



## A Call for Leadership

Because of you, the BGES has begun to craft a substantial and tangible legacy for future generations. *The gift is education.*

You can be proud of our work at North Anna, McDowell, Port Republic, Crampton's Gap, Cedar Creek, Perryville, Bermuda Hundred, Ford's Theater, Raymond, Ft. Clinch, Petersburg, Sailor's Creek, South Mount and Holly Springs. Your renewed support is needed more than ever.

This year we hope to grow our membership and need some help from you. If you know of someone who may be interested in what we do, please include their names with your renewal.

Our **Quarter Guard Program** makes it easier to increase your support for important projects like interpretation and/or to assist us in achieving our financial independence. It is a simple way to use your credit card to automatically donate monthly or as you decide. Let us know if you are interested.

We are committed to strengthening our national organization on a solid financial basis. It is the surest vehicle to enable you to achieve your legacy. Years from now your great grand children will be able to see the fruits of your generosity on battlefields across the nation. Please renew today!



## BGES Membership Renewal Commitment

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## ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

### Our Mission

The Blue and Gray Education Society is dedicated to assisting members in pursuing their intellectual interests and achieving their legacy by revealing our past for our future through the study and understanding of the War Between the States, by interpreting and preserving its battlefields, conducting high quality seminars, promoting and publishing scholarly research and by facilitating worthy educational endeavors.

**FOUNDED IN 1994**

We are a nonprofit,  
tax exempt 501 (c) (3) organization.

## Membership in the BGES Leadership Corps

Commissions in the various categories of the BGES Leadership Corps allow us to tell the stories of many sacred fields. Battlefield interpretation is the primary mission of the BGES, requiring a significant expenditure of funds to perform research, develop the most effective presentation, secure cooperative agreements with affected agencies and produce/erect appropriate markers, signs, and maps.

It is one thing to simply see a battlefield and quite another to be expertly guided by meaningful and permanent visual aids that tell the story of the battle, units, leaders, and individuals. BGES does that with state of the art graphics. All of our signs are mounted on vandal resistant heavy duty metal post and frames.

*A commission in the BGES Leadership Corps is accompanied by all the privileges of membership as a veteran volunteer, but, more importantly, through your annual Leadership gift, you gain the satisfaction of knowing you are helping BGES tell a story which must never be forgotten. Over 75% of our current year donors are in the BGES Leadership Corps!*

<b>Leadership Corps Levels</b>	<b>Total Annual Amount</b>
Company Commander	\$100 to \$175
Regimental Commander	\$176 to \$350
Brigade Commander	\$351 to \$600
Division Commander	\$601 to \$1,200
Corps Commander	\$1,201 to \$3,000
Army Commander	\$3,001 to \$10,000
Presidential Cabinet	\$10,001 and over

## Membership in the Veteran Volunteer Regiment

The heart of either army was the Volunteer. Once initial terms of service expired concerted efforts were made to reenlist volunteers for the duration of the war. Units with high reenlistment rates were honored with designation as a "Veteran Volunteer Regiment." The heart of the BGES will continue to be the annual donor. Your tax deductible donation of \$75-\$99 makes you a *Veteran Volunteer* and provides the essential funds needed to pay the costs of our daily core operations. This is our Annual Fund appeal.

All BGES members have the satisfaction of supporting the various elements of our mission as well as the following perquisites: Discounts on seminar registrations—Tax deductibility of membership fees – a newsletter twice a year – Access to the World's leading scholars – Opportunities for autographed first editions of new books. A broad range of studies in all periods of American and world history.

Donations are tax deductible.

### Reenlistment Contract

Please mail to: BGES, Mustering Officer  
P.O. Box 1176 • Chatham, VA 24531

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Last year I donated a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You can also renew online at  
[www.blueandgrayeducation.org](http://www.blueandgrayeducation.org)

This year in support of the mission of the Blue and Gray Education Society, I am pleased to enclose my fee for membership as a **Veteran Volunteer – \$75**

or

I appreciate the work you do and want to do more to further enhance the greater mission of battlefield interpretation by the BGES. Please upgrade my membership to the **Leadership Corps**. My total tax deductible contribution will be \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

or

I'd like to sign up for the Quarter Guard. Please call me at \_\_\_\_\_.

My employer offers matching grants. Enclosed are appropriate forms.

I have enclosed a check to BGES or

Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my

- VISA    MasterCard  
 American Express    Discover

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ CSC: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_