

# Trans-Allegheny Dispatch

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## Next Meeting

None scheduled at this time.

## Upcoming Events

**PLEASE NOTE that all of the events in 2022 are dependent on the status of the pandemic. Please ensure that the event is not cancelled before attending.**

*Important note about the official calendar below. After some discussion at a recent meeting, it is the opinion of the group that liability insurance is more likely to cover events sanctioned by the WVRA. It is our opinion that to be sanctioned the event should at the minimum be listed on this calendar. Addendum, January 2022. I discussed this issue with the insurance expert of the USV and he agrees that this is a gray area. There is some question whether the liability insurance would cover WVRA members only at sanctioned WVRA events or all events. He further agreed that publishing events in the newsletter may help to make them "official."*

I would suggest contacting Roger House if you have questions about the Daniel Lady Farm events.  
([csacannon@aol.com](mailto:csacannon@aol.com))

## Sponsored

None at this time

**Sanctioned** (per by laws)

None at this time

## Other Events recommended by WVRA members

2022

**160th Antietam / Sharpsburg**, September 17-18, Daniel Lady Farm in Gettysburg. [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://danielladyfarm.com)

**Hardy County Living History**, (Moorefield, WV) Sept. 24

**Apple Harvest Festival, Oct. 1-2**,  
Burlington, W. Va. [ranger749@yahoo.com](mailto:ranger749@yahoo.com)  
**Droop Mountain, Oct. 7-9**  
<https://battleofdrycreek.org>  
**Cedar Creek**, Strasburg, Va., Oct. 14-16

**Fall Harvest Days at the Farm**, Oct. 15 & 22, Daniel Lady Farm Gettysburg, [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://danielladyfarm.com)

**World War II** event (theme to be announced), Oct 29-30, Daniel Lady Farm in Gettysburg. [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://danielladyfarm.com)

**Halloween Cowboy History Show**, Oct. 29-30, Daniel Lady Farm, Gettysburg, [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://danielladyfarm.com)

**Remembrance Weekend Military Yard Sale and Swap Meet**, Nov. 18-19, Daniel Lady Farm, Gettysburg, [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://danielladyfarm.com)

## Events recommended by friends of WVRA Civil War

**Jeb Stuart Event** - Ararant, Virginia, Sept. 30 – Oct. 2

## Treasurer's Report

August 1, - August 30, 2022

Beginning balance	\$2,061.75
Credits	
Membership	\$ 0.00
Debits	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$2,061.75

Submitted by Tim Cox, Treasurer, WVRA

## Insurance

Treasurer Tim Cox has received the certificate of insurance. Both Tim and I have a copy of the certificate. If you require a copy please send Tim or me an email requesting a copy and we will email you a PDF copy of said certificate.

- Chuck Critchfield

## Upcoming Events

For the complete list, see above. The following is any additional information submitted to the editor for the events listed above.

## Two Droops

Yes, Virginia, there are two Droop Mountain events this year.

The annual event is being held at the Park on October 7-9 of this year. I assume that the same link

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as last year <https://battleofdrycreek.org> can be used to get information on this year's event.

Jason and Ronna Studenwalt are involved with a fund-raising event at Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park on November 4-6. The event is entitled Echols Last Stand and currently there is a Facebook page dedicated to this event.

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## Event Reviews

None at this time

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## Other Features For Sale

From Bryan Cokeley

With regret, I am resigned to getting out of the hobby. 😞 I just don't seem to have the impetus to get to events with Hampton having left the state. He was in Texas; he now lives in Richmond. (Apparently, he took to heart those calls of "On to Richmond!") He turns 30 in May. He was 10 when we went to our first School of the Soldier. The passage of time. Maybe we all added 5 years this past year.

It seems wasteful for me to sit on all of this reenactment gear. I will keep my musket. I can make some young person a great deal on everything else – **a whole kit to get started in the hobby. If you know of someone interested, please let me know.**

Miss everyone! Best,  
Bryan (Cokeley formerly of the 1<sup>st</sup> West Virginia)

From Debbie Moore

Civil War Items:

Day dresses, ball gowns, shoes, parasail, patterns, jewelry, ladies articles, clothing, haversack, camping articles. For further information or to set up a time to come and see, call Debbie at 304-798-3490 9-6. Will sell at reasonable offer.  
Feb. 2022

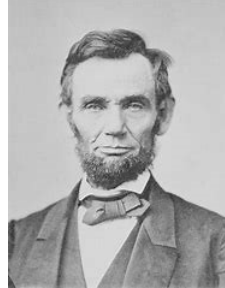
New Civil War History of Harrison County  
*A Civil War History Of Harrison County, West Virginia 1961-65; Harrison County, Virginia in the Civil War 1856-65. By Pete Taylor*

This new book focuses on the years just prior to and during the war between the states. Despite the rich history of the region, no book had ever been written solely focusing on this area for that time period. Therefore, I undertook the task of researching and creating this account. As a resident of Harrison County, I had access to local historians and resources.

The book is available through Amazon for \$28.00. The manuscript has been donated to the Harrison County Historical Society and all proceeds go to support that organization.  
July 2022

## They Said It (or didn't)

Quotes, misquotes and fabrications attributed to the famous, nearly famous, not famous and infamous.



**"Don't believe everything you read on the Internet just because there's a photo with, a quote next to it."**

- Abraham Lincoln, February 30, 1866

### Abolition Geography

We learn that, the teaches in our Public Schools are instructing the children that there are thirty-five states, in the Union – the 35<sup>th</sup> State being "West Virginia." This is simply a falsehood. There is no such state as "West Virginia." The State that is so denominated is a bogus, fraudulent concern, that was created by the Lincoln Congress for political purposes entirely. If our school teachers would instruct the scholars in the Constitution of their country, they would learn from them that instrument that no new State can be carved out of an old one, without the consent of the Legislature thereof. As no such "consent" has been obtained in case of Virginia, of course, the new State created by Congress, called "West Virginia," has no legal existence

- Mt. Vernon (Ohio) Democratic Banner, October 8, 1964

### Abolition Geography

It seems by the *Banner* (Democratic paper) that the Superintendent of our *School* has had the presumption to teach his scholars that W. Va. is one of the States of the Union. Well, in view of the fact that it is one of the States, that is so recognized by the President and both house of Congress...it would seem no great stretch of authority for a school master to recognize these facts, and acquiesce in them. West Virginia is in

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the Union – It is moreover a free state State, and perhaps that is the matter! It is in, more legally, and constitutionally than Texas ever was, and what is better is by far a more loyal and patriotic State.

- Mt. Vernon Republican (Ohio), October 11, 1864

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

Link to Clarksburg History Museum -

<https://clarksburgmuseum.wixsite.com/history>

Battle of Gettysburg Podcast -

Addressing Gettysburg podcast -

Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation -

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

## 2022 WVRA Officers

**Andrew Valentine - President**

**Ken Connell - Vice President**

**Tim Cox – Treasurer**

**Jim Barnes - Secretary**

**Phyllis Baxter - Unit Rep (TASAS)**

**Chuck Critchfield - Unit Rep (1st W. Va. Infantry)**

**Bill Brisendine - Unit Rep (25th Va. Infantry)**

**Dave Judy - Unit Rep (artillery)**

**Webmaster - Peter Baxter**

**Editor - Chuck Critchfield**

**Note - Webmaster and Editor are non-voting members of the Executive Committee.**

### Unit Field Officers

**(Continue in effect until further notice. See minutes of January, 2022 meeting)**

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. Karl Mulac is the administrator of 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

**ANY MEMBER** who wants to contribute to the Trans-Allegheny Dispatch is encouraged to do so. I get very few items from members. Anyone who has an opposite point of view to mine, I encourage them to respond. I certainly have expressed some opinions that others might want to rebut.

**THANK YOU** – Tim Cox for the Treasurer's Report. Thanks to Peter Baxter for placing on the website.

**IF YOU HAVE** to go to [WVRA.org](http://WVRA.org) to get this newsletter and don't get it through email, please email me at the address below to let me know.

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*"We tend to create stories that appeal to us.  
Then we impose those stories on the past."*

- A Wallace Collection video produced on the 500th anniversary of the battle of Agincourt -found on You Tube

*"History is dangerous. It goes after our myths  
and our identities."*

- Brig. Gen. (ret) Ty Seidule after receiving death threats for writing about Robert E. Lee

*"The lack of a sense of history is the  
damnation of the modern world."*

- Robert Penn Warren

*All history is revisionist. By its very nature,  
the moment it is committed to memory it has  
been revised.*

- Paraphrased from several historians