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Art Strawbridge
President
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Dear Mr. Strawbridge:

In the spring of 2008, it was my privilege as president of the Civil War Trust to present the Brandywine Valley Civil War Round Table (BVCWRT) with the Trust's Civil War Round Table of the Year Award. Now, nearly a decade later, it is my privilege to commend you and all the members of the BVCWRT on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of your founding.

As an organization committed to the preservation of America's hallowed battle-grounds, the Civil War Trust has long maintained a laser-like focus on saving the sacred soil upon which our nation was forged by the sacrifices of those who have fought and fallen in its service. Your help with this charge continues to be greatly appreciated. The Trust has always acknowledged, however, that preservation is only one half of the equation; the other is education.

This, of course, is where BVCWRT's contributions — together with the contributions of so many round tables across the country — have been truly invaluable. By providing a forum wherein the people of the Brandywine Valley have been able to come together to "broaden individual knowledge" of the "causes and effects, engagements, personages, units, armaments and other things pertaining" to the Civil War, the BVCWRT has gone above and beyond in helping to cultivate an engaged citizenry and inspire a deep and abiding appreciation for our American heritage.

Congratulations upon the successful conclusion of three impressive decades — and what we hope will only be the beginning of BVCWRT's story, with many more decades still to come and many more chapters yet to be written. Yours is a purpose, and a legacy, of which to be proud. Thank you from the Trust and from all of us who share your love of history.

Sincerely,

Jim Lighthizer, President