

Trans-Allegheny Dispatch

The newsletter of the West Virginia Reenactors Association
2018– Edition III - March

Upcoming Civil War Events

Sponsored Events

Beverly (see below) - July 13-15

Sanctioned Events

University High School - April 20-21

Events Recommended by WVRA members

2018

Mountain State History Expo - Marion County Court House, Fairmont, March 10 contact Stormy Brasuk

March Meeting - March 24, Weston Steak House, 1 pm.

New Market - May 19-20

Gettysburg 155 - July 5-8;

www.gettysburgreenactment.com/reenactors

Cedar Creek - October

Remembrance Day - November

Other Events

Bulltown - October 12 -14, 2018 contact Sam Krafft (cwarcapt@yahoo.com)

Droop Mountain - October 12-14, 2018.

Other Time Periods

Beverly Centuries of History - Probably July 13-15

Editor's note - if you plan to attend events, please work with your Unit Rep.

1. Treasurer's Report: The current bank balance is \$5016.75 as of January 31, 2018. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.
2. Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the January 20th meeting were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections concerning the minutes. Minutes were accepted unanimously.
3. There are currently 60 members registered. No other reenactor groups have signed up to be members of the WVRA. It is hoped that having insurance will encourage them to join. Jim is still pursuing this.
4. Jim Barnes is looking into a WVRA recruiting display at the Gun Show in Clarksburg on March 24th.
8. Jim looked into the Liability Insurance (Lockton Affinity, LLC) through the NRA. They sent lots of paperwork to be filled out. Cost is estimated to be about \$600 per year and will cover about 140 members. A list of all of the projected events for the year needs to be submitted with the application. D. Miller moved to approve buying the insurance and Doc seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention. Jim and Jack will continue preparing the application.
9. Jack wrote letters and checks and sent them to Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation and the Pickett's Fort Memorial Foundation to complete the Sue Prager Gaines memorial request.
10. The sanctioning of the University High School Event on April 20-21 was voted on and approved unanimously.
11. The sponsoring of the Beverly Time Line Event on July 13-15 was voted on. The sponsorship passed with 5 members voting against. Register on the Beverly website.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will March 24 at 1:00 pm at the Weston Steer House (normal location). Please note the starting time is 1 pm.

Minutes from February Meeting

February 17, 2018

WVRA Meeting

Steer Steakhouse, Weston

At 1:05 pm the meeting was called to order by President Jim Barnes. In attendance were 22 members.

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12. Broke into unit meetings. Each group gave a preliminary list of events for this year. This will be used for the liability insurance.
13. Stormy passed out information on the Mountaineer State History Expo at the Marion County Courthouse on March 10. They are looking for participants.
14. Jim talked about the information received about this year's Bull Town reenactment. It is going to be the same weekend as Droop.
15. Phyllis talked about the Civil War Symposium that is being sponsored by Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation on April 7 at 12:00. There will be 4 different speakers.
16. Next group meeting will be at 1:00 on March 24, 2018 at the Steer Steak House, Weston.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15.

Respectively submitted,
J Rush February 26, 2018

RENEW NOW

To be a member of the West Virginia Reenactors Association, you must be a registered and pay dues. I make this simple, seemingly obvious statement because in this day and age when having insurance coverage is mandatory to participate in some events, you must be a member of the WVRA to be eligible for the insurance we are attempting to purchase.

1st West Virginia members continue to be covered by the USV policy. But only if you are a member of record with the First. You get that membership by joining the WVRA and declaring that you will join the 1st West Virginia.

Dues remain the same. Individual membership is \$15 and family membership is \$25. Family membership is limited to immediate family members from college age downward.

Remember, if you would like the newsletter sent to you via US Mail instead of email, please let me know. The subscription rate is \$10 to cover printing and mailing. PS - I need your address also.

Renewals to date (March 1, 2018)

General

Elizabeth Swiger

TASAS

Bill Snyder
Peter and Phyllis Baxter
Gary and Millie Goetze
Debbie Wenig
Christina Ward
William Ward
Patricia Carroll
Sherry Goff
Katie Goff
Jennifer Bravener
Pam Dodd
Hunter Lesser

Jennifer Smith
Linda Barnes
Debbie Rush
Brian Ward
Abbi Ward
Jakob Lester
Diane Tennant
Katie Skidmore
Morgan Goff
Art Dodd
Linda Donegan

25th Virginia

Bill Brisendine
Dirk Behana
Thurman Shaver
John Webb
Jay Allman

Ken Connell
Timothy Glaser
Jeff Goff
Jim Allman

1st West Virginia

Chuck Critchfield
Jim Barnes
Jack Rush
Ed ChapdeLaine
Patrick Carroll
Christopher Taylor
Ralph McCready

Kevin Skaggs
John Ziolkowski
Ron Wenig
Christopher Carroll
Mark Tennant
Bill Donegan
Meghan Lough

Artillery

Mark Poling
Tony Shaffer

Stormy Brasuk
Duane Miller

1st Virginia

John Brasuk
Carl Vandergrift
Chuck McCormick

Ed Falvo

Newsletter

Tag Ireland
Stormy Brasuk
Ed Falvo
Thurman Shaver

Mark Poling
Carl Vandergrift
Chuck McCormick

UPCOMING EVENTS

Beverly Heritage Days

Editor's Note - the WVRA has voted to make this a sponsored event.

Living historians from 1750 until 1950 eras are invited join our timeline heritage event to share the history of settlement, conflict, and daily life in the Tygart Valley. Beverly, West Virginia was the original county seat of Randolph County, and was a crucial crossroads through settlement, Civil War and 20th

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Century history. Located 6 miles south of Elkins along US Rt 219, Beverly is an active heritage tourism destination with town historic district, Rich Mountain Battlefield, and multiple museums and shops anchored by the Beverly Heritage Center. 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. For this year we are seeking additional representation from post-Civil War periods, including World War I and civilian life. Living history, first person impressions, demonstrations, heritage crafts and displays are all welcome. The event will welcome music from a variety of periods, and a “timeline” dance Saturday evening will feature music and dancing from 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

We welcome input and suggestions from WVRA or other participants, as we plan the activities for the event. If you have a suggestion or would like to participate on the planning committee, please contact event chair Phyllis Baxter, phyllisb@meer.net or call BHC at 304-637-7424.

Participant info / registration for Beverly Heritage Days is posted on the website. For the direct link, <http://beverlyheritagecenter.org/BHD2018participation.html>

or go to beverlyheritagecenter.org and there is a link on bottom left in the news block.

Beverly Heritage Days - Centuries of History is presented by Beverly Heritage Center and Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation. Editor's Note: nothing is planned at Camp Garnett or on Rich Mountain.

This event is currently under consideration for a WVRA sponsored event.

Film Project

(Editor's note - this was posted by Tonya Daft on the WVRA Facebook page on Oct. 30. All questions can be directed to her. She requests contact by Facebook message. I have received no updates as of Jan. 28) This is an update to that posting (as first published in December newsletter.)

Update on Civil War era documentary film. Should have some dates after November 1 and location to do the trailer for the film. This so they can produce support for the documentary. I heard from some of you (WVRA members) with names phone email and addresses. Need someone from our WVRA group that has cannons. Need possible two. If you have not contacted (message me) with your info please do so ASAP so when everything is decided I can reach you quickly. Thanks a Million. Tonya Fluharty Daft.

University High School Civil War Days

From Phil Caskey, the award-winning history teacher at University High School in Morgantown, West Virginia:

Dear WVRA,

You are cordially invited to return to University High School's two-day Encampment, April 20-21, on school grounds.

Our event last year would not have been successful if not for our gracious participation. By expanding to two days, we are hopeful more re-enactors will be able to commit to our growing event and we are hopeful you all can return again.

April 20 will be our day-long program for students in the county, working in rotations and Saturday the 21st, we expand and welcome the general public. We will have a reenactment on Saturday among other events planned to engage the community.

We are also looking for a sutler this year. Any suggestions.

This event is currently up for vote as a WVRA sanctioned event.

Correspondence Received From Army Corps of Engineers

The following letter was received by me on Feb. 14. . Please be aware I have retyped and any mistakes may be mine.

Attention WVRA Members,

This fall will be the 155th Anniversary of the Battle of Bulltown, and we would like to see the upcoming reenactment bigger and better than ever. We would like to extend an invitation to anyone in the WVRA

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who would like to take part in the event, which will be held on October 12-14th, 2018.

I understand that in the past there has been some friction between former reenactor volunteers and team members with the agency that manages Bulltown Historic Area, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. However, we want to get past that and rekindle old relationships with reenactors who want to work cooperatively with the Corps and current reenactor volunteers to promote and improve Bulltown Historic Area. The area has a new Interpretative Ranger, Lisa Hess, and she is trying to bring the area to life again. Any and all support will be greatly appreciated.

The battle is being organized by the 10th WV Company F and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. We are dedicated to making this battle a success. In order to make this happen, we will need everyone to work as a team and support the event. There are many events planned for the weekend, including a Civil War Ball on Saturday, living history demonstrations, sutlers and the actual reenactment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sam Krafft or Lisa Hess.

Sincerely,
(signed by Lisa Hess)
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Treasurer's Report

As of March 1, 2018.

Beginning Balance	\$5,016.75
Credits	
Membership dues	\$45.00
Debits	
RMBF (S. Prager Gains)**	\$375.00
Prickett's Fort (S. Prager Gains) **	\$375.00
Ending Balance	\$4,311.75

** see item in January 16 meeting minutes

AFTER ACTION REPORTS

I have no after action reports at this time.

OTHER FEATURES

FOR SALE

Former member Rob Freeman is selling some of his Civil War period clothing that was worn by himself and his father. He is selling shirts, a military vest and civilian vest, a almost new Union frock coat, a Confederate sack coat with Virginia buttons and two pairs of sky blue pants. Contact Pam Nicholson jmpnicholson@aol.com or Rob at rfreeman1373@gmail.com for more information.

155 Years Ago

Due to time constraints, I was unable to get to this feature.

Sites of Interest

Beverlyheritagecenter.org – Beverly Heritage Center
WVRA.org – our website
<http://www.wvmasondixoncwrt.org/> -- W. Va.
Mason Dixon Civil War Round Table (Morgantown)
Civil War Trust – civilwar.org

WVRA Officers 2018 (executive board)

President – Jim Barnes
Vice President – Ken Connell
Treasurer /Secretary – Jack Rush
Newsletter editor - Chuck Critchfield*
Website – Peter Baxter*
1st W. Va. Rep – Mark "Quiz Whiz" Tennant
25th Va. Rep – Tim Glaser
1st Va. Cavalry – John Brasuk
Artillery – Stormy Brasuk
TASAS – Diane Tennant
* Non-voting member of executive board

Editor's Corner

The Editor's chance to speak

Sorry, this is a bare bones edition, rushed to publication because of my schedule.

Thanks to everyone who made contributions to this issue. Jack Rush was responsible for the minutes and treasurer's report. THANKS

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BEVERLY HERITAGE CENTER - announced that rehabilitation work on the 1841 Randolph County jail sitting behind the Heritage Center in Beverly, will start in 2018. Beverly is also embarking on our their annual growth campaign to provide funding for improvement projects. Please donate. beverlyheritagecenter.org.

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. Insurance questions about the 1st Virginia Cavalry should be directed to the Unit Representative.

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 (by far) over the past 3 years.

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