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August Meeting

Our August meeting was held at 7:15 p.m. on Tues., August 2, 2005, at the Hunton Recreation Center. Ben Greenbaum presided.

Best Dug Relic-of-the-Month. David Garnett found various items this month, including an eagle button, a Spencer bullet, some shot and a few fired bullets. Dave's son dug a naval fuse.



David Garnett's son's naval fuse.

Doug Harris showed some items that he had dug over the past few months, including a Revolutionary War era frame buckle with snake motif, an NC two-piece, a heart-shaped martingale, a flattened C button (used as a poker chip?), and an artillery fuse. (To those wanting maximum clarity of their relics in the newsletter, please note how nicely Doug's buckle displays on a white background!)



Doug Harris' Colonial buckle with snake.

Ben Greenbaum found an iron stirrup and an 1842 musket barrel that had been cut down. Ben also displayed a case of items dug by his son.

Mike Philyaw took the ROM award with his find of a sword belt plate with stippled face. Congrats to Mike!



Ben Greenbaum's stirrup and '42 barrel, and Mike Philyaw's sword belt plate.

This Month's Program. This month's program was our club's annual Mini Relic Show. As usual, the membership went all out in bringing out a grand assortment of relics that we do not get to see at the big show in Nov.

John Frawner displayed three Confederate spurs from Gettysburg.



John Frawner's Confederate spurs from Gettysburg.

Greg Heath brought a display of accoutrement plates, including a US, a CS tongue & wreath, and a snake buckle.



Two of Greg Heath's plates.

Schuyler Ritter showed numerous items, some garnered from his traverses of estate sales, including a mid-19th century transit, a tin box, a rifle, a piece of sandpaper made into an image of a revenue cutter, a black scissor-cut silhouette wearing a kepi, and a daguerreotype.



Some of Schuyler Ritter's artifacts.

Marshall Cain exhibited a nice display of corps badges.



A few of Marshal Cain's corps badges.

Jack Mountcastle displayed individual cases with representative relics from various battlefields, including Glendale, Haw's Shop, The Overland Campaign, and Lee's Retreat from Namozine Church to Amelia Springs.



Jack Mountcastle's battle displays.

Steve Schmidt showed some sword pommels and grips, all undrilled, old stock from the Ames Sword Company.

Fred Schneider showed a dug sword from Richmond, KY and a sword belt plate.



Fred Schneider's dug sword.

Dennis Madison displayed part of his extensive collection of eagle buttons with various backmarks.



Examples from the Madison eagle button collection.

Mike Philyaw exhibited a CS tongue, a VMM plate, a US box plate, a star militia plate, a McClellan cape pin, a Parrott base, and MI state seal, 1812 artillery, LA, lined C's, lined I, FD, eagle I, and eagle A buttons, and a token.



Mike Philyaw's VMM plate and Fire Department button.

Joe Mooney exhibited several cases of items, including numerous Colonial items, such as tokens and flat buttons, and some very nice flower buttons.



Joe Mooney's flower buttons and Colonial tokens.

David Garnett displayed some of his wonderful collection of buttons, along with other items, including corps badges, an engineer's pin, a stencil, an officer's bugle, crossed cannons, a silver fireman's badge, and a Company B, 2nd Cavalry bit boss.



David Garnett's bit boss and fireman's badge.

Allen Lane exhibited a case of Model 1851 sword belt plates with 21 buckles and 20 different styles.



Part of the Allen Lane sword belt plate collection.

Ben Greenbaum brought several items, including cups, eating utensils, bottles, a coffee/nutmeg grinder, a mucket, flasks, and a coffee pot.



Some of Ben Greenbaum's flasks.

Thanks also to the many others thoughtful enough to share part of their collection with us!



Crossed cannon and Butter-and-Egg-Men token.



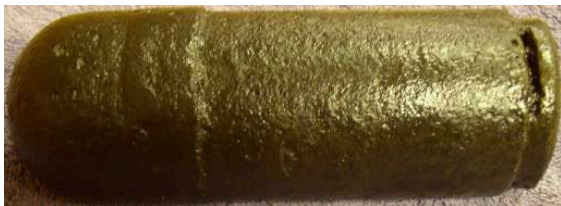
Shoulder scale and Model 1859 spur.



Virginia buttons.



Part of necklace made with period buttons.



Braun artillery shell.

Civil War Course

The University of Richmond's School of Continuing Studies will offer a course titled "Crossed Sabers – Civil War Cavalry in Virginia" that meets 7:00 – 9:00 PM on four consecutive Monday nights, beginning on October 3, 2005. The course will discuss the extensive use of mounted soldiers by both sides in many different types of units. The Civil War in Virginia would see large cavalry divisions made up of thousands of cavalymen and light artillery to small units of irregular forces mounted on swift horses who served to gather information on the enemy or to attack his weak points. This course explores the use of cavalry by both the Union and the Confederacy, highlights the major cavalry battles fought in Virginia between 1861 and 1865, and brings to life some of the fascinating men who led the forces in blue and gray. The instructor will publish a suggested reading list prior to this course and will also provide additional information as take-home material. On October 29th, a Saturday bus field trip led by the instructor will visit selected cavalry battlefields in Virginia.

This course is led by CVCWCA's very own retired Brigadier General Jack Mountcastle, the U.S. Army's former Chief of Military History. Discussions will focus on those soldiers who truly believed the lyrics of the popular Civil War song, which said: "If you want to have fun -- J'ine the Cavalry!" Cost of the non-credit course is \$159.

Details: Call University of Richmond's School of Continuing Studies at 289-8133 or visit their website at www.richmond.edu. Click on "Continuing Studies" and then select the Think Again Noncredit course catalog's section on Personal Enrichment History Courses.

Upcoming Programs

September 2005 – Representatives of the Mariner's Museum will give a presentation on the results of the excavation & preservation of the turret of the USS Monitor.

October 2005 – Annual meeting at the Museum of the Confederacy. Each year we meet at the MOC and the staff shows us items of a theme of our choice that are generally not displayed to the public.

November 2005 – Discussion of the upcoming November CW Relic Show & Sale.

David Garnett continues to solicit your ideas for programs and speakers for upcoming meetings.



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Upcoming Shows & Events

Remember, before traveling any distance to attend a show, be sure to call and verify the dates and time!

September 3, 2005. Civil War living history lantern tours at Meadow Farm, north of Richmond (follow signs from I-295). Tours leave every 15 minutes 7:15-9 pm. Free. Registration required: 804-501-5520.

September 4, 2005. Living history, Civil War civilian story at Meadow Farm, north of Richmond (follow signs from I-295). Noon-4 pm. Free. 804-501-5520.

September 10, 2005. Tour, two-hour guided tour of part of the Brandy Station battlefield. Begins 10 am at the Graffiti House Visitor Center (just off Route 29 north of Culpeper) at 10 am. \$5. 540-547-4106.

September 17, 2005. Civil War Book Fair, meet and talk with 20 authors of Civil War books at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. 804-649-1861.

September 17-18, 2005. "Americans at War," re-enactments, living history demonstrations, exhibits and more looks at the military from Colonial times to the present at Pamplin Historical Park south of Petersburg. Free with admission. 877-PAMPLIN.

September 22, 2005. Panel discussion, "The Confederacy in the 21st Century," explores the place of the Confederacy in contemporary America. 7:30 pm at the University of Richmond, Keller Hall Reception Room, in Richmond. Free. Co-sponsored by the Museum of the Confederacy. Reservations required: 804-649-1861 extension 28.

September 24, 2005. Tour, two-hour guided tour of part of the Brandy Station battlefield. Begins 10 am at the Graffiti House

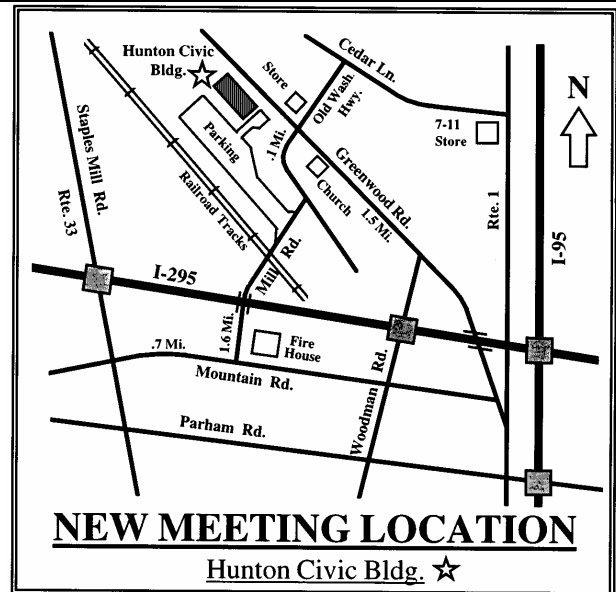
Visitor Center (just off Route 29 north of Culpeper) at 10 am. \$5. 540-547-4106.

September 24-25, 2005. Anniversary living history and ranger programs at Fort Harrison, part of the Richmond National Battlefield Park. Candlelight tour 8 pm Saturday. 10 am-5 pm Saturday, 10 am-4 pm Sunday. Free. 804-226-1981.

November 19-20, 2005. The original Richmond Civil War Show. 25th Annual Capital of the Confederacy Civil War Show and Sale at the Richmond Raceway Complex. Over 400 tables. Sponsored by the Central Virginia Civil War Collector's Association in conjunction with the Museum of the Confederacy.

(Thanks to Dennis Madison for the calendar of events for this month's newsletter!)

Map to Hunton Civic Center



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