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Membership Renewal

Well, it's time again for the best \$20 you'll ever spend! Last year, we were pretty lax about timely dues and waited until August to make sure that all the late renewers went into the roster. This year, the roster will go out with the March newsletter, which gives everyone over two months to get in something you should be sending in right now. We'll still take you late payers anytime you care to cut that check, but, if you want to be included in and get a copy of the roster, you'll need to pay those dues before the March newsletter is prepared. Just use the form enclosed.

December Meeting

Our December meeting was held at 7:15 p.m. on Tues., December 6, 2005, at the Hunton Recreation Center. Walter Chalkley outdid himself bringing a wide variety of snacks and drinks for our refreshments.

David Garnett gave a summary of the November show. There were 20 formal displays, about 5-7 than usual. 712 attendees from 20 states turned in their ballots, which gives us an idea of where they heard about the show and other useful information.

The annual election of officers took place and, amid heated competition, the current slate was reelected by acclamation.



Dave Batalo's winning 1840 William Henry Harrison campaign button, and Joe Mooney's LA cuff button.

Best Dug Relic-of-the-Month. Dave Batalo recovered 25 different kinds of bullets, eagle buttons, epaulette pieces, and an 1840 William Henry Harrison Campaign button, which took relic of the month. Note the detail and all the items, cabin, flag, cannon, soldiers, and cider barrel.

Joe Mooney found a number of buttons, including eagles and several state buttons, including MI, MA, NY, and a nice LA cuff button.

Jack Mountcastle displayed two Enfield stock tips, one of CS manufacture and the other British. Note the differences shown in the photo.



Jack Mountcastle's CS rifle stock tip (l) and Enfield stock tip (r).

Rick Xedos showed numerous finds, such as a Lined I flattened into a poker chip, percussion caps, minies, a Room 1874 hotel tag, half of a US plate, a wire brush cleaner, and, from a 1600s house site, pipe stems and bowls, a trident pewter spoon handle, an arrowhead, some flat buttons, a 1733 cut reale, a bit boss, and epaulette pieces.



Rick Xedos' U.S. rosette and half of US plate.

David Garnett also had some nice recoveries, including a Script I button, a NY button, three bullets, and some modern silver coins.



Rick Xedos' lined I (l) and David Garnett's Script I (r).

Scott Pugh brought in some finds a friend had made, including an 1864 Lincoln campaign button with ferrotype photo (image gone, of course) and an eagle I button.

This Month's Display Items. Ben Greenbaum displayed a cast sword belt plate that had been found by one of his students in his grandfather's garden. (Most teachers get apples!) Ben also showed one of his eBay discoveries, an officer's saddle valise with roller buckles and a brass number 2. He also brought a US shovel and explained that the ones with separate shoe plates are CW period, whereas ones with single piece blades are post-war.



Rifleman cuff button (l) and one of John Frawner's UCV button (r).



John Frawner's postcard of an old soldiers home.



Plate found by one of Ben Greenbaum's students in a garden spot. Another "A" student!



Greg Heath's display included a scabbard drag and a Model 1859 Cavalry spur.



Ben Greenbaum's officer's saddle valise and US shovel.



David Smith's Rifle Regiment button (l), and a brass heel plate (r).

Steve Schmit brought in both dug and non-dug horse hames for comparison. The non-dug had Battery C in the leather and US stamped in the metal.



Steve Schmit's dug and non-dug horse hames.

December Program. Ben Greenbaum gave a presentation on little known places to relic hunt in the Richmond area. The two dozen sites included remaining earthworks, old houses and sites, and old houses that have been renovated such that they don't appear to be period.



Ben Greenbaum shares his list of places to hunt in the Richmond area.

Upcoming Programs

Tuesday, January 3, 2005 – Jim Flannigan will speak on the ‘Graffiti’ House, where a great number of soldier wall art and writings are preserved.

February 2005 – Cold Harbor and Gaines Mill (tentative).

March 2005 – Insignia (tentative).

April 2005 – Norman Schools will speak on the Moncure Conway house in Fredericksburg, where a number of soldier items were found in the rafters up in the attic.

June 2005 – Craig Bell will speak on the Virginia Manufactory of Arms.

October 2005 – Meeting at the Museum of the Confederacy.

December 2005 – The legendary Dennis Madison Collection (tentative).

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!

January 6, 2006. The Low Country Civil War show and Sale will be held at the Gaillard Auditorium. 300 tables of Civil War artifacts and memorabilia, along with a BBQ dinner and oyster roast for dealers on Friday night. Open Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-3. 770-982-8221.

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February 11, 2006. Special program, ‘Hearts at War, Valentine Traditions During the Civil War,’ documents and stories for adults at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond. 1-3 p.m. Admission \$10. 804-649-1861.

February 18-19, 2006. Antique & Collectible Arms Show sponsored by the Southeastern Antique Arms Collectors Association. Held at the Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway (I-20 Loop), Marietta, GA. Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-1. Featuring weapons and equipment through WWII. 770-664-5015.

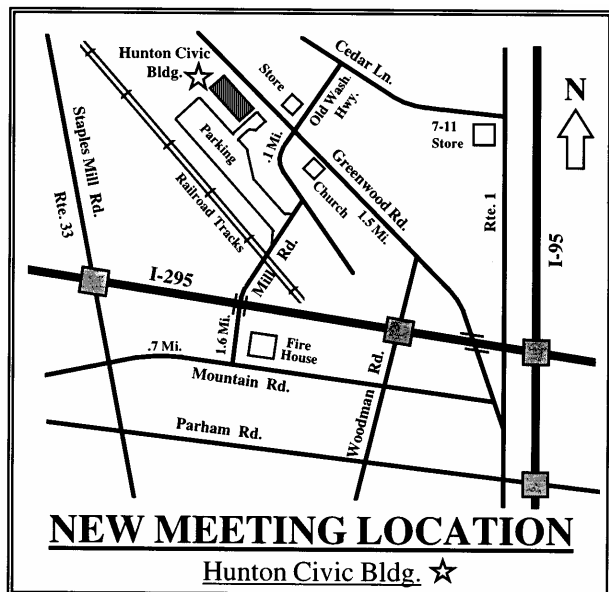
February 18-19, 2006. 40th Annual Mid-South Civil War Show held at the Memphis Fairgrounds at Airways and Central. Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-5. 901-365-0644.

February 25, 2006. Special program, ‘Controversial Confederates.’ Speakers will talk about Jubal Early, George Pickett, John Mosby, and others at the Library of Virginia, 800 E. Broad Street, Richmond. Co-sponsored by the Museum of the Confederacy. 9 am – 4 pm. Registration is required. 804-649-1861.

March 9-12, 2006. Battle of Hampton Roads Weekend at the Mariners’ Museum in Newport News. Keynote speaker James McPherson with a variety of living history, tours, lectures and much more. 757-591-7739.

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

Map to Hunton Civic Center



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