

Friends of Wilderness Battlefield

Annual Membership Meeting

November 3, 2012

Lake of the Woods Church

Locust Grove, Virginia

Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, Inc.

Annual Membership Meeting

11:00 AM, Saturday, November 3, 2012
The Lake of the Woods Church

Board of Directors

Officers

Zann Nelson, President

Carolyn Elstner, Vice President

Jeff Slunt, Treasurer

Dorothy Mosso, Secretary

Members

Nate Bond

Dale Brown

Hap Connors

Gerry Culver

Howard Lambert

Diane Logan

Gary Mauss

Dwight Mottet

Mark Wakeman

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Agenda

Call to Order

Zann Nelson, President

Declaration of Quorum

Dorothy Mosso, Secretary

Welcome and "State of the Organization" Remarks

Zann Nelson, President

Treasurer's Report

Jeff Slunt, Treasurer

Ellwood Restoration and Cultural Landscape Project Update

Carolyn Elstner, Vice President and Chair, Ellwood Committee and
Ellwood Restoration and Cultural Landscape Project

FoWB Battlefield Stewardship

Mark Wakeman, Chair, Battlefield Resources Committee

Election of Board Members

Dale Brown, Chair, Board Enhancement Committee

Recognitions and Advocate Award

Zann Nelson, Carolyn Elstner, and Mark Wakeman

Remarks

Russ Smith, Superintendent, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park

Announcements

Adjourn

Lunch and Drawings

Special Program: 1 pm to 3 pm Open to the Public

*"Behind the Lines: Confederate Hospitals in the Wilderness, During and After the Battle of
Chancellorsville."* Speakers: Greg Mertz and John Pelletier

Hall of History: Exhibitors for Historic and Natural Resources

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2012 Highlights

The Battlefield:

- Hosted the 15th Annual Park Day
- The BRC coordinated a 16 January cleanup in vicinity of the Wilderness Run.
- Coordinated several Eagle Scout projects
- The BRC and FOWB supported the Spotsylvania 2012 Spotsylvania Courthouse Battle Re-enactment from 18 to 20 May.

The Ellwood Season:

- 43 trained interpreters; 10 members of the Ground Force
- 5,047 visitors and donations of \$5,189.14
- Extended hours included late April opening and mid-June- mid-August
- 10 special events
- 9 special tours

Ellwood Restoration:

- Second-floor rooms were enhanced to broaden the interpretation of the bedrooms

Membership:

- Members represent 28 states and Canada.
- Two new and one supplementary additions to the Wilderness Brigade

Volunteers:

- More than 8,330 hours were contributed by Interpreters, Ground Force, Battlefield Volunteers, Board of Directors, Event participants and other special activities.

Preservation:

- The Wilderness Gateway Study (sponsored by the Wilderness Coalition and led locally by Friends of Wilderness Battlefield) is finalizing Phase II with more than 40 points of consensus on the proposed plan. The results of Phase I with maps, findings and more can be reviewed at www.wildernessgateway.org.
- FoWB joined the Orange County Chamber of Commerce and hosted a very successfully "Business After Hours" on October 18th with more than 70 Orange County business owners in attendance.
- FoWB continues to work with other organizations to promote the Wilderness area as a destination for lovers of all kind of history (Indian, Colonial, Rapidan River based, Gold Mining) anchored by the significant presence of the Wilderness Battlefield Park and the greater Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania Nation Military Park.

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**Treasurer's Report
Data as of September 30, 2012**

Submitted by Jeff Slunt, Treasurer

Ellwood Restoration Checking Account

Balance per Books 9/30/2011	\$23,842.58
Balance per Books 9/30/2012	\$37,614.99
Change	\$13,772.41

FoWB Operating Checking Account

Balance per Books 9/30/2011	\$7,075.81
Balance per Books 9/30/2012	\$7,750.62
Change	\$674.81

Ellwood Restoration Money Market Account

Balance per Books 9/30/2011	\$342.30
Balance per Books 9/30/2012	\$10,343.78
Change	\$10,001.48

FoWB Money Market Account

Balance per Books 9/30/2011	\$10,896.32
Balance per Books 9/30/2012	\$10,897.95
Change	\$1.63

Total Cash Assets as of 9/30/2011	\$42,157.01
Total Cash Assets as of 9/30/2012	\$66,607.34

The Friends of Wilderness Battlefield keeps their books on a cash basis.

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Finance Committee Annual Report

Members: Dwight Mottett, Dan Nickelson, Don MacNemar, Jeff Slunt, Zann Nelson
Submitted by Gerry Culver, Chair

The Finance Committee is responsible for the development of the FoWB financial policies\reimbursement policies as directed by the FoWB Board of Directors. The committee provides oversight on the Treasurer's activities, conducts an internal review of quarterly financial transactions and reports its findings to the FoWB Board.

2012 Activities:

- 1) Conducted quarterly reviews of the financial transactions,
- 2) Proposed the 2013 FoWB operating budget,
- 3) Completed Forms 1099 and 1096 for reporting the payments for nonemployee compensation per IRS requirements,
- 4) Filed Form 990-EZ – Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax as required by the IRS,
- 5) Filed Form 102 – Virginia Registration Statement for Charitable Organizations as required under Section 57-49 of the Virginia Solicitation of Contributions Law;

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Ellwood Committee Annual Report

Members: Nate Bond, Dale Brown, Zann Nelson, Dwight Mottet, and Det Wilkens.
Brian Dendis and Greg Mertz are the NPS liaisons
Submitted by Carolyn Elstner, chair

Ellwood's 15th season of being open to the public began on April 28 and ended on October 28. Weekend and holiday openings bookended the daily openings from June 8 through August 10. Visitation as of October 31 totaled 5,047. Visitors deposited \$5,189.14 in the donation box.

Training for new interpreters (6) and veteran (37) interpreters took place on March 9, 10 (battlefield tour), and 30 and on April 14 – under the direction of Supervisory Historian Greg Mertz and Ellwood volunteer director Carolyn Elstner.

Interpreter scheduler Nate Bond reported relative ease in manning the house through August. The last two months were more of a challenge. Other activities competed with the interpreters' availability, and routine checking of needs in the schedule posted on the FoWB website was not as regular. Lead interpreters delivered reports to Carolyn expeditiously. A meeting of the Leads is forthcoming, to review the year.

Special tours were given to two families: the James family, eligible for the Ellwood Legacy, and the Herbert family, now Wilderness Brigade members. Membership Committee member Bob Epp was instrumental in both the research and implementation of these exceptional occasions. Other group tours included the Boys and Girls Club of Orange, the Orange County Chamber of Commerce, and a group of Pamplin Park supporters (led by director and historian Will Greene). Two Presbyterian churches will visit in November, and in December a group of seniors will enjoy a dessert tour as the last stop of their progressive luncheon.

Second-floor rooms were enhanced to broaden the interpretation of the bedrooms.

- With the help of Confederate surgeon re-enactors, John Pelletier and Adrian Wheat, MD, as well as Tim Burnett of the Gordonsville Exchange Hotel Hospital and interpreter/craftsman Floyd Etherton, the recovery hospital setting in the South Bedroom was developed, and our knowledge about care given at Ellwood Hospital continues to grow.
- Thanks to Lacy, Willis, and Shaw donors, the scene in the West Bedroom suggests children and the work of house servants.
- Long-time FoWB Board member, Dale Brown, prepared a power point program featuring before-and-after pictures of the restoration. The Park furnished a computer, which operates the power-point in the Middle Bedroom.
- The North Bedroom is open space for meetings and events. However, Dale and Carolyn have created a gallery on the walls for visuals adding to what the visitors learn on the tour of the house.

Interpreter Charles Brewer has created a virtual tour of the second floor exhibits for those who are unable or do not wish to climb the staircase. It will be finalized, Park approved, and in place for the 2013 season.

New in 2012 was Wilderness Junior Ranger program. Written by interpreter Elaine Pratt, edited by historian Peter Maugle, and funded by FoWB, half is devoted to Ellwood and half to the battlefield. Youngsters earn a badge for completion of the booklet.

Without the year-round dedication of the 10- member Ground Force (under the direction of Det Wilkens), Ellwood would not be the most beautiful landscape in the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

- Weekly manicuring includes mowing, trimming, and cleaning up branches large and small.
- This past winter, the guys perfected the cedar grove and the area of hen house #1, created a trail on the bed of the exit road, and began opening the trails to the spring and to the Wilderness Tavern.
- The plan for the Parker Store Road is to open the original by May 2014. A trail southwest to cannon lunettes may be accomplished by then as well.
- The renovation of the chick barn awaits the Park's stabilizing the right rear corner and repairing the roof. The intersection of the carriage exit trail and the Parker Store Road needs a new drain pipe, to be completed by the Park.
- The Park expects to plant two Kentucky coffee tree seedlings for lost trees. Brenton Arboretum in Iowa grew the baby trees from parent tree seeds.

The Ellwood Restoration Project is melding into the Ellwood Cultural Landscape Project. During the transition period a combination name will be used. By definition, a cultural landscape is an historic site that has undergone human development. It includes buildings as well as the surrounding acreage – both agricultural and domestic. Any additional restoration or maintenance to the manor will still classify, as will any fields cultivated and various educational trails. This year's annual dinner/auction net \$25,000 to help fund some of the sub-projects.

We have Park permission and instruction for removing debris from the ice house depression. Archeology technician Dale Brown will take the lead on this once the foliage is down and the animals asleep.

FoWB and the Park will together be looking at planning an archeology study to seek the location of the slave dwellings. Lynne Lewis, former head archeologist at Montpelier, will advise. Dale will assist.

With visitation traffic, several areas of the original flooring are going to need protection. Historians John Hennessy and Eric Mink will work with the Ellwood Committee on this matter.

The Ellwood Committee will meet in November or early December to review 2012 and plan for 2013. Carolyn has already submitted to the Finance Committee a budget proposal for next year. The committee will initiate plans for attracting more visitors to Ellwood, for commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Chancellorsville, and for the dinner/auction on May 11, 2013

2012 Ellwood events:

- April 28 – John Pelletier and nurse re-enactor Marilyn Iglesias interpreted Civil War medicine.
- May 5 & 6 – Living history groups commemorated the 148th anniversary of the Battle of the Wilderness. Jackson Foster interpreted his collection of Grant memorabilia.
- May 13 – Interpreters read Civil War letters for Mother's Day. Refreshments.
- May 26 – Memorial Day brought music, a walkabout, and historian Frank O'Reilly's "The last days of General 'Stonewall' Jackson."
- July 21 – John Pelletier and Dr. Adrian Wheat interpreted Civil War medicine.
- August 12 – Ellwood remembered Lafayette's visit on August 15, 1825. French refreshments.
- September 30 – Ellwood hosts the 6th Taming the Wilderness.
- October 13 – John Pelletier and Dr. Wheat interpret Civil War medicine, bringing new documentation about Ellwood Hospital.
- December 15 – A Victorian Christmas comes to Ellwood.

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Battlefield Resources Committee Annual Report

Members: Howard Lambert, Gary Mauss

Submitted by Mark Wakeman, Chair

The purpose of the Battlefield Resources Committee (BRC) to provide resources and manpower to the National Park Service for the physical maintenance and upkeep of the Wilderness Battlefield portion of the Fredericksburg Spotsylvania National Military Park, helping to provide an enhanced experience for visitors to the battlefield.

The BRC coordinated a 16 January cleanup in vicinity of the Wilderness Run. The purpose is to prepare the area for the bridge that will cross Wilderness Run and provide a trail connection between Ellwood and Wilderness Tavern. Over twenty yards of trash were removed by 22 people from Quantico & Riverbend High School (students), FoWB members, NPS, and Wolfrey Construction team.

The BRC coordinated the 15th annual Civil War Preservation Trust's 2012 Park Day on 31 March. This year's battlefield beautification effort was by every standard hugely successful. At least 60 volunteers this year achieved the following beautification activities:

- 2 cannons & 1 caisson completely painted.
- 2 cannons and 1 limber at Widow Tapp field scraped but not painted
- Leaves raked ~10-15' away from CCC building and dumped outside fence line
- All State roads in the Park were thoroughly cleaned of copious amounts of litter-
- 10-12 pickup truck loads of debris from Hayes monument, Vermont monument, and in vicinity of Wilderness Run on Hill-Ewell.
- 16 wayside panels painted
- 2 large vertical interpretive panels at Wilderness shelter painted.
- 4 picnic tables at the Wilderness-Federal Line Trail picnic area were completely scrubbed of mildew.
- Longstreet wounding site and Widow Tapp site raked, swept and cleaned.

There are plans next year for FoWB to expand its Park Day efforts to multiple battlefields within the FSNMP oversight.

The BRC and FOWB supported the Spotsylvania 2012 Spotsylvania Courthouse Battle Re-enactment from 18 to 20 May. Fifty volunteers worked the event over the three days helping with re-enactor registration, parking, information, and crowd control. Volunteers traveled from as far away as Manassas to support this effort. Special thanks to Board members: Bond, Slunt, Billings and Ellwood Ground Maintenance worker Mark Leach for their invaluable time and service.

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Membership Committee Annual Report

Members: Diane Logan, Bob Epp, Mark Leach

FoWB Board Advisor: Dorothy Mosso

Submitted by Nate Bond, Chair

Currently we have 212 members. Our membership is widespread with members in Canada and 28 states. The states represented are Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, and West Virginia. As is to be expected, the majority of our members come from Virginia in the Lake of the Woods /Spotsylvania/Fredericksburg area but following close behind is New Jersey.

We have a core membership of many dedicated supporters who continue to renew their membership every year. They are the heart of our organization and their continued support is very much appreciated.

The year 2012 has been one of many changes for the Membership Committee. The Committee was re-organized in March and modifications to several membership documents were made. In addition, refinements to the master membership data base were made to improve our communication with the membership. In August, the Committee was tasked to plan and execute the Annual Membership Meeting.

Heritage Programs

FoWB includes two Heritage Programs the Wilderness Brigade, for those members who had ancestors that fought at the Battle of the Wilderness in May of 1854; and the Ellwood Legacy, for those members who have ancestors associated with Ellwood.

Wilderness Brigade

We are very pleased that two of our members became part of the Wilderness Brigade in 2012 and one existing Wilderness Brigade member added another Battle of the Wilderness ancestor:

- Thomas A. Roth, Ancestor: Captain Samuel Klinger Schwenk; Co A, 50th Pennsylvania Volunteers
- Dr. Allen Herbert of Ruston, Louisiana, Ancestor: BGEN Leroy A. Stafford, CSA who was mortally wounded at Saunders Field on May 5, 1864
- Marcia Hovenden, Primary Ancestor: R.E. Lee; Supplemental Ancestor: Major General William Henry Fitzhugh "Rooney" Lee; W.H.F. Lee's Div; Calvary Corps: CSA

The Ellwood Legacy: No activity.

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Board Enhancement Committee Annual Report

Members: Carolyn Elstner, Jimmy Lee, Dorothy Mosso, Zann Nelson, Craig Rains
Submitted by Dale K. Brown, Chair

The major activities carried out during 2012 on behalf of Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, Inc., (FoWB) are summarized below.

1. Updating the official handbook for FoWB Board of Directors (BoD) members.
2. Conducting an orientation session for new board members, focusing on:
 - a. the BoD's role in FoWB's operations
 - b. the BoD's role in establishing policies and operational procedures
 - c. the BoD's committee structure and the new members' committee assignments
3. Naming an experienced BoD member as mentor for each newly elected board member.
4. Planning and implementing a retreat for BoD members on the topic of Planning for the 2014 Sesquicentennial of the Battle of the Wilderness, with focus on possible activities leading up to the 2014 anniversary and beyond.
5. Analyzing the full list of potential activities and events produced at the retreat to identify an achievable number of significant sesquicentennial activities and events, and presenting that list to the full board for approval.
6. Serving as Nominating Committee to fill the open seats on the board.

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Communications Committee Annual Report

Members: Hap Connors and Dorothy Mosso
Submitted by Zann Nelson, Chair

"The Communications Committee shall coordinate and implement internal and external communications to ensure a consistent and appropriate message is presented to target markets."

2012 Activities:

Newsletter

- Ceased the print/mail practice for the quarterly publication
- Developed an electronic version of the Wilderness Dispatch to be published more frequently and distributed by email, web, and handout available at Ellwood

Web Site

- Redesigned the FoWB Web site and contracted with a new hosting service
- Web site is transitioning to the use of Social Media as an added service
- The communications software, *Constant Contact* is being studied on a trial basis to determine the benefit to the membership
- Volunteer Charles Brewer will be assisting the Communications team in developing videos and slide shows that will be posted on the web.
- Maintained a vibrant and up to date web site

Press and Promotion

- Promoted all FoWB activities
- Kept the membership apprised of all happenings and upcoming events thru the email alerts

FoWB BOARD of DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHIES
Continuing Board Members

German "Gerry" Culver, Jr. (2014)
Chair, Finance Committee

German "Gerry" Culver, Jr. is a CPA in Culpeper. He has been in business for over twenty years. Prior to becoming a CPA, Gerry earned his MBA from Marymount University. Prior to opening his own CPA practice, Gerry worked in the banking field and hospitality industry. He is married to Jill and they have four children - a son, a rising college senior at the UVA Campus in Wise, VA, a daughter, a high school junior, and twin girls who are high school freshman. The three girls attend Liberty High School in Bealeton, VA., where Jill has been teaching since the school opened. Gerry has been interested in the War Between the States since an early age when he first opened a volume of *The Photographic History of the Civil War*. Gerry's paternal family was from Hancock County, Georgia; many of these relatives fought for the Fifteenth Regiment Georgia Volunteers. One great-great uncle, Everett H. Culver was killed July 3, 1863 at The Devils Den; he was buried at Gettysburg. Another great-great uncle, 2nd Lt. Thomas H. Culver, was killed at the Wilderness on May 6, 1864.

Gerry enjoys American History, bicycling and other sports. He lives in Culpeper.

Howard Lambert (2014)
Committee Member: Battlefield Resources

Mr. Lambert was born in Culpeper County, Virginia and attended the local school system. He has been active in Civil War related activities for the past 20 years as a Civil War re-enactor, speaker, historian and preservationist.

He currently resides in Fairfax County, Virginia and is a member of Company B, 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He has participated in numerous living history events, television productions and movie projects to include –Glory,|| –Andersonville,|| -Sommersby,|| and -Tad|| as well as the preservation of the Battle of Chantilly Civil War site.

Mr. Lambert is a Contracts professional with the Department of Defense where he is a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps. Mr. Lambert is a member of the National Contract Management Association and the Civil War Trust.

He is a graduate of American University and the Antioch School of Law.

Diane Logan (2013)
Committee Member: Membership, Ad Hoc Recognitions

Diane Logan grew up in rural Edgefield, South Carolina and moved to Culpeper, Virginia in 2002.

She offers to the FoWB Board of Directors 30 years of experience in the areas of Civil War history, museum and historic house management, tour and educational program development, fundraising and special events, as well as genealogical research and writing.

Diane is married to Gary and they have four children and one grandchild, two cats and one dog. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Friends of Cedar Mountain and is a volunteer at the Dupont Gallery at Montpelier. Her hobbies include genealogy, reading and gardening.

Gary Mauss (2014)

Committee Member: Battlefield Resources; Ellwood Ground Force

Born and raised in the apple country just north of Gettysburg, PA, Gary entered the Air Force straight out of high school, as a way to broaden his horizons and see the world a bit. A first tour of duty in southern New Mexico got the Southwest in his blood, from which he's never quite recovered.

Numerous assignments around the country and the world followed, and he ended up making a career of the military, retiring in Virginia two years ago, after moving here in 2005. In the process of those moves, he started school in New Mexico, and finally graduated from the University of Nebraska, and later again from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida.

Also among those moves, he found his wife Lynne in Myrtle Beach, and now has two daughters and a son. A yard wide and a foot deep, he held a variety of jobs in the Air Force, among those being a program manager, contract specialist, operational tester, aircraft weapons specialist, and command post controller.

Still on an extended post-retirement 'sabbatical', he's gotten heavily involved in local volunteer opportunities, including FoWB, a local Veteran's club, volunteer Fire & Rescue, two churches, and others, and is pending return to the active work force until his kids are out of college.

Zann Nelson (2013)

President; Director, Fund Development; Chair, Communications, Committee Member: Finance, Board Enhancement, and Ellwood; Co-Chair, Dinner/Auction and Anniversary Weekend, Interim Web Manager

Zann was born in Texas and moved with her family to Virginia in 1952. She lives on the family farm in Reva, Culpeper Co. and is the former Executive Director of the Museum of Culpeper History. Prior to the 12 plus years of museum work, she was owner/operator of an equine training facility, published a statewide periodical about the Thoroughbred industry, and was the principal of a company responsible for managing political campaigns. Her professional experience has equipped her with skills in marketing, fundraising, event planning, writing and research. She is trained in museum management and organizational development and holds a graduate certificate in Nonprofit Management from Georgetown University.

Currently, Zann is engaged as a freelance historical journalist, writing feature articles and a weekly newspaper column; editor of the Civil War Page Project for the Culpeper Star Exponent, and when time allows, plans special events (always related to history and enlightenment). On occasion you might find her functioning as a casting agent and professional "fixer" for the film industry.

Zann's daughter, son-in-law, and four grandchildren live in Culpeper County.

Zann has been volunteering for FoWB since 2003 and began serving on the Board of Directors in 2005. She was elected to her first term as President in 2009.

Retiring Board Members

Dale Brown (2012)

Chair, Board Enhancement Committee; Chair, *Taming the Wilderness* event; Committee Member: Ellwood, Ad Hoc Recognitions; Advisor, Communications; Member of the Wilderness Brigade

Born in a small glass manufacturing town near Pittsburgh (PA), Dale has been a resident of the Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania area since 2000, after spending 34 years in Northern Virginia. Educated at Bethany College (WV), the University of Pittsburgh, and the George Washington University, he spent his entire professional career doing social and behavioral research, and is now enjoying retirement.

He was a founder and president of Decision Data Collection, Inc., a marketing research and public opinion polling firm incorporated in 1983. Dale has been married to the former Paula Baughman since 1964; they have three daughters and five grandchildren. He is a Certified Archeological Technician and an avid avocational archeologist. He has done volunteer work with Fairfax County (VA) Heritage Resources, Fairfax County Park Authority, Smithsonian Forensics, James Madison's Montpelier, and George Washington's Fredericksburg Foundation, among others.

Nominations for Board of Directors

*Denotes incumbent member nominated for reelection to the Board

***Nate Bond (Three Year Term 2015)**

Chair, Membership Committee, Ellwood Interpreter

Nate was born in Indianapolis, Indiana and holds undergraduate degrees from Purdue and Indiana Universities. He came to Virginia in 1967 to work at the then Naval Weapons Laboratory in Dahlgren, transferred to the Naval Air Systems Command in 1981 and later retired after more than thirty-seven years of service.

He first joined FoWB in 2008 and has served as an Ellwood interpreter for the past five years. He has served as a closer for the past three years, assumed the Ellwood interpreter scheduling job in late July of 2011, and is the current chairman of the Membership Committee. Nate actively participates in various FoWB activities.

Besides a great love of history, old houses, water-powered grist mills among other interests, Nate's great passion is interaction with manatees or sea cows. He has spent hundreds of hours in the water with these strange creatures, mostly at Crystal River/Kings Bay, Florida, some eighty miles north of Tampa. Winter temperatures drive the usually solitary manatees to the seventy-two degree temperature of the bay in large numbers enabling interaction with swimmers and snorkelers.

***Henry "Hap" Connors, Jr. (Three Year Term 2015)**

Committee Member: Communications, Ad Hoc Recognitions

Henry "Hap" Connors, Jr., is V.P., Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) Government and Public Affairs.

Connors also served on the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors from 2003-2011. He was a leader in the Coalition to Save Chancellorsville Battlefield that saved 210 acres of hallowed ground at the Chancellorsville Battlefield, and introduced new land-use approaches that protected property rights, allowed for development and preserved natural and historic resources.

While on the Board of Supervisors, Connors advanced transportation; smart-growth, and economic development solutions. He served on regional commissions dealing with growth, economic development, water supply and transportation, and was the vice-chairman of the newly created George Washington Region Toll Road Authority.

Connors has extensive experience in strategic marketing and communications for business, non-profit and government entities. Prior to coming to CIT, he was vice president of business development for Apollo Telemedicine, Inc., a Falls Church, Va., firm that offers real-time medical diagnostics services online. Connors' background includes 25 years of marketing, media relations and public policy development non-profits and federal, state and local agencies.

Connors is the vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center. He also serves on the legislative evaluation committee of VAFREE, a statewide non-partisan, pro-business organization that researches and advocates for business-friendly policies. Connors is also chairman of the Fredericksburg Regional Technology Council, which is promoting strategic plans to grow STEM education programs and build a regional innovation economy.

***Carolyn Elstner (Three Year Term 2015)**

Vice President; Chair, Ellwood Restoration Project; Chair, Ellwood Committee; Co-Chair, Dinner/Auction and Anniversary Weekend; Committee Member: Board Enhancement and Ad Hoc Ellwood to Wilderness Tavern Planning; Ellwood Interpreter; Member of the Ellwood Legacy

Carolyn was born in Charlottesville in November of 1946. Her trip home to Fredericksburg at age one-week included a stop at Ellwood to meet her paternal grandparents, Leo and Blanche Jones.

Her father, Gordon Jones turned Ellwood over to the National Park Service in the 1970's.

She is a graduate of Sweet Briar College and the University of Virginia's Graduate School of Education. She has taught music in Fredericksburg City Schools, kindergarten for Pittsburgh Public Schools, and religious education at local Catholic churches.

Carolyn is married to Tom, a dentist who practices in Spotsylvania County. They reside in Falmouth (with a cabin retreat at Lake Wilderness). Tom and Carolyn have two grown children, Meg and Peter.

Carolyn has been active with Friends of Wilderness Battlefield since 1996 and chair of Ellwood since 1997. She is a life member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Mark Leach (Two Year Term 2014)

Member: Membership Committee; Ellwood Interpreter; Ellwood Ground Force

Mark was born in Hudson, Wisconsin, attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison and is trained in contract negotiation and project management.

A career of 34 years with Exxon Mobil placed Mark in Milwaukee, WI, St. Louis, MO and Fairfax, VA. His most recent positions were in IT project management and systems training. Mark retired in April 2012

Mark is an interpreter at Ellwood and has recently joined the Ground Force. In addition to these duties he is a member of the Membership Committee and is undergoing training to tackle the duties as he content manager for the FoWB web site.

***Dorothy Mosso (Three Year Term 2015)**

Secretary; Committee Member: Communications, Board Enhancement; Advisor: Membership; Member of the Wilderness Brigade

Dorothy was born and raised in a small West Texas town and moved to Virginia in November, 1999.

She spent 23 years in Civil Service working in San Bernardino, CA in the Children's Services Department which encompassed Protective Services, Adoption and Foster Homes. She attended Crafton Hills College in Southern California. After her retirement, Dorothy went into sales and worked in Houston, Texas and Dayton, Ohio and most recently in the Northern Virginia area.

She has five children, five grandchildren, three great granddaughters and two cats. Her hobbies include genealogy, reading, traveling, and history.

She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Daughters of the Republic of Texas; The Duke of Gloucester Society, Williamsburg, VA; Civil War Preservation Trust; Charter Member of the National World War II Museum, New Orleans, LA; Central Virginia Battlefield Trust; as well as being a twelve year member of Friends of Wilderness Battlefield and eleven years on the board of directors.

***Dwight L. Mottet (Three Year Term 2015)**

At Large Committee Member: Committee Member: Finance, Ellwood, Ad Hoc Recognitions; Ellwood Interpreter

Dwight was born, raised, and educated in Ohio. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Geology, from The Ohio State University and a Master of Science with Honors in Logistics Management, from the Air Force Institute of Technology.

He was employed by the US Department of Energy becoming Director, Management and Administrative Division, Fossil Energy Program. He also worked in the private sector serving as vice president of a small management consulting firm specializing in information systems, education, socioeconomic analysis, and operations research.

A past president (2002-2006) and twelve year member of FoWB, Dwight is also a member of the Rappahannock Valley Civil War Round Table, The Blue and Gray Education Society, the Civil War Preservation Trust, the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust and the LOW Civil War Study Group.

He lives in the Lake of the Woods. His hobbies include: travel, Civil War tours, AARP, church activities, golf, football officiating, and being a docent. He was married for 37 years to the late Janet F. Mottet.

Daniel (Dan) Nickelson (Three Year Term 2015)

Dan was born and raised on a farm in Eastern Colorado and moved to Spotsylvania in 1999. Over the course of time he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia from 1962-1964. There he taught chemistry, physics and biology. He spent 18 years in the Federal government starting with Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty and ending with a long tour in Medicare and Medicaid. He also worked as Director of Government Relations for The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, a large health care provider located in Ohio and Florida.

Dan is a former member of the FoWB Board of Directors and served as President for two years (2007 and 2008).

Semi-retired, Dan provides consulting services on health care financing and organization. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Spotsylvania Regional Hospital.

He is married to Susan Shull (45 years) and has a son and two grandchildren living in Maryland. Dan and Susan's younger son, Joel, passed away in 2012.

***Jeff Slunt (Three Year Term 2015)**

Treasurer; Committee Member: Finance Committee, Ad Hoc Ellwood to Wilderness Tavern Planning

Jeff holds a Ph.D. degree in Microbiology from the University of Virginia. He works from home for PRA International on a large colorectal cancer clinical trial. His wife is the chair of the Chemistry Department at the University of Mary Washington and they have two children, Todd age 8 and Madeline age 5.

Jeff enjoys either coaching or watching his children play soccer most weekends. He volunteers for the Park Service at Chatham one day a month and takes advantage of every opportunity to learn more about the American Civil War.

***Mark Wakeman (Three Year Term 2015)**

Chair, Battlefield Resources Committee, Ad Hoc Ellwood to Wilderness Tavern Planning

Mark was born in Topeka, Kansas. His father was career Air Force during Mark's formative years. During that time he lived in multiple states in addition to Europe and Turkey so before could really never call anyplace –homell. After attending college and earning a BA in History from the University of Florida he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He served over 26 years in the Marine Corps, and retired in Spotsylvania County in 2009. He now calls Virginia home. He has a Masters of Military Science degree from Marine Corps University and is currently on the faculty as a Marine Corps College of Continuing Education Course Director.

He has assisted his wife Darcey, between multiple deployments, to raise their two sons Travis (17) and Calvin (14). Mark and Travis have been Ellwood interpreters since 2008 and Travis has contributed photos and poetry to the Wilderness Dispatch. Mark is also the Ellwood volunteer interpreter scheduler. Mark has given multiple civil war battle staff rides (Chancellorsville and Gettysburg) for military and government organizations. He and Travis have a passion for all history and are extremely interested in local history.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTACTS and SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Service and Unique Opportunities:

Contact Mark Wakeman, mark.wakeman@comcast.net, Ch., Battlefield Resources Committee:

- Special Projects on the battlefield, TBA
- Regular Trash pickup duty
- Annual Park Day

Contact Bob Epp, rober_epp09@comcast.net

- Regarding the Wilderness Brigade or Ellwood Legacy Programs

Contact Zann Nelson, M16439@aol.com if you have interest and skills in the following:

- Writing
- List management i.e Excel

Contact Carolyn Elstner, Melstner@aol.com

- Ellwood Interpreter
- Ellwood Ground Force

Contact Carolyn, Melstner@aol.com or Zann, M16439@aol.com

- Auction items: The committee is seeking items for possible inclusion in the 2013 Fundraising Auction, consideration of duplications, uniqueness, condition; rarity and overall interest have provided a wonderful array of items in the past.

Upcoming Events/Activities

- Saturday, December 8: FoWB Board of Director's meeting, Wilderness Library, 9am
- Saturday, December 15: Christmas at Ellwood, 9am-2 pm

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- January: Orientation for new board members
- February 9 (Tentative): FoWB Board of Directors meeting, Wilderness Library, 9am
- March TBD: Interpreter Training
- April 6: CWT Annual Park Day
- April 13: (Tentative): FoWB Board of Directors meeting, Wilderness Library, 9am
- April 20: (Tentative): Ellwood opens for the 2013 Ellwood season
- May 3-5: Commemoration of the 15th Anniversary of the Battle of Chancellorsville
- May 11: 11th Annual Dinner and Auction, Germanna Technology Center, Culpeper, VA
- May 12: Mother's Day at Ellwood Manor, 11am-5 pm
- May 25: Memorial Day activities at Ellwood Manor, 11am-5pm