

# Trans-Allegheny Dispatch

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## Upcoming Events

Civil War  
Sponsored

None

Sanctioned

None

## Other Events recommended by WVRA members

**Fort Mulligan**, August 17, Petersburg, WV -  
Contact David Judy at  
ranger749@yahoo.com or 304-749-7957

**Calhoun County Park** - third weekend in  
August

**Shenandoah** 1864, Oct. 4-6 (USV)

**Burlington**, WV Oct. 4-6 - 304-749-7657

Contact David Judy at

ranger749@yahoo.com or 304-749-757

**155th Cedar Creek**, Oct. 18-20, 2019 (USV)

## Other Events

**Meet the Generals**, October 3, Clarksburg

**Droop Mountain**, October 11-13, 2019

<https://battleofdroopmountain.com>

## Other Time Periods.

### World War II

September 6-8 **Brooke County WV Fair**

WW II Battle Reenactments:

August 2-4 **Operation Market Garden**,  
Tidioute, PA

August 16-18 **D-Day**, Conneaut, Ohio.

### 18th Century:

August 23-25, **French and Indian War  
Muster**, Fort Frederick MD

Labor Day Weekend - **Siege of Fort  
Henry**, Oglebay Park, Wheeling, WV.

(Editor's Note: All events listed under the heading "Other Time Periods" were suggested by Jim Barnes and questions

about those events should be directed to Jim.)

## Next Meeting

No meeting is scheduled at this time.

## WVRA Meeting

### July 13, 2019

## Beverly Heritage Center

12 members were present. Vice President Ken Connell called the meeting to order at 4:55 PM.

The minutes from the February 10 meeting had been published in the newsletter. Since there were no additions or corrections, a motion was made motion to approve. The motion was seconded and accepted as published.

The Treasure's report was reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. Motion made, seconded and the report was approved.

### Old Business:

Insurance. The Certificate of Insurance was handed out to all members in attendance at the meeting. It was suggested that a PDF of the Certificate be sent to all of the members. M. Tennant made the motion that the PDF be sent to the members with the next newsletter. Seconded by Jim Allman. Motion Passed. J. Rush will send the PDF to C. Critchfield.

Talked about the Confederate Statue at Mingo Flatts that had been vandalized. WVRA made a \$100 contribution to help with the repair. The WVRA received a thank you card from the Mingo District Historical Society thanking us for our contribution. It was stated the cost to repair the statue was about \$1000.

The proposed Corricks Ford event has been canceled.

Reminded the members about the Burlington event October 4-6 and the Fort Mulligan event August 17. Contact member David Judy to register. His contact information is in the newsletter.

The complete set of ORs were given to the Waldomore in Clarksburg.

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## New Business:

Ken Connell has approximately 150 civil war magazines he would like to give to any member who would like to have them. There are also some Military History magazines for give away. Contact Ken if you are interested.

Talked about the other Timeline Events that are listed in the Newsletter. There is also an Event at the Calhoun County Park the third weekend of August. No other information is available at this time.

Phyllis Baxter talked about a 160th Anniversary Reenactment at Rich Mountain. She wanted to know if there would be any reenactors interested and available. Mark Poling said that the way to get participation is to start advertising now. Most reenactment groups are already planning their schedules as far as two years in advance.

No meeting was scheduled at this time. When a date is decided for the next meeting it will be published in the Newsletter.

R. Bird made motion to adjourn meeting, Peter Baxter seconded and the motion carried.

Respectively submitted,  
J. Rush

July 26, 2019

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## Treasurer's Report

July 1-31, 2019  
Beginning balance                      \$3,074.05  
Ending Balance                              \$30.05  
Submitted by Jack Rush

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## Insurance

From the minutes of the June meeting:

*"The Certificate of Insurance was handed out to all members in attendance at the meeting. It was suggested that a PDF of the Certificate be sent to all of the members. M. Tennant made the motion that the PDF be sent to the members with the next newsletter. Seconded by Jim Allman. Motion Passed. J. Rush will send the PDF to C. Critchfield."*

Chuck will send by email, a PDF copy to all members of record who have an email address. Remember this insurance only covers members who are known to the treasurer and editor as dues paying or legacy members. There are a handful of members who have no email address. There have been some people over the past few years claiming to be members, who are not. We have some people who were long time members, who everyone assume are still members - who are not. So if you get a request from somebody for a copy of the Insurance form, be sure they are a member.

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## Upcoming Events

### Fort Mulligan

My contact phone number is 304-749-7957 (This has been incorrect in the last two newsletters.) Both events are still in schedule. At Fort Mulligan, Aug. 17, we will provide a meal and a pound of powder for those participating in the skirmish. Reenactors may encamp on the 16th and stay over on the 18 if they wish. No registration is required but notify me through e-mail at : [ranger749@yahoo.com](mailto:ranger749@yahoo.com) There will be artillery on both sides. We could use some Union troops.

### Burlington

Burlington is Oct. 5-6 on the river next to the Fire House on US Rt 50. Reenactors may encamp on Friday the 4th and stay through Sunday the 6th. Ice, porta-jons, firewood, and most food will be provided. No registration is required but notify me through e-mail at : [ranger749@yahoo.com](mailto:ranger749@yahoo.com). My contact phone number is 304-749-7957 (This is the correct phone number) There will be artillery on both sides. We could use some Union troops.

David Judy

### Jackson's Mill

Jason Studenwalt reports that the 2019 Jackson's Mill event will take place August 30-September at the Mill. This year a half pound of powder will be issued to each rifleman and a meal (provided by Jaws BBQ) for those who stay all weekend.

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Camping will be at the Homestead around the McCorder Cabin. There are two battles scheduled on Saturday and again on Sunday in the field across from camp. A field hospital presented by the Angels of the Battlefield is scheduled to appear.

Stonewall Jackson will also make an appearance.

## Clarksburg - Meet the Generals

Also, I received a call from Al Ford, who is working with the Clarksburg Historical Museum (located in the old Hope Gas building) about a fund raiser they are having on Thursday, October 3. They are having a Civil War "Meet the Generals" at the Robinson Grand Theater from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Lee and Grant will be there to address the crowd and they are asking for other reenactors from that time period to attend as well for atmosphere. I told Al that probably someone could come for that. Linda and I will try to make it. For questions, the contact person is Al Ford, 304-844-4853.

-- submitted by Jim Barnes

## Camp Bartow

The WV Land Trust plans an open house celebration on **Saturday, October 5th at Camp Bartow** in Pocahontas County. The event will feature the dedication of a new walking trail & Civil War interpretation of the WVLT property opposite the historic inn "Travellers Repose." **Reenactors (both men & women) are needed for living history** to "bring the past to life." Both Union & Confederates will be featured.

No camping or shooting reenactment is planned, but reenactors can parade along the historic Staunton-Parkersburg turnpike & take part in scenarios along the new trail. If anyone has a pet role, please feel free to offer. They're looking for quality, not quantity.

Thanks for passing the word to WVRA members via newsletter, email, Facebook, etc. Any questions should be directed to: [Jessica@wvlandtrust.org](mailto:Jessica@wvlandtrust.org) or WV Land Trust at 304-413-0945.

- Submitted by Hunter Lesser

## Martins Ferry

Received this summer:

We are currently planning the 2019 Martins Ferry Christmas Parade to be held Friday, November 29, 2019.

We would love to have the West Virginia Reenactors be a part. Please advise. If you have any questions and/or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

Grove Spencer, Christmas Parade Planner, 430 1/2 North Zane Highway, Martins Ferry, Ohio, 43935

## Event Reviews Beverly Heritage Days

by Mark Tennant

I dressed as French & Indian/Rev. War militia man for Saturday's parade. Unfortunately I would only estimate around 50-60 people viewed the parade, most of those around Beverly Heritage Center. I then changed into Union Civil War soldier's uniform to man Union recruitment/pass table. Had maybe 30+ persons sign pass. But did get to talk to a relative of unidentified soldier buried at Grafton National Cemetery that I had identified. He was a soldier in 14th W. Va. Inf. . Pvt. Riley Davis who was killed at Battle of Greenland Gap on April 25, 1863. Also on Saturday Dave and Justin Eubank showed up and we had a real nice visit. Sunday morning was really slow, but did do a CW drill and gun safety class for 6 12-13 year old young gentlemen. The CW hospital group of 1 male doctor, and 1 female doctor, 2 nurses and a laundress had the spectators rapt attention as they amputated a soldier's leg( Fuzzy from the old 2nd Va. was the patient and he deserves an academy award for his moaning and screaming, most of the hospital members are relatives of Fuzzy). Hunter Lesser set up some tombstones and talked with the spectators about the soldiers and civilians who had once been buried beneath them. Rick Byrd also helped at the pass table and with the drill. Jack Rush marched in the parade and he and Debbie did a lot of work setting up tents and tables and taking them down. Diane Tennant set up a sewing kit and class Sunday

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morning g and had several women and girls doing the little kit, she also made cornbread for the delicious "stone" soup Karl made in a large iron kettle. As usual reenactors received an excellent meal on Saturday from Beverly Heritage Center. However, it seemed to me that attendance was down from last year. You can use facebook pictures if you want.

*the rebels, and who has just arrived here, makes the following statement: On Thursday last he saw from his prison window in Richmond a great bread riot, in which about three thousand women were engaged, armed with clubs, guns and stones. They broke open the Government stores and took bread, clothing and whatever else they wanted. The militia were ordered out to check the riot, but failed to do so. JEFF. DAVIS and other high officials then made speeches to the infuriated women, and told them they should have what they needed. They then became calm and order was once more restored. All the other released Union Officers confirmed the statement."*

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## Other Features

### For Sale

Tim Koch (or Cook?) a reenactor in the Morgantown area is selling a large group of Civil War reenacting equipment from weapons to clothing. The list I received is too long to type here and the list is over a month old by now. I imagine most of his weapons are sold by now. For more information call Tim at 304-906-552.

-- New York Times, April 8, 1863

*"Well, don't worry about it."*

-- Lt. Kermit Tyler, to the Opana radar station on early on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, when told about the large flight of unidentified planes approaching Oahu.

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My Stonewall Jackson impression uniform based on the uniform given to Stonewall by Jeb Stuart. Frock coat, pants, kepi and riding boots. ccritch608@yahoo.com or text me at 304-476-2632.

-- Chuck Critchfield

"Mother's in the kitchen  
Washing out the jugs;  
Sister's in the pantry  
Bottling the suds;  
Father's in the cellar  
Mixing up the hops;  
Johnny's on the front porch  
Watching for the cops."

-- Commonly recited verse from the Prohibition Era when it was very easy to get around the Prohibition Law.

### Other Time Periods

Jim Barnes submitted a list of suggested events seen above.

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### "They Said It (or didn't)"

*"Never interfere with the enemy when he is in the process of destroying himself."*

-- Napoleon

*"Col. Stewart, of the 2nd Indiana Regiment, one of the 14 United States officers just released by*

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### 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.wvmasondixoncwrt.org/](http://www.wvmasondixoncwrt.org/)

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## WVRA Officers 2019

Jim Barnes - President  
Ken Connell - Vice President  
Jack Rush - Secretary/Treasurer  
Diane Tennant - Unit Rep (TASAS)  
Mark Tennant - Unit Rep (1st W. Va. Infantry)  
Bill Brisendine - Unit Rep (25th Virginia  
Infantry)  
Unit Rep (artillery) - TBD  
Webmaster - Peter Baxter  
Editor - Chuck Critchfield

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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 of record.

There are two Facebook pages currently in use as avenues of communication by WVRA members. One is the WVRA-The Trans-Allegheny Soldiers Aid Society group page. The other group is labeled simply West Virginia Reenactors Association. Tonya Daft is the administrator on the West Virginia Reenactors Association page. Please address all questions to her about that page. 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

THANK YOU to Peter Baxter. Thank you to David Judy, Jason Studenwalt, Hunter Lesser, Mark Tennant, Jim Barnes for their contributions to this edition of the Dispatch

INSUFFICIENT TIME - I apologize for the fourth consecutive month, but I had to throw this issue together quickly. As many of you know, my father passed away recently and that is occupying my time currently.

PERSONALS - We were very sorry to hear about Linda Barnes' injuries and subsequent surgery. Please keep Linda in your thoughts and prayers. Jim and Linda send their regrets as they have had to suspend reenacting activities for the present time. But it sounds like Jim hopes to resume in the fall. Please keep Jennifer Smith in your prayers. Thank you to all members who passed on condolences to me after the death of my father. I owe my interest in history to my father.

SO YOU THINK THE CIVILWAR IS OVER?!? - Tennessee governor Bill Lee declared July 13 as Nathan Bedford Forrest Day to continue you a decades-old tradition of honoring the Confederate military leader, slave trader and one time KKK leader. Under state law, Tennessee governors are required to recognize Forrest on July 13. There are five other "days of special observance" under that law each year. Included are Robert E. Lee Day and Confederate Decoration Day. The Governor says he was just complying with the law. As you can guess this has stirred up a lot of controversy. The War rages on.

I noticed an article quoting the Southern Poverty Law Center that reported "since 2015, 110 tributes or monuments to the Confederacy have been removed, but over 1,700 remain."

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"The lack of a sense of history is the damnation of the modern world - Robert Penn Warren