

# WILDERNESS DISPATCH

Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, Inc.

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## Annual Meeting Focus on Past Actions, Future Pressure

### *FoWB Members to Meet at 11 a.m. on November 17 at Lake of the Woods Church*

The future development of Wilderness Battlefield and the growth pressures of its surrounding area will be the focus of the annual membership meeting of Friends of Wilderness Battlefield on November 17. FoWB members and visitors alike are encouraged to attend the meeting, which begins at 11 a.m. at Lake of the Woods Church. Lunch will be provided following the meeting.

FoWB President **Dan Nickelson** will preside over the meeting and present the organization's Annual Report on 2007 activity.

#### **Development Pressures**

Three guest speakers who will discuss "Development Pressures on the Wilderness Battlefield" are **Henry "Hap" Connors Jr., Teri Pace** and **Russ Smith**.

Connors represents the Chancellor District on the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors. He was elected to the board in 2003 and is an original founder of the Coalition to Save the Chancellorsville Battlefield that resulted in saving the site of Day 1 of the Battle of Chancellorsville.

Ms. Pace lives in Unionville. She defeated a 16-year incumbent to be elected to the Orange County Board of Supervisors in 2005. She represents District 4, which runs east from Route 522 on both sides of Route 20 and wraps around Lake of the Woods. She was appointed to the board of the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission in 2006.

**Russ Smith** was named superintendent of Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park in 2003. He was previously chief of interpretation for the Northeast Region of the National Park Service in Philadelphia. In 2002, he won the prestigious Department of the Interior Superior Service Award for his work in interpretation, including improved staff training and the development of publications, exhibits and film.

#### **On the Battlefield**

In addition, Superintendent Smith will discuss the proposed National Park Service Centennial Project and its impact on the Ellwood Restoration Project.

FoWB Vice President **Carolyn Elstner** will report on "Winter Plans for Ellwood Phase I Restoration." She is chair of the FoWB Ellwood Committee.

**Craig Rains**, FoWB director who is chairman of the Battlefield Resources Committee, will speak about the expanded role of FoWB in new program activities and Park Service plans for the Wilderness Battlefield's maintenance, improvements and preservation.

#### **Business Meeting**

As part of the annual meeting, the membership will hold its annual business meeting in which it will elect and re-elect members of the board of directors. If anyone is interested in serving or would like to nominate someone to the board, contact **Zann Miner**, chair of the FoWB Nominating Committee, at (540) 547-2395 or at M16439@aol.com.

#### **Directions**

Lake of the Woods Church is located at One Church Lane inside Lake of the Woods gated community. LOW is on Route 3 about 15 miles west of Fredericksburg, and 16 miles southeast of Culpeper. Turn off Route 3 onto Lake of the Woods Parkway at the traffic light, stay in the left lane and stop at the security guard window. Tell the guard you are attending the FoWB meeting at Lake of the Woods Church. When you are cleared, wait for the light to turn green, then turn left and continue on Lakeview Parkway for 2.4 miles. Watch for the LOW Church sign indicating a left turn onto Church Lane. Stay to the left as you drive into the upper church parking lot and proceed down into the lower parking lot. Signs will direct you to the annual meeting room.

For more information about LOW Church or a map of its location go to <http://www.lowchurch.org>.

If you need assistance with directions or have questions about the annual meeting, call **Craig Rains** (540) 903-2106. Reservations are not necessary for the meeting or the lunch.

### **Civil War Conference to be Part of 144th Anniversary Weekend in May**

The FoWB-sponsored weekend commemorating the 144th anniversary of the Battle of the Wilderness will feature a two-day conference in addition to the sixth annual auction and dinner, along with a day of special activities at Ellwood Manor, May 9-11, 2008.

**Zann Miner**, who is co-chairing the event, said the weekend "will be enlightening, educational and entertaining."

Author **Gordon Rhea** and F&SNMP Supervisory Historian **Greg Mertz** will team up with FoWB to offer the Wilderness Conference, including presentations, panel discussions and battlefield tours on Friday and Saturday. The Conference is "The Beginning of the End: Winter Encampment through the Battle of the Wilderness."

On Saturday night, the sixth annual FoWB dinner and auction will be held at the beautiful new Germanna Center for Advanced Technology in Culpeper.

To complete the weekend, on Sunday, May 11, the National Park Service and FoWB will host a variety of activities at Ellwood. Details will be announced in the Spring Wilderness Dispatch.

Be sure to mark your calendars now for a full and unforgettable weekend, May 9 through 11, 2008.

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## NOTES ABOUT OUR FRIENDS

> The Silver Companies officially signed over its gift of six acres on the Wilderness Battlefield site known as Grant's Headquarters to the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust in October.

> CVBT is hosting author Gordon Rhea on November 16. His latest book is "In the Footsteps of Grant and Lee: The Wilderness through Cold Harbor." Ticket information is available at: [www.cvbt.org](http://www.cvbt.org).

> The Orange County Historical Society held its final picnic of the season on a Monday in August at Ellwood and received a private tour of the house by Carolyn Elstner. Also attending were representatives of the Orange County African-American Historical Society.

> The Civil War Preservation Trust rewarded its local volunteers with a battlefield tour by NPS Historian Greg Mertz, followed by lunch under a big tent on the Ellwood grounds in September.

> The October meeting of the Fredericksburg Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was held under the trees on the Ellwood lawn. It was followed by a private tour of the house and a visit to the site of the buried arm of Stonewall Jackson.

## A Peek into the Future...

At this time of year when the trees begin to turn and another winter approaches, there is a feeling in the air of time passing, of things undone that should have been done combined with the promise of another year in which to contribute to our community and our nation.

Groups such as Friends of Wilderness Battlefield are outstanding examples of how such contributions can be structured at a practical level.

The interpreters and ground keepers at Ellwood, those who assist the Park in battlefield maintenance, and those who organize and promote the educational tours all represent ongoing contributions of substance.

We have some good signs in terms of the immediate future. The major development planned for the Route 20/Route 3 area was rejected by the Orange County Supervisors. The Park Service has highlighted that it wishes to increase its investment in Ellwood to make it a key focus for visitors to the Wilderness Battlefield.

We know that the issues raised by the development proposals and traffic will not go away. If anything, they will increase. The importance of preservation of the Battlefield and its environs does seem to be recognized as of fundamental importance to the area though, and so we work with these issues in a positive and watchful sense.

This past year the Park Service has begun to discuss Ellwood as its centerpiece for introduction to the Wilderness Battlefield, which is a huge step forward for historic preservation and creation of a local platform for a better understanding of the area's history.

Additionally, the Park Service has made Ellwood a priority for federal matching of some of the funds we have raised for the restoration initiative. If this comes to fruition, we all will be able to do much more than originally envisioned.

These two key areas are in flux; we do not know the specifics as to how they will evolve, but they show promise for our area. None of the things discussed can be addressed constructively and well without your positive interaction and support, so please stay engaged. There are more chapters to come.

Dan

Dan Nickelson  
President



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Friends of Wilderness Battlefield presents

# HOLIDAY RAFFLE

Three (3) chances to win! Three (3) fantastic prizes!



You have three chances to win with each ticket. Three winning tickets will be drawn on December 8. The first winner drawn will have his or her choice of any of these three items. The second winner will have the choice of the two remaining items. The third winner will receive the remaining item. The more tickets you purchase, the more chances you have to win.

**Decorative Vase Turned from the Ellwood Catalpa Tree** — Signed and dated by the artist, the vase exquisitely highlights the charming traits of the Catalpa's wood grain and knots. The tree graced the grounds of 18th-century Ellwood Manor for more than 150 years. In September 2006, this grand "witness" tree fell. The Friends of Wilderness Battlefield gathered the remains and commissioned Historic Woods of America in Falmouth, Virginia to create this piece from the remarkable tree. Bill Jewell, owner of Historic Woods of America, says, "By giving this work of nature a second life as a work of art, it can again be appreciated for the magnificent creation it once was."

**Oriental Rug** — Exquisite hand made Persian carpet from the Heriz district 40 miles west of Tabriz in Northwest Iran. Tightly knotted wool rug displays the traditional red hues and geometric designs of the classic oriental carpet. This 8'3" x 11'5" rug will enhance your home and become an heirloom for your family. (Similar to photo below)



**Hand Crafted Quilt** — Lovingly made by hand in Rappahannock County, it features blue and white colors woven into a traditional design to create the look of Colonial Williamsburg. The twin bed size serves as a wonderful oversized throw for those cozy evenings in front of the fireplace.

## RAFFLE TICKETS AND DRAWING DETAILS

**Tickets are \$5 each — or five for \$20** — and proceeds will benefit the Ellwood Restoration Project. The drawing will be held December 8, 2007. Winners will be notified, and each will choose his or her prize by the order in which the names are drawn. Winners are responsible for any shipping fees.

FoWB is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and appreciates your support. <http://www.fowb.org>

**Make checks payable to FoWB/Ellwood.**

Mail your check and the following information to:  
FoWB, P.O. Box 576, Locust Grove, VA 22508

(Please print clearly) Name, Phone Number, E-Mail  
Address, Street Address, City, State, Zip Code

Indicate the number of tickets you wish to purchase.  
Tickets will be mailed to the name and address you provide. Checks must be received by December 7, 2007.

# Ellwood Restoration to Move Forward Following a Great Visitor Season

by Carolyn Elstner

Ellwood stands poised for Phase I of its restoration to begin in November. FoWB has signed a contract with Blue Mountain Builders. Owner **Noah Bradley** says, "I'm really getting excited about the restoration. I plan to be hands-on myself for this one!" He spoke of his team as friendly to work with, educated, skilled, honest, and confident.

Over the winter, the entry hall, the parlor, and the first floor north room will return to their 1864 appearance. It was in May of that year that the house served as Union headquarters for the Battle of the Wilderness; the plantation became the battlefield itself.

At the spring opening of the 2008 public visitation season, the house will present very differently from 2007. Blue Mountain Builders' restoration of the three rooms will be extensive. They will rebuild walls and ceilings, repair and re-hang trim, reframe two original windows, and reconfigure the front doors. Further detailing will be performed on mantels, fireplaces, wainscoting, and doors. Painting and papering will follow. The Park Service will wire for recommended lighting and will finish the 1790 flooring.

All furnishings have been purchased and are in storage awaiting placement.

On October 16th, FoWB, the Park (including officials from the Philadelphia office), and Virginia Historic Resources will meet to finalize plans for Phases II and III, the remainder of the first floor as well as the second floor. Meanwhile all anxiously await word from Congress approving a \$240,000 federal grant for the Ellwood Restoration Project. If the particulars fall into place, FoWB will match the federal funds in order to complete the house and its exhibits.

The last visitors to see Ellwood in its pre-construction state passed through the front doors on October 28th. As of this writing, FoWB volunteer interpreters have greeted 3,469 guests on weekends and holidays since May 5th.

More children than usual have come with parents and grandparents this year. Interpreter Ken Tillman reported a visit from an Iowa teacher. She was on the east coast to attend a wedding but has a student so interested in the story of Stonewall Jackson's amputated arm, that she drove down to Ellwood from Leesburg to take a photo and get information directly from the site. In mid-October two groups are expected, high schoolers from California and elementary students from Spotsylvania. This trend will begin a long-awaited program to educate more and more young people about the Wilderness.

## Ellwood Restoration Designer Brings Right Experience to Job

by Carolyn Elstner

For the past year, **William L. Brown III** (right) has been in contract with FoWB to design and execute a furnishings plan for Phase I of the Ellwood Restoration Project. Bill was employed by the National Park Service from 1977 until 2004 as Supervisory Staff Media Curator. His responsibilities included exhibit design & production, publications, audio-visuals, and acquisition of historic artifacts and furnishings. This work took him from a saloon in Skagway, Alaska, to forts in Texas and San Juan, and from San Francisco to Appomattox. Nearby examples of his productions are the Frederick Douglas House and the Peterson House (where Lincoln died), both in Washington D.C. Bill's pre- and post-NPS career is extensive as well, particularly in the field of Living History.

At Ellwood, Bill's talent will re-create the parlor and entry hall as the headquarters of Union Fifth Corps General Gouverneur K. Warren. Warren occupied the house on May 5 and 6, 1864, during the two-day Battle of the Wilderness. Aide to Warren, Morris Schaff, wrote in his book, "The Battle of the Wilderness," a physical description of the parlor-turned-headquarters. This impression was a starting point for Bill, whose vast experience will make the rooms so credible that visitors will be able not only to hear the Ellwood story but to encounter it.



The parlor will also include a remnant of the house's previous use as a Confederate hospital from May to November, 1863, following the Battle of Chancellorsville. The utilization of the house in that application, and for that long, took its toll in every sense of the word.

Exhibits will fill the first floor north room, but the room's configuration and decorative touches will be as the Lacys, wartime owners, left it in 1861. In fact, Bill's underlying theme throughout the house is to show changes that the Civil War brought to the structure and the domestic rhythms.

"Ellwood is a great way to understand the effect of the War on the civilian population," he says. Paint colors and wall coverings will reflect the tastes of Betty C. Lacy, daughter of William Jones, Ellwood's builder.

Bill found a few appropriate pieces of furniture, including a military cot and a family desk, in the local National Park Service collection. As a result of the generous donation of a chair from the Lacy family, he has acquired several reproduction Windsor chairs for the use of interpreters and visitors. Many of the military furnishings are of the period. In buying he has been ever-mindful of the restoration funding but has not sacrificed the museum quality of his purchases.

Bill was born and raised in Washington, D.C. Both his undergraduate and graduate studies in history were at the University of Maryland. He married his wife Barbara in 1962. They have two sons and six grandchildren, ages 3 months to 8 years. They spend a lot of time with the grandchildren, but Bill Brown continues working three years after his retirement. Watch for his name in the credits of the movie "Cold Mountain." Check out of the library or purchase for your very own, his handsome book "The Army Called It Home, Military Interiors of the Nineteenth Century," which was published in 1992.

# “Taming the Wilderness” Features Colonial Artists and Artisans

by Dale Brown

On a Sunday in August, visitors to Ellwood were privileged to spend a beautiful, peaceful afternoon watching some of Virginia’s finest craftsmen and women demonstrate the skills and artistry that were needed to make the area around Ellwood – then in the midst of a true Wilderness – livable to 18th century settlers.

Spread out at various stations across Ellwood’s green expanse of lawn were timber framers and joiners, a brick mason, a weaver, a shingle maker, a blacksmith, all using traditional tools and methods of the late 1700s, the time during which Ellwood was built. There were illustrations and demonstrations of mortar-making, the art of faux graining “plain Jane” boards to mimic a wide range of expensive wood and stone surfaces, and the repair of windows from historic buildings. Food preparation and storage as dictated by

conditions that existed in 1790 were discussed, and onlookers watched in fascination as a wide variety of period tools were used to carve delicate designs in wooden furniture to be used in a modern home.

Meanwhile, children – and many of their parents – approached a number of games from the colonial era with great glee and enthusiasm

All of this and more were made available to the public, free of charge, through the good will and generosity of more than a dozen exhibitors at the “Taming of the



Wilderness” event co-sponsored by the National Park Service (NPS) and Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, Inc. The event, held on August 12, was attended by nearly 300 people, and raised more than \$700.00 in donations for Ellwood’s restoration.

Interaction with these skilled artists and craftspersons was the order of the day. Guests were encouraged to ask questions, and there was a wide range of hands-on opportunities for learning the rudiments of the skills so ably demonstrated by the exhibitors. **John Friedrichs**, a stone and brick mason from Lexington, demonstrated the building of a decorative chimney top like those at Ellwood. **Jordan Finch** of Mt. Jackson and **Craig Jacobs** of Orange demonstrated the use of the adze, the axe, and other woodworking tools to turn huge



logs into structural members for use in constructing a timber frame-style house, and a mantelpiece for use inside the home. **Ross Sullivan** demonstrated blacksmithing techniques that would have been used on the Ellwood plantation to keep the farm equipment operating, as well as making hinges, pot hooks, and other utilitarian and decorative items for the household.

**Linda George**, whose modern-day employment is with the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, within which Ellwood stands, was dressed in colonial-period attire while weaving cloth items for use in the home. **Susan Titus** of Richardsville spoke with passersby about open-hearth cooking, the colonial diet, and how seasonality affected the diet of the colonists and early Americans.

**Jeffrey Price** of Madison Heights talked about the manner of making mortar and plaster for use in constructing a building of that era. **Farrar Woltz** of Free Union showed examples of very inexpensive woods painted to look like very expensive woods, even semi-precious minerals. **Steve**

**Lohr** of Madison split and shaved shingles from large sections of logs, while his brother **Gordon Lohr** of Richmond displayed and explained a variety of old tools from his collection, using some to carve and decorate wood panels to be used in the construction of kitchen cabinets.

The only non-Virginian among the exhibitors was **Chuck Anderson**, a Park Service employee with the NPS Historic Preservation Training Center in Frederick, Maryland. He showed how modern materials and techniques can be used to repair window frames from historic period buildings, rather than having to replace them with modern imitations.

Several local businesses were also instrumental in insuring the success of the event. Tents for sheltering the exhibitors from the summer sun were provided by Preddy Funeral Home of Orange,



# New Membership Categories Approved by Board for 2008

Special FoWB membership categories have been created to recognize descendants of soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Wilderness or who are descendants of families who lived at Ellwood or had a special connection to the plantation.

**Dorothy Mosso**, FoWB director in charge of membership, said individuals who are eligible for one or the other category could contact FoWB for an application form and instructions.

## Wilderness Brigade

The Wilderness Brigade will be made up of lineal or collateral descendants of those individuals who fought at the Battle of the Wilderness, May 5-6, 1864. Lineal descendants are direct descendants such as children, grand children or great-grand children, for example. Collateral descendants are nieces, nephews or cousins of the battle participant.

Proof of an ancestor's being in a military unit at the Wilderness during these two days is required.

## Ellwood Descendants

Membership in Ellwood Descendants is open to lineal and collateral descendants of individuals who lived or worked at Ellwood prior to the National Park Service's taking possession of the property in 1971.

## Proof Required

For both the Wilderness Brigade and Ellwood Descendants, proof of kinship may be provided through an official GED-COM file. Descendants do not need to provide copies of documents proving their ancestry; however, they must cite their sources in their application. However, copies of documents such as birth or death certificates or other published sources may be submitted with the application form if desired.

## Benefits

Upon approval, the descendant will receive a certificate suitable for framing and an Ellwood lapel pin.

Each will receive a special ribbon to wear at the annual anniversary activities and other events. All will be introduced by name and ancestor at the annual FoWB dinner.

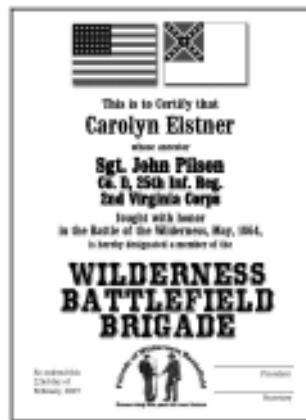
Members of both the new categories will receive special discounts on FoWB events.

A book of the descendants will be placed permanently at Ellwood. Included in it will be information on the descendant and ancestor that could include a family tree, supporting documentation and history of the ancestor's connections with Ellwood.

Each successful applicant will be featured in an upcoming issue of the FoWB quarterly newsletter, Wilderness Dispatch.

## Fees

For each membership, there will be a one-time enrollment and processing fee of \$75.00. Such members also must be an active member of FoWB at any level and will remain listed as



a part of the Wilderness Brigade or Ellwood Descendants as long as she or he pays annual dues for FoWB membership.

Supplemental memberships for descendants of more than one ancestor who fought at the Battle of the Wilderness or more than one descendant of an Ellwood resident or worker may be added for \$25.00 per ancestor. This entitles the descendant to an additional personalized certificate and a separate listing in the book at Ellwood for each ancestor.

For more information, or to request an application for membership in either the Wilderness Brigade or Ellwood Descendants, please e-mail [fowb@fowb.org](mailto:fowb@fowb.org).

## FoWB Joins in LOW Events

Volunteers from Friends of Wilderness Battlefield took the organization's message to hundreds of people who celebrated the annual Community Day activities at Orange County's Lake of the Woods in April. FoWB's Director and Immediate Past President **Dwight Mottet** set up a table-top exhibit that displayed activities of FoWB and Ellwood.

FoWB volunteers who helped pass out information on FoWB were **Dick Bergmann, Carolyn Ostrowski, Ken Tillman, Jeff Slunt** and Mottet.

On July 7, FoWB participated in the annual Independence Day parade and gala, which is a fund-raiser for the Lake of the Woods Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company. Active FoWB member Hank Altman is associate director of the fire and rescue company and coordinated the parade.

Other FoWB members who pitched in included **Bruce Boyd, Dale "Summer Santa" Brown, Paul "Doc" Duvall, Debbie Fleagle, Dave LeMay, Dwight Mottet, Carolyn Ostrowski, Ken Tillman** and **Ann Wood**. During the parade, they delivered candy, membership brochures and hugs to the crowd, "all gratefully received by the many onlookers," according to Dwight.

At the conclusion of the parade, Ann, Debbie and Dwight, decked out in their FoWB shirts, moved up to the club house area to help monitor the popular Dunk Tank, where about 250 people paid over \$350 to dunk VIPs. All the proceeds went to the Fire and Rescue Company and FoWB got great publicity.

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Founds & Sons' Fredericksburg and Culpeper locations, and the Clore-English Funeral Home of Culpeper. The Education Program at George Washington's Ferry Farm loaned the toys and games that were so much enjoyed by kids and grown-ups alike. Robinson's Tavern in Locust Grove provided delicious box lunches to all exhibitors and FoWB volunteers on hand.

The FoWB volunteers, around 20 in number, carried out such tasks as greeting guests at the gate, parking cars, interpreting Ellwood, serving refreshments to the public and the exhibitors, cleaning up the roadside around Ellwood, and a variety of other essential, but oftentimes invisible, tasks.

FoWB owes a great debt of thanks to all who participated – exhibitors, volunteers, the generous businesses that supported the effort, and especially the public, who made this one of the most successful events ever held by FoWB. Plans are, with the blessings of the Park Service, to repeat the event.

With the enthusiasm that attended this year's inaugural event, next year's is sure to be an even bigger success.

# Truth or HOAX?

By Craig Rains

After years of maneuvering and dozens of statements about what he planned to do with the Wilderness Crossing proposal he said he wanted to build within the Congressionally authorized Wilderness battlefield park boundary, Kenny Dotson saw his rezoning request voted down 9-0 by the Orange County board of supervisors on August 31.

Dotson told the Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, "Our true intent was never to develop the property," he said. "We just wanted to have the leverage to do something about the road. I was trying to get the county to step up to the plate. I spent \$40,000 to create a bluff."

He said he was simply trying to make the supervisors pressure the National Park Service to allow Route 20 to be expanded to four lanes across the battlefield to its intersection with Route 3.

Several Orange County residents who are members of FoWB worked against the Wilderness Crossing and many spoke against it before the county planning commission and at the supervisors' meetings. CWPT and others joined in the campaign to protect the land.

Superintendent Russ Smith of the F&SNMP has represented the National Park Service's position in opposition. He was earlier quoted as saying that the Wilderness Crossing development "is a horrible idea. It goes through land that was set aside by Congress to be preserved forever."

Was the project truly planned to be developed? Or was it a hoax? If just a hoax, a lot of people besides Mr. Dotson are out a lot of time and effort and money fighting for what they believed. This is too serious an issue to be treated lightly.

## Civil War Life Museum Establishes a Foundation, Plans New Facility

The National Civil War Life Museum Foundation has been established to provide fund raising and support for the construction of a three-story facility in the new Spotsylvania Courthouse Village, located near Robert E. Lee Elementary School at Spotsylvania Courthouse. The new museum will replace the present one in the Visitor Center building at 4712 Southpoint Parkway in Massaponax.

The museum's founder and Executive Director **Terry Thomann** is along-time member of Friends of Wilderness

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## MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY, FALL 2007 Renewals

Dr. G. Russell AYLOR, Culpeper, Va.; Dr. Richard BERGMANN, Locust Grove, Va.; Jack BOREN, Locust Grove, Va.; Mike BOREN, Vienna, Va.; Dale BROWN, Spotsylvania, Va.; Leslie BUNDY, Ft. Morgan, Col.; Francis BUTTIMER, Locust Grove, Va.; Katherine CLARK, El Verano, Calif.; Harriet CONDON, Middleburg, Va.; Chris CONTI, Sharpsville, Penn.; Ralph COOK, Locust Grove, V Va.; Tim and Susan COWLES, Corvallis, Ore.;

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Gary ROCHE, Ft. Pierce, Fla.; Josef and Diane ROKUS, Locust Grove Va.; Jeff SLUNT, Spotsylvania Va.; Robert STONE, Arlington, Va.; Tulloch TOWNSEND, Tarrytown, N.Y.; Roger and Dorothy TRASK, Locust Grove, Va.;

Tom and Lisa VAN WINKLE, Spotsylvania Va.; David WEST, Richmond Va.; Brian WOLFE, Fredericksburg, Va.; Ann WOOD, Locust Grove, Va..

### New Members

Dave DEMAAG, Wayland, Mich.; Frank GASIOR, La Grange, Ill.; Lee Anne HAMILTON, Locust Grove, Va.;

George and Marcia HOVENDEN, Locust Grove Va.; John HARRIS, Locust Grove Va.; Joseph and Olevia RHODES, Locust Grove, Va.; Tony RIZZO, Culpeper Va.; Craig RUTLER, Spotsylvania, Va.

Battlefield and the museum has contributed items to the FoWB annual auctions.

Named to head the new foundation is Major General **Thomas Cleland**, retired, who is also an active member of FoWB as well as an interpreter at Ellwood.

The new building will house the museum and museum store plus a conference center, library and research center, Center for Civil War Photography exhibits, the new Civil War Life in 3-D theater and new Tintype photography studio.

### Please have someone contact me about:

- Becoming an interpreter and visitor guide at Ellwood, the Lacy House, on the battlefield (FoWB membership reequired)
- Helping the National Park Service in maintenance of landscaping, trimming, mowing or general upkeep of the grounds surrounding Ellwood as well as painting and repair of signage, monuments, trails and other areas of the battlefield
- Being part of a public relations program that promotes FoWB through such things as a speakers' bureau, civic and social club presentations and area school projects
- Assisting in answering genealogy questions concerning ancestors who may have fought in the battle of the Wilderness or were in the area at any other time during the War
- Becoming a member of one of FoWB's other ongoing committees: Battlefield Preservation, Board Enhancement, Communications, Education, Ellwood, Finance or Membership (circle the committee you would prefer)
- Making myself available wherever needed.
- Send me an application kit for the Wilderness Brigade.
- Send me an application kit for Ellwood Descendants.

### Membership Benefits

Quarterly newsletter *Wilderness Dispatch* • Advance notice for FoWB-sponsored tours and events  
Reduced rates for some FoWB events • Invitation to special FoWB events at historic Ellwood on the Wilderness Battlefield  
Pride in knowing you are playing an important part in preserving, protecting and promoting the Wilderness Battlefield.

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