

# Trans-Allegheny Dispatch

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## Upcoming Events

**PLEASE NOTE** that all of the events in 2021 are dependent on the status of the pandemic. Please ensure that the event is not cancelled before attending.

### Sponsored

None at this time

### Sanctioned

None at this time

## Other Events recommended by WVRA members

**Gettysburg July 3-4** Daniel Lady Farm, Gettysburg

**Gettysburg, July 1-3** – at the movie site in Gettysburg. – CANCELLED

**Beverly Heritage/Rich Mountain, July 10. See below**

**Fort Mulligan, Aug. 21,** Living History/ Skirmish, Petersburg, WV (SEE BELOW)

**Antietam, Sept 18-19** – Daniel Lady Farm, Gettysburg

**Hardy Co. Heritage Weekend,** September 25, Moorefield

**Apple Harvest** – Oct 2-3; David Judy [ranger749@yahoo.com](mailto:ranger749@yahoo.com) (SEE BELOW)

**Cedar Creek, Oct. 16-17** – Middletown, Va.

### Other

Misc. – TBA, **Machine Gun Shoot.** Sponsored by DNA Guns. Many historic weapons available for rent. Admission \$10.00. Trickett Hill Road, Morgantown, WV 26508. GPS 39.5137999,-79947000

18<sup>th</sup> Century, TBA, **Siege of Fort Randolph,** Point Pleasant, WV. [www.facebook.com/fortrandolph](https://www.facebook.com/fortrandolph), Contact Craig Hesson, 304-675-7933, [chesson1774@suddenlink.net](mailto:chesson1774@suddenlink.net), or Deb Cassady, [ftrandolph@yahoo.com](mailto:ftrandolph@yahoo.com), [fortrandolph.weebly.com](http://fortrandolph.weebly.com);

**Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century** -TBA, Brownsville, PA. Brownsville Steam, Gas and Horse Association, 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Reunion,

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/National-Pike-Steam-Gas-and-Horse-Association/141862562548542>

Civil War – TBA, **Julia Pierpont Day,** Marion Co. Historical Society, Fairmont, WV. <https://www.facebook.com/marionhistorical/>

June 3-6, **Blue-Gray Reunion,** Philippi, WV. Contact Edgar Brown 304-457-4265.

18<sup>th</sup> Century -No events scheduled due to Covid restrictions. **Fort Frederick,** MD. <http://www.friendsoffortfrederick.info/calendar.htm>

WWII – June 4,5,6, **Reading Air Show,** Reading Airport, Reading, PA. <http://www.maam.org/maamwwii.html>

Civil War - June 5-6 **Fort Pocahontas,** Charles City, Va. <http://www.fortpocahontas.org>

WWII – June 11-13, **Bantam Jeep Heritage Festival,** Butler, PA. <http://www.bantamjeepfestival.com/>

WWII – June 26-27, **Jacobsburg WWII Weekend. Living History and Tactical.** Boulton Historic Site and Jacobsburg Historical Society 402 Henery Rd. Nazareth, PA 18064. Battles Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Campfires and vehicles welcome. Website: <http://www.jacobsburghistory.com/> .

Old West – TBA, **Wild West Weekend.** Old Bedford Village, Bedford, PA. <http://www.oldbedfordvillage.com/events.php>

18<sup>th</sup> Century- July 2-3-4, **French and Indian War Encampment,** Old Fort Niagara's annual recreation of the historic Siege of 1759. Old Fort Niagara, Youngstown, NY. [https://www.oldfortniagara.org/calendar/list/current\\_page,1/per\\_page,10](https://www.oldfortniagara.org/calendar/list/current_page,1/per_page,10)

**Living History** – July 3-4 – Droop Mountain – Sponsored by the 31<sup>st</sup> Virginia. Contact Jason Studenwalt at [j\\_rstudenwalt@yahoo.com](mailto:j_rstudenwalt@yahoo.com)

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**Appalachian Heritage Days** – September 9-10, Chief Logan State Park.  
<https://appalachianheritageday.weebly.com/>

**White Sulfur Springs (Dry Creek)**– August 21-22, Greenbrier State Forest 2021 Battle of Dry Creek | Battle of Dry Creek

Sep. 25-26 **Blountville, Tn.** <http://www.historyofsullivan.com>

Oct. 2-3 **Jeb Stuart Birthplace**, Ararat, Va. <http://www.jebstuart.org>

**160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ball's Bluff, Oct. 9-10** – near Leesburg, Va.  
**Droop Mountain** – tentatively scheduled for Oct. 8-10. Website: 2021 Battle of Dry Creek | Battle of Dry Creek

## No Meeting Scheduled

No meeting is scheduled at this time. Because of concerns over Covid-19, the meeting is postponed until further notice. Any questions can be directed to the Executive Committee.

## -- IMPORTANT NEWS --

### Temporary Executive Committee Actions In Effect (October, 2020)

The following two proposals were approved by the five voting members of the Executive Committee in an email vote the last week of October.

PROPOSAL #1 "In light of the current pandemic and its effects on the hobby, the Executive Committee postpones the election of new officers of the WVRA until such time that the Committee determines that it is prudent to hold the 'annual meeting' in accordance with procedures described in the by laws."

PROPOSAL #2 "The President shall have the authority to temporarily appoint, until the next duly conducted Association election, members to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee."

If any member has a concern or question about this action, please contact President Jim Barnes or myself. These actions were simply in response to how the pandemic is affecting group meetings at the moment. Executive committee members are listed near the end of every newsletter. Members are encouraged to work through your Unit Representative. If you currently do not have a Unit Rep., work through an officer. Reminder to General Members, the WVRA President serves as your Unit Representative.

## Treasurer's Report

May 1-31, 2021

Beginning balance	\$2,524.40
Credits	
None	0.00
Debits	
Zickefoose donation	\$50.00
Ending Balance	\$2,474.40

Submitted by Jack Rush, Treasurer, WVRA

## Liability Insurance

I received an electronic copy of the certificate of liability insurance for the WVRA thanks to Treasurer Jack Rush's hard work. If you would like a copy, email a request to me (Chuck Critchfield). Put WVRA in the title line if you can. You must be a member of the WVRA.

## Upcoming Events

### Rich Mountain Fun Run Memorial March

Join the Beverly Heritage Center for the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Union victory at the Battle of Rich Mountain! For July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, we are recruiting reenactors to help with programming, participating, and public education. The March will start on the Battlefield at the top of Rich Mountain and continue for 5.1 miles, ending in the historic town of Beverly. As visitors arrive at the Battlefield in the morning, our hope is that our participants will be able to interact with you. After all the runners/walkers make their way down the mountain, the finale of the event will feature Union troops marching into Beverly just like they did after the battle was won. We will have a space reserved for reenactors to camp if they are interested. Please contact us for further details at the Beverly Heritage Center by

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phone at (304) 637-7424 or via email  
at [info@beverlyheritagecenter.org](mailto:info@beverlyheritagecenter.org).

## **Fort Mulligan**

On August 21, a living history and skirmish is planned at Fort Mulligan in Petersburg, W. Va. Free lunch to all participants and free powder to skirmishers. Reenactors may encamp on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> and stay through Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact WVRA member David Judy at [ranger749@yahoo.com](mailto:ranger749@yahoo.com) for more information.

## **Apple Harvest Festival**

There will be an Apple Harvest Festival this year on Oct. 2-3 in Burlington, W. Va., with a parade on Saturday and fireworks on Friday Oct. 1 at the Firemen's grounds. We will set up on Friday with living histories and hopefully draw some Federal troops to skirmish on Saturday and Sunday. Let me know ASAP if you will be attending. David Judy [ranger749@yahoo.com](mailto:ranger749@yahoo.com)

## **Living History Droop Mountain**

Jason Studenwalt and the 31<sup>st</sup> Virginia is having a living history at Droop all day July 3 and until 1 pm on the 4th. If you are interested there are more details on the Droop Mountain Living History Weekend Reenactors page on Facebook. (Note: I was able to reach the public page on this Facebook site, but the reenactors page was not available.)

## **Living History Monroe County**

There will be a Civil War encampment (CSA), and Living History demonstrations Friday thru Sunday. 1860's thru 1901 attire preferred but not mandatory. Saturday is the main event "Social" with ceremonies, demonstrations, Picnic BBQ, and remembrances.

This event is hosted by the 'Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp Beirne Chapman #148', Union, WV, and will occur on it's private property at Monument site. The Monument is located on north side of town, on US-219, across from Elmwood Manor and behind the Presbyterian Church. – Submitted by Chris Johnson

Camp Beirne Chapman #148  
PO Box #518  
Union, WV, 24983

## ***Event Reviews***

### **Skirmish at Middle Fork Bridge**

The May meeting of the Stonewall Jackson Civil War Roundtable in Clarksburg, feature a presentation on this minor skirmish in the days leading up to the battle of Rich Mountain.

The presentation was made by former 15<sup>th</sup> Ohio reenactor Jon-Erik Gilot, who has come along way since his reeancting days. He is currently Curator for the Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, and for the Captain Thomas Espy Grand Army of the Republic Post in Carnegie, Pa.

Jon-Erik gave a very interesting presentation on this skirmish between Buckhannon and Rich Mountain demonstrating because it was so early in the war that it received oversized coverage in the Northern press. He talked about some of participants from both sides which help to humanize those soldiers.

Figure 1 Jon-Erik Gilot





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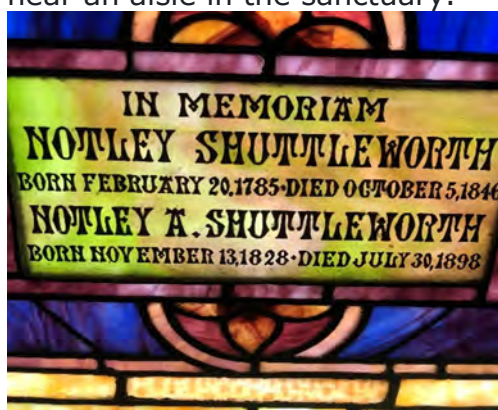
## Other Features

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### Wandering Through The Grave Yard

Captain Notley Shuttleworth, Co. B  
3<sup>rd</sup> W. Va. Infantry

This is window in my church, Christ Episcopal Church in Clarksburg, that I have stared at for over 40 years. It is in a well-traveled spot near an aisle in the sanctuary.



So when I found this gravestone in the Odd Fellows Cemetery along Chestnut Street in Clarksburg, I had to find out more about Notely.



Captain Shuttleworth mustered in as captain of Company B on June 10, 1861. He was from

Clarksburg. On May 28, 1862 Shuttleworth's resignation was accepted by Major General John Fremont and it became official on June 5 about one year after entering the service. His paperwork on 3Fold showed he resigned because of health. But his resignation letter mentioned the need to return home to tend to his business interests. On August 5, 1862 an order was issued to investigate the burning of Shuttleworth's house. I did not find anything further in any reference book or on line about him or the burning of his house.

On June 22, 1867 he was brevetted major for gallant and meritorious service dating to March 13, 1865. Then there is a reference to mustering out with the regiment in August of 1864. So there may be more to his story than I was able to uncover.

He is buried not far from Nathan Goff and John Carlile.

- Chuck Critchfield

### John Carlile

John S Carlile US Senator from Western Virginia, who owes his position to Anti-Slavery professions, has proved himself a miserable renegade. A few years ago he was an obscure one horse lawyer in Western Virginia. He pretended to become a convert to the "Free Soil" sentiment, that was at the time, fast gaining converts in that section. He was elected to the legislature of Virginia. For a whole session of that body, Mr. Carlile was treated with utter contempt by every member of the aristocratic body. This made a "Free Soil" martyr of him. In the hot haste, with which Western Virginia was organized into State Government and allowed to send representatives to Congress, J. S. Carlile was elected U. S. Senator, and by a violation of all precedence, was admitted as a member of that body. Since that period he has become a backslider from his "Free Soil" faith - Long before the Senate adjourned, it was evident to any man, who paid any attention to his course, he had become a servile tool for the Southern Confederacy, and was trying to

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accomplish under the garb of hypocrisy, that which is cowardly soul would allow of his doing – manfully – the success of the Southern Confederacy.

This apostate is now engaged in making speeches in Western Virginia. He uses every argument his abilities admit of, in bringing the Republican party into contempt. He charges all Republicans with being Abolitionists, &c., &c. He is said, after stating everything he could think of. He is said, after stating everything he could in a late speech to inflame the minds of his hearers against Anti Slavery then exclaimed: "Will you freemen of the mountains, submit to their Government?" Will you see your country laid waste, and your fair homes destroyed by such Abe Union tyrants?" Like the Devil himself undertakes to prove Slavery right from the Bible; and it is said closed one of his harangues by declaring "that any man who thought this rebellion could be put down by force was a fool."

- From an article in the Mount Vernon (Ohio) Republican, August 21, 1862. The Democrat's paper was much more sympathetic

## Emancipation

The Northern people desire to conquer the South, and no one who looks dispassionately at the matter can fail to see the advantages of emancipation as a means to that end. Democratic prejudices are opposed to its employment. The feelings engendered by a lifetime of doughfaceism are not to be eradicated in one year or two. But emancipation will, we venture to predict, grow in favour every hour, until it will include almost the whole Northerner people, Democrats as well as Republicans, among its supporters. It has seen its worst days. It will prevent Europe an intervention. It will open a fire in the rear of the slave oligarchy at Richmond which they cannot withstand. It will add thousands of contrabands to the Northern ranks, and give millions of earnest and hearty, though uneducated supporters or Northern rule in a country in which they can

at present only count their friends by the thousands. Let Mr. Lincoln but preserve in his policy, and not only will he be supported by his own countryman, but men of all nations will honor him, and his name will be handed down to posterity as one of the greatest benefactors of the human race in this or any other age.

- Toledo Globe, fall of 1862

## Franklin

*"Kind reader, right here my pen, and courage, and ability fail me. I shrink from the butchery. Would to God I could tear the page from these memoirs and from my own memory. It is the blackest page in the history of the war. It was the finishing stroke to the independence of the Southern Confederacy. I was there. I saw it. My flesh trembles, and creeps, and crawls when I think of it today. My heart almost ceases to beat at the horrid recollection. Would to God that I had never witnessed such a scene!"*

- Sam Watkins of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee describing the battle of Franklin in his book Co. Aytch

## "Classified Ads"

## 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)*

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.

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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 1<sup>st</sup> West Virginia)

## "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 31, 1866

*"Studying history will sometimes disturb you.*

*Studying history will sometimes upset you.*

*Studying history will sometimes make you furious.*

*If studying history always makes you proud, and happy, you probably aren't studying history."*

- Collin Humble (Facebook posting)

*"I remember seeing hostile balloons at Richmond and Fredericksburg, and I recall hearing General Lee say of one that went up from Stafford Heights, just opposite Fredericksburg, 'I like those things, they amuse our people.' "*

- Bishop George W. Peterkin, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia and former member of the 21<sup>st</sup> Virginia and staff officer to Chief of Artillery George W. N. Pendleton

*"We had a detail from the 148<sup>th</sup> on guard at General Hancock's headquarters and one of the men had drawn rations of bread and got a loaf that was*

*couched in all around. He growled awhile and then started for General Hancock's headquarters and asked him if he thought that was a day's rations for a man. The reply was that it was rather small and some more questions were asked. Finally Hancock says: 'Do you get half enough?' 'Yes the soldier replied. 'Then' said the General, 'damned poor soldier that can't steal the other half.' Soon after this the General missed his breakfast. When Sam, the colored waiter, left the kitchen to call the General, the table was sepi of its contents. A few days later the General called the Colonel's quarters and told him what a fine Regiment he had, and said if he could get them within a mile of Richmond they would steal the city."*

- The 148<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers, The Story of Company C, by Martin Funk.

Thanks to Suzanne Sappington

## Other Sites

American Battlefield Trust - [www.battlefields.org](http://www.battlefields.org)

Beverly Heritage Center -

[www.beverlyheritagecenter.org](http://www.beverlyheritagecenter.org)

Mason Dixon Civil War Roundtable -

[www.wvmasondixoncwr.org/](http://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](http://www.ShenandoahAtWar.org)

## Current WVRA Officers

**Jim Barnes - President**

**Ken Connell - Vice President**

**Jack Rush - Secretary/Treasurer**

**Vacant - Unit Rep (TASAS)**

**Vacant - Unit Rep (1st W. Va. Infantry)**

**Bill Brisendine - Unit Rep (25th Virginia Infantry)**

**Dave Judy - Unit Rep (artillery)**

**Webmaster - Peter Baxter**

**Editor - Chuck Critchfield**

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

ATTENTION - Please do not send any correspondence to the PO Box in Buckhannon. Membership information can be sent to



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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. I am not sure who is administrator to 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

**AFTER READING** about 6 months worth of 1862 newspapers, one Democratic and one Republican, there is no doubt the 1862 papers were much more partisan than today's primary media outlets. Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was issued in the middle of this period, which stirred passions on both sides.

**PERSONALS** – Word has reached the editor that Ralph McCready is not in the best of health. Our prayers and thoughts go out to a great reenactor. Here is Ralph as Allen Pinkerton



**THANK YOU** – Thanks to Jack Rush, Ross Wetherell and Sean McCready for contributions to this month's Trans-Allegheny Dispatch.

**CAM MALLOW** – pops up in the most unlikely places. He is apparently a substitute teacher now. I was watching the Addressing Gettysburg Facebook Live "show" in mid-May and Cam was a guest on the show.

**IT APPEARS** that some of the pandemic restrictions are beginning to fade away and we may have reenactments this year. However, I detect little interest among the WVRA membership to participate. Membership is down by 1/3. I have not had a single request for the 2021 liability certificate.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE** to create your own historical record, jot down your recollections of January 6, 2021 and keep it for future generations to read. I also invite you to submit for publication in this humble publication, any stories of your family military history or your favorite reenacting stories.

**RICK WOLFE** – has had an article published in Military Images magazine about Everton Conger and his role in capturing John Wilkes Booth. And of course, Rick's Carte de viste of Conger appears in the article.

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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