

Trans-Allegheny Dispatch

The newsletter of the West Virginia Reenactors Association
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Next Meeting

Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. at the Mountain State Brewing Company at 740 Genesis Blvd., Bridgeport. Exit 124 (aka Jerry Dove exit; aka FBI exit; aka Charles Pointe exit)

Upcoming Events

Important note about the official calendar below. After some discussion at a recent meeting, it is the opinion of the group that liability insurance is more likely to cover 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."

Sponsored

None at this time

Sanctioned (per by laws)

None at this time

Other Events recommended by WVRA members

None at this time

NO NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

Status of Nominations Listed Below

To my knowledge, no additional nominations were received since the November newsletter was sent, for any office within the WVRA. There was some response in October from current officers about running for office in 2023. That leaves the organization with just ONE office with a nomination as I assemble this newsletter. This situation can be discussed at our December 3 meeting. See meeting notice above.

Here is the status of the nominations for 2023 WVRA officers. To date, here are the incumbents and any nominations (only one to date):

President

2022 Andrew Valentine
2023 NO Nominations

Vice President

2022 Ken Connell
2023 NO Nominations

Treasurer

2022 Tim Cox (he is moving and is not able to run again.)
2023 NO Nomination

Secretary

2022 Jim Barnes (is not running again)
2023 NO Nominations

Newsletter Editor

2022 Chuck Critchfield
2023 NO Nominations

Webmaster

2022 Peter Baxter (retiring)
2023 Tim Glaser is nominated

Unit Reps

1st West Virginia
2022 Chuck Critchfield
2023 NO Nominations

25th Virginia
2022 Bill Brisendine
2023 NO Nominations

TASAS

2022 Phyllis Baxter
2023 NO Nominations

Artillery

2022 David Judy
2023 NO Nominations

Please do not nominate a member without their knowledge and approval. Keep a clear eye!

Treasurer's Report

October 1-29, 2022	
Beginning balance	\$2,061.75
Credits	
Membership	\$ 0.00
Debits	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$2,061.75

Submitted by Tim Cox, Treasurer, WVRA

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Insurance

Treasurer Tim Cox has received the certificate of insurance. Both Tim and I have a copy of the certificate. If you require a copy please send Tim or me an email requesting a copy and we will email you a PDF copy of said certificate.

- Chuck Critchfield

Upcoming Events

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

None at this time

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Event Reviews

None at this time.

Other Features

For Sale

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)

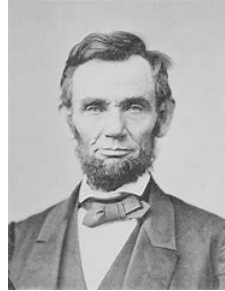
New Civil War History of Harrison County
A Civil War History Of Harrison County, West Virginia 1961-65; Harrison County, Virginia in the Civil War 1856-65. By Pete Taylor

This new book focuses on the years just prior to and during the war between the states. Despite the rich history of the region, no book had ever been written solely focusing on this area for that time period. Therefore, I undertook the task of researching and creating this account. As a resident of Harrison County, I had access to local historians and resources.

The book is available through Amazon for \$28.00. The manuscript has been donated to the Harrison County Historical Society and all proceeds go to support that organization.
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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."

- Abraham Lincoln, February 30, 1866
Google shareholders meeting

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 -

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.

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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

ANY MEMBER who wants to contribute to the Trans-Allegheny Dispatch is encouraged to do so. I get very few items from members. Anyone who has an opposite point of view to mine, I encourage them to respond. I certainly have expressed some opinions that others might want to rebut. My health, or should I say, the uncertainty over my health has kept me out of the field. So I am relying on those active at events for event reviews.

THANK YOU – Thanks to Peter Baxter for placing on the website.

IT IS TIME TO NOMINATE officers for the upcoming year. To my knowledge, no officers were nominated since the last issue of the Trans-Allegheny Dispatch. Tim Glaser last year agreed to run for Webmaster in 2023 and is currently the only candidate nominated. If we fail to elect officers, I think we will need to discuss alternatives.

IT IS TIME TO SUBMIT SCHEDULES for 2023. I hear complaints that event schedules are published too late for some reenactors to plan their work schedules. So if you have events for 2023, please send them to the newsletter editor now.

THE LOCAL CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLES are off to a great start this year. If you have any questions about the Stonewall Jackson (Clarksburg) or Mason-Dixon (Morgantown) roundtables, please contact me. We have some wonderful presentations. The Stonewall

Jackson roundtable meets the second Tuesday of the month (but does skip December and summer months). Mason-Dixon meets the third Tuesday of the month. It skips some months also. If you would like more information, please contact me.

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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

*"History is dangerous. It goes after our myths
and our identities."*

- Brig. Gen. (ret) Ty Seidule after receiving death threats for writing about history

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

- Robert Penn Warren

*All history is revisionist. By its very nature,
the moment it is committed to memory it has
been revised.*

- Paraphrased from several historians