldiers both during and after the War. Also included will be the locations of their graves and efforts to preserve these sites and their memories. Lory and Larry Payne will present this under the banner of the SCV Black Horse Camp #780 banner

Sunday, July 29, 2 PM: The Potomac Frontier: The Mosby Heritage Area in the Winter of 1861-1862 - The emphasis here is on the variety of experiences people in our region had from October 1861 through the spring of 1862. Richard Gillespie was an award winning social studies teacher for 30 years with Loudoun County Public Schools before retiring to be the Director of Education for the Mosby Heritage Area Association.

Sunday, August 26, 2 PM: The Campaign of Second Manassas - On it's 150th Anniversary, the campaign described as Lee's finest will be discussed. Battles include not only Manassas, but Cedar Mountain in Culpeper and Chantilly in Fairfax. The destruction of the latter battlefield to construct Fair Oaks Shopping Mall led directly to current preservation efforts. Tim Nosal is a former park ranger at Manassas, has been on active duty in the Middle East and is currently the Chief of Media Relations and Outreach for the American Battle Monuments Commission.

Sunday, September 30, 2 PM: Fashions of the Civil War Era - What did the stylish lady and gentleman of 1860 wear? How did shortages during the War change attire? These questions and the issue of Victorian mourning habits will be addressed in this lecture. Lory Payne is with the Educational Preservation Program of the Southern Fauquier Historical Society

Sunday, October 28, 2 PM : Small Arms of the Civil War - Using 18 quality original Civil War muskets and carbines, the arms available to the U.S. Army at the beginning of the conflict will be discussed, as well as primary Federal and Confederate arms alteration and production during the War, acquisition and import of arms to both sides, some of the agents of both, financing and examples of the major Confederate and small arms ammunition plants, as well as the tactical issues improved and modernized arms created for the commanders and soldiers. Lon Lacey is on the Board of Directors of the Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield and volunteers for the Brandy Station Foundation.

Northern Virginia Graffiti Trail



From left: BSF volunteer Geoffrey Hazzan, BSF President Joe McKinney, Katherine Reed, Janet Reed, and BSF volunteer and former President Bob Luddy at the Graffiti House in June, 2011.

The Brandy Station Foundation has entered into a partnership with elements of the City of Fairfax; the Northern Virginia Park Regional Authority; the Prince William County; and the Old Court House Foundation of Winchester, Virginia to establish a Northern Virginia Graffiti Trail . The Virginia Tourism Corporation, the official tourism website of the Commonwealth of Virginia, considers Culpeper County a “Northern Virginia” location. The Northern Virginia Graffiti Trail links the roadways of modern Virginia to five historically important building sites each of which contains collections of significant American Civil War graffiti. The sites are: 1) the Graffiti House, 19484 Brandy Road, Brandy Station; 2) Historic Blenheim, Fairfax; 3) the Ben Lomand Historic Site, Manassas; 4) Mt. Zion Historic Park, Aldie; and 5) the Old Court House Civil War Museum, Winchester. In this Sesquicentennial period of the Civil War, it is hoped that the creation of this trail will enable all people residing within Virginia (as well as those visiting the Commonwealth), to more easily follow the pathways of Union and Confederate soldiers as they crisscrossed Virginia leaving important remnants of their

existence for all of us to read and learn from today. A brochure with more information concerning the trail may be obtained by visiting www.brandystationfoundation.com

It all began last summer, when the Graffiti House owned by the Brandy Station Foundation was visited by a University of Manchester (England) student, Katherine Reed, who was doing a thesis on American Civil War Graffiti. She had traveled to America with her mother, Janet, and the two of them were visiting graffiti sites that they had located on the internet. At Brandy Station, Joe McKinney, Geoffrey Hazzan and Bob Luddy provided a background of facts and figures supplemented by pictures and stories concerning the Graffiti House graffiti and its origins.

During Katherine's visit, she toured the Graffiti House, Blenheim, the Old Court House Museum and other sites in the northern Virginia area. She consequently wrote her paper - and indicated that she had identified about 25 sites in Virginia that possessed graffiti.

Upon receiving a copy of Katherine's thesis, Bob Luddy, a former president of the Brandy Station Foundation, proposed that the BSF partner with other near-by sites to form a "graffiti trail." The BSF Board of Directors enthusiastically endorsed this concept, and Bob then approached Andrea Loewenwarter at Blenheim in Fairfax and discussed the idea with her. She indicated that the same concept had occurred to her also!

Using Andrea's contacts, they contacted several locations identified by Katherine, put together a working group to further discuss and define what was next to do, and did it! The (initial) product is now done - the Northern Virginia Graffiti Trail brochure, posted on www.brandystationfoundation.com. If all goes well, it is possible that the number of trail sites may be expanded in the future or possibly a bus tour to follow the trail could be arranged.

Remembrance Days



John and Pam Clatterbuck of Culpeper enjoy a tour of the Graffiti House with BSF Board Member Jack Maher.

The weekend of April 13 to April 16 was Remembrance Days weekend in Culpeper County. Local and out of town visitors used the occasion to visit the Graffiti House. The Brandy Station Foundation participated with a “mega” tour of Fleetwood Hill by BSF President Joe McKinney, and a lecture by Joe at the Graffiti House, “Raising Confederate Cavalry”. In this presentation, Joe described how in a matter of months the Confederacy recruited, organized, trained, and equipped cavalry forces that for the first two years of the Civil War were clearly superior to their better-equipped Union adversaries.

Park Day 2012



The Brandy Station Foundation hosted national Park Day on March 31st at three Culpeper County sites: Kelly's Ford (site of the Battle of Kelly's Ford on March 17, 1863 and an engagement of the Battle of Brandy Station on June 9, 1863); the nearby monument to the gallant John Pelham; and, the Graffiti House. At left at Kelly's Ford are volunteers led by BSF Board member Richard Deardoff and his students from Kettle Run High School in Fauquier County.

Paranormal Group at the Graffiti House



On March 3, members of Transcend Paranormal from Richmond shared the results of research in January 2012 and June 2011 as well as the equipment they use with BSF Board members and Graffiti House visitors. Equipment includes digital recorders, EVP recorders, ultraviolet and infrared cameras, thermometers, EMF detectors, etc. Transcend Paranormal group includes Zak Haefling, Steve Dills, Rebecca and Thom Mattauch, Missy Sykes, and Rhonda Montgomery.

Brandy Station Foundation participates in Culpeper Day on May 5



Brandy Station Foundation Board members Barry Atchison, Jack Maher, and Cecilia Schneider-Vial set up a Brandy Station Foundation tent and display at Culpeper Day in downtown Culpeper on May 5th. Davis Street becomes a pedestrian walkway for displays of crafts, food, and community group sharing their literature and their passions.

Hall of Honor Signer



On April 21, during Remembrance Days weekend, Kerry Goddin Kohler of Warrenton signed the Hall of Honor at the Graffiti House. She is a descendent of Valentine Brown, 1st Virginia Cavalry, Purcell's Battery, and, John Robert Jones, Brig. General of the 33rd Virginia Infantry (Lee's Lieutenants) .

BRANDY STATION FOUNDATION – 2012 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Mail to: Brandy Station Foundation, P.O. Box 165, Brandy Station, Virginia 22714

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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