



July 2019



"Into the Arms of Angels" by BGES member Jeff Fioravanti



HQ Communiqué

Welcome to our July newsletter. With this missive we have now moved the release date to the start of the month. Kudos to Barbara, who is doing a great job in bringing order to this new communications tool. We are continuing to evolve, with Gloria moving from her job at membership into the BGES Historian's role. She is responsible for our posts to Facebook and is working with Fort Branch on the interpretation of that site. She also publishes six member-only History Grams, *In Camp Along the Monocacy*. The next is due out in a few weeks. Gloria has

been replaced by Pam Riedel here in Chatham. Yes, Dr. Pam retired from Averett and will work eight hours a week, expanding our membership stewardship. She starts July 2nd.

So you will see a lot of new stuff in coming months. As America's only National Civil War Educational organization, we have a lot of obligations.

—Len Riedel, Executive Director



July Happenings: The Summer Campaign

Welcome to the July issue of *Holding the Line*! In this issue you'll read about an upcoming tour at Monocacy that sheds light on a little known but very important aspect of the Civil War;

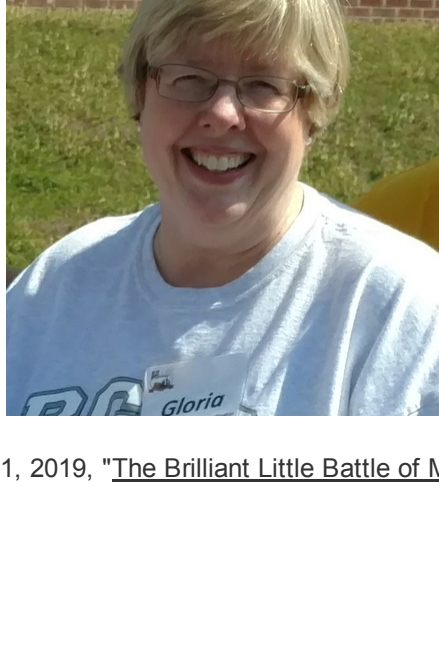
BGES' continued work to restore interpretive signs at a nearly forgotten Civil War site near Hamilton, North Carolina; and the exciting recovery of two artifacts for the Lincoln's Conspirators' Courtroom at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. We also catch up with Thomas Clemens, who has been instrumental in his work to preserve Antietam.



Two New Historic Artifacts Discovered by BGES Members

BGES has been deeply involved in helping restore the Lincoln Conspirators' Courtroom at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C., to its 1865 appearance. And now, two new items of historical relevance have been discovered. BGES member Paul Severance shares this fun detective story.

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BGES Field University: A chat with historian Gloria Swift about the brilliant little Battle of Monocacy

On a single day along the banks of the Monocacy River near Frederick, Maryland, Union Maj. Gen. Lew Wallace met Confederate Lt. Gen. Jubal A. Early in a day-long battle that became known as the battle that saved Washington, D.C., from attack. BGES Historian Gloria Swift shares some thoughts in advance of her upcoming tour on July

21, 2019, "[The Brilliant Little Battle of Monocacy](#)."

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Project Intel: Fort Branch

BGES is committed to helping interpret Fort Branch historic site, including installing new interpretive markers. Get the latest update here from project manager Doug Cumins.

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A First-hand Account of BGES' Custer Last Stand Tour

BGES member Jo Roberts recently joined Neil Mangum and a group of history enthusiasts on BGES tour "Death in Montana: The Last Stand of George

Custer." Read what she has to say about the tour. And remember ... we want to hear your stories too! If you have a favorite memory, a review of the experience, a personal essay about some aspect of the tour that really struck you, or simply some beautiful images that tell a story, we would love to consider featuring you on the BGES Blog! Please contact BGES Blog editor Barbara Noe Kennedy at barbaranoekennedy@gmail.com.

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BGES Members Making a Difference



Thomas Clemens has been tirelessly working for decades to help preserve the Antietam Battlefield. Here he shares some thoughts about the challenges and triumphs of this important, modern-day battle.

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Publications, Upcoming Tours, & News

Publications

BGES Authors: Civil War historian, author, and BGES member D. Scott Hartwig wrote the magnificent [To Antietam Creek: The Maryland Campaign of 1862](#). We will see the product of his thinking when he joins Tom Clemens to help interpret the third part of our Maryland series later this year, "[The Maryland Campaign Part 3, The Battle of Antietam](#)." The program is proving popular with two vans filled ... don't risk being on the waiting list. We are only planning on three vans at this time.

In Camp Along the Monocacy: Our members' newsletter, edited by Gloria Swift, is published every several months and distributed to all members. It contains detailed stories and information. Download prior issues in PDF format from [our website here](#).

Upcoming Tours

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July 10-13, 2019: [An Uncivil War: St. Louis and Southeastern Missouri 1858-1865](#)

July 21, 2019: [The Brilliant Little Battle of Monocacy](#)

July 24-27, 2019: [A Test of Loyalties: East Tennessee Raids, Railroads, and Rebellion 1861-1863](#)

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BGES Recruiting Station

Membership

As a member of BGES, you will be part of a community devoted to saving our Civil War. You will receive our e-newsletter, updated info on upcoming tours, and access to some of our greatest historians. [Join here](#).

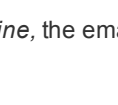
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