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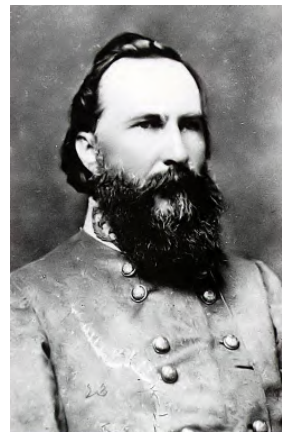
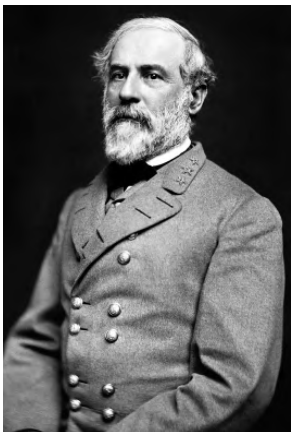
Carroll County Irregulars Return to Second Manassas

Last April, twenty members of the Carroll County Irregulars, a group of Civil War enthusiasts from Carrollton, made their annual trip to a major battlefield to relive the history of the area by studying the armies and the tactics of their generals. This year they were joined by John Hennessy, Chief Historian of Fredricksburg and author of ***“Return to Bull Run: The Campaign and Battle of Second Manassas”***. At next Tuesday’s general meeting of the Historical Society, Dr. Jack Crews, Dr. Peter Worthy, and Robert Carter will report on this trip.

Second Manassas demonstrated the impact of the expanding war in terms of the size of the armies that fought there and in the numbers of casualties resulting from the battle. The campaign showed the effects of a widening Union war effort, resulting in increasing impacts upon civilians. The campaign also marked the rise of Robert E. Lee as a battlefield commander: his success at Second Manassas opened the opportunity to the Confederate army to carry the war into the North.

On the Confederate side, Gen. Robert E. Lee’s [Army of Northern Virginia](#) was organized into two "wings" totaling about 55,000 men. The "right wing" was commanded by Maj. Gen. James Longstreet, the left by Maj. Gen. Stonewall Jackson. The Cavalry Division under Maj. Gen. J.E.B. Stuart was attached to Jackson’s wing.

The Union [Army of Virginia](#) was divided into three corps of 51,000 men, under Maj. Gen. Franz Sigel ([I Corps](#)); Maj. Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks ([II Corps](#)); and Maj. Gen. Irvin McDowell, who had led the losing Union army at First Bull Run ([III Corps](#)). Parts of three corps ([III](#), [V](#), and [VI](#)) of McClellan’s [Army of the Potomac](#) and Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside’s [IX Corps](#) (commanded by Maj. Gen. Jesse L. Reno), eventually joined Pope for combat operations, raising his strength to 77,000.



Tuesday, November 17th, at

6:30 PM

The Carrollton Depot

Light refreshments will be served.

The public is cordially invited.