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FoWB Annual Meeting Includes Business, BBQ, Walking Tour

NOVEMBER 13, 11 A.M.

Board of Directors Elections

Greg Mertz speaks

on Gen. John B. Gordon

B-B-Q Lunch

GUIDED WALKING TOUR

Saturday, November 13, Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, Inc. will hold its annual membership meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Lake of the Woods Church, Locust Grove, Virginia, in the lower level meeting room, starting at 11:00 a.m.

All FoWB members are welcome and encouraged to attend the annual meeting, which typically lasts about two hours and is a wonderful combination of business and pleasure.

Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the corporation will feature the president's report on the state of the organization, election of members to the Board of Directors and presentation of the annual report, awards and recognitions.

Included in the program will be a special treat for all history enthusiasts: Greg Mertz, (above) Supervisory Historian for the National Park Service, will be the guest speaker. His topic will be:

**Inspiration and Innovation:
General John B. Gordon
in the Wilderness.**



Bonus Walking Tour



General Gordon

As an added bonus, immediately following lunch, Greg will lead a walking tour on a portion of the Gordon Flank trail as it departs the LOWC parking lot. Depending upon the weather, the walking tour will last about an

hour. It is free to all FoWB members.

A scrumptious lunch, hosted by the Board of Directors, will be served immediately following the business meeting. Reservations are not required but are greatly appreciated. Contact President Zann Nelson at m16439@aol.com or call (540) 547-2395 for more information or to RSVP.

Directions to the Meeting

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 LOW 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. Turn left as you immediately enter the parking lot and continue down to the lower church parking lot. Enter the building through the lower right entrance.

A Message from the President

It is difficult to absorb that yet another year is about to wind down. Far be it from me to count any of those darn chickens before they see the light of day as we still have a little time for additional successes and of course, the work of my friend and constant companion, Mr. Murphy. However, I can tell you that thus far it has been a whirlwind year.

We have seen a record attendance of participants at the Annual Park Day event, longer hours and more visitors at Ellwood Manor, a blockbuster Dinner and Auction, a redesigned and sophisticated web site, completion of the first-floor exhibit plan at Ellwood and the makings of an expanded and comprehensive plan to increase the FoWB involvement in battlefield activities through the Battlefield Resources Committee.

These are but a few of the highlights and by no means represent the complete realm of activities for the year.

If attending to our duties as the foot soldier of the Wilderness Battlefield were not enough for this merry band of volunteers, we have the added responsibility of carrying the flag of honor into the current battle with Orange County Board of Supervisors over the location of Walmart. We carry that flag proudly with steadfastness, civility, and reason.

A trial date has been set for January 25, 2011

As a Supreme Court certified mediator, I am repeatedly perplexed and stunned by the absence of collaborative efforts to find a mutually agreeable solution. Although those who wish to preserve the integrity of our shared heritage have been assigned numerous negative attributes, no one has accused us yet of refusing to discuss rationally and openly the potential for resolution.

The most astounding factor is that there is a great deal of common ground, yet our

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Civil War Medicine Living History, Saturday, October 16: "Doctor" John Pelletier, Confederate medical doctor re-enactor, will set up his office at Ellwood Manor 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Using authentic period medical instruments, John demonstrates how the wounded were cared for in the field, how surgeries were performed in the battlefield hospitals, and how some modern-day military medical systems got their start in the Civil War.

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Our Mission and Your Help in Battlefield Preservation

BY MARK WAKEMAN, BATTLEFIELD RESOURCES COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Battle of the Wilderness was fought on May 5-6, 1864. It was the beginning of the Overland Campaign, the bloodiest campaign in American history and the turning point in the war in the Eastern Theatre. Today, the Battlefield is an oasis of natural beauty where visitors can walk trails, take a driving tour, and visit battle sites to learn about the bravery and sacrifice of past civilians and soldiers..

Friends of Wilderness Battlefield's Resource Committee needs your help. We urgently need volunteers that are interested in helping with mowing, clipping, clearing, cutting limbs, building ramps, clearing trails, painting, and other things the battlefield maintenance that the park may need help with.

BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION is the main mission of the Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, and it will be our most difficult task, as long as our organization and the Wilderness Battlefield exist.

Through the years, FSNMP has been underfunded as has the entire National Park system. With a shortage of staff members, maintenance and improvements on the Wilderness Battlefield has suffered.

When FoWB was established in 1996, it took on the responsibility of providing assistance for some of those duties. Under the direction of the NPS, our volunteers have made significant preservation contributions that are making battlefield visitor experiences more meaningful. Our volunteers paint monuments and cannons, maintain walking trails, build foot bridges, and give lectures to local schools and civic organizations. We trim, mow, and cut. We saw, hammer, and nail. We repair structures and build new ones as the National Park Service directs.

Friends of Wilderness Battlefield's Resource Committee has met with the FSNMP maintenance staff and has formulated a plan to continue to enhance the visitor experience of the historic landscape.

The Wilderness Battlefield consists of historic battlefields and connecting

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efforts to convey that message have thus far fallen on deaf ears. Let me state a few facts that you are welcome to share.

FoWB is not opposed to a Walmart in Orange County. Studies have shown that there are at least six (6) alternative sites along the Route 3 corridor.

FoWB is spending none of its funds in the ongoing controversy.

FoWB's members are ordinary folks who take pride in their stewardship responsibilities for the Wilderness Battlefield. The majority of the members live in the local community as citizens of Orange County.

Historic documentation identifies significant activity (hospitals, command centers, troop movements, and supply stations) on or near the proposed Walmart site for both the Union forces in 1864 and the Confederate Army in 1863.

The Wilderness Coalition continues to extend an offer to fund a study for Orange Co. of the route #3 corridor.

The Wilderness Coalition seeks to find a long-term solution, should Walmart choose to relocate its facility, that would satisfy the landowners and protect the property in perpetuity.

Our goal is to be a part of the solution that has benefits to all parties, a goal well within our reach. Until then, we will continue our volunteer service in protecting and maintaining the Wilderness Battlefield assuring its viability as a tourism-based revenue stream and resource for all Orange County citizens.

Best wishes to you all and I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting on November 13.



Zann Nelson, President

SOLD OUT!

Ed Bearss Tour - Monday, Oct. 11:

Noted Civil War historian **Ed Bearss** will lead a tour: *The Race to Spotsylvania: From the Wilderness via Todd's Tavern to Laurel Hill*. **IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY HAVE TICKETS, SORRY. IT IS SOLD OUT.** Look for the "rest of the story" in the Winter Dispatch.

Ellwood Manor and the Exciting Phase III

BY CAROLYN ELSTNER, FoWB VICE PRESIDENT

“All good things are worth waiting for,” and the restoration of Ellwood Manor is no exception.

It seems as if only yesterday we were conducting tours amongst the open and ravaged interior walls of this glorious 18th century monument to American history.

We have come a long way, to a grand first-floor restoration of the house’s 1864 appearance, complete with professionally designed exhibits depicting both the military and the civilian side of life at Ellwood Manor. During Phase II, the second-floor stair hall was also restored, leaving the only raw condition of the four second-floor bedrooms yet to be addressed.

That is exactly what we intend to tackle next: Phase III of the restoration project.

Specifically, that will include the removal of the 20th century closets in the master bedroom, rehabilitation of all wood work, encapsulating the ceilings with drywall and restoring the plaster on the interior walls. Windows will be tight, doors will function and all surfaces will be finished with paint.

Discussions by the National Park Service and FoWB during the next few months will focus on the best historic interpretation of the newly restored rooms. Several ideas have been floated, including but not limited to,

-- Ellwood as a Confederate hospital in 1863,

-- a period domestic scene, and
-- exhibits of the house’s 18th century construction and its 21st century rehabilitation.

There is certainly no shortage of possibilities, but first we must attend to the restoration.

The tentative plan, if funding is in place, is for Blue Mountain Builders and Two Worlds Renovations to complete the restoration work this coming winter. It is the hope of us all that we may open Ellwood Manor in the Spring of 2011 with a restored second floor.

But will the funds be available?

According to FoWB President and Fund Development Director Zann Nelson, the completion of Phase III by May of 2011 is a realistic goal.

“It won’t be a walk in the park; the economy is tough. But we have proven ourselves to be tight-fisted, creative and persistent,” she stated.

“The project budget has been reduced to just under \$100, 000 through the generosity of volunteer hands to accomplish some of the ‘grunt’ work.

“The revised bids for the master craftsmen restoration total \$82,000, and we always factor a minimum of 20% for the unexpected.

“I am very optimistic; the reality of completion is well within our grasp. There are a few sources yet untapped and believe

me, we will leave no stone unturned,” Ms. Nelson enthusiastically declared.

With an excess of \$60,000 currently in the Ellwood Manor Restoration Fund, the goal is to raise an additional \$40,000 during the next few months. It is an investment in the local community as well as our collective and shared American heritage. We count our blessings every day for the contributions received thus far.

The Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, with your ongoing assistance and generosity, will continue to use our resources attentively, as the stewards who assure the accessibility of Ellwood Manor to visitors, schools, historians, you and your families.

Those wishing to make a donation to the Ellwood Restoration Project should contact Carolyn Elstner at 540-373-6240 or email at Melstner@aol.com.

Recapping a Record Season

This year, for the first time, Ellwood Manor was open to the public on a daily basis during the high-season months of June, July, and August.

The volunteer interpreter staff was able to handle the additional nine weeks, some members serving as much as once or twice a week.

As a result over 1,300 visitors, who would not have been able to access the house, received tours and became engaged in the new exhibits.

With the assistance of the interpreters, guests are now better able to understand the early history of the plantation and its later role in the Civil War.

And generosity at the donation box is bringing closer the reality of four restored bedrooms on the second floor. Ellwood will close for the year after October 31.

Work is expected to begin in December.

Thanks, NPS, for the ‘Thank You’ Picnic

Thanks to the National Park Service for hosting its annual volunteer ‘thank you’ picnic, held this year at Ellwood Manor on September 25.

The event included volunteers from all four battlefields and gave them opportunities to marvel at the work of Friends of Wilderness Battlefield volunteers on Ellwood and its grounds.



Ellwood interpreter Mark Caspersen challenges the computer in Wilderness battle strategy.

FoWB Hosts 4th Annual “Taming the Wilderness”

ELLWOOD MANOR GROUNDS
TRANSFORMED INTO 18TH
CENTURY PLANTATION FOR A DAY

BY DALE BROWN, EVENT COORDINATOR

“The Wilderness.”

In the last quarter of the 18th Century those words carried ominous meaning to many Virginians. Governor Alexander Spotswood’s iron-mining operations in the area that now straddles Orange and Spotsylvania Counties had depleted the countryside of trees, whose wood was necessary to the full-time operation of the furnaces that were at the heart of the industry.

Within 40 to 50 years after iron-smelting had stopped in that region, the forest had re-grown into miles and miles of scraggly, second-growth forest. It was unsightly, inhospitable, and on the edges of civilized society. It was to this Wilderness that Churchill Jones and his younger brother William came to build homes for their future families.

Looking back from the perspective of 21st-century society, with, it seems, virtually everything we touch being powered by electricity, gasoline, oil, propane or nuclear energy, we wonder, “How did they manage?”

Just ask Craig Jacobs and Stephen Nash, who spent several hours on a recent Sunday afternoon working with a tree trunk more than a foot in diameter and ten feet long, with axe or adze in hand.

After placing a chalk line the length of the log they began “hewing to the line” to shape that log into something of quite a different shape, with two flat sides.

The tools swung through the air with speed and deftness, to score vertical lines into the sides of the horizontal beam, then to shape the sides, “letting the chips fly,” first large slabs of bark and wood, then smaller and smaller chips, gradually refining the look and feel of the log.

Just a few feet away, craftsman Chris Kerr worked diligently and carefully, carving intricate details into a piece of wood destined to become the decorative foot for an item of fine furniture.

Nearby stood the base of a finely crafted case piece. Looking at that work in progress, Jacobs smiled, tongue in cheek, and said, “I guess he’s hoping we’ll finish this (log hewing) in the next 15 minutes so he

can use it over there.”

But all of these men and their counterparts at “Taming the Wilderness 2010” knew the patience required to complete any of these tasks, in the exact manner they would have been completed in The Wilderness circa 1795.

On that cloudy Sunday afternoon, September 26, the lawn at Ellwood Manor was transformed into what might have been the working area of a late 18th-century plantation.

Blacksmiths Ross Sullivan and Nick Tzortzinis, toiled over a forge to manufacture metal items for the household, both utilitarian and purely decorative – although more the former than the latter.

Nearby sat Sullivan’s wife, Melissa, weaving baskets.

In the north yard Linda George, a Park Service employee, plied her off-duty trade, the weaving of fine fabric items for use in the kitchen, parlor, bedroom, or wherever the mistress should decide they were to be used.

Next to her, Melody Phillips performing the labor-intensive task of cleaning and stretching deer hide for use in the household.

And the group gathered near the old stone office ... who are they, dressed in homespun and hides? Several carry a variety of hand-made knives with handles of antler, the jaw of a deer, bone from a boar’s leg – even some things so gruesome one hesitates to ask where they came from.

Amid them a Susquehannock Indian, face painted a fierce, two-tone, coal black-over-scarlet.

And their captain and his wife stand in the middle, discussing the trials and travails of life in the wilds of backwoods Virginia, leading the Westmoreland Long-hunters.

Meanwhile, nearby, stonemason Brent Ryder worked with a group of children, selecting stone chips for use in building the model of a small stone structure that when finished will rival the quality of a full-size house.

Other children have found the table whereon rest more than a dozen games of the colonial period – “Graces,” cup-and-ball, the buzz-saw, Jacob’s ladder – along with a trunk-full of dresses, shirts and hats of the period for trying on.

Meanwhile, inside the manor house, a pair of “tavern wenches,” Elaine Pratt and Robin Nimmo, educate passersby on the pleasant and the not-so-pleasant aspects of life in an 18th-century tavern.

All of these are things you would have seen that Sunday afternoon.

And all of it pulled together by FoWB volunteers, some charged with organizing the event and communicating with the exhibitors to insure that all would go well. Others worked diligently on site to greet and count visitors, hand out maps of the site and materials pertaining to Ellwood and FoWB, and staff the information/refreshment tables.

Still others directed parking of visitors’ cars, staffed the table of children’s games, passed out lunches to exhibitors, helped in setting up the tents that sheltered the exhibitors on a day that threatened rain (but fortunately did not deliver), and assisted with clean-up.

You missed all that? Well, there’s hope that next year, September 25, 2011, to be exact, you’ll be present for “Taming the Wilderness 2011.”

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parkways, primarily along Route 20, Hill-Ewell Drive, Orange Plank Road and Brock Road. The park-owned portion of the Wilderness Battlefield comprises 2,774 acres.

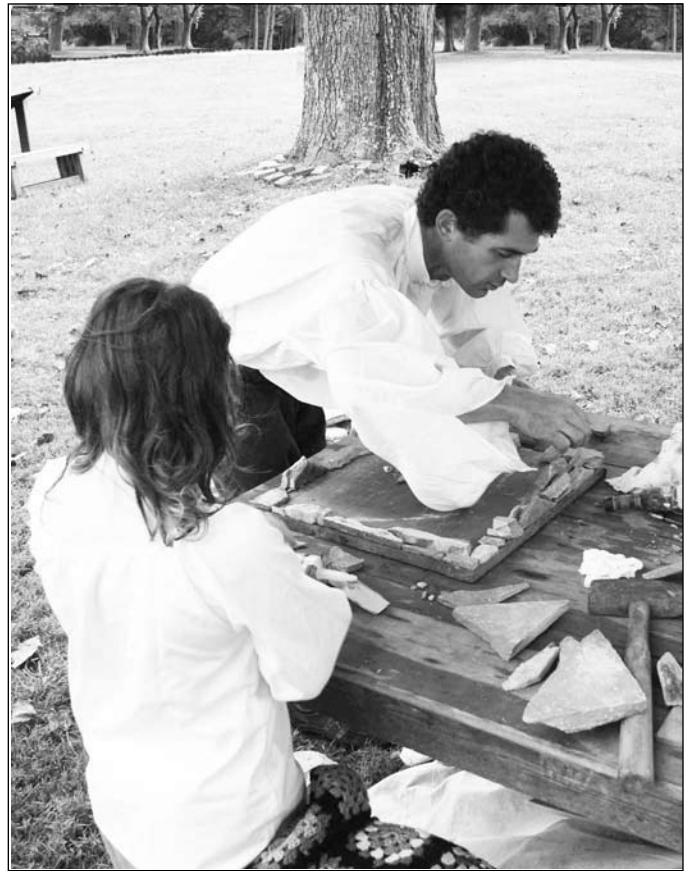
This will be an ongoing project, not a one-time event.

Multiple crews for specific and varied tasks are required. Many of the tasks can be performed at times that meet the schedule requirements of the volunteer force. Tools will be provided by the NPS.

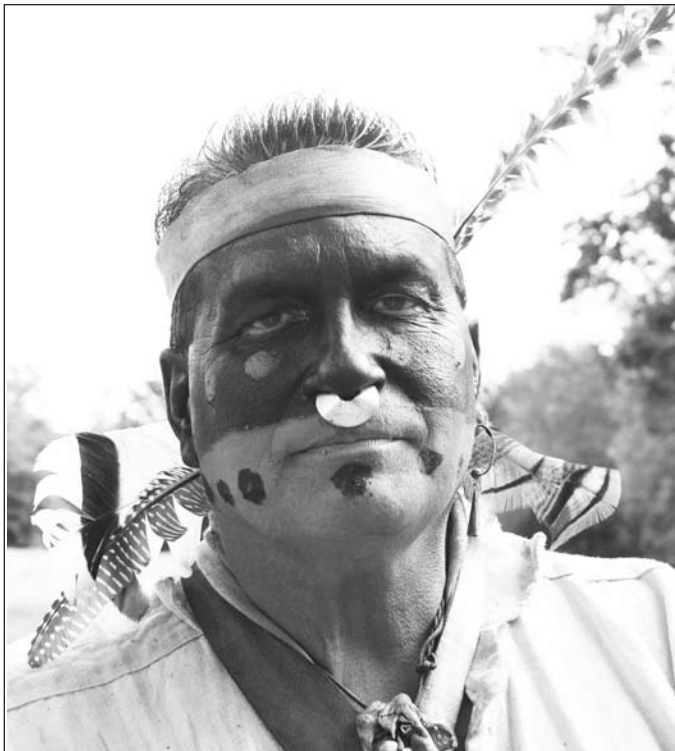
As this nation starts into the Sesqui-centennial recognition of the American Civil War, the requirement for the invaluable service from selfless volunteers will steadily increase in order to continue the preservation and enhancement of our battlefields.

If you are willing to step up and volunteer to lend assistance in one of a variety of upcoming projects for the Wilderness Battlefield, send your contact information to FoWB at battlefield@fowb.org.

It’s a rewarding experience you’ll never forget.



Clockwise from top left, Chris Kerr, Brent Ryder, Linda George and Bad Bear educated visitors to another way of life at the 4th annual "Taming the Wilderness" sponsored by FoWB.





FoWB Ground Force, Class of 2010: (left to right) Lee Woolf, Bob Neel, Det Wilkens, Joe Marks, Gary Mauss, Ken Frohnert and John Polis. Not pictured is Tom Hamilton.

Ellwood Ground Force Wants *YOU!*

BY CAROLYN ELSTNER, ELLWOOD CHAIR

Do you enjoy being outside in the beautiful Piedmont hills of Virginia?

Do you like working with lawn tractors ...saws... trimmers.... rakes ... and other yard tools?

Do you enjoy the comradeship of a team of like-minded people...donuts and coffee at break-time?

Would you gain a sense of satisfaction in helping to keep the landscaping of a grand old historic manor in tip-top condition?

If you answered yes, then the Ellwood Ground Force is for you!

The Ellwood Ground Force is a team of volunteers that dedicates Thursday mornings to the upkeep of the Ellwood property, and it is looking for a few good people to join the group. They meet each Thursday morning year-round (weather permitting) and put in two to three hours of work.

The result is a spectacular setting surrounding Ellwood that brings compliments from visitors every day.

Ask almost any National Park Service staff member and he or she will be quick to say that the Ellwood grounds are the best-kept of all 8,000 acres in the F&SNMP.

If you would like more information or

are interested in becoming a member of this fun and productive group, contact Carolyn Elstner at 540-373-6240; email: melstner@aol.com. Or, meet crew chief Det Wilkens at Ellwood on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. (We have had women on the team in the past and are welcome, too.)



This new F&SNMP sign on Route 3 near the Lake of the Woods small dam reminds drivers that they are actually 'passing through' the Wilderness Battlefield. The sign marks the ONLY place on Route 3 where National Park Service-owned property of the Wilderness battlefield is actually on both sides of this highway. It protects an earthworks thrown up by the Federal V Corps at the start of the battle on May 5, 1864.

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Joysong Chorale Records CD at Ellwood

BY DALE BROWN

"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound." And sweet it was to sit in the almost total darkness that surrounded Ellwood Manor the evening of September 14, listening to that old favorite.

The combined voices of the Joysong Chorale, four men and a dozen women, drifted out the wide open doors of the stately old structure that many of us consider to be our second home.

This was not their first visit to Ellwood. Joysong has contributed to recent Friends events.

Those who attended the Victorian Christmas celebration will certainly recall the joyous holiday music as the group stood in the breezeway and entertained with a brief concert.

On this recent occasion, however, their purpose in being there was to take advantage of the acoustics of the Ellwood Manor entry hall as a venue for recording a new CD.

The members arrived during daylight hours, smartly dressed in black, ankle-length dresses for the women and tuxedos for the men.

They first spent several minutes posing for a professional photographer on the front steps of the house. This was

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followed by a briefing from their leader, Linda Long. Her instructions boiled down to something like, "Relax, be yourselves and enjoy the evening."

Many members of the group then changed into more comfortable clothing for a 30-minute warming up period, exercising their individual vocal chords and getting into group mode, searching for that unique harmonious blending of voices.

They then got down to business, the business of singing for the CD. And sing they did. "Deep River," "Climb Every Mountain", "When You're Smiling," and numerous other standards. They finished with "Amazing Grace."

While an audience of four listened, spellbound and mesmerized, the air was filled with the joyful sounds of songs sung by people who love to sing.

As darkness fell, the group finished its work and began to wander off into the blackness of the night.

But Linda stayed behind for a few minutes. Speaking to Carolyn Elstner, who has spent more time at Ellwood than any other living person, she asked, "Did you hear us singing 'Amazing Grace?' Who ever you have that occupies your house certainly helped us out on that one. The whole feeling changed when we began that song."

And everyone felt it – even the recording engineer, who remarked that this song had a different feel from all the others. There was electricity in the air, they said, and goose bumps on the skin.

Where else but at dear old Ellwood?

Summer Membership Activity

New Members

Edward A. ALTEMOS, Alexandria, Va.; Jack and Kathie CRISPIN, Jr., Lincoln, Kan.; Robert MAHER, Palmyra, Va.; Gary OLSON, Falls Church, Va.; Thomas and Kathy ROTH, Frankford, Del.; Barbara SETHMANN, Palmyra, Va.; Raymond SMITH, Altamont, N.Y.; Michael VIRTIS, Falmouth, Va.; Dennis WODZINSKI, Ben Avon, Penn.

Renewals

Phyllis ATKINS, Fredericksburg, Va.; Dr. Richard BERGMANN, Locust Grove, Va.; Jack BOREN, Locust Grove, Va.; Leslie BUNDY, Ft. Morgan, Col.; Robert CARSON, Fredericksburg, Va.; John COLVIN, Culpeper, Va.; Harriett CONDON, Middleburg, Va.; Tim and Susan COWLES, Washington, D.C.; John DONOVAN, Maple Shade, N.J.; Jack and Marjorie FLINTOM, Hayes, Va.; Charles FRASCATI, Baltimore, Md.; John GRIFFITHS, Fredericksburg, Va.; Maryellen HENSON, Fredericksburg, Va.; Kirk HINMAN, Lakewood, Ohio; Dorothy HOWARD, Harrison, Ohio; John IMLAY, Culpeper, Va.; Jack KELLEY, Locust Grove, Va.; Frank KENDRICK, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Kevin KILLINGSWORTH, McCalla, Ala.; Dan NICKELSON, Spontsylvania, Va.; Daniel MICHALAK, New Lenox, Ill.; Eugene OTT, Catonsville, Md.; William PHILLIS, Richland, Mich.; Timothy and Linda RESLER, Fredericksburg, Va.; Douglas REYNOLDS, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Gary ROCHE, Easton, Penn.; Josef and Diane ROKUS, Locust Grove, Va.;

Joseph and Olevia RHODES, Locust Grove, Va.; Randall RUTLER, Spontsylvania, Va.; Jeff SLUNT, Spontsylvania, Va.; Dr. Linda STEPHENS, Orrwigsburg, Penn.; Robert & Bobbie STONE, Arlington, Va.; Stewart WHITE, Gainesville, Fla.; Mark and Ann WOERNER, Locust Grove, Va.; Beverly ZABKA, Locust Grove, Va.

Wilderness Brigade

Alexander HAYS IV, Canton, Ohio. Great Great Grandfather was Brigadier General Alexander Hays.

General Hays commanded the 2nd Brigade of the 3rd Division, 2nd Corps, Army of the Potomac.

On May 5, he became one of five generals killed in the Battle of the Wilderness.

A monument to his honor is on Brock Road, near the intersection with the Orange Plank Road.

Barry YORK, Burnt Hills, N.Y. His ancestor who fought in the Battle of the Wilderness was Private Amos Gilbert Bean, Co. E, 3rd Maine Volunteers, 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 2nd Corps of the Army of the Potomac.

The Wilderness Brigade is made up of FoWB members who are either direct descendants or collateral (great grand niece, nephew, cousin, etc.) descendants of a soldier who fought in the Battle of the Wilderness, May 5 and 6, 1864. Contact FoWB for details and application information.

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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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Your Special Invitation

What: FoWB Annual Membership Meeting
Who: FoWB members and family
When: Saturday, November 13, 11a.m.-1 p.m.
Where: Lake of the Woods Church, Lower level

See details on front page

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP? Your expiration date is shown on your mailing label above.



JOIN / RENEW Friends of Wilderness Battlefield TODAY (Clip and mail this form)

Yes, I want to help preserve, protect and promote this significant area in our country's history.

Please indicate the desired annual membership level. This membership includes you and your immediate family members. FoWB is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

- General \$ 500 Colonel \$ 250 Major \$ 100 Captain \$ 50 Lieutenant \$ 30
- Sergeant \$ 20 Student \$ 10 School: _____

Please check one: New Member Renewal

Contact me with details about my eligibility for the Wilderness Brigade.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ E-mail address _____

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