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TRANS-ALLEGHENY



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January 2011 EDITION

Official Newsletter of The West Virginia Re-enactors Association

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SOME TREASURED MEMORIES

Calendar of Events

Accepting nominations for officers.

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FEBRUARY 5 at 3pm
WVRA Meeting
At Steakhouse in Weston



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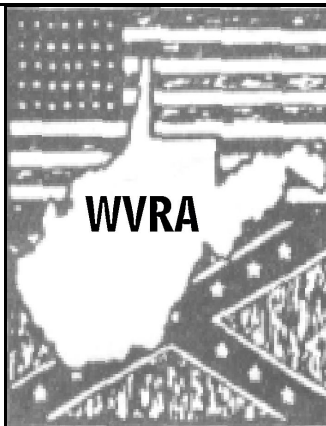
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Congratulations to our fabulous web masters Donnie and Lisa for such a fantastic job! Check out WVRA on Facebook.

WVRA Reminders...Dues.....Newsletter Deadlines

Articles, pictures, or information to be included in the Trans-Allegheny Dispatch **MUST** be emailed by Feb 15 to rebeld4h@yahoo.com *****

Or mailed by Feb 10 to:
Jack & Tonya Daft
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DUES NEED TO BE PAID BY **MARCH** EVERY YEAR
WVRA Individual Membership dues \$15 per year
FAMILY dues are \$25.

mail to : **TREASURER**
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Some Interesting Civil War places in WV



Contentment Historical Complex



Pre-Civil War House
Heritage Museum
One Room School

Come take a step
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“CONTENTMENT”

Three unit complex of the Fayette County Historical Society: Pre-Civil War house, Museum, and restored one-room schoolhouse.

Ansted, West Virginia

THE ANTE-BELLUM HOUSE

Constructed about 1830 on the James River and Kanawha Turnpike in the west end of present day Ansted, this house was acquired by Colonel George W. Imboden in 1872. During the War between the States, Colonel Imboden had distinguished himself as the Commander of the 18th Virginia Cavalry Regiment.

The door panels and windows of this house have the original rolled glass panes produced over a century ago. Original mantels, made of walnut, are in three rooms. Flooring of the hall is of alternating walnut and oak pattern. In this house, named “Contentment” by Mrs. Imboden, one sees furnishings of antiques throughout.

In the parlor is to be found a “Fainting Sofa” that was popular with the belles of the Old South generations ago, an old handmade desk from the ancestral home of West Virginia’s ex-Governor Okey Patteson, and a hand cranked music box.

In the bedroom is featured a children’s corner of toys enjoyed by children in other days. By the fireplace is a floor cradle in which the early mothers here in the mountains bedded and rocked their infants.

On the long and white-columned veranda one can sit and watch the race of man go by!

The grounds of the Historical Society Complex are appropriately landscaped, featuring rhododendron, dogwood, and boxwood.

THE MUSEUM

In a separate building adjoining the Imboden home is the Historical Society museum. Here the interested caller sees exhibits that bring the light of other days around him. There is a display of Indian relics. Civil War memorabilia are reminders of other times in Fayette County which was formed in 1831 and named for La Fayette, the Frenchman who helped establish American independence.

You will see implements and tools representing industries of the area, including farming, coal mining, lumbering, and you will want to see the captured moonshine stills which were taken by the law men in the mountains of Fayette County. Made of copper, they were said to produce a product that “searched” the consumer. Also featured are pictures of Fayette County’s famous mining camps of the past and antique sewing machines.

“Milady’s Shoppe” displays Mrs. Imboden’s original wedding gown (with picture) and small trunk, godey lined, which accompanied the bridal couple on stage coach from Richmond in 1889.

RESTORED ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

This school house, restored from the remaining two of many that at one time graced the hills and valleys of West Virginia, stands today a solitary reminder of how it looked when thronged with scholars generations ago.

A visit to this schoolhouse with its old Burnside stove and desks brings before one’s eyes McGuffey Readers, old Spellers, and Ray’s Arithmetic. On the walls inside this restored project of the Society, are scores of the names of those who taught at one time or another in the schools of Fayette County. Also worth noting are handbells and pictures of yesterday’s school teaching.

At the back of the schoolhouse are the original health stations, “Boys” and “Girls”, reminders of the years when indoor plumbing with its sanitary features had not yet been known.

This three unit complex of the Historical Society is located on U.S. Route 60, one mile east of Hawk’s Nest State Park, between Charleston and White Sulphur Springs.

The unit is open to the public:

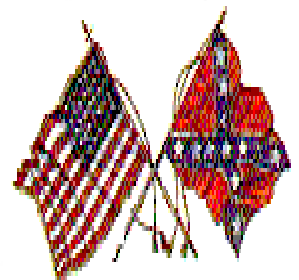
June through September: Monday through Saturday - 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Sunday 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

in May, Saturday 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Hostesses on duty.

Admission: Adults - ~~5.00~~ \$ 5.00
 Children under 12 ~~5.00~~ \$ 3.00
 8-16



On January 22, we will be having a special program at the Marion County Museum in Fairmont at 12:30. Art & Pam Dodds will be playing the newly restored pump organ from the former Pierpont Church (1868). They recently had it repaired. We will have on display the recently acquired items from the Jack Sandy Anderson auction sale and a recognition of the donors. Light refreshments and other things are being planned.....Dora Grubb Marion County Historical Society

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 Greetings, I am writing you on behalf of The City of Spencer and the West Virginia Black Walnut Festival. During our 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Walnut Festival this October 13-17<sup>th</sup> we greatly desire to have a substantial Civil War component. Specifically, we would like to have a reenactment and encampment. Admittedly, I know very little of the specifics of such events and am reaching out to find more information and help on getting an event secured for our community. We have ample facilities to host such events and some available funding. While I may be new at Civil War events I am not new to hosting large scale events. Last year we hosted the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall during the Black Walnut Festival and brought in an estimated 90,000 visitors to The City of Spencer during the four day festival. I would like to create a similar attended event this year. We are committed to working to make this happen, to advertising to bring the attendees and to supporting the ones doing the reenactment. I would be appreciative of any help that you could provide me in identifying any people or groups that may be interested in participating in this event or anyone that could provide me more information.

Thank you ...Jacob Fetty , City of Spencer Marketing Director  
 304.927.1640 office ...706.614.3459 cell

**Thank You for your contributions to our January Dispatch:  
 Tonya & Jack Daft,  
 Peter & Phyllis Baxter,  
 Chuck & Pam Critchfield,  
 Dora Grubb, Roy Shreve,  
 Art & Pam Dodd,  
 The History Channel,  
 Mike Phillips,  
 Jodi Burnsworth,  
 Bill Brisendine,**

**For timely discussions about CW events, clothing, firearms, and yes, even personalities in the hobby,  
 Go To  
[www.authenticcampaigner.com](http://www.authenticcampaigner.com)  
 Or [www.cwreenactors.com](http://www.cwreenactors.com)**

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 And  
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**"The Reporter Wore Petticoats"  
 By Dr. Abigail Elizabeth Reynolds**

**And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.**

**~Abraham Lincoln**

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[www.historicbeverly.org](http://www.historicbeverly.org)**

**WVRA NEWSLETTER NEEDS**

**The newsletter needs pictures, stories, recipes, info on Civil War life, Did you know's, jokes, historical info, family history, Family tidbits, Birthdays, Civil War facts, Civil War Movie and book reviews, info about civil war places in WV, Info on members for our Meet and Greet column, news clippings about our members and our Civil War events. Come on guys send in that info make this newsletter the best ever.**

**CHECK OUT  
 SUTLERS ON OUR  
 WEB SITE at  
[WWW.WVRA.ORG](http://WWW.WVRA.ORG)**



# REENACTORS WANTED!

# THE BATTLE OF RICH MOUNTAIN

## *150th Anniversary* **6-11 JULY 2011**

### 150th Anniversary "Western Virginia: The First Campaign" Tour

- July 6 Opening of Civil War Art Show, evening Civil War entertainment
- July 7 Battlefield Tours - Philippi, Laurel Hill, Rich Mountain  
Evening Keynote Speaker: A. Wilson Greene (National Museum of the Civil War Soldier)
- July 8 Tour of Beverly, Union occupation and Civil War Homefront, including Civil War Concert

### 150th Anniversary "Battle of Rich Mountain" Reenactment & Commemoration

- July 8 Reenactment encampment begins
- July 9 Reenactment activities including tactical, civilian activities, tours, and Camp Ball
- July 10 Battle of Rich Mountain Reenactment
- July 11 US Signal Corps reenactment of McClellan's telegraphs to Washington  
Commemoration Ceremony at Rich Mountain Battlefield Civil War Site

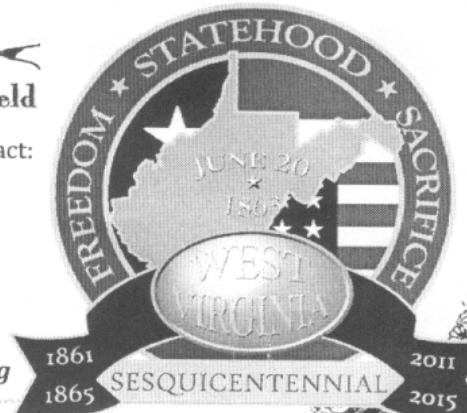


For more information, contact:

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Or see:

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



## NOVEMBER WVRA SECRETARY NOTES...by PVT. Jack Daft 25th VA

The November 6, 2010 WVRA meeting was called to order at 16:00 by President Bill Brisendine. A motion was made to dispense the reading of the last minutes, since they were in the newsletter, by Porter Stiles and seconded by Mark Tennant. Motion passed. **TREASURERS REPORT:** Oct balance \$2,236.25 spent after balance reported \$210.89 for mailing fees, PO BOX, printing fees, and ladies tea items. **SPENDING REPORT DROOP MTN. OUT GOING:** \$761.25 for 75 pounds powder; \$300 pig dinner; \$130 Droop items Diane; \$48 for mailings; \$230.75 to Foodland; \$500 Dance; \$35.63 for cleanup; \$100 for the 10th PA; \$265 for donuts, coffee, straw etc.; Ladies Tea and Paper, Copies, Registration, Waiver. **IN COMING:** Donation Pocohontas County Festivals and Fairs \$1,500; WVRA sutlery \$56.56; Registration spent \$871 took in \$1,100. Discussion was held concerning Droop Dinner everyone was very pleased with the meal. Overall financially we came out ahead. **OLD BUSINESS:** Heart felt thank you to Peter Baxter for your work to preserve the web page Web Master is the technical contact for the web page. A long discussion concerning the great web page ensued. The WVRA.org domain name has been rented for the next 9 years. Donnie Stewart & Lisa Johnson discussed going with GoDaddy as the web host it is cheaper and less down time. Heartfelt thank you to Phyllis Baxter & Tonya Daft for getting our Tax exempt status back. Tonya has taken care of the WVRA Post Office Box. Mike Phillips has the key. No changes in the PO Address. Mark talked about using the registration from Droop as a database for future announcements of events. Tonya turned over the registration papers to Chelley Depp so a list could be made. At Droop we had one veteran member rejoin the WVRA. Four new members joined from our web site. Discussion on dates for the dance. Mark made a motion for April 16th being set as the date for the ball. Motion passed. Event was discussed by Chelley. Event dates are 9-10. During the week. Proceeding the event, Batterfield site tours will be held, key note speaker, on the 11th there will be an on site memorial. During the event there will be a Saturday skirmish, ladies tea, Camp dinner, and dance. Battle on Sunday. A group from Loomis Battery will be present at the event with an original cannon from Elkwater with an interpretive display. Registration packages are being made. Please register early!!!! We are expecting big numbers and need early registration. A vote was made concerning powder or caps for event registration. Powder won. Rich Mountain Committee wants to try a structured living history tour on Saturday if they get enough interested volunteers. If you want on the Rich MT planning list you are invited to volunteer. It will be done mostly by email. 1st meeting at the Beverly Heritage Museum on Sunday Nov 14th at 1:30 pm. Chelley needs feedback from previous events by email at richmountain.org or info-historicalbeverly.org. Chelley discussed the parking problem at Rich. We don't want cars in camp because it distracts from what we are trying to do. Goal, registration packets ready two weeks from November 6th. Phyllis discussed the schedule after Rich Mountain. Cathy Hart from Laurel Hill is looking at moving the event to August possibly. Discussion was held on the Droop Memorial date of 11/06/13. Corrick's Ford discussion was held. A date has not been set yet, will work with the WVRA on a date. A LOOONG discussion ensued. **NEW BUSINESS:** School of the Soldier Phyllis Volunteered having it at Rich Mountain. Tonya stated holding the School of the Soldier would be great with out spectators that way we could focus on drills, and helping the new members with reactor materials. Beal mentioned holding the SOS at Bulltown. Porter mentioned holding School in April at the Pricketts Fort event. Bring your thoughts to the Feb meeting.

Marion County Historical Society is selling Union and Confederate grave markers if interested. In 2013 Marion County would like to do something BIG. Keep posted. Discussion concerning 2013 WV Day Wheeling vs Charleston. Fairmont would like a dressed float for the Christmas Parade December 11th. 2nd will be in the Weston Christmas Parade Friday after Thanksgiving If interest notify Ken or Jeff. Tonya listed nomination officers so far. Chuck is willing to be treasurer if needed. Bill Snyder mentioned posting our events on WV.tourism.com and WVstacation.com New

**DID YOU KNOW  
that Ketchup was  
sold in the 1830's  
as medicine**



*Dr. Abigail Reynolds  
at her book signing  
in Gettysburg.*

**A LARGE SALUTE, TREMENDOUS WORK, PAT ON THE BACK,  
THANK YOU TO:**

Lisa Johnson, Donnie Stewart, Tonya Daft and everyone who sent in articles & pictures. Thanks to such a fantastic web site & updated information in the newsletters the Washington Post is doing articles on our WVRA organization & events. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!!

member Brian Castro was introduced. Welcome Brian!!!! Next meeting will be Feb 6 in Weston. Porter providing door prize. Lisa Johnson asked why the meeting always had to be in Weston. A LOOONG discussion ensued over the meeting location. Tabled, will decide at February meeting, meeting adjourned.

Information for Newcomers

<http://www.shasta.com/suesgoodco/newcivilians/index.htm>

**MODERN DAY TELEGRAM LETTERS**

Back by popular demand is the History Expo (previously known as the ‘Getting To Know You‘) which will be in the Marion County Court House. Date is April 2. Wonderful way to promote our history and your organizations. Probably 10-3. Feel free to sell tickets, items, etc. No charge for table. But we do need some help. Will have entertainment & food to purchase....Dora Grubb Marion County Historical Society.

I received the check for \$35 made out to Christ Episcopal Church. (This was for the Civil War Ball) I will give the check to the church today.  
 THANK YOU  
 Chuck Critchfield

**WVRA NOV TREASURER REPORT  
 OCTOBER BALANCE \$2.236.25  
 Droop Mountain Break-down will be in Feb WVRA newsletter**

Just a super newsletter!!!!!!! Dora Grubb

I am mailing you to say THANK YOU (Jack and Tonya Daft) for helping to make our Heritage Day a very successful day! The children loved the authentic costumes and the information you shared. We would like to have you back again in our future Heritage Days events. Again thank you for all you did for our day.  
 Sandy Brown ~~~Zela Elementary

Hi Tonya,  
 The Marion County Public Library would love to have the WVRA participate in our Civil War Heritage Day programs on Saturday, April 30. I’m in the process of planning the day’s events. The programs from last year were very well received (thanks to all for being here!), and I’d like it very much if you could do something similar this spring. Could you please contact me so that we can discuss a program and displays? Thanks very much. I am planning to be at the Civil War meeting this Sat. at the Central UM Church, so if you’re going to be there maybe we can talk....Becky Mayle

Made a good showing at the Fairmont Christmas parade. Thanks so much for those who took part. I believe people are interested. There is an article finally about the 150th from UP in the paper this morning on page 3. It is time we do a little more. Please affirm that everyone I am sending this to, is agreeable to be part of the "Steering Committee."....Dora Grubb. *This thank you was for Art and Pam Dodd (Pierponts), Millie and Gary Goetze (Carlile), Jack and Tonya Daft, Charlie Morrison, Lisa Johnson, and Adam Smallwood.*

Hi, I have mailed a few copies of our 2011 Historic Preservation Calendars to you. If you know of anyone in your organization that would like a copy of their own, please have them call Conni McMorris at 304-558-0240 to have one sent to them. We are going through these very fast and want to make sure that you guys have a copy of this calendar. Thank you, Sara A Prior, Education and Planning Coordinator State Historic Preservation Office The Division of Culture and History 304-558-0240 ext 122

*Copies can also be obtained through Chelley at Rich Mountain or Beverly Heritage Center.*

**INTERESTING WEB SITES TO CHECK OUT**

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/10/02/AR2010100200438.html>

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

# Night At The Museum



Hi everyone! I just posted the photos from our Night at the Museum event on the Beverly Heritage Center's Facebook page. If you're on Facebook, become a fan! If you're not on Facebook, you can either join (it's great keeping in touch with family, friends and groups!) or view the photos without joining. The link to the album is:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Beverly-Heritage-Center/113005522092461?v=photos#!/album.php?aid=17383&id=113005522092461>

Please feel free to tag photos of yourself or of others I may have missed or aren't a friend of the Beverly Heritage Center.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make our event a success!! We had a lot of great comments. Enjoy the photos!

Thanks, Jodi Burnsworth

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- Beverly Heritage Center



# Beverly Heritage Days



*Please pay your dues. It is extremely important to pay your dues on time. They are what keeps the WVRA established and the Dispatch running. So please pay your dues. And remember to recruit.*



MARLINTON, POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA 24954

# Rebels, Yankees prepare for battle at Droop

Geoff Hamill  
Staff Writer

Several Civil War reenactment units are preparing for a battle at Droop Mountain this weekend. Companies and battalions on both sides are mustering up to clean weapons, practice drills and gather supplies for the conflict. Units on both sides are recruiting new soldiers to fill their ranks.

Troops have begun assembling at their respective camps and anxious members of the public, eager to cheer their respective colors, will view the conflagration, from a safe distance, on Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday and Sunday afternoons, troops will recreate the events of November 5 and 6, 1863, when a large Union brigade, 3,500 men strong, drove Confederate forces from Mill Point, off of Droop Mountain, and out of Pocahontas County.

But, on Saturday morning, infantry, artillery and cavalry units will conduct an unscripted, tactical exercise, in which the victor is not predetermined, but decided by good tactics, proper maneuvers and skill. The exercise will be judged by officials from the West Virginia Reenactors Association, which is sponsoring the event.

G Company, 26th Virginia Infantry Battalion, known as the White Sulphur Rifles, is among the units preparing for combat. The reenactment unit traces its lineage to the actual Civil War company, which provided distinguished service to the Confederate States.

Captain George Mathews Edgar organized the 26th Battalion in the spring of 1862, with five companies of men



**TIM BOGGS, OF White Sulphur Springs, founded the White Sulphur Rifles reenactment group with friends in 1988. The group fell in on the lineage of G Company, 26th Virginia Infantry Battalion, which fought in several Civil War battles. Since the group organized, it has participated in about five reenactments per year, including a Gettysburg reenactment featured in the movie, "Gods and Generals." Boggs and the White Sulphur Rifles will be participating in the Battle of Droop Mountain reenactment this weekend. G. Hamill photo**

from Monroe, Mercer and Greenbrier counties, including Company G, which mustered in Alvon.

On May 23, 1862, just five days after its official organization, the 26th Battalion was thrown into battle at Lewisburg, with disastrous results. However, the men of the 26th redeemed themselves with a victory against a superior

Union force at Tuckwiller Hill in early 1863, and successfully defended White Sulphur Springs in August 1863.

At the Battle of Droop Mountain, the 26th Battalion provided security for the Confederate right flank, along Locust Creek Road. The White

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## Droop, from page 1

Sulphur Rifles went on to fight, with distinction, in several major actions, including the Battle of New Market and the Wilderness.

In 1988, White Sulphur Springs resident and Vietnam-era veteran Tim Boggs formed a reenactment group based on the original Company G.

"We started with about 10 guys," he said. "Our numbers have grown and fell off over the years. The highest we've had is about 18 guys, which is a good reenactment group. Historically, a company would have 72 privates, but a good company of reenactors is about 20 guys. It's easy to manage."

The company hopes to field 10 members at Droop Mountain this weekend.

Reenactment units are generally strict about uniforms and equipment. Items do not have to come from the Civil War-era, but must be authentically reproduced or appear authentic.

"We don't wear costumes," Boggs said. "We wear authentically reproduced uniforms."

The former Army infantryman, who has participated in more than 100 reenactments, said recruits have a ready supply of authentic-looking gear.

"Sutlers followed the armies, historically - like a PX on wheels," he said. "Now, they follow the reenactments. Plus, you can go online and here are vendors. You go to some of the big events, like West Virginia or Antietam or Gettysburg, and it's like a regular city of vendors."

Like any hobby, reenacting incurs an initial investment, but does not seem to be prohibitively expensive. One online sutler advertises a

"common Confederate jacket in wool," with seven CSA buttons, for \$119. The same sutler advertises Union cavalry pants, starting at \$129.

Although the standards are high, Boggs said new members are allowed to participate in an event if their gear and equipment is partially non-authentic.

"Say a guy's got everything he needs for the Battle at Droop Mountain, but he's a little slack on the shoes - we'll let something slide, but it's up to you to get that corrected," he said. "We want you as a member and we want to get you trained to do the right things, but we won't let a pair of shoes hold you back."

Boggs welcomed anyone interested in reenacting to visit with him over the weekend.

Recruits and veteran reenactors alike must practice drills and maneuvers, developed by 19th century tacticians. Confederate reenactors use drills developed by Civil War-era professors at Virginia Military Institute.

Reenactors participate for a variety of reasons, including fun, the study of history, and camaraderie, like that found in actual military units. In fact, reenactor ranks include many military and combat vets.

Boggs said spectators at Droop Mountain this weekend would enjoy an impressive spectacle.

"There's so much pageantry with the Civil War, with the cavalry and the infantry and the flags and the artillery," he said. "Droop Mountain is a reenactors battle - we've always said that. It's an easy battle to reenact. It's compact and you get a lot of firepower in a close area.

You get a lot of artillery and you get noise, you get smoke, you get flanked and routed. You can do it all right there in a little spot where it actually happened."

The former Army infantryman, who commanded the White Sulphur Rifles reenactment company for 22 years, said the events serve an important purpose.

"I think it's important that we don't forget where we've been," he said. "Doing these reenactments and doing them the best we can - historically correct - it gives all of us a window into our past."

"You go by Droop Mountain State Park - it's just a state park, but a hell of a battle was fought there. People died. It was butchery like we'd never experienced in this country before. If we can just do that for a weekend, people can see it's more than just a state park."

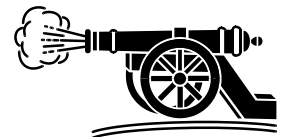
For more info on the White Sulphur Rifles, see [www.thebattleofdrycreek.com](http://www.thebattleofdrycreek.com). A schedule of events for this weekend's reenactment at Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park can be found at [www.droopmountainbattlefield.com](http://www.droopmountainbattlefield.com).

*If anyone has past secretary minutes of the WVRA please turn them in to one of the WVRA officers. Especially old Secretary notes. These minutes should be passed on from past secretary to the new secretary every year.*

*Thanks a Million*

# 2011 Civil War Events Calendar.....updated

- Jan 22** Marion County Pierpont Birthday Celebration Decorate Grave. Possible Church service?
- April 2** Marion County Historical Society "History Expo" Court House.
- April 16** Morgantown – Mason Dixon Civil War Round Table Symposium, [www.wvmasondixoncwrt.org](http://www.wvmasondixoncwrt.org).
- April 29-30** Pricketts Fort - Jones Imboden Raid Civil War Weekend, [www.prickettsfort.org](http://www.prickettsfort.org)
- April 30** Marion County Library Civil War history Civil War Markers and Tours.
- May 7** WVRA Civil War Ball Christ Episcopal Church Clarksburg
- May 27** Grafton Lantern tour Grafton National Cemetery, Mark Tennant, [mtennant6wv@yahoo.com](mailto:mtennant6wv@yahoo.com)
- May 28** Marion County Julia Pierpont Day
- May 13-15** Clarksburg – Event being planned, Connie Poe [fallingmountains@msn.com](mailto:fallingmountains@msn.com)
- June 3-5** Philippi – Blue/Gray Reunion
- June 20** Wheeling - West Virginia Day at Independence Hall [www.wvculture.org](http://www.wvculture.org)
- June 20** Marion County WV Day Marion County Historical Society and Pricketts Fort.
- June 23-26** Shepherdstown – The George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War, Civil War S Seminar – "1861 in West Virginia", [www.shepherd.edu/gtmcweb/cwcenter.htm](http://www.shepherd.edu/gtmcweb/cwcenter.htm)
- June 25-26** Corricks Ford reenactment (from Rodger Ware)
- July 6 – 8** Beverly – Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation, First Campaign Tour
- July 8-10** Rich Mountain Reenactment, [www.richmountain.org](http://www.richmountain.org)
- July 11** Commemoration of the battle at the Rich Mountain Battlefield
- July 15-17** Laurel Hill Reenactment, [www.battleoflaurelhill.org/](http://www.battleoflaurelhill.org/)
- July 15-17** Battle of Barboursville Living History and Reenactment, Linda Miller Barboursville [CWD@aol.com](mailto:CWD@aol.com)
- July 22-24** Battle of Bull Run
- August 5-7** Laurel Hill Reenactment , (from Lynne Snyder)
- Sept 3-4** Cheat Mountain Reenactment
- Sept 10-11** Carnifex Ferry Reenactment, [www.carnifexferrybattlefieldstatepark.com](http://www.carnifexferrybattlefieldstatepark.com)
- Sept 10-11** Tour - Hunting Robert E. Lee – Tour of General Lee sites in the Cheat Mountain area. Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation
- Oct 7-9** Bulltown



## WVRA FAMILY TIDBITS

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with several of our members who have lost loved ones recently. Jeff Zicafoose lost his Dad in November. Bill Brisendine lost his Dad in January and Marty and Don McNabb lost his father in December. We all extend our heartfelt sympathy for your loss.

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 Tag is the proud grandpa of a 7lb 4oz baby girl named Destini Grace. She came early Sunday morning. She came so fast that Kelcie didn't get her pain meds.
 Old Bill

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 December Happy Birthday: Do we have any birthdays or anniversaries for Dec or for Jan?  
 January Happy Birthday: Happy Robert E. Lee birthday every one!! Jan 19:  
 Happy Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson birthday Jan 21:



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NEW BEGINNINGS

WVRA MEETING

FEB 5, 2011

WESTERN STEER

STEAKHOUSE at the

WESTON PLAZA

Doorprize, nominations for  
WVRA officers, Scheduled  
events and much, much

more.



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