

# Peaceful Living In the Middle Of a Battlefield

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Zouave Hills in Prince William County is nestled in the midst of the Manassas National Battlefield Park, a small residential community surrounded by more than 5,000 acres of federal land. With monuments to the heroic dead of two major Civil War battles and plenty of wildlife for company, residents seem to like their oasis setting.

Longtime residents Harry and Jennie Fulwiler are among the few people who can legitimately say they live not only on a major, historic battlefield but upon a key military site as well. Their home, and those of about two dozen others, are built along the line where Confederate Gen. James Longstreet and his men made their stand in the Second Battle of Manassas, slaughtering most of the members of a Zouave unit from New York that was holding a nearby ridge.

The Fulwilers' street is called General Longstreet Line but the 30-year-old community, in a salute to the Yankee side of the battle, is called Zouave Hills.

"We are right on the battlefield," said Harry Fulwiler, who retired from the mortgage business this year. "We still find mushroomed bullets. There are lots of the fired bullets. Most places, you only find dropped bullets."

Manassas Battlefield's superintendent, Robert Sutton, confirms the location of Longstreet's battle line within the Zouave Hills community as "absolutely true."

"Longstreet had 28,000 men," he said. "They encountered the Fifth New York and the 10th New York, called the Zouaves. There were only 500 of them. Very few survived. There were 123 men killed in the Fifth New York out of 240 in the entire regiment. It was the greatest loss of life in any individual infantry regiment in any battle of the Civil War."

The Zouaves wore colorful uniforms that were copied from the much-admired French



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Harry and Jennie Fulwiler, above, in front of their Zouave Hills home, which was built along the line where Confederate Gen. James Longstreet and his men made their stand in the Second Battle of Manassas. Harry Fulwiler's collection of Civil War relics, at right, includes a Union cavalry spur and Union and Confederate bayonets and artillery shells. "Most of what I've found has been Union. The Confederates didn't have as much stuff and they used a lot of captured Union equipment," he said. Fulwiler, a collector for many years, said he found relics from the Manassas battle on his property.

Army Zouaves—tribesmen from Algeria who fought in the 1859 Franco-Austrian Wars. The Americans wore a variation of the original, elaborate uniform that included white stockings, baggy red pants, blue jackets and a blue tasseled red fez. American Zouave units were originally organized as drill teams but later, after the Civil War

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