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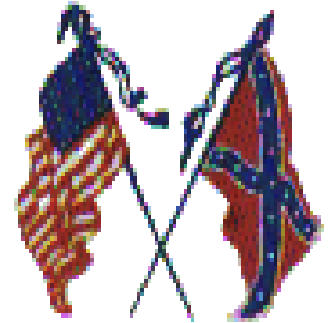
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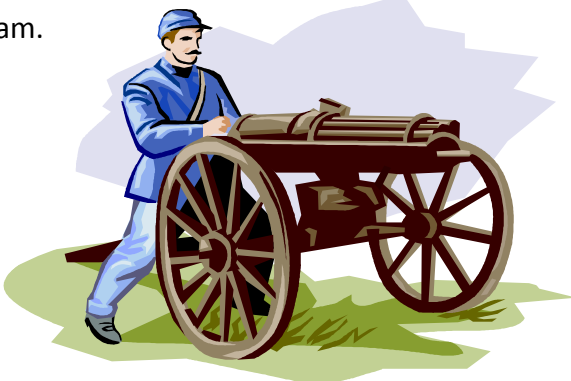


Pearson Will Speak In November

Our November speaker at the justice Center will be Johnnie Perry Pearson of Hickory. He will speak on the letters home of Confederate Soldier Irby Goodwin Scott. The title of the program is Your Affectionate Son Until Death. Private Scott served in most of the major campaigns in Northern Virginia. The letters provide a vivid description of the hardships and suffering that Scott and others in his regiment endured during the winter of 1861-62. Johnnie will tell of the death of Irby's brother Nicholas and the relationship with his body servant.

Johnnie was born in Alexandria Va. Growing up in this area provided him the opportunity to visit most of the historic sites in Northern Va. During his elementary school years, he developed a growing interest in history. In college, he majored in history, receiving his BS degree in Political Science. Johnnie served in the military and later found employment in the retail industry, followed by a thirty year career with the NC division of Veteran Affairs until his retirement. During his military service, he was an Infantry Platoon sergeant, and was awarded the Bronze Star, a Purple Heart and a V device for heroism. Johnnie is active in Boy scouting now and has written a number of published articles on the Civil War. He lives in Hickory and devotes his time to his church, scouting and most of all his family and two grandsons. He is also working on another set of letters for publication.

We welcome Johnnie to our Roundtable and look forward to an excellent program.



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We still need volunteers for refreshments. Nothing fancy is required, cookies and punch are enough. Please sign up with Nancy Beemer.



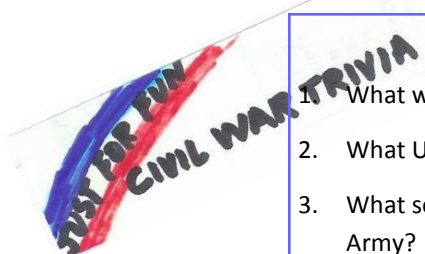
We welcomed Greg and Jeremiah Turbyfield as new members at the October meeting, and also Carolyn Nohria who recently joined.

Christmas Plans

Our Christmas banquet will be at the Holiday Inn express in Dillsboro on Monday, December 12th. The event is open to members and the public. Refreshments and social hour begin at 6pm, followed by a buffet dinner and program. The speaker will be James Ogden, historian at Chickamauga national Battlefield Park, the topic will be The Battle of RESACA. The cost is \$25 per person. Reservations may be sent to Chris Behre at PO Box 322, Tuckaseegee, NC 28783. Please make your reservations by Dec. 4th. Attire is "Period dress" or Sunday best.




By Betty Rouser

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1. What was a "black flag" policy?
 2. What Union general survived the civil war only to fall overboard and drown in 1867?
 3. What soldier who enlisted in the TN seventh Cavalry was the only millionaire private in the Confederate Army?
 4. What was a "bandbox" regiment?
 5. What acclaimed poet fought as a private in the 2nd Battalion during the seven Days battle was captured and imprisoned in Nov. 1862?
 6. In late 1864 how many Confederates died each day of starvation at Elmira Prison in New York?

Park Ranger Speaks In October In Waynesville

By Betty Rouser



At our October meeting in Waynesville, Chief Park Ranger Gib Backlund of the Stone's River National Battlefield gave an excellent program on the fierce battle between December 31, 1862 and January 2, 1863. More than 81,000 soldiers fought there in the fields and cedar thickets along Stone's River, and 23,000 became casualties in one of the bloodiest battles fought in the western theater. In bitter winter weather, Bragg's Confederates withdrew, allowing Union general Rosecrans control of middle Tennessee. This battle set the stage for the Union advance to Chattanooga. With the battlefield left in Union hands, engineers constructed Fortress Rosecrans, a large earthen supply depot and one of the most extensive field fortifications in Tennessee.

Big thanks to Ranger Backlund for a great program.

Ranger Backlund earned his BA degree from University of Minnesota and his MA in History from Middle Tennessee State university. He has served the NPS in a number of locations prior to coming to Stone's River. Ranger Backlund's wife also works for the NPS as Superintendent of the Carl Sandburg National Historic Site in Flat Rock.



The Western North Carolina Historical Association is sponsoring a series of lectures to be held in Asheville to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War. The first lecture will be held on November 5th at 2:00 at the Reuter's Center at UNC-A. The speaker is Dr. Gordon McKinney. His topic is "The Civil War and Uppity Women." There is no admission but the historical association is accepting donations. Reservations are recommended. The number to call for reservations is: 828 253-9231

MEETING SCHEDULE

November 14: At Sylva

Johnnie Pearson

Your Affectionate Son Until Death

(Lt. Irby Scott's letters home to Putnam County GA., 1861-1865)

December 12: **Christmas Party**

At Holiday Inn Express, Dillsboro

James Ogden

The Battle of Resaca

*January 9, 2012: - Currently Open

February 13: At Sylva

(Ray Rouser, Paul Turner and Chuck Beemer)

Three member panel and audience discussion on the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

Kennesaw will be our Spring Field Trip in mid-April, 2012.

March 12: At Sylva

Chris Hartley

Col. George Stoneman's Raid

April 9: At Sylva

Thomas Cartwright

Gen. Patrick Cleburne and the

Battle of Franklin

May 14: At WCU Auditorium

Susan Thomas and Sister

(Two for the price of one)

Belle Boyd, Confederate Spy

Sister portrays Dr. Mary Edwards

Walker - a Union Surgeon



1. A black flag policy meant taking no prisoners. The black flag referred to the skull and crossbones of pirates, who showed no mercy for captives. It was considered to be unpopular as a tactic and not widely used.
2. Irish Brigade Commander Thomas Meagher had been drinking and fell overboard on a Missouri River steamer. He had been appointed Secretary to Montana Territory.
3. Nathan Bedford Forrest had amassed much wealth in cattle, land and the slave trade by the war's start.
4. These were Union regiments formed late in the war from affluent and professional men, many of whom wore white gloves when they drilled.
5. Poet Sidney Lanier, who later died from tuberculosis contracted while in prison.
6. Twenty five died each day at Elmira.

Book Raffle

I would like to remind everyone that we are selling raffle tickets for the Time Life Book Series. This collection includes 30 hard back volumes all written by Civil war participants. The tickets are 3 for 10\$. Please see me, Gabriell, if you would like to purchase tickets or acquire some to sell to your friends and family.

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Chuck and Nancy Beemer

To Honor:

1st Lt. Benjamin Marshall Mills

49th US infantry - Chuck's

Great, Great Uncle,

White officer, colored reg.

Paul Turner

To Honor:

Captain Thomas M. Angel

in 16th NC

Sergeant George M. Angel

in 16th NC (Wounded at

Mechanicsville & Gettysburg)

MAJOR GENERALS

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To Honor:

Captain Charles O. Tannehill

65th Ohio Volunteers

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Hon. Phil Haire

To Honor:

Perry Haire

1st Corps Co. F, 7th NC

KIA Fredericksburg 12/13/62

Jesse W. Jackson

Pvt. Co. E, 22nd NC

Paroled - Appomattox 4/9/65

Rick Plemmons

To Honor:

Pvt. Levi Plemmons 2nd NC

Paroled at Appomattox

Pvt. William Plemmons 2nd NC

Pvt. Jess Plemmons 29th NC

Royce Woosley

To Honor: **Five Relatives - All in Union Army Co. B**

17th Kentucky Volunteers

1st Sgt. Thomas Ferry (Royce's

Great Grandfather)

Pvt. John Ferry

Pvt. Charles Ferry

Captain Issac Ferry,-Commander

Pvt. Hugh Ferry - Died 5/20/62,

from wounds suffered at Shiloh

Marcia Woosley

To Honor:

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There will be a show commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War at City of Morganton Municipal Auditorium on Saturday, November 5 at 7:30pm, "Civil War Voices." "**Civil War Voices**" was written by James R. Harris, Featuring music from the period with Original arrangements by Mark Hayes. The show encompasses the stirring and passionate true stories of the people who lived through the greatest conflict in our nation's history as told in their own words and woven with traditional music of the period that will inspire you in ways you never thought possible. This play is filled with the courage, sacrifice, personal suffering and triumph of the people and time that galvanized our nation, giving a perspective on the Civil War that is not contained in any history books.



Backward Glances: Snippets of Civil War History

Mini-Tour of Madison County

On Saturday October 15th, a group of roundtable members traveled to the sites of the Shelton Laurel massacre and burial site, Hot Springs and Marshall. It was a golden autumn day and the bright fall colors were an

added bonus. Members who went were Richard Smith, Isabel Harris, Bud and Connie Ebert, Janet Sing, Betty Rouser and tour leader Ray Rouser. Ray has studied the area history extensively and provided the group with information as we moved along.

Our first stop was the burial site of the thirteen persons killed in the massacre. Time and nature have reclaimed the area and today it is a woodland, a forgotten section of an old cemetery. Other graves there are marked by only rocks, graves unknown. A marble marker with the names of the thirteen victims shows the mass grave, and was placed there in the 1970's.

We then visited the home of Judith McCandless and her family who had warmly invited our group to her 150 year old farmhouse. It was Judith's great grandmother Judy Shelton, who took the bodies in a sled to the burial site. Judith fed us cake from a

prize family recipe as she and her sons told us the family story of the massacre.

Looking out the window of her kitchen she pointed to the woodpile saying

"that's where they were shot". The farmhouse was not in existence then and the site was a bare field. Her son

Steven told us an astonishing story of his



encounter with a Confederate ghost when he was 5. Judith added that other strange happenings have occurred there over the years. She showed us some of the artifacts her family has collected, among which is a Civil War letter in very fragile condition. When we were ready to leave, she urged us to stay. "My friend from Erwin, Tn. Is bringing a cannon to shoot for you", so we stayed for that. It seems that our visit was special and unusual for the community and the cannon shoot was a real treat. Thanks!

We had lunch in Hot Springs at the Iron Horse Station, then visited the old Hot Springs hotel site where several Civil War skirmishes took place. We traveled back to Marshall to see the Allen House and Court-house and several other interesting places before heading home.

The 13th NC Troops, a Civil War Reenactment Group will be at Fort Branch in Hamilton NC on November 5th and 6th for anyone interested in attending check out there website at www.13thnc.com.

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