



Sound the Charge!

Because of you, the BGES has created a substantial and tangible legacy for future generations. *The gift of education and historical literacy.*

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 and Holly Springs. Your renewed support is needed more than ever.

Your annual giving gift is designed to cover basic operations. Each project we undertake has its own funding trail.

Our **Quarter Guard Program** makes it easier to increase your support. 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.

Over 75% of BGES' members are in The Leadership Corps. Your continued membership and increasing generosity is the "Bedrock" of the organization. Consider becoming a "Commander" in your chosen giving group. It earmarks you as the leader you are. Thank you.



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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 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.
 Donations are tax deductible.

Your Role in the BGES Leadership Corps

Commissions in the various categories of the **BGES Leadership Corps** allow you to help us 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!

Leadership Corps Levels	Total Annual Amount
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 prerequisites: Discounts on seminar registrations-Tax deductibility of membership fees — a newsletter twice a year — Access to the World's leading scholars — A broad range of studies in all periods of American and world history.

Leadership Corps Commission

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

Name: _____

Member #: _____

Last year I donated a total of \$ _____

You can also renew online at www.blueandgrayeducation.org.

I appreciate the work you do and want to do more to further enhance the greater mission of battlefield interpretation by the BGES, please commission me within the **Leadership Corps** at the _____ level. My total tax deductible contribution will be \$ _____.

I support the mission of the **Blue and Gray Education Society**, however this year I must reduce my support. Enroll me at the appropriate level, I've enclosed \$ _____.

or

I'd like to sign up for regular donations through 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: _____