

# WILDERNESS DISPATCH

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## Celebrate “I Love Fred-Spot” on Feb. 14th

Valentine’s Day, February 14, will mark the 82nd birthday of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park and Ellwood will be involved.

To celebrate the event, the Civil War Preservation Trust in conjunction with the National Park Service will celebrate with special open houses and events that day at the Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville visitors centers, in addition to Ellwood.

“I Love Fred-Spot” will be the theme.

On February 14, 1927, President Calvin Coolidge signed the bill that created this 8,000-acre national military park, the second largest battlefield park in America. It is made up of the battle sites of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House.

FoWB Vice President **Carolyn Elstner** said her volunteer team would open Ellwood Manor on the Wilderness Battlefield that Saturday from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Visitors will be treated to special tours of the house, featuring a sneak peek at rooms currently being renovated. The events are free and open to the public.

Elstner said the “I Love Fred-Spot” idea was developed to remind people today of the history of the formation of the battlefield and how much it means to the area. In addition, the fact that the date fell on Valentine’s Day provides an opportunity to share stories about Ellwood’s owners and their wives, Union General Gouvenor K. Warren and his

wife, Stonewall Jackson’s love of children as well as the reading of war-time letters from residents and soldiers during the war.

She said area schools had been invited to participate in the unique Valentine’s Day-themed birthday event by having students create projects that vary with the grade level.

These projects include making valentines for the park, writing a poem, developing a letter along the lines a soldier might write home or writing a personal narrative of a soldier who might have been in one of the four battles that make up the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

Samples of student entries will be displayed at the Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville visitors centers and may be posted on the Civil War Preservation Trust web site, [www.civilwar.org](http://www.civilwar.org).



*Garrett Irwin and Noah Bradley confer on water damage during Ellwood’s restoration. Visitors get a sneak peek at the work on February 14th.*

### Save the Dates: May 2-3, 145th Anniversary of the Battle of the Wilderness

*By Zann Miner*

On Saturday and Sunday May 2 and 3, Friends of Wilderness Battlefield will commemorate the 145th anniversary of the Battle of the Wilderness.

The theme for 2009 is “Uncommon Hardship: Soldier and Civilian in the Wilderness.”

By exploring the human side of the war for both civilians and the common soldier, the weekend’s organizers hope to draw a connection between our lives today and those of yesteryear.

“I find it very revealing,” said **Carolyn Elstner**, a co-chair of the anniversary weekend, “that the letters and diaries of the Civil War express many of the same sentiments as those of today’s soldiers in Iraq and their families on the home front. They were often dealing with similar issues.”

During the fall Elstner and co-chair **Zann Miner** met with National Park Service officials, historians and the FoWB communications and anniversary committees.

Highlights of the weekend will include the annual Dinner and Auction on Saturday evening, programs throughout the battlefield during the day on Saturday, and an enhanced interactive program at Ellwood on Sunday.

#### Saturday special events

On Saturday, May 2, the Fredericksburg Spotsylvania National Military Park

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# I ♥ Fred-Spot

Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Military National Park ♥ Founded Valentine’s Day 1927

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## Two Apply for Wilderness Brigade

Two more FoWB members have applied for membership in the ranks of the FoWB Wilderness Brigade.

The Wilderness Brigade is comprised of FoWB members who have ancestors that participated in the battle of the Wilderness in May, 1864. The first two members of the Brigade were descendants of General Robert E. Lee and General U.S. Grant.

**Dale Brown** became the third member and was recognized at FoWB's annual meeting.

**Craig Rains** has applied under his great uncle, Sergeant John Anthony Craig, who was an orderly sergeant with the 21st Virginia Infantry Regiment that fought at Saunders Field.

**James Smith**, a newly elected FoWB board member, has submitted a membership application through Corporal Alonzo A. Maxam, a cousin of his great grandfather, who was a member of the 2nd Ohio Cavalry in the IX Corps. It was only after Jim moved to Lake of the Woods that he discovered Maxam's unit had camped near the Spottwood house, just inside today's front gate of LOW.

For information on membership in the Wilderness Brigade contact **Dorothy Mosso**, chair of the Membership Committee, at [dorothymosso@comcast.net](mailto:dorothymosso@comcast.net).

## Major Actions, Awards Mark FoWB's Past Year

Friends of Wilderness Battlefield held its annual membership meeting on November 15 at Lake of the Woods Church in Lake of the Woods, Virginia. There were 51 people present.

President **Dan Nickelson** presided.

**Russ Smith**, superintendent of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, gave an audio-visual presentation of the Wilderness Battlefield boundaries and how



*At the annual meeting, Dan Nickelson received a Certificate of appreciation for his two years of outstanding leadership as FoWB president from Vice President Carolyn Elstner.*

they were decided. The local park was established on February 14, 1927, and followed the same concept used to develop the Antietam battlefield. The last general land management plan was developed by Congress in 1986 and changed the boundaries inside which land can be purchased by the park service to be added to the battlefields. He expressed concern that people do not realize that the park contributes a significant benefit to local economic development.

**Jim Campi**, policy and communications director for Civil War Preservation Trust in Washington, discussed the recent development pressures on the Wilderness Battlefield. The proposed Walmart Supercenter was discussed and Mr. Campi answered questions from the membership concerning problems with the commercial development at Route 20 and Route 3.

**Carolyn Elstner**, chair of the FoWB Ellwood Restoration Committee and Capital Campaign, gave an update on the progress of work at Ellwood. She praised the crew of Blue Mountain Builders for their professionalism. Phase II upstairs hall work has been completed and the downstairs hall will be

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finished shortly. Two Worlds Renovation did an excellent job on the plaster work. She noted that the Park Service will have significant exhibits — including interactive maps — created to be in place inside Ellwood in 2010.

**Zann Miner** said the Capitol Campaign had raised \$329,511 as of October 31 and had spent \$327,000. She has developed a campaign designed to raise another \$100,000 for Phase III, as well as a year-end direct mail solicitation.

President Nickelson noted that this had been a special year for the organization. The Civil War Preservation Trust named FoWB as the most outstanding Civil War volunteer service organization in the country. Readers of Cooperative Living magazine voted Ellwood as the top Civil War site in Virginia. He also noted that area artist **Leslie Brier** had done an outstanding job of designing the new logo for the organization.

Membership Committee Chair **Dorothy Mosso** announced that **Dale Brown** has become the newest member of the Wilder-

ness Brigade, a group within FoWB that had ancestors who fought at the Battle of the Wilderness. Dale was eligible through Private John Henry Knupp of the 67th Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died in the battle of the Wilderness during the Gordon flank attack. Knupp is his first cousin, three times removed.

President Nickelson recognized **Alan Zirkle** for his outstanding work in creating and maintaining the organization's web site. He also gave special thanks to **Lisa VanWinkle** for her work in catering the meeting luncheon.

He recalled the work of the late **Tom Cleland**, who died this summer, and said that all felt value added by his presence.

President Nickelson opened the floor for nominations to the board. The nominating committee submitted the names of **Robin Nimmo, Linda Resler** and **James Smith**. **Brian Wolfe** was nominated to serve a second term. **Frank Walker** moved the slate be elected by acclamation and the motion passed. See the article below about these board members.

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## New FoWB Directors Elected at Annual Meeting

Elected to three-year terms were **Robin Nimmo** of Fredericksburg, **Linda Resler** of Spotsylvania County and **James Smith** of Lake of the Woods. In addition, Director **Brian Wolfe** of Spotsylvania County was reelected to a second term.

**Robin Nimmo** grew up in Battle Creek, Michigan and has been involved in management careers in retail, banking and real estate.

She has been involved in the Rotary Club, American Cancer Society and numerous community charity events during her career.

In 2007, a job promotion for her husband John brought them here from South Carolina.

She joined FoWB and was one of the most active interpreters at Ellwood last season.

She says, "My deep love of all that is history has brought me to this place and I am forever grateful."

**Linda Resler** was raised on the shores of Lake Erie in northeastern Ohio. She and her husband came to Virginia 13 years ago after 15 years in various naval duty stations in the Pacific and California.

She earned a bachelor's degree in history and the couple developed a strong interest in the Civil War by Ken Burns' PBS documentary in 1990.

She is presently a librarian supporting the Federal Depository Library Program at the U.S. Government Printing Office in Washington.

Linda was also an interpreter at Ellwood last season and feels her association with FoWB and service at Ellwood has been personally rewarding.

"Not only have I benefited from the combination of history and education but also from the interaction with people I have met as a consequence," she says.

**Jim Smith** also hails from Michigan and grew up spending hours reading world and American history, especially that involving the Civil War. He recalls one of his most memorable family vacations included a trip to Gettysburg.

Jim holds a BS degree from Ferris State University in

Michigan and a Master of Divinity degree in pastoral ministry from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

He is presently Senior Associate Pastor of Lake of the Woods Church, coming here from a position as pastor of a church in Westbrook, Maine.

Jim says that the time he spent in churches in New England and three years living in Manassas has brought him closer to the history he learned growing up.

He has been active with FoWB and was an interpreter at Ellwood last season.

**Brian Wolfe** was first elected to the board of directors in 2006. He is chairman of the Communications Committee, which oversees FoWB's very successful publicity program, issuing news releases, putting out the quarterly Wilderness Dispatch, maintaining the organization's web site, developing publications and printed materials and creating graphics as needed.

He grew up in the White Shop area of Culpeper County.

Brian graduated from Radford University with a double major of history and social science and found time to be a member of the school's cross country team.

He is public relations liaison for Rappahannock Electric Company in its Fredericksburg office.

He is on the board of the Virginia Council of Farmer Cooperatives. He is also on the board of the Spotsylvania County Little League and is its information officer.

Brian first began working with the FoWB Ellwood Committee in 2003 where he assisted in its publicity and communications efforts.

Congratulations to all on your leadership roles as caretakers and preservers of the Wilderness Battlefield.

### Officers Elected for 2009

**Zann Miner** has been elected president for 2009 by the FoWB board of directors at its December meeting.

Reelected were **Carolyn Elstner** of Stafford County, vice president; **Carolyn Ostrowski** of Lake of the Woods, secretary; and **Jeff Slunt** of Spotsylvania County, treasurer.

# Ellwood: Resurrection in Progress

By Carolyn Elstner

Neither rain nor holiday has slowed the progress of the Ellwood Restoration Project Phase II. The transformation, although not yet complete, is breathtaking.

At a recent inspection by project architect, **Tony Bochicchio**, he smiled and said, "It makes you want to move in!"

## Stair Hall and West Room

The walls of the first floor stair hall and west room are primed for immediate drywall installation. In the west room, this includes two reinstated closets, one on each side of the massive chimney. The reproduction closet doors (of Cross and open Bible paneling) match doors throughout the house; their 18th century hardware is of the building's construction period.

Originally the closet on the left concealed a narrow staircase to the second floor.

The one on the right probably held dinnerware, as the room was the Jones-Lacy family dining room.

The Willis-Jones family, the only other to own Ellwood, had removed the closets to create a library with floor-to-ceiling bookcases throughout the room. Otherwise, the west room now boasts all wood trim repaired, back in place, and painted the same warm brown of the north room, which is the room on the other side of the entrance hall from the Gouvenor Warren room.

## Sloping Staircase

One of the biggest challenges of Phase II, according to Blue Mountain Builders craftsmen, **Garrett Irwin** and **Bob Forbes**, was the leveling of the main staircase between the first and second floors. Per an engineer, the stairs are as tight as a drum, just settled "to the west." Not any more....

## Breezeway and Storage Room

Another leveling problem was the door/trim/transom to the breezeway. While Bob donned in a mask, scraped and painted, Garrett nearly went cross-eyed over those double doors. Both men are highly skilled, thank goodness.

The difficult work on the breezeway and adjacent storage room is underway. Converted from an open porch in 1848, this addition has its own set of problems, including water-damaged materials, extinct plumbing and a combination of interior and exterior construction.

Until the 20th century the breezeway was not enclosed. Thus in order to return it to its Civil War appearance while keeping it secure, the carpenters will make two large doors that will be opened during visiting hours, to give the full effect of a breezeway. Wooden steps will lead to this opening but will not be an entrance or an exit. Previously this section of the house has not been easily explained by the volunteer interpreters. That will change this year.

## Imperfections bring richness

Forbes senses the importance of the men's work as they preserve the grand old lady of the Wilderness.

"Hardly a day passes while working at Ellwood without thinking about the workers who built this lovely structure over 200 years ago," he says.

"No power tools or instruments for precision measurements, just well-honed skills and sweat. To me, even the occasional imperfection brings further texture and richness to this house's beauty and its story."

Owner and president of Blue Mountain Builders, **Noah Bradley**, reflects on his company's role. "It has been a privilege and an honor to participate in the restoration of Ellwood.

"None of this would have been possible without the efforts and contributions of the members of Friends of Wilderness Battlefield.

"I am thankful for their continued support and encouragement that has been so freely given to my crew and me during this process. I believe that everyone will be greatly pleased in the near future when the Phase II restoration is unveiled.

"My one hope is that we will be allowed to undertake Phase III..., the completion of the restoration of the interior of this historic gem."

## Phase III

Bohicchio has begun drawings for Phase III, which consists of the four bedrooms.

When the drawings are completed, NPS cultural resource manager, **Eric Mink**, will launch the compliance approval process for this final phase.

Meanwhile FoWB is seeking \$100,000 to fund the work. Anyone interested in contributing, please contact Carolyn Elstner at 540-373-6240 or [melstner@aol.com](mailto:melstner@aol.com).

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## Volunteer to help preserve this local treasure

FoWB and the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park (FSNMP) have scheduled training sessions for individuals interested in being interpreters of historic Ellwood.

Prospective interpreters will learn the history of Ellwood, from the time it was built in the 1790s through the present, with special emphasis on its part in the battle of Chancellorsville and the battle of the Wilderness.

Training sessions are taught by NPS Supervisory Historian **Greg Mertz** and FoWB Vice President **Carolyn Elstner**. Each new volunteer will receive a manual containing the information in the training session.

Once they have completed the training process, interpreters are eligible to provide tours of the facility on weekends from May through October.

New volunteers are required by FSNMP to attend a training session. There is no charge to attend these sessions and lunch will be provided free.

Veteran interpreter training dates are scheduled for Monday, March 23 or Saturday, March 28. Prospective new interpreters may attend either of those dates or a special session for new interpreters set for Saturday, March 7. All sessions will be held at Ellwood and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Interpreters may sign up for specific days to work at Ellwood. The FSNMP encourages interpreters to volunteer for at least once-a-month service during the Ellwood season.

Anyone interested in learning more about local history and helping to keep this historic home open to the public by being an interpreter may make a reservation for one of the above dates by contacting Carolyn Elstner at 540-373-6240 or

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# Park Day is April 4; Call for Volunteers

The Wilderness Battlefield will be one of more than 100 Civil War battlefields, parks and historical sites that are participating in Park Day 2009 on Saturday, April 4, and volunteers are being sought to participate.

Park Day is an annual event sponsored by the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) and the History Channel. It is an opportunity to bring Civil War enthusiasts together in an effort to help keep our nation's Civil War sites and parks in top shape.

On Park Day, thousands of volunteers throughout the United States work together to clean up and repair facilities, exhibits and grounds that represent historical significance.

Friends of Wilderness Battlefield (FoWB) is coordinating the activities on the Wilderness Battlefield, which is the largest of the four battlefields that make up the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

The volunteers who participate in the Wilderness clean-up that day will receive a free t-shirt provided by the History Channel and Civil War Preservation Trust.

This is the 12th year that Park Day has been sponsored by those two organizations.

Craig Rains, chairman of FoWB's Park Day 2008, said volunteers were needed to pitch in that day.

"This will be a great time for hands-on participation by people who care about preserving the Civil War history of this part of Orange and Spotsylvania counties," Rains said.

"Even something as simple as picking up trash along the highway is paying tribute to the thousands of men who fought in this horrible battle that helped shape our country."

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts who take part will receive patches from CWPT, while supplies last.

FoWB will provide free water and snacks to all volunteers.

Wilderness Battlefield projects will include litter pick up on roads throughout the battlefield and helping clear underbrush on Saunders Field. Additional projects will be announced later.

Participants should bring work gloves.

The National Park Service is providing trash bags for those who will pick up litter and furnishing paint and paint brushes for those doing painting projects.

Volunteers for the April 4 event should meet at 9 a.m. at the Wilderness Battlefield Exhibit Shelter, located on Route 20, about two miles west of its intersection with Route 3 at Wilderness. Extra parking will be available along Hill-Ewell Road at Saunder's Field.

To begin the day, a local historian will give the volunteers a brief overview of the importance of the Battle of the Wilderness, which was fought in May, 1864 and was the the first time Generals Grant and Lee faced each other on the battlefield.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled for April 18.

For more information about Park Day 2008 at Wilderness Battlefield, contact Craig Rains at (540) 972-2844 or by e-mail at [craigrains@hotmail.com](mailto:craigrains@hotmail.com).

Craig is also looking for a pair of volunteers to serve as co-chairs to help coordinate that day. Give him a call for details.



*Photo courtesy National Park Service*

## A Cannon is Seen Again on Saunders Field after a 145-year Absence

It was in the afternoon of May 5, 1864, that Brig. Gen. Charles Griffin, commander of the 1st Division of the Union V Corps, ordered Battery D of the 1st New York Light Artillery to take two cannon into the middle of Saunders Field. They were to provide support for Federal troops attempting to reach the Confederate earthworks on the western end of the field.

The guns were unlimbered and pointed toward the northwest. Unfortunately, the artillerymen began to fire across their own troops, the 140th New York Infantry, as well as toward the Confederates, according to the Official Records.

In January of 2009, the National Park Service rolled a 12-pound Napoleon into place on Saunders Field where those two pieces originally joined in the fight, 145 years earlier.

It stands by itself in the vast open field, just as the two did in 1864.

FSNMP Superintendent **Russ Smith** said that someone had mentioned to him "how lonely the Napoleon looks."

Russ remarked, "Imagine how lonely those guys of the 1st New York must have felt with only two Napoleons out there and half the Confederate Army firing on them."

He is right.

Eventually during the battle, Confederate troops swarmed out of their trenches up near where Hill-Ewell Drive is today and ran down toward the guns.

It was then that some of the most fierce hand-to-hand combat in the Wilderness took place as the Union gunners tried to protect their pieces. Eventually, the Confederates gained control and captured the battery commander and the two guns.

But the Federals were not through. The battle for the guns seesawed back and forth.

For the rest of the battle, the guns sat lonely in Saunders Field as bullets whizzed back and forth.

There will be a more detailed story of the two Napoleons in the next issue of the Wilderness Dispatch. In the meantime, drive by and take a look at the lonely 12-pounder that represents quite a new tale in the battle of the Wilderness.

Our thanks to the NPS for adding a significant visual element to the story of this great battlefield.



Clark "Bud" Hall of Richmond, Mass., (right) leads a tour of Mount Pony at last year's FoWB anniversary weekend. Prolific author Gordon Rhea of South Carolina and FSNMP Supervisory Historian Greg Mertz are in the background. Both also were featured on the program.

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(FSNMP) will offer programs open to the public at various sites throughout the battlefield. Locations, times and subject matter will be available at [www.fowb.org](http://www.fowb.org) as details unfold.

From 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. on Saturday night, FoWB will sponsor the 7th Annual Dinner and Auction. This event is FoWB's largest fundraiser and continues to grow in popularity each year.

The organizers have already collected a number of exciting auction items, planned a delightful program of musical and historical vignettes, designed a game to test guests' knowledge and sleuthing skills (and win prizes) and of course, arranged for a sumptuous dinner.

Our goal is a full house! Please make plans early and bring your friends.

Date: May 2, 2009

Time: 6 p.m.-10 p.m.

Place: The Daniel Center (Germanna Technology Center in Culpeper)

Fee: TBA but very reasonable

Sponsors: Absolutely! \$250, \$500, \$1000 (includes tickets).

### Sunday Interactive at Ellwood

On Sunday, May 3, a full day of interactive programs demonstrating Civil War life in the Wilderness for both civilians and soldiers will be offered at Ellwood. Exhibitors will be stationed throughout the grounds and inside the house. Guests may hear reenactments of actual records of the resentment of a wife or mother left to tend the farm without a husband or sons, or they may hear a husband's or youth's exuberance turned to dismay by the realities of war.

Guests will also learn of the skills of blacksmithing on the farm or on the front, taste the sparse "vittles" provided to the enlisted man, partake in the "blessing of the soldier" before battle, and witness the brutalities of health care in the field hospitals.

Date: May 3, 2009

Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Ellwood Plantation

Fee: Free, suggested donation of \$5/adult (under 18 free)

All proceeds benefit the Ellwood Restoration Project.

For more information, please check the website at [www.fowb.org](http://www.fowb.org) or contact **Dale Brown** (reservations) at 540-972-9298 or [DaleKBrown@verizon.net](mailto:DaleKBrown@verizon.net).

# Wilderness Walmart

The Wilderness Walmart issue continues to make news throughout the Civil War community nation-wide.

FoWB has taken its stand alongside the National Park Service in encouraging Walmart to move its planned SuperCenter away from the proposed Route 3 and Route 20 intersection to another location in Orange County.

Neither the National Park Service nor FoWB opposes a Walmart in the area, but believes that its presence on the proposed site -- and the following development -- could harm the experience of the 70,000 people who visit the battlefield each year.

The board of supervisors must vote on whether or not to grant Walmart approval to build on a site that accepts stores up to 60,000 square feet. They have heard from thousands of historians and individuals who have an interest in Civil War heritage from throughout the country.

"We are caretakers of this battlefield for all Americans," said **Craig Rains**, FoWB spokesperson.

"This is an issue with the gateway to truly hallowed ground."

The Wilderness Coalition, of which FoWB is a member, has submitted a proposed Gateway Vision Project plan to the Orange County board, volunteering to pony up the \$40,000 to \$75,000 required to conduct the research. From it would come a comprehensive plan to develop the Route 3 corridor that will protect the character and integrity of the national park and will promote an even more significant economic contribution to Orange County.

Public hearings will be scheduled before the final vote.

In the meantime, FoWB members who live in Orange County are encouraged to contact their supervisors and let them know their opinions on the issue.

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If you need more information, contact Craig Rains, the official FoWB spokesman on the Walmart issue, at (540) 972-2844 or [Craig.Rains@att.net](mailto:Craig.Rains@att.net). Remember, when you voice your opinion, you do so as an individual, not as a representative of FoWB.



Photo by Ann Sawyer

*The Fredericksburg chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held a meeting at Ellwood last fall. Jill Simmons (left), chapter president, presented a check for the continuing restoration of the house to FoWB Vice President Carolyn Elstner (right). Ellwood was a Confederate hospital in 1863 and a Union headquarters in the 1864 battle of the Wilderness. Assisting in the presentation is Jill's daughter, Ainsley, who is learning the value of historic preservation at a young age.*

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## Winter Membership Activity

### Renewals

Warren and Jean BILLINGS, Spotsylvania, Va.; Richard and Kathleen BRADIE, Locust Grove, Va.; Jim and June BROWN, Fredericksburg, Va.; Dennis and Nancy BUTTACAVOLI, Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.;

Ray CASTNER, Locust Grove, Va.; Janice CLELAND, Spotsylvania, Va.; Shelby DUNN, Spotsylvania, Va.; James FARRAR, Malta, N.Y.; Curry FISHER, Roanoke, Va.; Gary and Anne-Marie GARRISON, Fredericksburg, Va.; Andrew E. HARROD, Arlington Va.; Mary Ellen HENSON, Fredericksburg Va.; Linwood and Marlene IMLAY, Culpeper Va.; Agnes Reid JENNY, Roanoke Va.; Frank KENDRICK, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Jack KELLY, Locust Grove Va.;

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James M. SMITH, Stafford, Va.; Ian TURNER, Lititz, Penn.; Frank and Bernice WALKER, Orange Va.; Alan ZIRKLE, Fredericksburg, Va.

### New Members

Gayle ANDERSON, Barboursville Va.; Hollady House Bed and Breakfast, Orange Va.; Prof. Josef K. BINTER, El Cajon, Calif.; Richard and Karla MONTGOMERY, Diamond Bar Calif.;

Russell P. SMITH, Fredericksburg, Va.; Donald WRIGHT, Locust Grove, Va.

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

February 14	'Love Fred-Spot Park' Day (See Page 1)
March 7	Ellwood Training for New Interpreters
March 23	Ellwood Training for New and Experienced Interpreters
March 28	Ellwood Training for New and Experienced Interpreters
April 4	National CWPT Park Day at the Exhibit Shelter
May 2	Ellwood opens for visitors, through October
May 2 and 3	145th Anniversary Events Commemorating Battle of the Wilderness

**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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General | \$ 500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Colonel    | \$ 250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Captain | \$ 50  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lieutenant | \$ 25  |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Major   | \$ 100 |
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Please check one:  New Member  Renewal  
 *Contact me with details about my eligibility for the Wilderness Brigade.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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