

**The President
and
Board of Directors
of
Friends of Wilderness Battlefield
Host the 2013
“Celebrate FoWB: Members and
Volunteers”**

*Annual Membership Meeting and
Awards Ceremony*

11 am

November 9, 2013

at the

**Historic Wilderness Baptist Church
Spotsylvania, Virginia**

**The 150th Anniversary of
The Battle of the Wilderness
1864-2014**

Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, Inc.

2013 Annual Report

Board of Directors

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Dorothy Mosso

Dwight Mottet

Robin Nimmo

Mark Wakeman

Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, Inc.
Annual Membership Business Meeting

Agenda

Call to Order

Zann Nelson, President

Declaration of Quorum

Howard Lambert, Secretary

Welcome

Zann Nelson, President

Heritage Program Presentation

Robin Nimmo, Chair

Remarks

Lucy Lawliss, Superintendent, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park

Election of Members to the Board of Directors

Dan Nickelson, Chair, Nominating Committee

Announcements

Adjourn

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**11:45 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Lunch and Drawings**

**Entertainment**

**Volunteer Recognitions**

**Guest Speaker: John Hennessy, FRSP Chief Historian**

***"The Wilderness 150<sup>th</sup>: Why It Matters"***

## **Friends of Wilderness Battlefield**

### **2013 Highlights**

#### The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

- A 150<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee was established
- A Retreat was held to develop plans
- Budget Planning includes special project and increased operational expenses

#### The Battlefield:

- Hosted the largest Annual Park Day: 4 battlefields; 310 volunteers; 1168 hours
- Completed the Wilderness Crossing Trail Project
- Cleared several years of deadfall from 11 lunettes on the Federal Line Trail
- Consolidated all Wilderness Battlefield maintenance ops under the BRC

#### The Ellwood Season:

- 46 trained interpreters
- 5,280 visitors and donations of \$4,855.13
- Extended hours included late April opening and mid-June- mid-August
- Sponsored 10 special events
- Hosted a minimum of a dozen special tours

#### Membership:

- Retained existing members and welcomed 46 new members
- Collaborated on the new Heritage Brochure

#### Heritage Program:

- Developed a Heritage Brochure and collaborated with Outreach to distribute

#### Volunteers:

- More than 8,390 hours were contributed by Interpreters, Ground Force, Battlefield Volunteers, Board of Directors, Event participants and other special activities.

#### Preservation:

- The effort to manage the growth along the route 3 corridor in partnership with Orange County officials and business leaders continues in a positive and fruitful manner.
- The Rapidan River Project is a new collaborative initiative intended to enhance the historic and scenic attributes of the Rapidan through improved access
- FoWB along with Wealth Perseveres and the Germanna Foundation hosted the 2nd very successful Orange County Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours"
- 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 National Military Park.

#### Special Note:

FoWB wishes to recognize the contributions of volunteers Hap Connors, Carolyn Elstner, and Det Wilkens, and look forward to the opportunity when once again their talents may be utilized for the greater good of the battlefield.

**Friends of Wilderness Battlefield  
Treasurer's Report  
2013 Annual Meeting  
Data as of September 30, 2013**

**Ellwood Restoration Checking Account**

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Balance per Books 9/30/2012 | \$37,614.99  |
| Balance per Books 9/30/2013 | \$33,296.63  |
| Change                      | (\$4,318.36) |

**FoWB Operating Checking Account**

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Balance per Books 9/30/2012 | \$7,750.62  |
| Balance per Books 9/30/2013 | \$29,717.39 |
| Change                      | \$21,966.77 |

**Ellwood Restoration Money Market Account**

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Balance per Books 9/30/2012 | \$10,343.78 |
| Balance per Books 9/30/2013 | \$10,344.65 |
| Change                      | \$0.87      |

**FoWB Money Market Account**

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Balance per Books 9/30/2012 | \$10,897.95 |
| Balance per Books 9/30/2013 | \$10,898.85 |
| Change                      | \$0.90      |

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Cash Assets as of 9/30/2012 | \$66,607.34 |
| Total Cash Assets as of 9/30/2013 | \$84,257.52 |

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

## **Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, Inc.**

### **Ellwood Committee Annual Report**

Members: Dale Brown, Dorothy Mosso, Bob Epp, Elaine Pratt, Paul Gunther,  
Brian Dendis and Greg Mertz are the NPS liaisons

*Submitted by Robin Nimmo, chair*

Ellwood's 16th season of being open to the public began on April 20 and ended on October 27. Weekend and holiday openings bookended the daily openings from June 7 through August 11. Visitation as of October 31 – despite the two-week- long government shutdown- totaled 5,280. Visitors deposited \$4855.13 in the donation box.

Training for new interpreters (9) and veteran (37) interpreters took place on March 9, 16, 26 and 30 – under the direction of Supervisory Historian Greg Mertz and Ellwood volunteers Carolyn Elstner and Elaine Pratt.

The Ellwood event calendar for 2013:

5/4-5/13-----Anniversary of the Battle of the Wilderness

5/12/13-----Mother's Day Event

5/27/13-----Memorial Day weekend

6/1/13-----Wilderness Crossing Opening and River Bank Choir Performance

7/14/13-----Heritage Program Ceremony

8/27/13-----Lafayette Remembrance

9/29/13----- Taming of the Wilderness

12/21/13----- Christmas at Ellwood

#### Special tours included:

- The National Park Conservation Association's Board of Directors spent a day-long historical excursion of the area on September 21. They were treated to an Ellwood house tour by Vice President and Ellwood interpreter Mark Leach, received a talk by our President, Zann Nelson, and were treated to a guided tour to the cemetery by John Hennessey. The group then enjoyed a lunch on the lawn.
- On September 20 we scheduled a visit from a group of military officers from the War College at Quantico, led by Col. Timothy Barrick. The group was studying U.S. Grant, spent an informative hour touring the house and grounds and then conducted a class discussion on the lawn.
- Also on September 21, FoWB Members, Bob and Dian Epp, brought Dian's book club and were given a house tour by Bob.
- Another tour is planned for Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> for a group of Vietnam Veterans and later in November there is a tour is scheduled for a family visiting the area.

### Guided Bus Tours:

Ellwood is a frequent stop for guided tours of the Battles of Chancellorsville, Wilderness and Spotsylvania Courthouse. Ellwood volunteers have hosted numerous tours by Ed Bearss, Bob Krick, Gary Gallagher, and Scott Walker for f Hallowed Ground Tours, Blue and Gray and the Smithsonian.

### New in 2013:

- Reorganization of the Ground Force, formerly known as the Ellwood GF and has now been moved under the management of the Battlefield Resources Committee. Now known as the FoWB GF, the group expects to continue its excellent management of the Ellwood grounds and expand the opportunities for volunteer service for additional maintenance needs on the surrounding park properties.
- The volunteer annual picnic has been incorporated into the FoWB annual meeting to better showcase our volunteers.

### 2014:

- The committee has initiated plans for attracting more visitors to Ellwood
- Plans will include additional programs at Ellwood
- Hours and days for visitation will be extended
- An aggressive recruitment and retention plan for volunteers will be implemented before the end of 2013

## **FRIENDS OF WILDERNESS BATTLEFIELD**

### **Battlefield Resources Committee Annual Report**

*Submitted by Mark Wakeman, Chair*

#### **2013 Volunteer Members:**

*Carolyn Elstner, Ken Frohnert, Tom Hamilton, Howard Lambert, Mark Leach, Joe Marks, Gary Mauss, Karen O'Brien, John Polis, Travis & Calvin Wakeman, Detlev Wilkins, Mark Woerner, Lee Wolf*

**The purpose of the Battlefield Resources Committee (BRC) is 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 (FSNMP), helping to provide an enhanced experience for visitors to the battlefield.**

FoWB through the BRC accomplished a lot in 2013.

- Two Eagle projects were completed and a third one is being started.
- The largest Park Day cleanup for the FSNMP, in partnership with other local and national preservationist groups was held this year.
- Another positive change that occurred this August was the consolidation of all Wilderness Battlefield maintenance and preservation efforts under the BRC. Instead of having maintenance crews work for multiple committees, all Wilderness Battlefield maintenance will now be coordinated by the BRC. Overall lead will be Mark Wakeman and specific Ellwood ground operations will be headed by Gary Mauss. Currently there is an ad hoc Battlefield Crew and a well-established Ellwood Crew. The goal is to recruit more volunteers to the Battlefield crew that can take on battlefield maintenance requirements on a regular basis outside the immediate Ellwood boundaries.

#### **Wilderness Crossing Trail—Eagle Candidate Connor Roos-BSA Troop 171**

Started in Jan 2012, this project was a high priority for the FoWB and FSNMP partnership to enhance the visitor experience. Before the Eagle part of the project could start, FoWB volunteers removed over 30 cubic yards of garbage near the bridge site. The Eagle project consisted of removing an additional 10 yards of garbage, clearing a trail between Ellwood and the Wilderness Tavern site on Rt. 3, construction and installation of two park benches for use on the trail, and installation of two bollards at each end of the bridge. In addition to the clearing work completed by Connor and BSA 171, a bridge had to be installed across Wilderness Run to connect the two sites. FoWB funded the bridge installation and FSNMP provided the bridge. This project was completed and dedicated with its first tour in May 2013. This project required 180 volunteer hours to complete.

### **Federal Line Trail Lunettes—Eagle Candidate Will Cather-BSA Troop 77**

This project was located approximately ½ mile southwest of the Ellwood house. Adjacent to the Federal Line Trail there are 11 lunettes that over the years had become completely covered with deadfall. The Eagle project consisted of clearing the 11 lunettes, in addition to building, then installing 2 park benches deep in the Wilderness Battlefield on the Gordon Flank Trail. The project started in July and required over 10 hours of chainsaw cutting by FoWB BRC members and then 160 volunteer hours of debris removal by Will and BSA 77.

### **Brooder Barn—Eagle Candidate Ty Rivard-BSA Troop 948**

This project is tied to the Ellwood Brooder Barn restoration. FoWB is funding the project and Ty's Eagle project will include removal of debris from barn, window installation and painting. The goal of this project is for completion before the Wilderness Battle Sesquicentennial in May 2014. Work has been scheduled for 16 November 2013 to start clearing out the debris from the barn.

### **Spring Park Day-6 April 2013— Wilderness, Chancellorsville, Spotsylvania Courthouse and Mine Run Battlefields**

Park Day, a nationally sponsored event by the Civil War Trust and The History Channel was a huge success. This was a FoWB led partnership with Orange County Tourism, Spotsylvania County Tourism, and Central Virginia Battlefield Trust that saw overall 310 volunteer participants that included local businesses and 12 Scout troops accomplish 1167.5 hours of preservation and cleanup work on four local battlefields. Below is short summary of what was accomplished:

#### **Wilderness Battlefield-139 volunteers/550 hours**

- 67 bags of trash removed
- CCC building and Saunders Shelter grounds cleaned and raked
- Saunders Field part of Hill-Ewell cleaned of debris.
- Longstreet wounding site cleaned and groomed.
- 4 large Happle panel sign frames painted
- 7 cubic yards of construction debris, garbage and hazardous waste removed from the Carr Tract
- 4 Scout troops camped vic Wilderness Crossing Tract.

### **Chancellorsville Battlefield-80 volunteers/ 313 hours.**

- 11 Happle panel sign frames painted and sign posts for 6 brown park signs.
- 20 bags of trash removed from pick-up on 1 mile stretch of Rt 3 from Wilderness Resort to Chancellorsville Intersection (to include both sides of road and median);
- "10-Yarded" Bullock Road (.8 mi), Berry-Paxton Drive (.3 mi), Furnace Road (1.2 mi), Stuart Drive (.6 mi), Sickles Drive (.7 mi) = 3.6 miles total
- Cleaned CCC compound (trimmed vines from fence, removed fallen branch from fence, raked leaves from structure).
- Spread one large mulch pile at CVC picnic area.

### **Spotsylvania Court House Battlefield- 48 volunteers/132.5 hours.**

- All park rds were 10-yarded from SCH entrance all the way to Heth's Salient which is about ½ mile from the exit. (~3 miles)
- 3 Happle Panel sign frames painted.
- 4 sign posts painted brown & main gate to entrance road.

### **Mine Run-Paynes Farm Battlefield-43 volunteers/172 hours.**

- Trail cleared of downed trees & debris. Trail re-marked with spray paint.
- Roadsides of Indiantown Rd. and Zoar Roads cleared of trash. (~.7 miles). 30 trash bags picked up.
- 7 pickup loads of trash, junk, debris hauled out of woods to the Orange County Landfill.
- Troop 77 camped on CWT battlefield property and received a personal history lesson on site from Orange Country Historian Frank Walker.

### **Wilderness Battlefield Sign renewal**

Calvin, Travis & Mark Wakeman replaced 6 signs in May along Hill-Ewell and Old Plank Rd that were damaged and needed replacing. During the summer they also replaced signs on the Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville Battlefields in support of the FSNMP.

### **Fall Park Day—16 November, 0900 show at Ellwood**

BSA Troops 171 and 948 have agreed to start cleaning out the Brooder barn and removing debris to the burn pile or the Wilderness CCC building. If enough volunteers show up there will be monument maintenance and trash pickup along the public roads that run through the battlefield. The BRC will also be doing some prep work out at the Germanna Crossing site for the NPS sponsored Mine Run Battlefield Bus Tour on 23 November 2013.

### **Wilderness Sesquicentennial Reenactment Event**

Mark Wakeman has agreed to coordinate volunteers for the 2014 reenactment event for Spotsylvania County.

## **Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, Inc.**

### **Membership Committee Annual Report**

Members: Diane Logan, Bob Epp, Katherine Philipp  
Submitted by Nate Bond, Chair

Currently we have 255 members, including 17 honorary and 5 organizational members. Approximately 150 members live within 35 miles of the Wilderness Battlefield and we have one member living in Canada and one member in the United Kingdom.

We are very grateful for our members especially to those who continue to renew their memberships year after year and provide us needed funds to support our many activities through their dues and donations as well as provide us a dedicated core of local volunteers.

Since the 2012 Annual Membership Meeting, we have acquired 46 new members and we welcome them to FoWB.

The year 2013 has been one of many activities for the Membership Committee. Modifications to the membership applications and renewal forms have been made and coordinated with the Communication Committee allowing easy access to new member application and member renewal on the FoWB web site. The bulk of our notices to our members alerting them to expiring memberships has been done by mail. The personalized and dynamic confirmation and thank you letter for new members and renewing members has been continued.

In late winter, the Membership Committee reviewed and coordinated a new Heritage Program brochure produced by the Communication Committee. As described in the brochure, two important changes to the Wilderness Brigade and Ellwood Legacy programs were made for calendar 2013 and 2014 with a reduction in the fee structure and provision for a one year complimentary FoWB membership for new HP members and a one year extension to existing FOWB members.

Approximately 100 copies of the brochure along with a cover letter were mailed out

Modifications to the certificates were made including a new Ellwood picture for the EL certificate along with the development of templates. Advice to prospective HP members was given and initial application processing was begun.

Recognizing that a special emphasis should be placed on the two HP programs, especially the Wilderness Brigade program in commemoration of the 150th responsibility for the Heritage Programs was moved to a new committee in mid- June.

Next year will continue to be a year of challenges for the Membership Committee. Communication with our members either directly or in conjunction with other committees remains a primary goal. Improvements in our database management and other membership procedures need to be made.

## **Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, Inc.**

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### **Board Enhancement Committee Annual Report**

Members: Dale Brown, Jimmy Lee, Dorothy Mosso, Dan Nickelson, Craig Rains  
*Submitted by Zann Nelson, Acting Chair*

The major activities carried out during 2013 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. Developing governance related policies as directed by the FoWB Board of Directors.
6. 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.
7. Serving as Nominating Committee to fill the open seats on the board.

## **Friends of Wilderness Battlefield, Inc.**

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### **Communications Committee Annual Report**

Members: Dale Brown, Hap Connors, Mark Leach, Bob Sonnenberg  
*Submitted by Zann Nelson, Acting Chair*

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

#### **2013 Activities:**

##### Web Site

- FoWB is now on Facebook
- 'Constant Contact' has been incorporated as our primary electronic outreach tool (started with an estimated 250 contacts and within 6 months we had 500 +)

##### Publications

- Developed a Heritage Brochure
- Developed a FoWB/Events Rack Card

##### Outreach, Press and Promotion

- Aggressively Promoted all FoWB activities: Web, media, Facebook, EBlasts
- Kept the membership apprised of all happenings and upcoming events
- Established a public presence with a "FoWB Info Table" at public events (an estimated 10 events)
- Created a Master Data Base

#### 2014 Activities:

##### Web Site

- Improve the appeal and information with enhanced content, videos, and slide shows
- Build the electronic presence with Social media and Constant Contact

##### Publications

- Increase distribution
- Develop an FoWB Brochure
- Maintain production of all FoWB printed material

##### Outreach

- Increase number of public opportunities for the "FoWB Info Table"
- Expand the Master Data Base

**FoWB BOARD of DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHIES**  
***Continuing Board Members***

**Nate Bond (2015)**

**Committee: Chair: Membership; 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.

**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)**

**Secretary; Committees: Member: Battlefield Resources, Heritage Program**

Howard was born in Culpeper County, VA 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, preservationist and member of FoWB and the Civil War Trust.

He resides in Fairfax County, VA and is a member of Company B, 54<sup>th</sup> Mass Volunteer Infantry. He has participated in numerous living history events, television productions and movie projects to include –*Glory, Andersonville, Somersby, Lincoln* and *Civil War 360*.

Howard is a Contracts Professional with the Department of Defense. He is a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps, the National Contract Management Association.

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

### **Mark Leach (2014)**

**Committees: Chair Elect: Communication, Outreach; Web manager, Ellwood Interpreter and FoWB 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 a member of the FoWB Ground Force. In addition to these duties he is a member of the Communications Committee, chair of the Outreach Program and Web manager.

### **Gary Mauss (2014)**

**Committee: Member: Battlefield Resources; FoWB 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.

**Dorothy Mosso (2015)**

**Secretary; Committees: Member: Communications, Board Enhancement; 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; Rappahannock Valley Civil War Round Table as well as being a thirteen year member of Friends of Wilderness Battlefield and twelve years on the board of directors.

**Dwight L. Mottet (2015)**

**Committee: Finance; 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 Trust, the Central Virginia Battlefields Trust and the LOW Civil War Study Group.

He lives at the Lake of the Woods. Hobbies include: travel, Civil War tours, AARP, church activities, and being a docent. He was married for 37 years to the late Janet F. Mottet.

### **Daniel (Dan) Nickelson (2015)**

**Committees: Chair: 2013 Nominating; Chair Elect: Board Enhancement**

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.

### **Robin Nimmo (2015)**

**Committees: Chair: Heritage Program, Ellwood; Member: FoWB 150<sup>th</sup> Planning**

Robin was born in Michigan in 1956 and an interest in history started at an early age. Robin's travels have taken her to Louisiana, South Carolina, upstate New York, and now to Virginia and have cultivated a passion for study of the various cultures throughout the Eastern and Southern portions of the United States.

The studies have engaged Robin in a variety of volunteer activities in each region. Robin has successfully folded this interest into a life that has included her family responsibilities as well as employment in the financial industry and management positions in retail and real estate.

In 2006, Robin moved with her husband John to Fredericksburg, Virginia feeling very fortunate to be living in an area so steeped in history. Robin and John have 4 adult children and 2 grandchildren living in New York and South Carolina.

A love of history and the Civil War in particular, led Robin to involvement in organizations that are related to those interests. She has served as a docent at Kenmore and volunteered at the Rappahannock Heritage Center, in Fredericksburg, VA. Currently she is a licensed tour guide for the city of Fredericksburg and also gives ghost tours for "Mark Nesbitt's Ghosts of Fredericksburg."

Her interests include archeology, interior design, and painting and she is an avid reader.

Robin has been a member of FoWB since 2006. She was elected to the Board of Directors in 2009, stepped away in mid- 2011 and was re-elected in 2013.

She has served as an interpreter at Ellwood, facilitator of the Speakers' Bureau and a former chair of the Membership Committee. Currently Robin serves as the chair of the Heritage Program and Ellwood committees and is a member of the FoWB 150<sup>th</sup> Planning Committee.

**Jeff Slunt (2015)**

**Treasurer; Committee Member: Finance Committee**

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 and Madeline.

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 (2015)**

**Chair, Battlefield Resources Committee**

Mark was born in Topeka, Kansas. His father was career Air Force during Mark's formative years. During that time he lived in multiple locations around the world. After college and 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. Virginia is now home. He is currently on the faculty at Quantico as a Marine Corps College of Continuing Education Course Director.

He is married to Darcey and has two sons Travis (21) and Calvin (18). Mark and Travis were Ellwood interpreters in 2008 & 2009. Mark was also the Ellwood volunteer interpreter scheduler. After Travis left for college in 2010 Mark and Calvin focused on battlefield maintenance and preservation. Calvin worked on numerous projects on all the FSNMP battlefields until this fall when he left for college. Mark has helped coordinate 4 Eagle preservation and enhancement projects on the Wilderness Battlefield and is currently working with another Eagle candidate on the Brooder Barn Project at Ellwood.

## **Nominations for Board of Directors**

### **Alpha Order**

\*Denotes incumbent member nominated for reelection to the Board

#### **\*Diane Logan (Two Year Term 2015)**

##### **Committee Member: Membership; Ellwood Interpreter**

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, including National Trust certification in board development and organization and economic development under the auspices of historic preservation.

She currently serves as President of the Friends of Cedar Mountain Battlefield, chair of the Culpeper County sesquicentennial Commission and is an interpreter at Montpelier. She is a volunteer interpreter for Ellwood,

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.

#### **Robert (Bob) L. Lookabill (Three Year Term 2016)**

Bob was born in West Virginia. He holds a Masters Degree in history from Marshall University and in Strategic Studies from the Naval War College at Newport. After teaching history and coaching baseball and football at the high school level for ten years Bob took a position with the Defense Intelligence Agency. After his retirement from DIA, he has worked for several defense contractors, both overseas and in the States. He currently holds a position with the Booz Allen Hamilton Company supporting the Department of Defense in Charlottesville. He is also a retired Navy Reserve Captain.

He has been an interpreter at Ellwood for three years and currently serves a lead interpreter and closer. He is a member of the Fredericksburg Civil War Roundtable and dabbles in genealogy.

Bob and Judy reside in Spotsylvania near the Chancellorsville Battlefield. They have two grown sons and three grandsons. He is secretary of the North American Torquay Pottery Society, enjoys travel, golf, the Redskins and Nationals.

**\*Zann Nelson (Three Year Term 2016)**

**President; Director of Fund Development; Acting Chair: Communications and Board Enhancement; Committee Member: Finance, Heritage Program; Principal: Wilderness Coalition and Wilderness Gateway Study; Orange County Appointee: OC Tourism Advisory Commission, OC Sesquicentennial Committee**

Born in Texas, Zann moved with her family to Virginia in 1952 and continues to live on the family farm Culpeper. Prior to the 12 plus years as the Executive Director of the Museum of Culpeper History, she was owner/operator of an equine training facility, published a statewide periodical about the Thoroughbred industry, and was the principal of a company that managed political campaigns. Her professional experience has equipped her with skills in marketing, fundraising, event planning, writing and research.

Certified by the Supreme Court of Virginia as a professional mediator additionally she is trained in museum management and organizational development and holds a graduate certificate in Nonprofit Management from Georgetown University.

A freelance historical investigative journalist, Zann writes a weekly column and is editor of the Civil War Page Project for the Culpeper Star Exponent.

In 2012, Zann co-founded the African American Heritage Alliance and earlier this year, produced the musical tribute, "*Faith, Fortitude and the Quest for Freedom*" performed by the River Bank Choir.

In the fall of 2012, she was contracted as the casting coordinator and the "fixer" for a Smithsonian documentary entitled "*The Fight for Freedom*" which airs Nov. 10 at 8 PM.

Zann has been a volunteer with FoWB, primarily as the Fund Development Director for the Ellwood Restoration Project since 2003 and began serving on the Board of Directors in 2005. She was elected to her first term as President in 2009.

**George J. Smith (Three Year Term 2016)**

George was born in El Paso, Texas to a career Army father resulting in living in multiple locations in Europe and Texas. Upon graduation from the University of Texas at El Paso with a degree in Business Administration, George was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army. He served over 30 years in a combination of active and reserve component assignments.

George has a Masters in Human Resources from Webster University and is a Senior Logistics Analyst for the Defense Logistics Agency.

Multiple deployments, notwithstanding, George helped raise his two adult children, Edward and Tiffany and served in various adult leadership positions in the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and District Round Table.

He has served as an Ellwood interpreter for the past two years and lead interpreter for one year along with participation in National Park Day for the past two years.

George has been an avid American history buff since childhood with an emphasis in military history. Throughout his various worldwide and stateside assignments, George has always availed himself to study the local culture and history.

Being from Texas, George's favorite link into the Civil War is Hood's Texas Brigade. He is proud of the brigade's performance as part of the Army of Northern Virginia and Gen. Longstreet's First Corps. George especially enjoys sharing the critical role that the Texas Brigade played on May 6, 1864 in stopping the Union advance.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONTACTS and SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Volunteer Service and Unique Opportunities: [www.fowb.org](http://www.fowb.org)**

Contact Mark Wakeman, [mark.wakeman@comcast.net](mailto:mark.wakeman@comcast.net), Ch., Battlefield Resources Committee:

- FoWB Ground Force
- Special Projects on the battlefield
- Regular Trash pickup duty
- Annual Park Day

Contact Robin Nimmo, [robinnimmo@comcast.net](mailto:robinnimmo@comcast.net)

- Ellwood Interpreter
- Heritage Program

### **Upcoming Events/Activities: 2013**

- Saturday, November 16: Mine Run Symposium and tour of Payne's Farm...
- Saturday, November 23: Mine Run Guided Bus Tour (NPS: Greg Mertz)
- Saturday, December 14: FoWB Board of Director's meeting, Wilderness Library, 9am
- Saturday, December 21: Christmas at Ellwood, 9am-2 pm

### **2014**

- January: Orientation for new board members
- February 8 (Tentative): FoWB Board of Directors meeting, Wilderness Library, 9am
- February 14: Celebration of the anniversary of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park
- March TBD: Interpreter Training
- March TBD: Walking Tour
- April 6: CWT Annual Park Day
- April 11: (Tentative) Ellwood Manor opens for the 2014 Season
- April 11/12 or 18/19: Two-Day 1864 Winter Encampment Tour with Clark Hall
- April 12: (Tentative): FoWB Board of Directors meeting, Wilderness Library, 9am
- April 30- May 31: Commemorating the 1864 Overland Campaign
- May 2-3: Gordon Rhea Two-Day Bus Tour of the Battle of the Wilderness
- June (TBD): Annual Auction for Preservation