

WILDERNESS DISPATCH

Friends of Wilderness Battlefield

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FoWB Leaves Its Mark on Area Preservation in '06

At the annual membership meeting of Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, Inc. on December 18, outgoing-President Dwight L. Mottet presented a report on the activities of FoWB in 2006. It was obvious that this all-volunteer organization had done an amazing amount of work on behalf of the preservation, promotion and presentation of this historic battlefield, the soldiers who fought here and the citizens and neighbors who were affected by the War and the battle.

Here are some of the highlights of the FoWB year just ended as presented by Dwight. Of course, this could not have been possible without the support of all the members and their dues and the hours of work put in by those who were able to contribute in one way or another.



Dwight L. Mottet

At the end of 2006, FoWB has more than 240 members across 29 states, Canada and Jordan. That is an increase of some 18 per cent over 2004.

FoWB volunteers contributed 4,807 hours to assist the Fredericksburg Spotsylvania National Military Park (FSMNP) as guardian of the Wilderness Battlefield, the largest of the four battlefields in the FSNMP. This is equal to the number of hours of

2.4 full-time equivalent staff, or about \$122,143, in labor-cost savings. The FSNMP staff budget is underfunded and this work would not have taken place without FoWB volunteers because the NPS would not have the money to hire these personnel this year.

The FoWB board members contributed 2,759 hours in supporting FoWB and the National Park Service, an increase of 344 hours, or a 14% over 2005.

Ellwood

During 2006, FoWB had 43 interpreters on duty at Ellwood from May through October, donating 1,201 hours of their time to tell visitors about the war's impact on the house, its owners, the area's agriculture and the use of Ellwood during the battles of Chancellorsville and Wilderness. All interpreters were trained by NPS and FoWB experts. This year, there were three student interpreters and 13 new interpreters. More interpreters are needed and volunteers will be trained on two dates in April.

The summer season at Ellwood saw 3,389 visitors walk the grounds and tour the house. Although there is no fee for the tours, visitors voluntarily donated \$3,470 to aid in the house's restoration after hearing the FoWB story.

Our 10-member Ground Force maintaining the Ellwood site, clocked 583 hours of work from October 2005 through

October 2006, a 14% increase over last year. Their work included weekly mowing and trimming of the grounds before visitors arrived for the weekends, plus pruning, planting, hauling debris, landscaping, general cleanup and more. Each member of this group takes pride in his or her contribution to the presentation of Ellwood. And almost every interpreter can cite a time when a visitor remarked about the beauty of the grounds and how carefully it is being preserved for the enjoyment of those who walk this Hallowed Ground.

The work of the Friends of Wilderness Battleground was featured in a major article in the Fredericksburg, Va. Free Lance-Star on December 20 and focused on the Ground Force work around Ellwood, as well as the overall work to save the battlefield's appearance for the thousands of visitors who come each year.

Ellwood Capital Campaign

Since the beginning of the Capital Campaign to restore Ellwood in May, 2003 donors have contributed more than \$212,000 toward the project.

In 2006, donations were \$44,059, a 27% increase over 2005.

This year, FoWB was pleased to receive a matching grant of \$12,500 from the state Department of Historic Resources. Rappahannock Electric Cooperative presented the Ellwood project a \$1,000 LEARN Grant. And the Wilderness 'Tiques chapter of the national Quasters organization provided a grant of \$3,500 to acquire key pieces of period furniture to add to the Warren Room restoration. FoWB is grateful for all these significant contributions to our campaign.

Educational Projects

FoWB sponsored highly successful historical tours of Orange County in March and October, each led by Frank S. Walker Jr., the premiere historian of the county and a long-time member of FoWB.

As part of the extensive programs remembering the 142nd anniversary of the Battle of the Wilderness, FoWB sponsored a May tour of the entire Wilderness battlefield, led by South Carolina author and historian Gordon Rhea, who has been a loyal supporter of FoWB's work in the battlefield. Gordon has written two books around the Wilderness battle and signed copies of both for those who took the tour. Gordon's battlefield tours are dramatic, factual and memorable.

Also on the anniversary weekend, Gary Roche, a licensed guide at the Gettysburg battlefield, made a fascinating presentation that focused on his ancestor Patrick DeLacy, a Medal of Honor winner at the Battle of the Wilderness.

(See 'President's Report' on page 2)

The first time he met Gen. U.S. Grant in battle was at the Wilderness in May, 1864. Now, 200 years after his birth, Friends of Wilderness Battlefield is remembering him. See page 4 for who he is and how FoWB is marking his life.

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(President's Report, continued from page 1)

Through the friendship with FoWB board member Dale Brown, Dr. Philip Levy of the University of South Florida spoke to the FoWB and guests at the Germanna Community College campus in Locust Grove on the history and archeology of Ferry Farm and the preservation of Virginia properties that figured prominently in Bacon's Rebellion.

Dale Brown also added a significant historical perspective to the Ellwood historical presentations with three talks based on the archeological studies that have been conducted at Ellwood. He actually participated in one of these in the late 1980s and has maintained his interest in the fascinating Ellwood grounds and buildings ever since.

There were other special education events at Ellwood including the anniversary living history that featured FoWB member Doc Duvall's interesting presentation on medical treatments during the war.

One of the National Park Service's Friday night summer events was a candlelight tour of the Ellwood grounds and cemetery that had a large turnout. FoWB members enjoyed a special evening with Lafayette to remember his two trips to the Jones family home during and following the Revolutionary War.

The Park Service held the dedication of the long-awaited monument to the Vermont Brigade in September. FoWB was asked to assist in hosting the crowd that attended the dedication off Orange Plank Road and to sponsor a reception

for the dignitaries on the grounds of Ellwood afterward. A large tent was erected on the Ellwood grounds, a fine buffet was spread, Evergreen Shade played Civil War tunes and everyone from Vermont Senator Jim Jeffords to FoWB volunteers carrying trash bags had a great time.

Telling the Wilderness Story

From May 1 to the end of September, the FoWB Web site has had 13,744 hits, an increase of 3,708 visits, or a 37% increase over all of 2005. The number of people who take our tours or visit the battlefield because of information on this site continues to grow significantly.

FoWB continues to send regular news releases to Civil War magazines, newspapers, journals, Round Tables, historical societies, other Friends organizations, and historical education associations.

We continue to distribute more than 400 copies of the quarterly *Wilderness Dispatch*, our eight-page newsletter that we also post on the Internet web site.

Other Events

On July 15, the Internal Revenue Service made a ruling that FoWB, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) (Non Profit Tax Exempt) Corporation effective with our incorporation in December 2005. Both events, the incorporation and IRS determination, were major events in our history.

On June 22, 2006, NPS Historian Don Pfanz and I were filmed for a segment in an upcoming film, "Sacred Soil," to be released in 2007 on the History Channel. The program emphasizes the importance of the preservation and included the Wilderness Battlefield as one of the Civil War Preservation Trust's 10 most endangered sites.

Local historic preservation groups, including FoWB, led by the Civil War Preservation Trust, achieved yet another major success in Spotsylvania County when its Board of Supervisors approved a complex agreement resulting in saving the western portion of the land that was a part of the first day's Battle of Chancellorsville. The eastern portion was already preserved through an earlier agreement.

Though there were several worthy candidates, three volunteers were recipients of President's Citations this summer. Receiving the citations were Alan Zirkle, Janet Jacobs and Jimmy Lee for work above and beyond the call.

It is with a great sense of accomplishment that I leave as your President. These past four years have been very exciting and rewarding to me personally and to our organization. The many accomplishments of FoWB outlined here are a tribute to you members - a very talented and dedicated group of wonderful individuals.

The pathway we have followed leading to our incorporation, the exciting work at Ellwood and an expanded list of educational and preservation projects has not been without bumps, but overall it was fun and worthwhile.

Our individual FoWB members deserve the recognition for what has been done. I thank you for your support.

Dwight L. Mottet
FoWB President, 2002-2006

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Wilderness Dispatch is published four times annually for the members of FoWB. All FoWB members are invited to submit articles for consideration by the Editorial Board to be included in the *Wilderness Dispatch*. The requirement is that the subject be related to the Wilderness battlefield, the battle itself, geography, events, units, officers or men involved. Articles should not exceed 500 words. For comments or questions or to submit articles, contact Craig Rains, Editor, *Wilderness Dispatch*, FoWB, PO Box 576, Locust Grove, VA 22508-0576 or e-mail Craig.Rains@att.net.

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2006 ELLWOOD AND ELLWOOD RESTORATION PROJECT ANNUAL REPORTS

Dear Friends, Volunteers, Descendants and Donors:

This year's annual report will include not only an update on the Ellwood Restoration Project, but all Ellwood activities from "telling the story" by our well versed team of interpreters to the phenomenal task of maintaining the grounds performed by our very own Ground Force. It is my hope that the information you find here will serve to reinforce the common ground we share.

The landscape is not the same. The collapse in September of Ellwood's beloved Catalpa dealt a hard blow to visitors and volunteers alike. Many felt the loss of a good friend. Witness to the site's history for many of its 230 years, the tree was a living connection to the past – to William Jones, the Marquis de Lafayette, the Lacy children, Confederate wounded, Union generals, and even President Warren Harding. However, where there is grief there is also hope – hope for the long life of the Catalpa's direct descendant, purchased by the NPS from the American Forest Historic Tree Nursery. What more appropriate time for the offspring to take over the watch from the parent than as the heart of the house restoration goes into full swing.

Bustling about the house and grounds this year have been architects, estimating contractors, a furnishings planner, and a FoWB/NPS team focused on putting the Ellwood Restoration Capital Campaign donation dollars to work. Over \$210,000 has been raised, with the campaign continuing through 2007 to collect funds for restoring beyond the three rooms already funded. Capital Campaign Director, Zann Miner, is organizing a fresh team to seek aggressively heightened awareness, one-on-ones, and grants.

FoWB contracted former NPS designer Bill Brown to prepare and execute a furnishings plan for the Warren Room and the Entry Hall. The plan itself will be complete in December. Mr. Brown has found a number of needed pieces in the NPS collection here and has begun purchasing others. The structural restoration of the first three rooms is in the federal and state compliance-seeking phase. Naturally there have been delays, and we are behind schedule, but work should begin in February.

The Ground Force welcomed Dorsey Counts to the ten-member team. The veterans like both his work and his camaraderie. The equipment has behaved itself better than usual this year. However, all enjoy riding the mower named Larry, donated by Phyllis Jones in memory of her husband, leader of the Ground Force for many years. The Lyons brothers have regained the contract to farm Ellwood. Between the Ground Force and farmers, Ellwood is looking better all the time, and the grounds have already been looking fantastic, per FSNMP Chief Historian John Hennessy!

During Ellwood season 2006, 43 interpreters, including three student interpreters, greeted 3,389 visitors on weekends, holidays, and mid-season Fridays. Of the 43, 13 were new to the group. In April all attended one of two training sessions conducted by FSNMP Supervisory Historian Greg Mertz. Topics included tours, safety, and updates on history and operations. In July, Carolyn Elstner, Dwight Mottet and Wally Rosheim led an additional session for new interpreters.

An evening at Ellwood for interpreters took place on August 18, the 181st anniversary of Lafayette's breakfast with

William Jones. French refreshments were served, and Dale Brown spoke on Ellwood archeology.

Ellwood hosted more than the usual number of events this year, including tours for U.S. Congressional staffers and Spotsylvania County government officials, a History at Sunset: "Ellwood by Candlelight" and a reception for the dedication of the Vermont Monument. The Battle of the Wilderness Anniversary Weekend and Memorial Day Weekend were successes as always, bringing 602 visitors to the site.

Mark your calendars for the 143rd battle anniversary weekend, or join us for our Memorial Day activities, or come anytime from May through October to watch the restoration in progress that you our donors helped make possible.

Those of you who want to continue your commitment to be a part of this investment for the future may find the following suggestions helpful. Now is the time to plan for your 2007 contributions as we see the results of your past donations turning into nails and paint and boards that will take generations back more than 140 years to relive history. For 2007, consider:

- A personal gift
- A gift to friends and relatives
- A gift of stocks
- Contact your favorite foundations and grant-makers.
- Seek corporate matches for employees and retirees.
- Make Ellwood a beneficiary in your will.

I wish you peace and good health in the New Year.

With deepest gratitude,
Carolyn Elstner

Nickelson Elected FoWB President

Dan Nickelson (right) was elected 2007 president of Friends of Wilderness Battlefield at the December meeting of the board of directors. Other officers elected were: Carolyn Elstner, vice president; Darla Keefer, secretary; and Dave LeMay, treasurer.

Dan has been on the board for three years and served as FoWB's advocacy advisor to the president. He recently retired from government relations for the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He and his wife, Susan, live in Fawn Lake and have two sons in the Washington area.

Also at the annual meeting in November, all current directors were reelected and two new board members were unanimously elected.

Darla Keefer of Stafford and Dr. Jeff Slunt of Spotsylvania County were elected to the board. Darla is with the Carnegie Institute in Washington. She has a teenage daughter and has been a member of FoWB for six years. Jeff is with PRA International. He and his wife have two children and Jeff volunteers monthly for the NPS at Chatham.



FoWB to Commemorate 200th Anniversary of the Life of Lee with Jan. 15 Events in Orange

By Brian Wolfe

Join Friends of Wilderness Battlefield (FoWB) as it remembers the birthday of Robert E. Lee. On **January 15** in the Town of Orange, noted Robert E. Lee portrayer Al Stone will be meeting with the public at the circa 1830 Holladay House and offering a first person presentation in historic St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, the same church where the Confederate General worshiped while his Army of Northern Virginia was in winter quarters in Orange County in 1863-64 before the Battle of the Wilderness. Learn about the man and his actions while following in his footsteps.

Al Stone lives in West Virginia and is a member of Lee's Lieutenants, an organization of the Headquarters Army of Northern Virginia, that is made up of living



Al Stone to portray Gen. Lee

historians who portray officers of the Confederacy. The group was formed "to promote and teach the history of the war for Southern Independence." His schedule often runs to more than 100 engagements a year, speaking to more than 60,000 people annually. The weekend following this presentation in Orange, he will portray General Lee at Stratford Hall, during major events at the site where Lee was born on January 19, 1807.

Schedule of Events

5:00 — 6:30 p.m. - Reception at the historic **Holladay House Bed and Breakfast**, 155 West Main Street. Guests may meet General Robert E. Lee as portrayed by Al Stone, tour the home, enjoy period music by Evergreen Shade and



"Soldier of Faith. General Robert E. Lee, Orange, Virginia, February 17, 1864."

After famed Civil War artist Mort Kunstler visited Orange in 2002, he was moved to paint this scene of Lee and some of his staff leaving midweek vespers services at St. Thomas's Episcopal Church. Full color prints are available for sale through area art dealers.

sample epicurean delights prepared by Lisa Van Winkle & Associates. *Reservations required and there is a \$10 fee per person. Proceeds go to the Ellwood Restoration Project.*

7:00 — 8:00 p.m. - Program at the historic **St. Thomas's Episcopal Church**, 119 Caroline Street. Al Stone portraying



Robert E. Lee will offer a dramatic 1st person presentation. Musical selections will be performed by Evergreen Shade and color guard service offered by Orange County's Captain William L. Day Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

This event is free, but reservations are recommended since there is limited seating in the church.

Holladay House Offers Special for FoWB members



The Holladay House is offering an exclusive room rate for FoWB members. The night of January 15 Holladay House rooms have been reserved for the FoWB event. In celebration of this

special event, the Holladay House is offering a 10% discount off room rates. Rates already offer a 10% weeknight discount, meaning the total savings for FoWB members is 20%! Visit the the Web site: www.holladayhouseandb.com for room descriptions and rates. To reserve a room, contact Sharon and Sam Elswick, Holladay House proprietors at 540-672-4893 or e-mail innkeeper@holladayhouseandb.com and let them know you are a FoWB member.

Reservation forms for the reception are available at the following locations: James Madison Museum (www.jamesmadisonmus.org) (phone 540-672-1776), The Holladay House (540-672-4893), The Orange County Historical Society (540-547-5366) and St. Thomas's Episcopal Church (540-672-3761).

Make checks payable to Friends of Wilderness Battlefield/Ellwood Restoration and **mail reservations to FoWB** at P.O. Box 576, Locust Grove, VA 22508. For more information call Friends of Wilderness Battlefield at 540-547-2395.

Reservations should be made by January 10.

Supporting FoWB in sponsoring this event are the Holladay House, St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, James Madison Museum, The Orange County Historical Society, Evergreen Shade, Captain William L. Day Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Culpeper Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and living historian Al Stone.

Do We Have Your Right E-Mail Address?

FoWB often sends e-mails to our membership to alert it to special events, activities, programs, news stories and advance notices about programs, tours, etc. of interest to those who care about the Wilderness battlefield.

For example, several members had e-mail addresses with Adelphia cable systems that have been bought out by Comcast. All those e-mail addresses will change. Others have moved or added another e-mail address they would rather use.

We presently have about 60 per cent of our membership in our e-mail data base and they get the benefit of quick notices and alerts.

Please know that we guard these e-mail addresses carefully. We do not share them with any other organization, even those in the battlefield preservation field. We will never sell them or make them available to anyone else.

Send your e-mail address to fowb@fowb.org.

NPS HOSTS APPRECIATION PICNIC

The Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park held an appreciation picnic for all of its volunteers at the Jackson Shrine in October. More than 70 volunteers attended and were treated to a candlelight tour of the Shrine.

AARP GIVES \$250 FOR FoWB WORK

In December, the Lake of the Woods AARP Chapter #5239 presented a check for \$250 to Friends of Wilderness Battlefield "to further the organization's goals."

FoWB President Dwight L. Mottet accepted the check on behalf of the Ellwood restoration project.

This chapter is the largest in the state of Virginia and has been a longtime supporter of FoWB and Ellwood. They do great work in the community.



The Color Guard of Orange County's Captain William L. Day Camp #2091 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will present the colors at the presentation on the life of Robert E. Lee held at St. Thomas's Episcopal Church on January 15.

The FoWB Logo: Is it Time for a Change?



This illustration is available on the Internet for anyone to use.

entries and present those that meet the above guidelines to the board of directors at the February board meeting. At that time, the board will make a decision on a new logo. The board reserves the right to refuse all entries if it is felt none complies with the guidelines.

All entrants will be notified of the results of the board selection process.

Questions about this project may be addressed to Brian Wolfe, chair of the Communications Committee, at communications@fowb.org or at

communications@fowb.org or at FoWB, P O Box 576, Locust Grove, VA 22508

The FoWB board of directors is evaluating the possibility of having a new logo developed for the organization. The original one shown above was designed when FoWB was founded in 1995. It has served the group well for 12 years.

The design of the two soldiers shaking hands originally was developed from an early drawing that is in the public domain. It is shown above on the right. For several years it has appeared on Internet web sites that offer Civil War illustrations for free or for sale. Several groups now use it.

One example of where this design is free on-line may be found at <http://civilwarclipart.com/Clipartgallery/illus.html>.

The FoWB Communications Committee felt there may be an opportunity to have a member of FoWB design a new logo that would be descriptive of something unique to the Battle of the Wilderness and to the FoWB mission. It developed the following guidelines for entries.

The deadline for art is January 31, 2007. Only paid-up members of Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, Inc. are eligible to submit entries.

The Guidelines

1. Designs should represent the FoWB mission: "FoWB works in partnership with Fredericksburg Spotsylvania National Military Park to protect, preserve and interpret the Wilderness Battlefield in Virginia's Spotsylvania and Orange counties."

2. Digital designs must be submitted in .jpeg or pdf file and should be 600 dpi with the longer axis of the image being 10 inches.

3. E-mail entries must contain contact information including name, address, e-mail address and telephone number of the individual submitting the entry.

4. Hardcopy designs must be at least 10 inches over the longer axis and mailed to the FoWB address with a postmark on or before January 31, 2007. This entry must contain a cover sheet containing contact information including name, address, e-mail address (if any) and telephone number.

5. An FoWB member may submit more than one entry.

Send entries to communications@fowb.org or mail by January 31, 2007, to Brian Wolfe, Communications Committee, FoWB, P O Box 576, Locust Grove, VA 22508.

The FoWB Communications Committee will review all

Calendar of Events

1st Quarter, 2007

January 15 Reception and first-person interpretation of General Robert E. Lee in Orange. Details and locations in this issue of Wilderness Dispatch. Reception 5 p.m., \$10 per person with proceeds going to Ellwood restoration. Program at St. Thomas's at 7 p.m., free.

February 7 *The Footsteps of Lee.* NPS Historian Eric Mink takes visitors on a travelogue of places in the Fredericksburg area associated with General Lee. 7:30 p.m. Salem Church Library, 2607 Salem Church Road, Spotsylvania County. Free.

March 7 *Being Number One: Lee the Man.* NPS Historian Frank O'Reilly examines the personal side of Lee and how he grew to become one of the most famous of all Americans. 7:30 p.m. Central Rappahannock Regional Library auditorium, 1201 Caroline Street. Free.

March 23 Walker Tour of Historic Orange County. See announcement in this Wilderness Dispatch. \$60 for FoWB members; \$65 for nonmembers. Contact Dwight Mottet. Reservations accepted after January 16.

April 4 *Victory and Stalemate: Lee as a Commander in the Fredericksburg area.* Using local area battles, NPS Historian Greg Mertz discusses Lee's characteristics as a military leader, alternately blessed with victory and stymied by stalemate. 7:30 p.m. Main library auditorium, 1201 Caroline Street, downtown Fredericksburg. Free.

May 5 and 6 143rd anniversary of the Battle of the Wilderness. FoWB-sponsored tour, fund-raising auction, dinner, guest speakers, living history demonstrations and more. Details to follow.

A letter to the outgoing president.

As a founding member, past newsletter editor, battlefield preservation director, membership director and eventual five-term president of the Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, I can assure you I am aware of the sacrifice in time and energy that goes into the leadership of this organization.

When Dwight let me talk him into taking over after my retirement I told him it would be easy, all the hard work is done. Guess what, he bought it! How else was I going to find someone so I could retire?

I am pleased to say that the FoWB has become even stronger under Dwight's administration. I know it's not just one person, that it is a team effort as it always was throughout FoWB's history, but the leader sets the tone and Dwight's was to move forward.

I write this short note to personally thank Dwight for his years of service to FoWB and all his work. The position of president of any large successful organization has its rough times; times you wonder why you volunteer for this. Then you walk the battlefields, remember the sacrifices of those who gave their last full measure and you realize why. I'm sure Dwight had those moments and I am glad he walked those fields.

Dwight, I thank you.

Tom Van Winkle

President, FoWB, 1997-2002

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY FALL 2006

Renewals Received:

Bernie ARNOLD, Locust Grove, Va.; Fred BAXTER, Baltimore, Md.; Dick BERGMANN, Locust Grove, Va.; Jonathan BOWER, Colchester, Conn.;

Col. (Ret), Jim BROWN, Fredericksburg, Va.; Leslie BUNDY, Ft. Morgan, Col.; Katherine CLARK, El Verano, Calif.; Maj. Gen. Thomas G. CLELAND; Spotsylvania, Va.;

Joyce DARR, King George, Va.; James DAVIS, Flushing, N.Y.; Andrew HARROD, Keswick, Va.; Carroll and Caroline HAYDEN, Fredericksburg, Va.; Mary Ellen HENSON, Fredericksburg, Va.; Agnes Reid JENNY, Roanoke, Va.;

Jack KELLEY, Locust Grove, Va.; John KELLY, Locust Grove, Va.; Frank KENDRICK, Santa Barbara, Calif.; John LACEY, Old Saybrook, Conn.;

Mark LEBER, Locust Grove, Va.; Greg MARTIN, Fredericksburg, Va.; Thomas MACALISTER, Orange, Conn.; Fred MONNER, Spotsylvania, Va.;

Dorothy MOSSO, Spotsylvania, Va.; Tony and Val MOSSO, Ronceverte, W.Va.; David & Michelle O'HEARN and family, Culpeper, Va.; John POLIS, Spotsylvania, Va.;

Eugenia SANFORD, Arlington, Va.; W. P. SCHUBER, Oradell, N.J.; Lacy W. SALE, Mechanicsville, Va.;

Jeff SLUNT, Spotsylvania, Va.; Michael STEPHENS, Amman, Jordan; Thomas WALTON, Whitney, Texas; Raymond WHEELER, East Windsor N.J.

New Members:

Edward J. LEAFEY, Philadelphia, Pa.; Linwood and Marlene IMLAY, Culpeper, Va.; Gary MAUSS, Locust Grove, Va.; David MCDONALD, Brandy Station, Va.;

Karen MIDKIFF, White Plains, N.Y.; Robert STONE, Arlington, Va.; Jody ZOGRAN, Locust Grove, Va.

Are your dues current?

Look at your mailing label on the back of this newsletter to see your expiration date. If it is time to renew, do it now by cutting off the form below and mailing it with your check today. Your membership is important to the mission of FoWB.

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FoWB Looking for New Ellwood Interpreters

This past year, 43 people served as interpreters at Ellwood, the Lacy House, on the Wilderness Battlefield. More than 3,300 people toured the house and grounds. If you are interested in volunteering to serve as an interpreter on week-ends between May and October, you are invited to learn what is involved. All interpreters must be members of FoWB and agree to serve a minimum of 21 hours. A training session for prospective new interpreters will be held Saturday, March 24. For more information or to sign up for the session, e-mail Carolyn Elstner at MElstner@aol.com.

I am interested in being an FoWB volunteer. Please have someone contact me about:

- Becoming an interpreter and visitor guide at Ellwood, the Lacy House, on the battlefield (FoWB membership required.)
- Helping the National Park Service in maintenance of landscaping, trimming, mowing and 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 Resources, Board Enhancement, Communications, Education, Ellwood, Finance or Membership (circle the committee you would prefer)
- Making myself available wherever needed

Membership Benefits

Quarterly newsletter *Wilderness Dispatch* ● Advance notice for FoWB-sponsored tours and events
Invitation to special FoWB events at Ellwood on the Wilderness Battlefield ● The right to serve as an Interpreter at Ellwood
Pride in knowing you are playing an important part in preserving, protecting and promoting the Wilderness Battlefield.

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of the Life of Lee with Jan. 15 Events in
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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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- Colonel \$ 250
- Captain \$ 50
- Lieutenant \$ 25

<input type="checkbox"/> Major	\$ 100
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$ 10
School: _____	

Please check one: New Member Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ E-mail address _____

(This information for use only by Friends of Wilderness Battlefield to inform you of FoWB events and announcements. It will not be made available to any other organization or for any other use.)

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