



The Picket Post

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Membership Renewal

Well, it's time again for the best \$20 you'll ever spend! The roster will go out with the March newsletter, and will include only those paid for 2006. We'll always take you late payers, but, if you want to be included in the roster, you'll need to pay those dues before the March newsletter is prepared. Just use the form from the January newsletter.

January Meeting

Our January meeting was held at 7:15 p.m. on Tues., January 3, 2006, at the Hunton Recreation Center. Mike Philyaw and Ken & Joe Mooney brought a nice variety of snacks and drinks for our refreshments.

We had voting for the annual relic-of-the-month. The results will be announced at the February meeting.



Some of Pete Nicholson's bullets and statuette.

Best Dug Relic-of-the-Month. Pete Nicholson displayed a pile of dropped bullets and a number of other good items, including a small statuette and a Model 1840 musician's sword pommel.

Ken Mooney found a rare bullet mold used for making picket bullets, as well as two eagle buttons, the front off of a Michigan button, a flower button, a flat button, and some bullets.



Ken Mooney's Picket bullet mold and other finds.

Scott Pugh exhibited a lock plate, a CS spur variant, a sword hanger, a fuse, and several other items.



Scott Pugh's hammer & lock plate and CS spur variant.

Ryan Foster brought a case with arrowheads, jewelry items, including a religious medal, some coins, some flat buttons, and other items.



Ryan Foster's display.

Joe Mooney showed several nice items, including a NY button, an Eagle I button, some bullets, and an 1802-1808 artillery button.



Ryan Foster's religious medal and Joe Mooney's artillery button.

This Month's Display Items. Steve Schmit displayed several artillery pole pads that were used to protect the horses from the hard ends of the poles. The pads Steve brought showed the evolution of the pads during the course of the war.



Steve Schmit's 1863 and 1864 pole pads.

Ben Greenbaum exhibited a Model 1855 Hardee/Jeff Davis enlisted man's hat, a post-CW frock coat with Virginia buttons, and an image of a western theatre cavalry soldier with gutta percha frame.



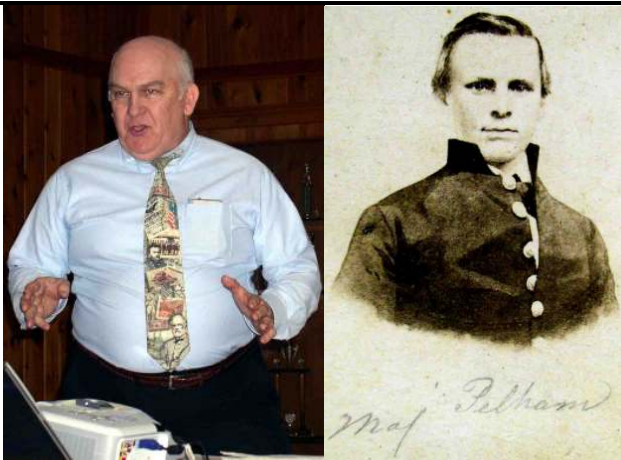
Ben Greenbaum's post-war Virginia militia jacket, and western-theatre cavalryman image.

David Garnett brought in another of his flea market/antique shop finds: A period coffee pot. Note the A-shaped section under the handle typical of coffee pots of the era.



David Garnett's period coffee pot.

January Program. Our speaker this month was John G. Flanagan of the Brandy Station Foundation. Mr. Flanagan is also the current president of the Fauquier County Civil War Round Table.



Our speaker, John G. Flanagan (l). CDV of the gallant John Pelham brought by Mr. Flanagan (r).

Mr. Flanagan's presentation centered on the military actions around Kelly's Ford on the Rappahannock River in early 1863. His presentation included several period images of the area and of the people engaged, as well as soldier drawings. He brought a personal copy of a CDV of the gallant John Pelham and passed it around as he spoke.

A pivotal point of the area was Kelly's wool mill that employed around 150 employees through around 1900. The Confederates purchased \$30,000 of cloth from the mill. Contrary to popular opinion, the mill was not destroyed during the war, but burned in 1937.

The Rappahannock was picketed for most of the war. One of Robert E. Lee's camps was known as Camp No Camp because the great number of rugs, chandeliers, and other home-like conveniences made it not seem like a camp.

Hooker replaced Burnside in January 1863. In February 1863, Fitzhugh Lee made a raid on Hartwood Church and embarrassed the Federal cavalry. Fitzhugh Lee sent a message to an old West Point classmate of his on the Union side, William Averill, "If you won't leave, send me a 50 pound sack of coffee."

Flanagan noted that the use of sabers was dynamic at Kelly's Ford. Rhode Island troops attacked by chopping through abatis and were shot by dismounted CS cavalry.

It was during the first cavalry battle on March 17, 1863 that the gallant John Pelham of Alabama was killed. There was some thought that John Pelham was killed early in the day, but it appears more likely that he was killed in one of the last charges.

William Averill did leave a 50-pound bag of coffee for Fitzhugh Lee with a note, "Dear Fitz, Here's your coffee. Here's your visit. How do you like it?"

Upcoming Programs

February 7, 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!

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. Admission \$25. 804-649-1861.

March 4, 2006. Seminar, "Technology and Advancements in the Civil War," includes talks on balloons, railroads, telegraphy and more, in Farmville. Annual event co-sponsored by the Appomattox National Park and Longwood University. 9 am – 4 pm at the Hull Building, Room 132, at Longwood. Free. 434-395-2220.

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.

March 16, 2006. Lecture, "Art in the Civil War South," at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond. Co-sponsored by the Museum of the Confederacy. Noon. Admission \$5. 804-649-1861.

March 18-19, 2006. Antique Arms Show, sponsored by the Maryland Arms Collectors Association. 950 tables, and exhibit area of Civil War artillery and historic arms. Held at Maryland State Fairgrounds Cow Palace, Timonium, Maryland. Saturday 9 am – 5 pm; Sunday 9 am – 3 pm. Admission \$5.00. For information, go to www.baltimoreshow.com.

March 24-25, 2006. Seminar, "Blood on the Canvas: The History of Civil War Art," at Liberty University in Lynchburg. Presentations include talks, demonstrations and displays relating to Civil War art, photography and sculpture. Living history and a video of "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge" also are featured. Admission \$55 (\$65 after March 23) includes all sessions, banquet and Saturday luncheon. One-day admissions are available. 434-592-4031.

March 25, 2006. Civil War Relic Show sponsored by the Fredericksburg Civil War Relic Hunters Association. Held at the Eagle's Lodge, 21 Cool Springs Road, Fredericksburg. Artifacts, books, prints and more. 9 am – 5 pm. \$5. 540-372-6709.

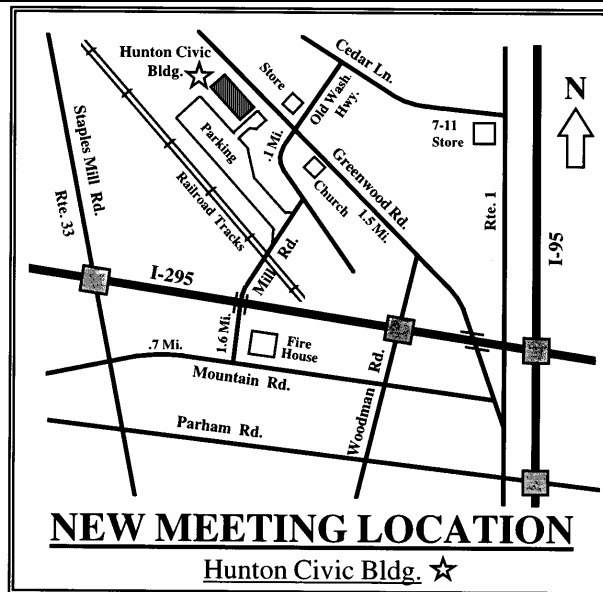
March 25, 2006. Anniversary commemoration of the First Battle of Kernstown, just south of Winchester. Park tours and more are planned. Free. 540-662-1824.

April 8-9, 2006. 34th Annual American Civil War Show held at the Dulles Expo Center (south building) in Chantilly. Featuring over 350 tables of the finest Civil War and earlier military effects, memorabilia, relics, books, paper

goods, photos, art, and antique weapons. Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10-2. 703-823-1958.

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

Map to Hunton Civic Center



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