

JANUARY 2023 RAMROD

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.

- January 3rd – business meeting
 - Financial Report for 2022
 - December 2022 Find of the Month meeting
- January 17th – business meeting
 - January Find of the Month meeting
- February 7th - business meeting
 - 2022 Find of the Year
- February 21st - business meeting
 - February find of the Month meeting
- March 7th – business meeting
 - Presentation – Jim Hammonds on personal items identified to Civil War Soldiers.
- March 21st – business meeting
 - March find of the month meeting

YEARLY DUES

It's that time of the year. The dues for the club remain at \$10 per year. Please see Jim Hammonds (Club Treasurer) to pay your dues or mail them to the club at:

NGRHA
PO Box 503
Marietta, Ga. 30061

Dues must be paid before our March 7th meeting for you to be considered an active club member for 2023 – and thus eligible to participate in upcoming club activities.

DECEMBER 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 December 6th meeting, Roy Baker won a Civil War bayonet
- At our December 20th meeting, Roy Baker won a framed portrait of Robert E

METAL DETECTING CODE OF ETHICS

Our hobby remains under “attack” from many who, for whatever reason, think we are “grave-robbers” or “destroyers of history” or only in it for the money. As such, we need to ensure we ensure we do not present our hobby in any “negative” manner.

As such, here are some common points of ethics to consider when we are metal detecting.



Responsible hunting will keep the hobby alive for everyone else! Please follow the Treasure Hunter’s Code of Ethics so that all of us can continue to enjoy this enjoyable hobby and perhaps, even get lucky and find our fortunes!.

I will respect private property and will do no treasure hunting without the property owner’s permission.

I will fill in all holes I dig.

I will not damage natural resources, wildlife habitats, or any private property.

I will use thoughtfulness, consideration, and courtesy at all times.

I will leave gates as found.

I will remove and properly dispose of any trash that I find.

I will not litter.

I will not destroy property, buildings, or what is left of [ghost towns](#) and deserted structures.

I will not tamper with signs, structural facilities, or equipment.

And, finally, the most important one of all — I will have fun!!

If we all follow these simple rules while metal detecting or treasure hunting, we will go a long way to keeping the public on our side in the fight to protect our rights.

Compiled by [Kathy Weiser-Alexander/Legends of America](#), updated June 2021.

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).

Here is the research that was recently done for one of our club members.

S G. Welch

Born - March 12, 1834

Died – January 5, 1916

Burial – Rosemont Cemetery - Newberry, South Carolina

Military Service

- Civil War 1861-1865 - Confederate States of America, Welch, Dr. Spencer Glasgow (1834-1915)
- Enlisted: 23 August 1861 - Newberry, South Carolina
- Mustered In: 04 Sept 1861 - Camp Johnson, Columbia, South Carolina
- Private - Companies D, F, & S - 13th South Carolina Infantry
- Hospital Duty: 04 Sept - 31 Oct 1861
- Appointed Assistant Surgeon: 18 February 1863
- Medical Duty: In the Field March - April 1863
- Service Ended: 09 April 1865 - Appomattox, Virginia

On 9/1/1861 he was commissioned into Field & Staff [SC 13th Infantry](#)

He was Surrendered on 4/9/1865 at Appomattox Court House, VA



Post Civil War picture of S.G. Welch



Inscription

CSA Co. D. 13th Regt SCV; son of William Welch & Mary C. Glasgow Welch

BREECHLOADER ARTILLERY

Few breechloader artillery pieces were used in the Civil War (for their breech mechanisms were relatively clumsy and complicated) but the two that did see service – the Armstrong and the Whitworth – were a great deal more accurate than any of the muzzle-loading smoothbore field pieces.

The Armstrong is reported to have been more than fifty times as accurate as the standard smoothbore field piece at one thousand yards. The Whitworth was every bit as accurate. Both had considerable range with low elevation, which meant a larger “danger space.” But long range (the Whitworth 12-pounder could send a bolt nearly six miles) was not of much advantage in the days of imperfect means of observation and poor fire control, and small-caliber shells with comparatively weak bursting charges.

Neither of these breechloaders had any great advantage over muzzle-loaders in rarity of fire (for one thing, neither used fixed ammunition). A light rifle and shrapnel-proof gun shield might have increased their value, as the gun crews could have been partially protected from musketry. But this did not come into being until the development of a workable recoil mechanism.

Most visitors today to Gettysburg National Military Park likely have no idea that located just a short distance behind and to the left of the *Eternal Peace Light* on Oak Hill is a group of very rare and unusual rifled breech-loading cannon, used here in the battle by the Confederates.

Whitworths are associated with Confederate usage in the Civil War, although there was only one battery equipped with them here at Gettysburg. Attached to the Second Corps of Lt. Gen. Richard Ewell the battery was placed here on Oak Hill with other guns of Carter's Battalion where its fire could reach most parts of the battlefield. Although these guns might seem like a good idea, they were actually unsuited to most actions of the war due to limitations of visibility caused by intervening buildings, terrain, etc. The Union also deployed a battery of Whitworths on the Virginia Peninsula but due to problems like those mentioned they were withdrawn from field service and relegated to the defenses of Washington. These long-range guns were really more suitable to use at sea where unlimited visibility was the norm.



Whitworth cannon at Gettysburg National Military Park.

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 1st 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.

MARIETTA / SMYRNA COIN CLUB

If you are interested in coin collecting, another organization that you may be interested in joining is the Marietta / Smyrna Coin Club. This club meets once a month at the FOP lodge on Austell Road in Marietta, Ga.

There meetings are generally the 3rd Saturday of each month, starting at 3PM. Their next meeting will be Saturday, January 14th (instead of the 21st, as the facility is not available on the 21st).