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Upcoming Events

Sponsored Events

None proposed at this time

Sanctioned Events

Beverly Heritage Days, July 22-24

[Events Recommended by WVRA members](#)

Dry Creek (Greenbrier State Forest) – Aug 19-22

Bulltown – October 7-9, 2016 – Hosted by 10th W. Va. and Army Corps of Engineers, contact Sam Krafft for details

Elmwood Manor – Union, West Virginia, August 26-28, 2016, contact Chris Johnson at wvaca@hughes.net

Peterstown, WV (Monroe Co.) Civil War Festival Oct 7-9, 2016. Contact: Chris Johnson-wvaca@hughes.net

Guyandotte (W. Va.) Civil War Days – November 4-6

Other - 2016

1st Bull Run – July 22-24 (at Cedar Creek Battlefield) www.ccbf.us

Jackson's Mill – September (assume it will be Labor Day weekend)

Sidney, Ohio – Sept. 16-18, 2016 (suggested by the USV)

Cedar Creek – October 14-16, 2016, www.ccbf.us

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for the WVRA-Sanctioned Beverly Heritage Centuries of History Event on Saturday July 23.

Philippi Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2016

WVRA Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Secretary Jack Rush, at approximately 3:00 pm at the pavilion near the Philippi covered bridge. Nine members were present.

1. Discussed the upcoming Beverly Heritage Days event. Talked about our members attending as re-enactors to support the event. It was mentioned that several people had all ready committed to attend the 155th re-enactment of Bull Run.
2. It was brought up that the Jackson Mill Jubilee was coming up Labor Day weekend. There was no other information available.

3. The suggestion to donate the remaining black powder from Droop Mountain to Beverly Heritage for their use during Beverly Heritage Days was brought up. There was a lively discussion about the pros and cons of doing this. There was as many against as there was in favor of making the donation. No consensus could be reached and it was decided that this should be discussed at the next meeting.
4. It was suggested that the next meeting be held at the Steer Steak House in Weston on August 6. A meeting date and time will be confirmed by the group's newsletter. (*Editor's note – please see meeting notice elsewhere in the Dispatch for date and location of next meeting*)

J. Rush -- July 6, 2016

Beverly Heritage Days

Reenactors from multiple periods are invited to join us in Historic Beverly for a "Timeline" event:

Beverly Heritage Days – Centuries of History

July 22, 23, 24, 2016

Beverly Heritage Days 2016 will be a "Timeline" event, featuring living history and programming from periods throughout Beverly's history. Beverly, West Virginia, located 6 miles south of Elkins, was the original county seat of Randolph County, and a crucial crossroads through settlement, Civil War and 20th Century history. Now an active heritage tourism destination, Beverly Heritage Days is our primary heritage event of the year.

Living history camps will include Native American, Pioneer, Civil War, and World War II eras. Demonstrations, displays, programs, music and food from the variety of periods are being planned. A "timeline" dance Saturday evening will feature music and dancing from 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. Two History Alive! programs will feature Minnie Pearl Friday evening and Ostenaco Sunday afternoon.

Living History:

Reenactors are sought for each of the camps, or for individual impressions for any period within the

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timeline. First person or planned scenarios are especially encouraged – let us know what you can do and we will put it on the schedule. Activities for children are encouraged.

Pre-registration is expected, but there is no registration fee. We are offering one free lunch ticket for each pre-registered reenactor. Participation for the whole weekend is encouraged.

To pre-register email info@beverlyheritagecenter.org or phyllisb@meer.net or call 304-637-7424.

Tell us name and contact information, your impression, number of people and camping needs.

See www.beverlyheritagecenter.org (click on event link at lower left) **for more information including more reenactor information and draft detailed schedule.**

WVRA Members – Yes, you can still sign up! Please let us know. WVRA meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, time TBA.

I have been asked what a sanctioned event is. According to our by-laws: “Sanctioned Events are those not planned or organized by the WVRA, but approved by the Association for official participation. Attendance at sanctioned events is expected of all WVRA members.” Note -The rest of that by-law can be found at WVRA.org.

Union, West Virginia

Pards,

Here are the preliminary flyers and registration form for the Monroe County Heritage Days' "War Come to Union" event here in Union, WV, August 26-28, 2016 . I could sure use your help on this. I need primarily Federals as this was an 'occupation' of the town. Civilians are also needed to portray the townsfolk. There were also Confederate prisoners and Freedmen in the 'train' that followed the Federal Army. The Living History camp will include a CSA camp. Feel free to pass this info along to any interested parties. Please try and make it if you can.

*Thanks,
YOS,
Chris 'CW' Johnson*

Chris Johnson (Unit Rep of the 25th Va) has issued a call to all living historians to attend the “Federal Occupation of Union, West Virginia at Union in Monroe County August 26-28, 2016. He says he needs Union troops, Southern civilians, Confederate Home Guard, and artillery demonstrations. Chris asks WVRA members to put it on their calendar now. Details will come soon. The event flyer is now

available. I will be happy to email it to you. Contact me at ccritch608@yahoo.com. If you have specific questions about the event Chris Johnson can be reached at wvaca@hughes.net.

Treasurer's Report

For June, 2016:

Beginning balance June 1, 2016....	\$4,261.50
Income	\$25.00
Expeditures	\$22.95
Service charge	\$3.00
Ending balance	\$4,260.55

Submitted by Jim Barnes

WVRA Officers 2016 (executive board)

President – Mark Tennant

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Artillery – vacant

TASAS – Diane Tennant

* Non-voting member of executive board

Jackson's Mill Event

Jason Studenwalt has posted the following on the Conference of West Virginia Reenactors page on Facebook: battles are scheduled for 11 am and 3 pm on Saturday, September 3 and also on Sunday, September 4. Camping is behind the church entrance near the Mary Conrad Cabin. Participants may arrive all day on Friday, September 2. But the gate will close on Saturday morning. There will be parking for day trippers. Jason will post more information as it becomes available.

Dry Creek – White Sulphur Springs

I have communicated with Tim Boggs who tells me that the annual Dry Creek Reenactment at White Sulphur Springs at Greenbrier State Forest will be held. The flooding apparently did little damage to the State Forest.

155 Years Ago

Address to the Soldiers of the Expedition
Headquarters Department of the Ohio
Cincinnati, May 26, 1861

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SOLDIERS: You are ordered to cross the frontier and enter upon the soil of Virginia. Your mission is to restore peace and confidence, to protect the majesty of the law, and to rescue our brethren from the grasp of armed traitors. You are to act in concert with the Virginia troops, and to support their advance. I place under safeguard of your honor the persons and property of the Virginians. I know that you will respect their feelings and all their rights. Preserve the strictest discipline; remember that each of you holds in his keeping the honor of Ohio and of the Union.

If you are called upon to overcome armed opposition, I know your courage is equal to the task; but remember that your only foes are the armed traitors, and show mercy even to them when they are in your power, for many of them are misguided. When under our protection the loyal men of Western Virginia have been enabled to organize and arm, they can protect themselves, and you can then return to your homes with the proud satisfaction of having preserved a gallant people from destruction.

Geo. B. McCLELLAN

Major-General, U. S. Army

Commanding Department

Pickets “came rushing up to the deLagnel’s group, with bullets whizzing around them, yelling ‘Yanks From the South! Yanks From the South!’ Everyone had been expecting the Northerners to come from the East.”

- From the book YANKS FROM THE SOUTH! (The First Land Campaign Of The Civil War: Rich Mountain, West Virginia)
- By Fritz Hazelberger

“Such were the duties required of the regiment in July and August that it was divided into separate commands and scattered throughout the country, at no time in the short campaign acting as a regiment. This service was very unsatisfactory to the men, but such was the character of the warfare adopted by the enemy that it became necessary to meet him in small detachments.”

- History of the First Regiment West Virginia Infantry – C. J. Rawlings writing about 1861 campaign in West Virginia

donations can be considered at future WVRA General Meetings.

PERSONALS - Mark Tennant is spending a lot of time with his ailing father. If you need to reach him, please call Mark directly. He does not always have access to the internet. My apologies as I have not been able to devote a lot of time to the newsletter this month. The windstorm that hit Harrison County the week before the floods, did considerable damage to my trees and I have been occupied with clean up from that, which was sandwiched around a family vacation. My shag bark hickory took down power lines, phone lines and cable lines, etc. Bill Brisendine is from Clendennin. Clendennin was hit very hard by the flood.

Thank you to Jack Rush for the notes on the June meeting and Jim Barnes for the report.

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 respective insurance policies that the 1st West Virginia and the 25th Virginia infantry units participate in, you must be a member of record. TASAS members who are also spouses of 1st W. Va. members are covered under the USV insurance.

The newsletter is being sent by email to members of record who provided a VALID email address. It is posted on the WVRA website also. It is mailed to anyone who pays the \$15 annual mailing costs. It continues to be my plan to publish related articles of interest in addition to the items mandated by our by-laws (meeting minutes, treasurer’s report, etc.).

Yours truly, has no connection to the TASAS-WVRA Facebook page and takes no responsibility for it. Nor do I have any responsibility for the WVRA Facebook page. I would suggest that the TASAS-WVRA Facebook page seems to have more up to date information.

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Editor’s Corner

The WVRA made a donation to the Red Cross for flood relief in Southern West Virginia. The donation was approved by the Executive Board. Any further