

Trans-Allegheny Dispatch

The newsletter of the West Virginia Reenactors Association
2015 – Edition 3 – MID-February

Upcoming Events

More information will be added later.

WVRA Sponsored Events

Rich Mountain – July 10-12

On line registration coming

Droop Mountain – October 9-11

Droop Clean-up – August 8

Events Recommended by WVRA members

Bentonville, March 20-22

Appomattox – April 10-12

<http://www.appomattoxhistoricalsociety.org/150th.htm>

Grand Review – May 17th

<http://grandreviewparade.org>

Hurricane Bridge/Scary Creek

March 26-29

<http://www.putnamcountyparks.net/special-events.html>

Beverly – March 21

Winter Raids Symposium

Philippi – (no word yet)

Old Bedford Village – June 12-14

McConnellsville, Ohio – July 10-12 (Contact

Ralph McCready for more information)

Fort Mulligan Days – August 15, Petersburg, WV

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

Zoar – Sept. 19-20

driving distances from being forced to drive home after dark in the winter.

Membership

Please renew your membership. Membership forms are available in past newsletters on WVRA. Email me at ccritch608@yahoo.com if you would like one sent to you. My name is on the membership form and you can mail it to me or Tim Glaser, the treasurer at 41 Union Street, Huttonsville, WV 26273. DO NOT mail to the PO Box in Buckhannon.

Just a reminder that members who register for the Rich Mountain and Droop Mountain events will have their registration fee paid by the WVRA treasury at the EARLY registration level.

Rich Mountain

The WVRA and the Rich Mountain Battlefield Foundation will team up to host the Rich Mountain reenactment the weekend after Independence Day weekend, July 10-12. Discussions about this year's event are underway. Spread the word. See the flyer in this edition of the *Dispatch*.

Droop Mountain

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

Grand Review

All parade participants will meet at 7:00 am on Sunday, May 17th at RFK Stadium, just outside of Washington. Registration and all inspections will take place there. Participants will be given IDs and all weapons and horses will be inspected. Due to the security concerns and prohibitions against moving in the city with such weapons, troops will form and be loaded into shuttle busses, by unit, for transport to the parade start. It is the same

MID-FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is being sent with information on upcoming events. The normal newsletter will resume with the March newsletter. We continue to email the newsletter to members of record with an email address and through US Mail to members who have paid the extra \$15 to have it mailed to you.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is February 21, 2015, 1 pm at the Weston Steak House, Exit 99 off of I-79. The time of the meetings has been moved into early afternoon to keep members with long

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approach used for all inaugural parades. Cav and artillery horses will be inspected at RFK as will invited artillery guns. Once inspected, horse and gun trailers will proceed as directed into DC to unload and – having unloaded – move to the pick-up points. **NO AMMUNITION/LOADS, MUZZLE LOADING WAPONS, NO PISTOLS**
Overall, this is a parade of 10 city blocks down Pennsylvania Ave- about 1 mile.
Registration email address in the Upcoming Events on page 1.

WVRA Officers 2015

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TASAS – TBD

* Non-voting member of executive board

Editor's Corner

With this special Mid-February edition, I will just pass on information concerning the 2014 Bulltown reenactment that was emailed to my by WVRA member Sam Krafft and Richard Pingley of the Corps of Engineers.

Sam Krafft emailed to say that the Bulltown reencatment is being planned for Oct. 2016. He added the following about this year's Bulltown event...*“even with all of the miscommunication this past summer and fall, we had 19 reenactors for the weekend. Also there was in excess of 40 spectators. The weather for the weekend was a constant rain. The Corps of Engineers was pleased with what we accomplished for the weekend. I would like to invite every one in the WVRA to attend the 2016 event.”*

We also received an email from Richard Pingley, Resource Manager at Burnsville Lake. It is a lengthy email that appeared to go to many of you.

So I won't reprint the entire letter, but a few excerpts concerning the 2014 reenactment.

I asked Ranger Tommy Smith to write an update about the Bulltown Historic Area, which I have pasted below. In the last few years, many improvements have been made to the historic area, including new displays, lighting, and cabinets, a gun cabinet, and many others. We have several events planned, and I welcome you to get involved and continue to support this valuable resource. If you are interested, please contact Tommy at the number below.

Bulltown Fall Living History 2014

On the October 10, 11, 12 weekend 2014, a Civil War living history event was held at the Bulltown Historic Area of the Burnsville Lake Project (Army Corps of Engineers-Huntington District). ...The event helped to commemorate the Battle of Bulltown which occurred on October 13, 1863. Heavy rainfall was experienced during the entire weekend; however, approximately 20 Civil War living historians participated and camped. The living historians were members of Wise's Legion, a Civil War re-enacting and living history group based in the southern Ohio area (with many members living in West Virginia). Members of the West Virginia Re-enactors Association and the Stonewall Jackson Re-enactors were also invited to participate. All participants signed on and were approved as Corps volunteers. Both Confederate and Federal impressions were represented..... No fees were charged to the participants or the visitors. Signage and articles appeared in-order to inform potential visitors about the event. Approximately 150 visitors attended.

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9-11 October 2015

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Hillsboro, West Virginia