

"The Late Unpleasantness" June 2008



South Bay Civil War Round Table

San Jose, California

**June 24th Meeting Speaker:
Sharon Pope on "Blockade
Runners in the Civil War"**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Not only did we have one of the most well attended meetings of the year, with over 40 in attendance, we enjoyed a most interesting and informative presentation by Susan Williams, speaking on "The War Horse: From Hay-burners to Steam Engines in the Civil War". Susan's power-point presentation, combined with excellent narration, viewed the role, importance, and relevant contribution of the horse, the Iron Horse (Locomotive), and the Steam Engine powered river boats in all aspects of the Civil War. An outstanding job, Susan. Our sincere appreciation.

Our June meeting promises to be equally as interesting as Sharon Pope will present "Blockade Runners in the Civil War". We are definitely looking forward to Sharon's presentation. It is one I am sure you will not want to miss.

24TH Annual West Coast

Civil War Round Table Conference

November 7 - 9, 2008

Clovis, CA

"The Civil War in the Shenandoah Valley"

Gary Yee, the newly elected President of the San Francisco Civil War Round Table was in attendance and gave an update on the "planning status" of the 2010 Civil War Conference to be held on Alcatraz. Gary reported that he has verbal commitments from a number of "high profile/nationally known" speakers for the pending conference.

On the topic of conferences, information was distributed on this year's West Coast State Civil War Round Table Conference to be held in Clovis, CA, on November 7-9. The conference theme will be "The Civil War in the Shenandoah Valley". Put this date on your calendar.

Among other items covered at the meeting was an "update" on our SBCWRT web-site. I am happy to report that our web-site is now "up and running". Our appreciation to Jim Lyons for all his assistance and cooperation in this effort.

I will look forward to seeing you each of you at our June 24th meeting. Remember, that in addition to our featured speaker, there is our raffle, civil war quiz, announcements, discussions, and stimulating conversation related to a great range of Civil War topics. See you at Holder's Country Inn on the 24th.

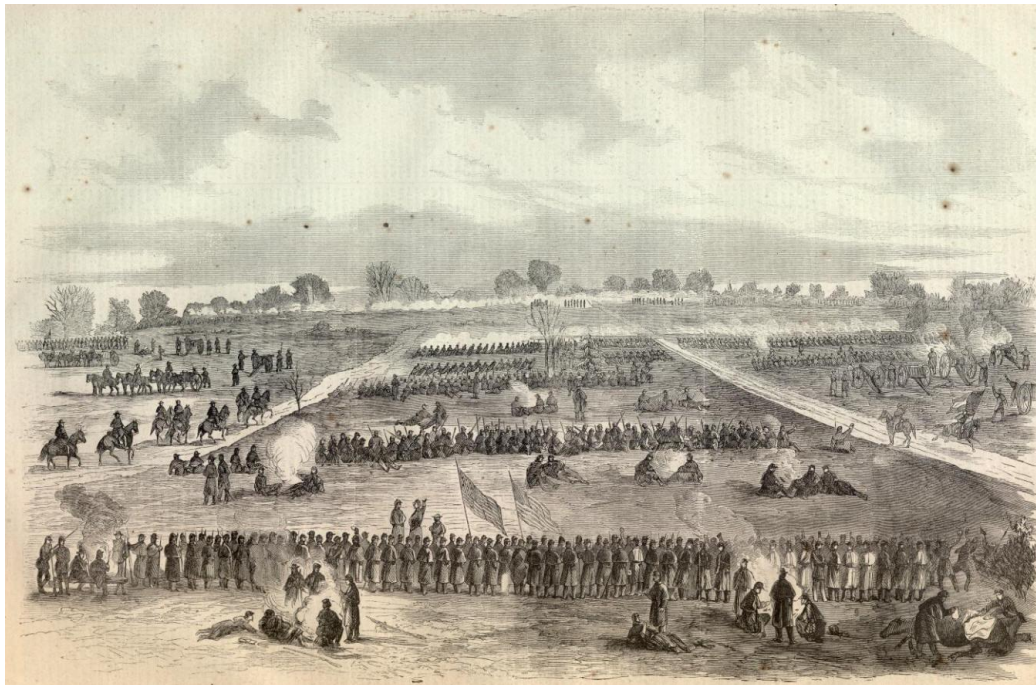
Gary Moore, President

May Quiz answers by Hal Hubis

1. What future general lent travel money to U.S. Grant when Grant resigned from the U.S. Army in California? **Simon Bolivar Buckner**
2. Who refused to use pepper on his food saying it gave him pains in his left leg? **Stonewall Jackson**
3. What general was carried on the roll of a New Orleans unit as an honorary private, with the color sergeant answering "Absent on duty!" when the roster was called? **P.G.T. Beauregard**
4. What No. Carolinian cried "Give them the cold steel!" before leading his men against Cemetery Ridge? **Lewis Armistead**
5. What Kentucky native was appointed to West Point from Louisiana, graduated 8th in the class of 1826, then later resigned from the U.S. Army to become a full general in the Confederate Army? **Albert Sydney Johnston**
6. Georgia native Porter Alexander, third in the West Point class of 1857, helped develop what communication system? **The semaphore or "wigwag" system**
7. What future major general entered West Point at age 15 and in 1846 graduated second in his class? **George McClellan**
8. What Ohio native entered the army in the Civil War as a lieutenant colonel and died as Commander in Chief? **James Garfield**
9. What naval officer had a chamber pot emptied upon his head in occupied New Orleans? **Captain David Farragut**
10. Who accepted the surrender of the arms of the Army of Northern Virginia? **Major General Joseph Jackson Bartlett**
11. What native of Illinois claimed to have killed fifty Confederates with fifty shots from his "special" rifle? **James Butler (Wild Bill) Hickok**
12. Eager to display his strength, what general habitually showed off by lifting his wife to a seat on the mantel-piece? **General Don Carlos Buell**
13. After losing his plumed hat, Jeb Stuart offered to swap it for whose captured dress coat and hat? **Major General John Pope**
14. What redheaded general, named for an Indian chieftain was known to relatives and intimates as "Cump"? **William T. Sherman**
15. What former ambassador to Russia, who became a major general without a command, claimed much credit for the Emancipation Proclamation? **Cassius Marcellus Clay**

16. Removed from combat duty after blunders at Shiloh, what inept soldier became a famous novelist? **Major General Lew Wallace**
17. Late in 1861, what illness put McClellan on the sick list for three weeks? **Typhoid fever**
18. When riding his horse, what general had to hold the reins between his teeth because his left arm was missing? **Major General Philip Kearny**
19. Of whom was Salmon P. Chase speaking when he said that giving the Army of the Potomac to him "is equivalent to giving Washington to the Rebels"? **General George McClellan**

June Quiz by Gary Moore "The Battle of Murfreesboro"



www.sonofthesouth.net/leefoundation/civil-war/1863/february/battle-murfreesboro

1. What was the other name for this battle?
2. Who replaced Don Carlos Buell to command the Union Army that fought there?
3. Where was the army based?
4. What was the nickname given to Rosecrans by his troops?
5. When the confederate corps under Hardee attacked the Union troops under McCook, whose Union division held its ground?
6. What geographic position on the battlefield did the Union hold against Polk's attack?
7. What Confederate general was killed in the attack on the Round Forest?
8. What was another name for the Round Forest?
9. Whose Federal brigade held the Round Forest?
10. What happened on New Year's Day at this battle?

11. On January 2, what move did Rosecrans make?

12. From whose corps did the division come?

13. When ordered by Bragg to take the hill across the river on the Union left, how did Breckinridge react?

14. Who won the battle on the hill?

15. What forced the Confederates to give up the hill?

16. What were the approximate losses to both armies?

17. How much of the Union army was AWOL, or in the hospital when Rosecrans took command before the battle?

18. What pressure did Rosecrans face from Washington when he took command?

19. What did Rosecrans call his staff officers?

20. Rosecrans got authority to do what to errant officers while the army was on the move?

PRESERVATION REPORT

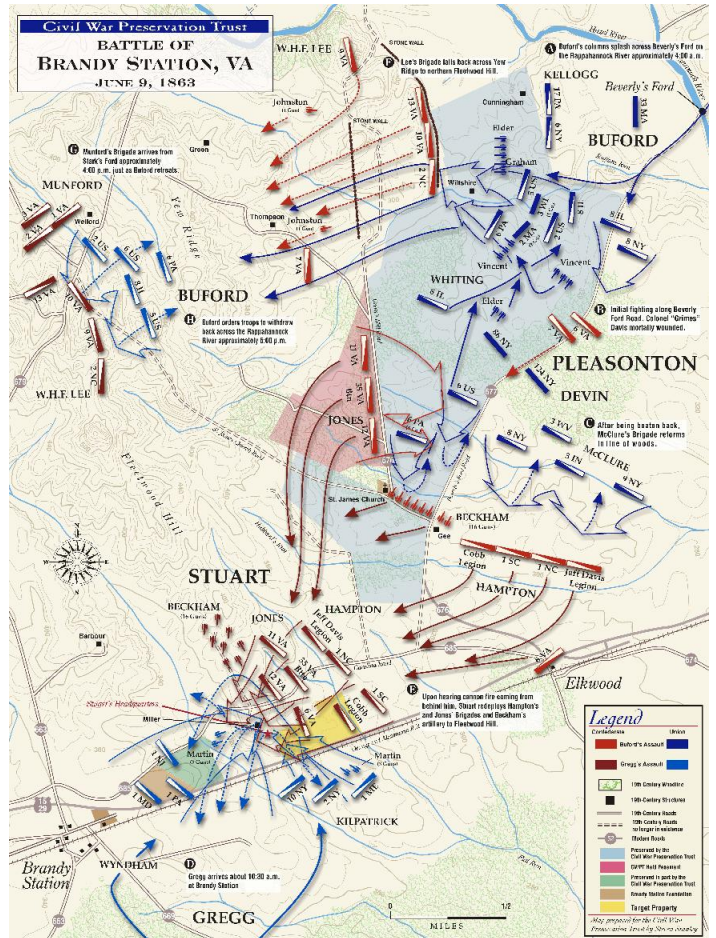
In view of the interest shown at the May meeting regarding the famous cavalry engagement at Brandy Station in June of 1863, I felt it appropriate to feature it in this month's newsletter. In 1993, the Brandy Station Battlefield was listed as one of "11 Most Endangered Historic Places" in America by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. (<http://www.preservationnation.org/travel-and-sites/sites/southern-region/brandy-station-battlefield>) Over the years more than 1500 acres have been saved, and with the joint effort of Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) and the Brandy Station Foundation additional valuable property was acquired in 2005-06. Still work remains. An *edited* announcement from CWPT follows. As an aside, Brandy Station has been removed from the list that today includes *California State Parks* and *Hanger One, Moffett Field*. Open the above website and click on "11 Most Endangered" for full current list. – Editor.

PRESERVATION OPPORTUNITY: BRANDY STATION, 23 ACRES

CIVIL WAR PRESERVATION TRUST

Saving America's Threatened Civil War
Battlefields

James Lighthizer, President



BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION BULLETIN: \$3.10-TO-\$1 MATCH ANNOUNCED FOR NEW TRACT AT BRANDY STATION, VIRGINIA

Dear Dear Fellow Committed Preservationist,

I'm sure you can imagine the scene, June 9, 1863 . . .

. . . the earth-shaking thunder of thousands of horses . . . curved sabers flashing and slashing . . . gallant charges, close-range pistol shots, canisterspewing (*sp*) cannons, desperate hand-to-hand fighting . . .

. . . all this and more made up the battle of Brandy Station, the largest cavalry battle (11,000 Union troopers versus 9,500 Confederate horsemen) ever fought on the American continent – the opening clash of the Gettysburg Campaign.

Today, it is my duty, honor and privilege to tell you about CWPT's first major preservation campaign of 2008: CWPT has just finalized a momentous deal which will allow us to secure a crucial 23-acre tract atop Fleetwood Hill, where Jeb Stuart had his headquarters and rallied his beleaguered forces during the battle of Brandy Station.

The total cost of these 23 historic acres: \$700,000.

That's a big number, but wait until you hear the plan on how CWPT is going to get there:

First, CWPT is applying for and expects to receive a federal matching grant of \$225,000, matching the amount I project we can raise from you and your fellow members, getting us to \$450,000.

This means, of course, that any donation you might make to this effort today would be immediately doubled – but it gets even better:

That's because a respected Civil War scholar and philanthropist (who wishes to remain anonymous) has agreed to donate the final \$250,000!

You read that correctly; if CWPT raises \$225,000 to leverage the additional \$225,000 federal matching grant, this benefactor will put in his \$250,000, getting us to \$700,000, and saving this part of Fleetwood Hill forever!

This means every \$1 you give for this effort really turns into \$3.10!

...In short, you would see an immediate 310 percent return on your preservation investment!

(Sounds like a plan to me...see ya'll on the 24th)

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