

# APRIL 2022 RAMROD

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## **CLUB DUES**

Club dues for 2022 will continue to be \$10 per person – those 75 and older will continue to receive free membership.

Please see the club treasurer to pay your dues, or mail them to:

NGRHA  
P/O Box 503  
Marietta, Ga. 30061

To be active in the club activities, including the club's upcoming Spring Relic/Coin hunt, your 2022 dues must be paid by the end of April.

## **CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Here are the dates for our upcoming club events. A reminder note will be posted to club members before each event, or you may go to our club website or Facebook page for additional information.

- April 5<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup> – business meeting
  - Guest Speaker – Jim Hammonds on Items (badges, letters, document) identified to individual Civil War Soldiers
- April 15<sup>th</sup> – business meeting
  - Find of the Month (April Finds)
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – business meeting
  - Guest Speaker – Ed Travis on Pin-pointers and Metal Detectors demonstration
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – business meeting
  - Find of the Month (May Finds)

## **SPRING CLUB HUNT**

Our club will have our first club hunt of the year on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The hunt will be held at Darrel Shipp's farm, as we have done in the past. To participate in the hunt, you must have your 2022 dues paid in advance of the hunt, and have attended a meeting prior to the hunt.

## **CLUB HUNT RULES**

Club Hunts are governed by the following rules:

1. There will be two club hunts per year (a mixture of relics and coins at each of the hunts).
  - a. Having the club hunts will depend on the financial ability of the club to sponsor the hunts. The determination of whether or not a club hunt can be scheduled will be made by the club's board and this information passed on to all club members.
2. Club Hunt sign-up sheet will be available for members to sign up for the hunt at least one month prior to the hunt.
3. The participant must be a paid member one month prior to the hunt date and must attend at least one meeting prior to each club hunt in that year.
  - a. To ensure that we have an adequate supply of prizes for the hunt, you have to already have signed up for the hunt at a previous club meeting.
  - b. You cannot simply show up at the hunt and sign in for the hunt.
4. The fee for the hunt is \$20.
  - a. Children under 13 are free as long as they are accompanied by a paying adult family member that is participating in the hunt.
  - b. Children under 13 must stay with the adult – and not just walk around looking for prizes that may be laying visible on the ground.
5. When the hunt has ended, any token for prizes that are found out in the field or that have not been turned in will become null and void.
6. No prizes will be given out until the hunt has ended.
7. If the member cannot stay until the hunt ends, that member will have to forfeit any prize tokens or find someone who can turn the tokens in at the end of the hunt for the appropriate prize.
8. You must cover your holes when digging for a prize token or actual relic.
9. You must wear headphones during the hunt.
  - a. Due to the number of folks participating in the hunt, and the close area everyone will be in during the hunt, you must wear the headphones
10. Lunch may be offered at the club hunt – but it is not a requirement.

## **MARCH RAFFLE PRICE WINNERS**

**Raffle Prize** - At each meeting, we will have a raffle (\$0.50 per ticket) with two or three choices for the winner of the raffle to select. These items may include (but not limited too) Civil War Breastplates, Box plates, Bayonets, Union and Confederate buttons, artillery shells, Civil War reference books, silver coins, and more. All attending the meeting may purchase raffle tickets.

- At our March 1st meeting, Garry Pass won a US Breastplate.
- At our March 15th meeting, Ed Travis won a Cold Harbor Relic Riker with a US Buckle, Spencer Bullet, and Eagle Buttons.

## **MARCH FIND OF THE MONTH WINNERS**

### **Find of the Month Rules**

Find of the month winners for each category will be selected by a secret vote – by club members only. The winner is determined by the entry in each category that receives the most votes. If, in the event of special circumstances recognized by the club board , a secret ballot is not appropriate, then the vote will be made by show of hands by eligible club members.

1. You must be a club member before the Find of the Month meeting date to enter an item.
2. Items that are submitted for find of the month are subject to board approval.
3. Items found to be ineligible for judging will be removed from the table.
4. Items submitted are for items recovered after that last month's contest.
5. Items should be mostly dug items but at item that has been found by site can qualify.
6. Items must be old in nature.
7. Items found must be found by person entering the item.
8. If only one item is entered in a category, the board will decide if such entry will receive a prize.
9. Prizes given for winning items can vary due to the board's decision.
10. You can only enter once in each category.
11. Person bringing in an item is responsible to sign-in the item.
12. The board can request an item be relisted in a different category if the board sees fit.
13. The person bringing in an item should sign in as soon as possible.
14. Items should be placed on the table after being signed in.
15. Place item on table according to its category and number sequence.
16. Person bring in items are responsible for items well-being; including, picking the item up at the end of the meeting.

### **Find of the Month Categories**

1. Single Relic
2. Multiple Relic
3. Single Coin
4. Multiple Coin
5. Jewelry/Miscellaneous

## **Find of the Month Relic Group**

1. Quantity will be limited to the largest riker mount (12x16).
2. Relics must be at least 100 years old.
3. In the case of a cache which would not fit in a 12x16 riker mount, such as shells, bring one shell and a photograph of the entire cache.
4. "Multiple Relic Group" will not be a category for the Find of the Year.
5. The winner in each category is the person receiving the most votes for that category

## **Find of the Month Coin and Jewelry/Miscellaneous Relic Group**

1. Quantity will be limited to the largest riker mount (12x16).
2. Coins must be silver or gold. Nickels and pennies must be dated 1956 or earlier.
3. In case of a cache which would be too large to fit a 12x16 riker mount, such as too many objects or too bulky of an object, bring some portion of the find and a photograph of the entire cache. A cache of coins and/or jewelry will be an acceptable entry.
4. "Multiple Coin and Jewelry/Miscellaneous Group" will not be a category for find of the year.
5. The winner in each category is the person receiving the most votes for that category.

## **March Find of the Month Winners**

For the month of March, here are the winners for the find of the month.

- Single Relic – Carl Sitherwood won with a 7 inch Dyer Shell (with a sabot)
- Multiple Relics – Carl Sitherwood won with 7 inch Dyer Shell (no a sabot), bullets, and frags
- Single Coin – Tony Watson won with a 1906 "V" nickel
- Multiple Coins – Cathy Granger won with miscellaneous coins
- Jewelry / Miscellaneous – Jim Berry won with a watch fob









Single Relic





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Multi Relic

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**ATLANTA CAMPAIGN CIVIL WAR PICTURES**



Atlanta, Georgia (vicinity). Spot in woods where Gen. James B. McPherson was killed, July 22, 1864



Kennesaw's Bombardment, 64  
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## **DR. MARY WALKER**

The only female recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor come from the Civil War. Her name was Dr. Mary Walker from Oswego, NY.



At the onset of the Civil War, Dr. Walker traveled to Washington to join the Union army. She was denied a commission as a medical officer, but served anyway as an unpaid volunteer surgeon at the U.S. Patent Office Hospital in Washington. In 1862, she worked as an unpaid field surgeon near the front lines at Fredericksburg and Chattanooga. Throughout the War, she wore men's clothing, arguing that doing so made her job easier.

In September 1863, Dr. Walker became the first female U.S. Army surgeon following her commission as a "Contract Acting Assistant Surgeon (civilian)" by the Army of the Cumberland. While serving as an assistant surgeon with the 52nd Ohio Infantry, she routinely crossed the lines to treat civilians. On one such foray in 1864, she was detained by Confederate troops and arrested for spying. While imprisoned, she continued to refuse to wear traditionally feminine clothing. After spending four months at the notorious Castle Thunder prison near Richmond, Virginia Dr. Walker was freed in a prisoner exchange. During the remainder of the war, she served at the Louisville Women's Prison Hospital and at an orphan asylum in Clarksville, Tennessee.

After the war, Dr. Walker was awarded a disability pension for muscular atrophy that she suffered while in prison in Castle Thunder. Based on the recommendation of Major Generals

Sherman and Thomas, President Andrew Johnson signed a bill on November 11, 1865, to present Walker with the Medal of Honor for Meritorious Service. The medal was stripped from her (and several others) by government action from 1916 to 1917. It was reinstated to her in 1977. She remains the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor. Dr. Walker spent the remainder of her life advancing the cause of women's rights.

### **CIVIL WAR SOLDIER RESEARCH**

If you have a Civil War ancestor that you wish to have more information about (ie; personal information relating to the soldier), then bring your request to the club's board. The club has access to some Civil War databases (which the club has paid for with a yearly subscription) and one of the benefits of being a club member is that we can do research to find information on Civil War soldiers (Union and Confederate).

### **CLUB WEB SITE**

The club web site can be viewed at the following address:

***WWW.NGRHA.COM***

This site is continually updated with club-related information, so we encourage you to visit to site to learn about the latest club activities and events.

### **CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE**

More club information can be found on the club's Facebook site. This site not only includes information on club activities, but also a variety of information regarding the Civil War and articles of interest relating to history and our hobby.

You can subscribe to our site on Facebook by going to our page at:





## North Georgia Relic Hunters Association (NGRHA)

Public group · 1.1K members

Join group



You can also make posts to this page with anything that you think will be of interest to other club members – including online articles and information from other Facebook sites.

### **CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF COBB COUNTY**

Another organization that you may be interested in joining is the Civil War Round Table of Cobb County. This organization meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month (except for July and August) at the Marietta Hilton Hotel.

As stated in the organization's bylaws, the purpose of this organization is:

- TO cultivate and preserve Civil War heritage of Georgia and to broaden the understanding of the Civil War era and its impact on our nation.
- TO explore the many facets of the Civil War from the battlefield to first-person narratives, including lectures by writers and historians and to encourage travel to locations linked to the Civil War.
- TO support historical projects and activities aimed at increasing awareness and appreciation of our Civil War history through sponsorship of various educational programs.

You can learn more about this organization by visiting the Facebook group page.

Happy Hunting !!!