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Next Meeting

JUNE 4, 4:00 PM at Philippi during reenactment. Near the picnic area.

IMPORTANT INTELLIGENCE

Minutes from March Meeting New Leadership Confirmed!!!

New leadership was selected at the March WVRA meeting. Andrew Valentine and Tim Cox stepped and were nominated for the vacant offices in the WVRA. They were unopposed, as was the entire slate of officers, and were officially elected at the meeting.

In addition, the Secretary/Treasurer position was unraveled and returned to its original designation as two separate offices. Jim Barnes stepped up and accepted the nomination as Secretary, to which Tim Cox, the Treasurer nominee readily agreed. Mr. Cox was after all, losing some responsibility.

Unit Representatives were finalized at the meeting also. Military or field officers were not addressed other than to say those offices are up to the individual units.

WVRA Meeting

March 13, 2022

Panera Bread Clarksburg

Eleven members were present. President Jim Barnes called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM.

Regarding the minutes from the last meeting, Dave J. moved to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter. Seconded by Chuck C. Motion passed.

Jack R. read the latest Treasurer's report. There were no questions or corrections. Motion made by Chuck C. to accept, seconded by Dave J. and the report was approved.

Chuck reported that he had not received any write-ins for officers by mail. There were no contested nominations by the members present. A motion was made to split the secretary/treasurer office back to two positions. Jim B. made the motion and Andrew V. seconded and the motion passed. Jim B. volunteered to be Secretary.

Chuck C. moved that Jim B. be nominated as Secretary. Linda B. seconded. Motion passed. Chuck moved that the nominations be closed. Seconded by Jim A. Motion passed. Andrew V. made the motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Seconded by Dave Judy. Motion passed. The nominated candidates were elected unanimously.

The officers for the coming year:

President: Andrew Valentine

Vice President: Ken Connell

Secretary: Jim Barnes

Treasurer: Timothy Cox

Newsletter: Chuck Critchfield

Webmaster: Peter Baxter said he would do it for one more year (until 2023)

25th Va Rep: Bill Brisendine

1st WVa Rep: Chuck Critchfield

Artillery Rep: Dave Judy

TASAS: Phyllis Baxter

Newly elected President Andrew Valentine took over running the meeting.

Rick Byrd said that he had recruited four members for the Calvary. We have not seen any applications for membership.

Motion made by Jim B. for the WVRA to sponsor the Beverly Heritage event. Jim A. seconded. Passed.

A discussion was held about the Liability Insurance. It was asked if anyone had an example of the insurance being used. The Artillery folks knew of several instances. They related what they knew about them. It seems the insurance is secondary to any other insurance. The current policy will expire April 23. It will be renewed when the paperwork is received.

Dave J. went over the Artillery schedule changes. See the events in the newsletter.

Prickets Fort is having a Primitive Trade Fair (pre 1820) September 9-11. They are looking for attendees.

Dave J. made motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim A. seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:40.

The next meeting will be June 4, 4:00, at the Philippi Reenactment near the Picnic Area parking lot.

Respectively submitted,

J. Rush

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Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE that all of the events in 2022 are dependent on the status of the pandemic. Please ensure that the event is not cancelled before attending.

Important note about the official calendar below. After some discussion at a recent meeting, it is the opinion of the group that liability insurance covers only events sanctioned by the WVRA. It is our opinion that to be sanctioned the event should at the minimum be listed on this calendar. Addendum, January 2022. I discussed this issue with the insurance expert of the USV and he agrees that this is a gray area. There is some question whether the liability insurance would cover WVRA members only at sanctioned WVRA events or all events. He further agreed that publishing events in the newsletter may help to make them "official."

I would suggest contacting Roger House if you have questions about the Daniel Lady Farm events.
(csacannon@aol.com)

Sponsored
Beverly/Rich Mountain, July

Sanctioned (per by laws)
None at this time

Other Events recommended by WVRA members

2022

Civil War Symposium, Beverly IOOF Hall,
Beverly, W. Va. – April 2,
beverlyheritagecenter.org

Artillery School, Jackson's Mill, Weston, W.
Va - April 8-10, **CANCELED**

Fort Mulligan living history, (Petersburg,
W. Va.), April 16 ranger749@yahoo.com

Battle of Buchanan, Va April 29-May 1.

NOTE THE NEW DATE For Buchanan!

160th Battle of Shiloh, April 23-24, Daniel
Lady Farm in Gettysburg [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://www.danielladyfarm.com)

Wild West Show, May 7-8, Daniel Lady Farm,
Gettysburg [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://www.danielladyfarm.com)

160th Seven Days Campaign, May 20-22,
Old Town, Maryland

Old Bedford Village (Bedford, PA)

June 11-12

American Military Field Days Timeline,
June 11-12, Daniel Lady Farm, Gettysburg,
[EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://www.danielladyfarm.com)

Canaan Valley State Park, June 17-19,
contact Rick Byrd firstwvcav@frontiernet.net
Civil War Antique and Relic show June 24-
26, Gettysburg, [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://www.danielladyfarm.com)
Philippi – June 3-5, Philippi, W. Va.

159th Gettysburg, July 2-3, Daniel Lady
Farm in Gettysburg. [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://www.danielladyfarm.com)

**Wild West Show, August 6-7, Daniel
Lady Farm, Gettysburg** [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://www.danielladyfarm.com)

Battle of Dry Creek – White Sulfur Springs,
West Virginia, August 19-21

Fort Mulligan, August 19-21, Petersburg, W.
Va. ranger749@yahoo.com

160th Antietam / Sharpsburg, September
17-18, Daniel Lady Farm in Gettysburg. [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://www.danielladyfarm.com)

Hardy County Living History, (Moorefield,
WV) Sept. 24

Apple Harvest Festival, Oct. 1-2,
Burlington, W. Va. ranger749@yahoo.com

Droop Mountain, Oct. 7-9

Cedar Creek, Strasburg, Va., Oct. 14-16
Fall Harvest Days at the Farm, Oct. 15 &
22, Daniel Lady Farm Gettysburg, [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://www.danielladyfarm.com)

World War II event (theme to be
announced), Oct 29-30, Daniel Lady Farm in
Gettysburg. [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://www.danielladyfarm.com)

Halloween Cowboy History Show, Oct.
29-30, Daniel Lady Farm, Gettysburg, [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://www.danielladyfarm.com)

**Remembrance Weekend Military Yard Sale
and Swap Meet**, Nov. 18-19, Daniel Lady Farm,
Gettysburg, [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://www.danielladyfarm.com)

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Events recommended by friends of WVRA Civil War

Battle of Saltville – Saltville, Virginia, August 19-21 tentative date

Jeb Stuart Event - Ararant, Virginia, Sept. 30 – Oct. 2

Treasurer's Report

March 1-31, 2022

Beginning balance	\$2,721.53
Credits	\$ 30.00
Debits	\$ 100.00
Ending Balance	\$2,651.53

Submitted by Tim Cox, Treasurer, WVRA

Upcoming Events

For the complete list, see above. The following is any additional information submitted to the editor for the events listed above.

BEVERLY!!!!

Please note that the date of Beverly is July 23. It was listed incorrectly in the last edition of the Trans-Allegheny Dispatch. Watch this space for more details. Remember we have voted to sponsor this event.

Featuring:

- History Mystery participation scenario focusing on occupied Beverly
- Living History Timeline from 1750 – 1970 military and civilian
- Demonstrations, displays, and activities

Food – free meal for reenactors and volunteers, plus pie sale and other treats

Period camps welcome all weekend, with primary visitor activities on Saturday

FREE – participants preregister please, so we can plan for you!

Watch for more information in upcoming WVRA newsletters and at

www.beverlyheritagecenter.org

Fort Mulligan

Please add to this a second Ft. Mulligan event on Aug. 20. We will give a pound of powder and a meal to all who serve in our reenactment on this date. (The other date, April 16 is a living history without amenities.) All are still invited to attend.

- Dave Judy

Civil War Roundtables

The SJCWRT meets the second Tuesday of each month except December and the summer months. This month's presentation will be at the FOP Restaurant in Nutter Fort (the FOP does NOT put another group in our room so the only thing we have to compete with is the radio background music.)

The Mason-Dixon Civil War Roundtable is meeting again in Morgantown. Meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of every month. Check their website for more information.

There is no charge for attending these sessions. Dinner is available at the SJCWRT.

In the March meeting of the SJCWRT, Rick Wolfe gave an interesting presentation about Civil War ID tags and passed around some of his collection. I was surprised to learn many Federal ID tags (there are few if any Confederate ID tags) had George B. McClellan on one side.

In the March meeting of the MDCWRT, WVU adjunct professor Zack Cowsert gave a talk about the sacking of the Copperhead newspaper, the Crisis, in 1863 in Columbus. It was sacked by members of the 2nd Ohio Cavalry, reorganizing at Camp Chase.

160th Seven Days

I am hoping, health permitting, to attend The Seven Days Battle of Gaines Mill and Fraysers Farm in Old Town, Maryland on May 21 and May 22. If anyone is interested in joining me, please let me know. I will fall in with the 2nd Connecticut as I have been doing recently.

This is a non-spectator weekend and will be held in Old Town, about 20 miles east of Cumberland along the Potomac River and the C&O Canal. The event is being staged by the United States Volunteers and the Army of Northern Virginia reenacting groups. Old Town is remote and there are no stores or gas stations nearer than Cumberland or Paw Paw, West Virginia. There will be no food

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vendors on site. So bring your food with you. I have been through Old Town numerous times and can verify it is remote.

The Saturday scenario is Gaines Mill and Sunday will be Fraysers Farm.

If you are interested I will send you the registration information. Deadline is May 1, 2022.

- Chuck Critchfield

For Sale

(Editor's note: Jim Barnes sent this to me for Tyler Claypole. I have reprinted word for word. I assume the numbers in the last paragraph are prices for the respective items. So if you need clarification, contact Mr. Claypole)

UPDATE – Tyler will sell the whole lot for \$500. (August 2021)

one confederate officer complete jacket hat and pants
and union naval uniform complete with pants And
confederate artillery uniform with pants and hat And
union cav officer uniform with pants and hat And
confederate butternut gray uniform with pants and vest

Pants are 32 waist. Jackets are large.

The naval uniform is 150 Union cav officer 300
Confederate officer 500 Confederate shell jacket is 150
Butternut gray is 225. Contact Tyler Claypole at 304-376-9043.

From Bryan Cokeley

With regret, I am resigned to getting out of the hobby. 😞

I just don't seem to have the impetus to get to events with Hampton having left the state. He was in Texas; he now lives in Richmond. (Apparently, he took to heart those calls of "On to Richmond!") He turns 30 in May. He was 10 when we went to our first School of the Soldier. The passage of time. Maybe we all added 5 years this past year.

It seems wasteful for me to sit on all of this reenactment gear. I will keep my musket. I can make some young person a great deal on everything else – **a whole kit to get started in the hobby. If you know of someone interested, please let me know.**

Miss everyone!

Best,

Bryan (Cokeley formerly of the 1st West Virginia)

From Debbie Moore

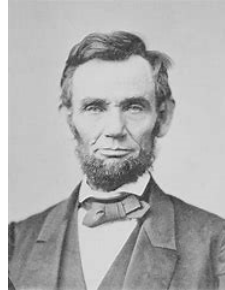
Civil War Items:

Day dresses, ball gowns, shoes, parasail, patterns, jewelry, ladies articles, clothing, haversack, camping articles. For further information or to set up a time to come and see, call Debbie at 304-798-3490 9-6. Will sell at reasonable offer.

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They Said It (or didn't)

Quotes, misquotes and fabrications attributed to the famous, nearly famous, not famous and infamous.



"Don't believe everything you read on the Internet just because there's a photo with, a quote next to it."

"Of all the words in the English language the term 'butternut' best describes the color of the dress worn by Johnston's soldiers."

- A. T. Sechand, Delaware Gazette, July 15, 1864, near Kennesaw Mountain

"Without secession, there is no war. Without slavery, there is no secession."

- Gary Gallagher

"If all else fails, I will retreat up the valley of Virginia, plant my flag on the Blue Ridge, rally around the Scotch-Irish of that region, and make my last stand for liberty amongst a people who will never submit to British tyranny whilst there is a man left to draw a trigger."

- This popped on my Facebook feed. Attributed to George Washington. According to the Mount Vernon website page on GW's quotes, there is NO EVIDENCE he ever said or wrote this.

Other Sites

American Battlefield Trust - www.battlefields.org

Beverly Heritage Center -

www.beverlyheritagecenter.org

Mason Dixon Civil War Roundtable -

www.wvmasondixoncwr.org/

Link to Clarksburg History Museum -

<https://clarksburgmuseum.wixsite.com/history>

Battle of Gettysburg Podcast -

Addressing Gettysburg podcast -

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Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation -
www.ShenandoahAtWar.org

2022 WVRA Officers

Andrew Valentine - President

Ken Connell - Vice President

Tim Cox – Treasurer

Jim Barnes - Secretary

Phyllis Baxter - Unit Rep (TASAS)

Chuck Critchfield - Unit Rep (1st W. Va. Infantry)

Bill Brisendine - Unit Rep (25th Va. Infantry)

Dave Judy - Unit Rep (artillery)

Webmaster - Peter Baxter

Editor - Chuck Critchfield

Note - Webmaster and Editor are non-voting members of the Executive Committee.

Unit Field Officers

(Continue in effect until further notice. See minutes of January, 2022 meeting)

ATTENTION - Please do not send any correspondence to the PO Box in Buckhannon. Membership information can be sent to me. Remember you must be a member of record to qualify for membership benefits. To be covered under the liability insurance policy purchased by the WVRA, you must be a member. Karl Mulac is the administrator of the WVRA-TASAS page. I continue to use the WVRA-TASAS page to post announcements as it has been the page getting the most use.

As newsletter editor, I encourage submissions from members or readers, that are related to American history. I retain the right as editor to make a final decision on the content of this publication. Abusive or political submissions will not be published.

Editor's Corner

The Editor's chance to speak

BILL DONEGAN – Bill had surgery for colon cancer. Linda reports the follow up visit went well and he got good reports. No chemotherapy will be needed. The cancer was caught early. Linda wishes to thank members for their prayers and support. (Feb. 2022)

THE BYLAWS require that I post upcoming events. I have received an extensive list from WVRA members

SMALL REENACTMENTS continue to spring up with every little festival in West Virginia while large reenactments are probably a thing of the past.

THANK YOU – Jack Rush and anyone else who sent information for this newsletter

SO YOU THINK THE WAR IS OVER – This was a normal part of my Editor's Corner each month. But I have let it slide for a while. In the recent Senate "hearings" on Judge Brown for the US Supreme Court, she was questioned on her knowledge of the Dred Scott Case. To which she said she was not familiar with the whole case. And who is? I doubt the questioner in this case is either. Go back and read a thorough summary of that case. It is complicated. However, the ruling in this case added fuel to the fire. Especially to northern abolition fire. And, one could argue, added momentum towards an eventual rupture between slave and non-slave states.

NOTICE – With this issue, I am no longer sending the newsletter and membership form to 2021 members who have not renewed their WVRA membership.

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"We tend to create stories that appeal to us. Then we impose those stories on the past."

- A Wallace Collection video produced on the 500th anniversary of the battle of Agincourt -found on You Tube

"The lack of a sense of history is the damnation of the modern world."

- Robert Penn Warren