

Trans-Allegheny Dispatch

The newsletter of the West Virginia Reenactors Association

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Upcoming Events

More information will be added later if made available to the editor

Droop Mountain – October 9-11

Droop Clean-up – August 8 – 9:30 am (or thereabouts)

[Events Recommended by WVRA members](#)

Jackson's Mill – September – weekend of Sept. 4, 5 & 6. See article below.

Carnifex Ferry – Sept. 11-13 (FULL IMMERSION EVENT???)

Zoar, Ohio – Sept. 19-20

Locust Grove – October 23-25, Walkersville, Va. (ANV max effort event)

<http://www.peninsulaartillery.com/locustgrove.htm>

Guyandotte – Oct. 30-Nov. 1

<http://www.guyandottecivilwardays.com>

Other events

St. Marys, W. Va. – Sept. 4-6

Logan State Park – Sept. 25-27

Mountain Park personnel to tackle a handful of downed trees at the park. The weather was not too hot, not too humid nor too wet as we cut and stacked firewood for October's reenactment. A large pile of firewood is stacked in the Union camp where it can be watched by the staff of Droop Mountain Battlefield Park. (Note – any firewood stacked at Confederate camp is stolen)

Thank you to Diane Tennant and her helpers who prepared a tasty lunch for our mid-day break. It was much appreciated.



A pat on the back and thanks from the rest of the membership is due to Jim Allman, Ken Connell Mark Tennant, all 4 members of the Jeff Goff family, Chris Johnson, Larry “Hard Head” Smith, John Webb, Tim Glaser, and yours truly. Also spotted working very hard were Jason and Ronna Studenwalt, Ranger (Mike) Smith and his crew. If I have overlooked anyone, please let me know.

Minutes from August Meeting

The August meeting was held Saturday, August 8, 2015 at the “Confederate Camp” at Droop Mountain during lunch break of Droop clean up day. Mark Tennant called the meeting to order at 12:57 and about 10 members were present.

The minutes having been published in the August newsletter, it was moved and approved that we skip the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer Tim Glaser reported \$4,097.39 in the WVRA checking account. About \$570 is money

Next Meeting

No meeting is scheduled at this time.

Droop Mountain

Droop will be held at its normal weekend October 9th through the 11th, while the leaves are in their full glory in the Greenbrier Valley. The WVRA voted overwhelmingly to hold the event, so please overwhelmingly support and volunteer to help the event.

The Droop Mountain flyer, including the registration form is included with this mailing. Please complete the form and mail it to Tim Glaser as directed on the form or complete it, scan it and email it to me. We are trying to get an accurate count of the number of reenactors that we need to prepare for. Per the membership-approved guidelines, the WVRA will cover registration for dues-paying members of record who pre-register.

Droop Mountain Clean Up

Saturday, August 8, 2015, turned out to be a good day for the 15-20 reenactors and Droop

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from Pocahontas County and is restricted in its use. It can be used for the dance and insurance. About \$930 of the Pocahontas County grant has been spent on powder to date. Tim also added that the WVRA paid \$167 in registration fees to Rich Mountain for WVRA members in attendance.

No unit meetings were held.

A discussion was held about Katrina (KC) Watterson's marriage.

Droop registration materials are out and being distributed.

Jason Studenwalt of the 31st Virginia talked about the upcoming event at Jackson's Mill. Please contact **Jason** (see article elsewhere in the *Dispatch*) with any questions.

Mark Tennant discussed Fort Mulligan, being held on Aug. 15 at Petersburg, W. Va.

The meeting was adjourned so we could return to cutting firewood.

Submitted by C. L. Critchfield



The always beautiful view from the tower at Droop Mountain. I don't often see it except in Fall.

West Virginia Civil War Battles With the Most Casualties

(Includes killed, wounded and captured)
From – The *Ultimate Book of West Virginia Lists*
compiled by Rick Steelhammer

1. Harpers Ferry, Sept. 12-15, 1862 - 12,922 casualties
2. Summit Point, Jefferson County, August 21, 1864 – 1,000 casualties
3. Shepherdstown, Sept. 19-20, 1862 – 625 casualties
4. Moorefield, August 7, 1864 - 531 casualties
5. Droop Mountain, Nov. 6, 1863 – 526 casualties
6. Rich Mountain, July 11, 1861 – 346 casualties
7. Smithfield Crossing, August 25-29, 1864 – 300 casualties
8. Camp Allegheny, December 13, 1861 – 283 casualties
9. Carnifex Ferry, September, 10, 1861 – 250 casualties
10. Cheat Mountain, Dec. 15, 1861 – 170 casualties.

WVRA Officers 2015

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* Non-voting member of executive board

Registration Fees – WVRA Events

By vote of the membership, the WVRA will pay for any member, who registers for a WVRA sponsored event. The WVRA will reimburse at the EARLY registration rate. Members will be

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responsible for any amount over and above the EARLY registration rate and any other costs, such meals. Members must pre-register to be eligible. Walk-ons will not be reimbursed.

Jacksons Mill Jubilee

(Editor's note – the following was received from Ronna Studenwalt.) Firewood provided. Union enter at pool gate and Confederates enter at lower gate in historical area. Cars will be permitted on site all day Friday up til 8:00 am Saturday morning, if coming for just the day they will need to park in the airstrip and ride the bus over where their uniform will be their gate pass in. For persons camping they can contact Jason Studenwalt for more info and or gate/parking passes. **304 884 7710.**

In talking with Jason at the Droop Mountain Clean Up, it sounds as though the event is making a comeback. Talk to JASON for more information.

Editor's Corner

OK, time to preach at you again. Droop is just around the corner. We need the volunteer help of the WVRA members to make this a successful event. This is not like Rich Mountain where we have the help of the Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation folks. It is us and Mike Smith's folks. Contact Mark Tennant or Tim Glaser to volunteer.

Personal Notes

I was saddened to hear JR Moore is suffering from poor health and wish to him the best. We certainly missed him at Rich Mountain.

Congratulations to Katrina (KC) Watterson who was married on August 8 in Culpepper, Virginia. Sorry we couldn't be there, but we all were thinking of you and wishing you the best at our August 8 meeting at Droop.

Welcome back James Gilbert and Greg Bonner who rejoined the WVRA at Rich Mountain.

A memorial donation was made to the Disabled American Veterans in the memory of WVRA member Carol Watterson, who passed away last year. We apologize for the delay in completing this task.

A big thank you to Peter Baxter, who continues to provide valuable support to the production of the *Trans-Allegheny Dispatch*, and....valuable support to WVRA.org

Elizabeth Swiger!!! - In case you are reading the Dispatch, your emails keep coming back undeliverable. If you have a new email address, please send to me.

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.

The newsletter is being sent by email to members of record. It is posted on the WVRA website also. It is mailed to anyone who pays the \$15 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 have seen some correspondence about the Facebook pages recently, so possibly I will know more in the future.

Please contact your unit rep (listed above) with any questions about your unit.

As always, if anyone has anything for the Dispatch, send it along. I will consider it.

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