

Trans-Allegheny Dispatch

The newsletter of the West Virginia Reenactors Association
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Next Meeting

JUNE 4, 4:00 PM at Philippi during reenactment. Near the picnic area.

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 covers only 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)

Sponsored

Beverly/Rich Mountain, July 23 (see below)

Sanctioned (per by laws)

None at this time

Other Events recommended by WVRA members

2022

Old Bedford Village (Bedford, PA)

June 11-12

American Military Field Days Timeline, June 11-12, Daniel Lady Farm, Gettysburg, [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://danielladyfarm.com)

Canaan Valley State Park, June 17-19, contact Rick Byrd (See article below)

firstwvcav@frontiernet.net

Civil War Antique and Relic show June 24-26, Gettysburg, [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://danielladyfarm.com)
Philippi – June 3-5, Philippi, W.Va.

159th Gettysburg, July 2-3, Daniel Lady Farm in Gettysburg. [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://danielladyfarm.com)

Wild West Show, August 6-7, Daniel Lady Farm, Gettysburg [EVENTS \(danielladyfarm.com\)](https://danielladyfarm.com)

Battle of Dry Creek – White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, August 19-21
<https://battleofdrycreek.org>

Fort Mulligan, August 19-21, Petersburg, W. Va. ranger749@yahoo.com

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

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

Battle of Saltville – Saltville, Virginia, August 19-21 tentative date

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

www.beverlyheritagecenter.org

304-637-7424

info@beverlyheritagecenter.org

Treasurer's Report

April 30 – May 29, 2022

Beginning balance	\$1,936.75
Credits	\$ 110.00
Debits	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance	\$2,046.75

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.

BEVERLY!!!!

Please note that the date of Beverly is July 23. It was listed incorrectly in the March edition of the Trans-Allegheny Dispatch. Watch this space for more details. Remember we have voted to sponsor this event.

Featuring:

- History Mystery participation scenario focusing on occupied Beverly
- Living History Timeline from 1750 – 1970 military and civilian
- Demonstrations, displays, and activities

Food – free meal for reenactors and volunteers, plus pie sale and other treats

Period camps welcome all weekend, with primary visitor activities on Saturday

FREE – participants preregister please, so we can plan for you!

Watch for more information in upcoming WVRA newsletters and at

Fort Mulligan

Please add to this a second Ft. Mulligan event on Aug. 20. We will give a pound of powder and a meal to all who serve in our reenactment on this date. (The other date, April 16 is a living history without amenities.) All are still invited to attend.

- Dave Judy

Canaan Valley State Park

The event at Canaan Valley State Park needs Union troops. and that our opponent is the Barbour Grays. Needed are about 10 federals. Contact me (Rick Bird firstwvcav@frontiernet.net) soon before West Virginia Birthday weekend. As custom the Barbour Grays serve a meal to the Federals on Saturday evening for attending the event and doing the skirmishes. I need to give them a head count of approximate number attending because of the meal.

For June the 3rd West Virginia and 17th (Pennsylvania??) Cavalry units are attending Philippi, Bedford and Canaan. Instead of doing Daniel Lady Farm on July 4th weekend we are doing a living history at the Monterey Battlefield, which is east of Wayneboro, Pa and south of Gettysburg.

- *Respectfully Byrdie (Rick Bird)*

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 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.

Event Reviews

None at this time

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Other Features Movie Review

The Siege of Firebase Gloria

A movie from the 1980's about a isolated firebase during the onset of the Tet Offensive in 1968 Vietnam. A hotshot marine recon patrol encounters North Vietnamese regulars in the bush, in large numbers and high tails it to the nearest safe haven...Firebase Gloria. Which is inhabited by dope-smoking GI's and a CO who is "way out" man.

The firebase is soon beset with thousands of Viet Cong led by NVA officers. Before too long, the Viet Cong engage in kamikaze attacks in an effort to overrun the base.

This movie was made in 1989. About halfway between the Green Beret-style and Band of Brothers-style war "movies." I recognized none of the names and faces of any of the actors except Albert Popwell (blaxploitation films and his famous scene with Clint Eastwood in Magnum Force) and the iconic, one-and-only R. Lee Emery, who plays the tough, experienced sergeant-major. This movie is not Platoon or Full Metal Jacket, etc. But a low-budget story of Vietnam.

For Sale

(Editor's note: Jim Barnes sent this to me for Tyler Claypole. I have reprinted word for word. I assume the numbers in the last paragraph are prices for the respective items. So if you need clarification, contact Mr. Claypole)

UPDATE – Tyler will sell the whole lot for \$500. (August 2021)

one confederate officer complete jacket hat and pants and union naval uniform complete with pants And confederate artillery uniform with pants and hat And union cav officer uniform with pants and hat And confederate butternut gray uniform with pants and vest. Pants are 32 waist. Jackets are large.

The naval uniform is 150 Union cav officer 300 Confederate officer 500 Confederate shell jacket is 150 Butternut gray is 225. Contact Tyler Claypole at 304-376-9043.

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 1st West Virginia)

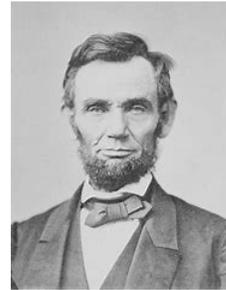
From Debbie Moore

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

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

"As the rebel bullets began to splash around pretty thick, the boys sought to keep in this deep water (Chattahoochee River) with only the head exposed; they soon discovered that they could throw the cartridge from the magazine (of the Spencer) into the chamber of the piece, by working the lever, as well under water as in the air; hence, all along the line you could see the men bring their buns up, let the water run from the muzzle a moment, then taking a quick aim, fire his piece and pop down again, with only his head exposed. Now, the rebels had never seen anything of this kind before, nor, for that matter had we, and their astonishment knew no bounds. We could hear them calling to each other, 'Look at them Yankee sons of bitches, loading their guns under water?'"

" - Quoted in Echoes of Battle – The Atlanta Campaign from Blue Acorn press.

Other Sites

American Battlefield Trust - www.battlefields.org

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Beverly Heritage Center -

www.beverlyheritagecenter.org

Mason Dixon Civil War Roundtable -

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

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.

THE BYLAWS require that I post upcoming events. I have received an extensive list from WVRA members

SMALL REENACTMENTS continue to spring up with every little festival in West Virginia while large reenactments are probably a thing of the past.

THANK YOU – Tim Cox for the Treasurer's Report.

YIKES - I had hoped to have a review of the Seven Day's event held this past month. But I am afraid my old age is catching up with me. My vertigo, or whatever it is that ails me, was triggered and I did not think it wise to participate and drive home after a sleepless two nights in a tent.

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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 history

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

- Robert Penn Warren