

# Taking the Lead in Preserving Virginia's Battlefields

Conference Hotel  
Four Points by Sheraton  
10800 Vandor Lane, Manassas

**April 17 & 18, 2011**

## AGENDA

### SUNDAY April 17, 2011

Conferees and keynote speakers arrive in Prince William County

2:00 p.m.

**Registration begins**

3:30-5:30 p.m.

**Combined Battlefield Tour of First Manassas and Second Manassas, Manassas National Battlefield Park (MNBP)**

Tour will highlight the historic landscape setting and major troop movements of the Battle of First Manassas (July 21, 1861) and the Battle of Second Manassas (August 29 and 30, 1862). MNBP staff will conduct the tour.

6:30-8:30 pm

**Sesquicentennial Reception & Dinner**

Old Manassas Courthouse

Site of the 1911 Peace Jubilee

9248 Lee Avenue (corner of Lee and Grant), Manassas

**Mitch Bowman**, Executive Director, Virginia Civil War Trails, Inc.

Mitch Bowman will discuss the economic benefits of tourism and tourism's link to battlefield preservation.

**"Now is the Time to Preserve Virginia's Civil War Battlefields"**

**The Hon. William J. Howell**, Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates and Chairman, Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission.

(Sponsored by the Prince William County 150<sup>th</sup> Committee, Prince William County/Manassas Convention and Visitors Bureau and Northern Virginia Chapter of Preservation Virginia)

MONDAY April 18, 2011

8:00 a.m. **Conference Registration Continues at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel**

9:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m. **Introduction to Conference & Welcome**

**Kathleen Kilpatrick**, Director, Virginia Department of Historic Resources

**Corey A. Stewart**, Chairman, Prince William Board of County Supervisors

**Ed Clark**, Superintendent, Manassas National Battlefield Park

**The Hon. Frank Wolf**, U.S. Representative (Va-10<sup>th</sup>)

9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

**“The Commonwealth’s Stake in Battlefield Preservation”**

**Douglas W. Domenech**, Secretary of Natural Resources, Commonwealth of Virginia

9:45-11:45 am

**Tools and Resources for Battlefield Preservation in Virginia**

This session introduces a wide range of federal, state and local tools and resources for battlefield preservation in Virginia. These include the 2009 Civil War Sites Advisory Commission’s Report on Virginia’s Civil War Battlefields, American Battlefield Protection Program grants, federal land acquisition funds, state battlefield easements and grants, tax incentives for land conservation, and purchase of development rights. The session will also examine the role that battlefield trusts and friends groups play in working with local governments and others to conserve battlefield land.

**Moderator: Kathleen Kilpatrick**, Director, Virginia Department of Historic Resources

**Tanya Gossett**, Preservation Planner, National Park Service

**Elizabeth Tune**, Preservation Incentives Manager, Virginia Department of Historic Resources

**Sarah Richardson**, Land Conservation Coordinator, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

**Jim Campi**, Director of Communications, Civil War Preservation Trust

**Erik Nelson**, President, Central Virginia Battlefields Trust

12:00-1:00

**Buffet Lunch with Speakers**

**Battlefield Preservation in the Shenandoah Valley**

Senior staff of the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation will explain how the Foundation, local governments, not-for profit groups and property owners are using available federal, state and local tools and resources and working in partnership to advance the preservation of ten nationally significant battlefields in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia to the economic, environmental and educational benefit of the region and our Commonwealth.

**Moderator: Scott Harris**, Director, New Market Battlefield State Historical Park

**John Hutchinson**, AICP, Director of Conservation, Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation

**Elizabeth Paradis Stern**, Director of Public Affairs, Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation

1:00-2:00 p.m.

**Local Governments in the Lead**

This session explores how local governments are playing a leadership role in incorporating battlefields in local comprehensive planning and land use decisions and using battlefield preservation as a strategy to assist a wide range of needs in urbanizing and rural communities.

**Moderator: John E. Lassiter**, AICP, Senior Planner, Prince William County

**Henry “Hap” Connors**, Supervisor, Chancellorsville District, Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors

**Kimberly Abe**, Senior Planner, Fauquier County

**Kris Tierney**, Assistant County Administrator, Frederick County

**Brendon C. Hanafin**, Chief, Historic Preservation Division, Prince William County

2:00-3:00 p.m.

**Advocating for Battlefield Preservation**

This session probes the decisive partnership role that not-for-profits and battlefield friends groups play in advocating for battlefield preservation at the local level, building local support and conserving battlefield land.

**Moderator: Louis Malon**, Director of Preservation Services, Preservation Virginia

**Larry Duncan**, Founding Director, Kernstown Battlefield Association, Winchester/Frederick County

**Paul Hodge**, Founder, Unison Preservation Society, Loudoun County

**Ben Brockenbrough**, Properties Committee Chairman and Board Member, Richmond Battlefields Association

3:00-4:00 p.m.

**Working with Property Owners**

Working cooperatively with property owners and understanding their dollar and stewardship interests are essential ingredients for success in conserving battlefield land. This session examines the interests of property owners in battlefield conservation from the perspective of a property owner, a land conservationist, and a local planning commissioner.

**Moderator: John S. Salmon**, Historian/Author, *The Official Virginia Civil War Battlefield Guide*

**Brian Mannix**, Easement donor and member of the Buckland Preservation Society

**Heather Richards**, Land Conservation Director, Piedmont  
Environmental Council

**Joe O'Connor**, Hanover County Planning Commission, Cold Harbor  
District

4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Battlefield Preservation and Development**

How can developers, local governments, and battlefield preservation advocates work effectively together? How can the interests of development and battlefield preservation be harmonized? Panelists share case studies and insights, followed by questions from the audience.

**Moderator: Henry "Hap" Connors**, Supervisor, Chancellorsville  
District, Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors

**Jim Campi**, Director of Communications, Civil War Preservation Trust

**Ed Clark**, Superintendent, Manassas National Battlefield Park

**Bill Sherman**, Land Development Strategist, Tricord Inc.

5:15 p.m.

**Summary/What do I do when I get home?**

5:30 p.m.

**Adjourn**