

# NOVEMBER 2021 RAMROD

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## 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.

### 2021 Meeting Schedule

- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – business meeting
  - Guest Speaker - Steve Strickland; Georgia Civil War Relics
- November 16<sup>th</sup> – general meeting
  - Find of the month meeting
- December 7<sup>th</sup> – business meeting
  - Election of new board officers to serve in 2022
  - Club charity announcement for 2021
  - Buy, Sell, Trade and Swap meeting
- December 21<sup>st</sup> – general meeting
  - Christmas Party
  - Find of the month meeting

### Important

It should be noted that currently, our area is seeing an increase in COVID cases, so we ask members coming to the meeting to please follow standard COVID instructions. Additionally, we ask if anyone who is running a temperature or not feeling well to please refrain from coming to the meeting so as to not possibly affect others (remember – we have many seniors in our club who are most at risk to the virus). We will have mask and sanitizing liquid available at the meeting (for those who wish to use them).

### Welcome New Club Members

The following new club members joined our organization in October. Please welcome them when you see them at a club meeting.

- Greg Thompson
- Inger Eberhart

## **BUY – SEEL – TRADE – SWAP MEETING**

As noted in the club calendar, our December 7th meeting will be a combined business meeting and a Buy-Sell-Trade-Swap meeting. However, **you cannot bring modern weapons** to this event (it is against the policy of the Church, which is allowing us to use their facilities for our club meetings).

We ask that you limit items you bring to those relating to our hobby – that is; relics, coins, books, prints that other club members may wish to have in their “collections”.

## **ELECTION - CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2022**

As noted in the club calendar of events, we will be holding our election for club officers for 2022 at our December 7<sup>th</sup> club meeting. If you are interested in running for a position on the board, please contact Carl DiMare – who is heading the nomination board for the upcoming election.

## **DONATIONS - CLUB CHARITIES FOR 2021**

With the success of our 2021 Annual Show, we will be able to donate money to various charities – returning to our normal end of year practice. At our December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will determine the charities we will donate – and the amount of the donation – for this year.

Right now, we plan on continuing our yearly donation to the following organizations,

- Marietta Confederate Cemetery
- Marietta Parks and Recreation
- Mercy Hill Church
- Cavalry Children’s Home
- Wreaths Across America
- Hardy Camp SCV

So please let us know of any other organization that you feel we should consider as part of our yearly charity event, and we will discuss it at that meeting.

## **OCTOBER 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.

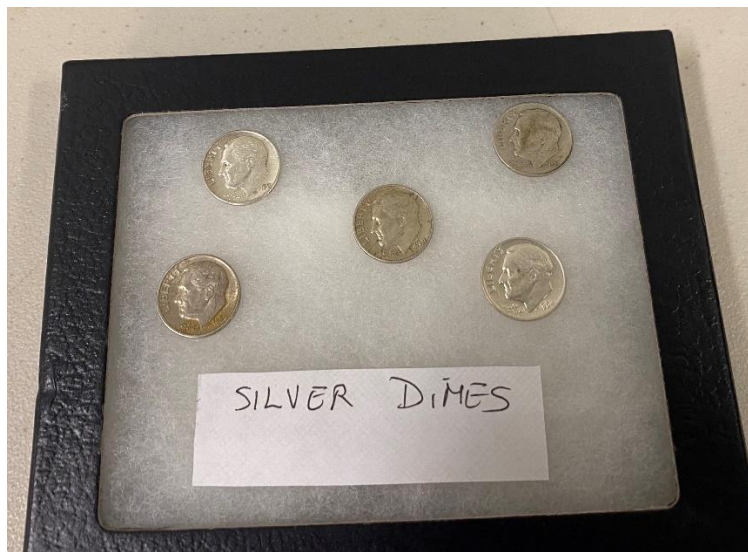
- At our October 5th meeting, Lynn Ficquette won an Eagle Breastplate.
- At our October 19th meeting, Lynn Ficquette won a non-dug Eagle R cuff button.

## OCTOBER FIND OF THE MONTH WINNERS

- Single Relic – Ed Travis with a carved bullet
- Multiple Relics – Ed Travis with miscellaneous bullets
- Single Coin – no entries
- Multiple Coins – Carl DiMare won with 5 silver Roosevelt dimes (pre 1965 coins)
- Jewelry and Miscellaneous – Anna Wing won with multiple rings, including a 1933 class ring and a diamond/Onyx ring



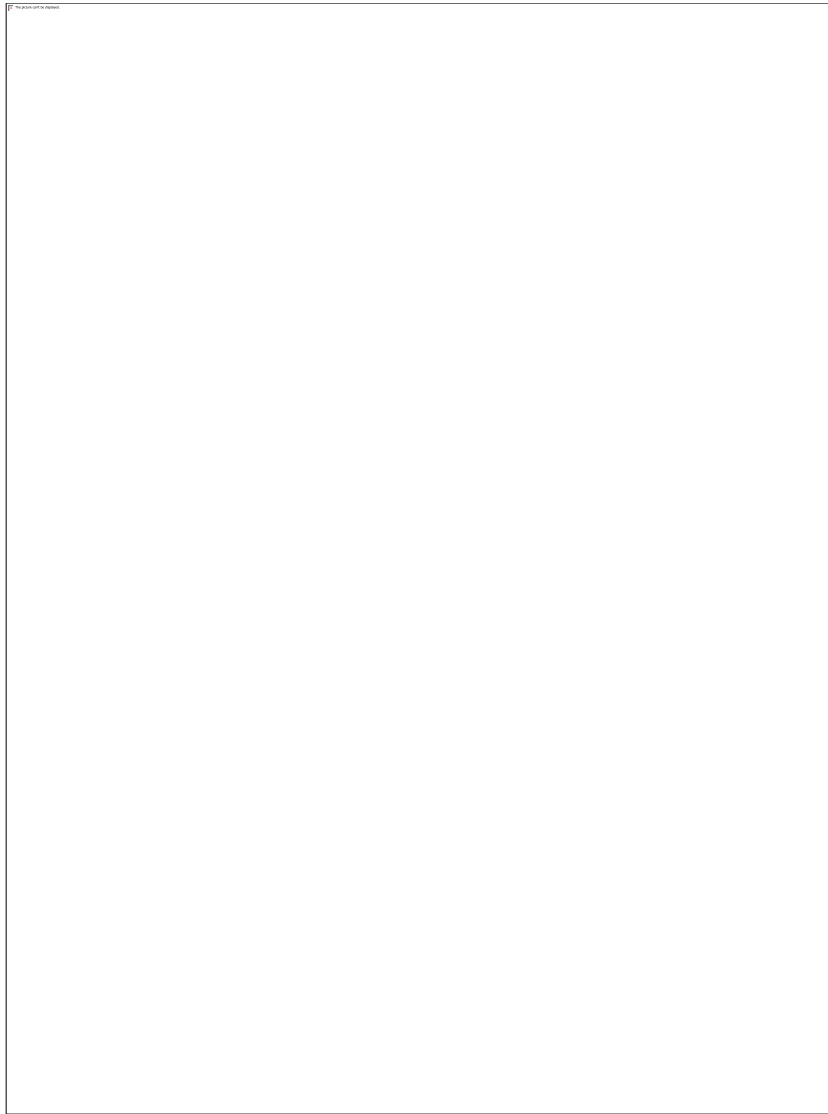
**Carved Bullet**



## Silver Roosevelt Dimes



## 1933 Class Ring



**Onyx and Diamond Ring**

### **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS – CIVIL WAR SECTION**

If you go to the following website – you will be able to access information on the Library of Congress website relating to the Civil War.

[www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/civwar/](http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/civwar/)

The following print is from this site – and shows Confederate prisoners captured in the Battle of Front Royal being guarded in a Union camp in the Shenandoah Valley.



### **Civil War Glass Negatives and Related Prints**

During the Civil War, the process of taking photographs was complex and time-consuming.

- Photographers mixed their own chemicals and prepared their own wet plate glass negatives.
- The negatives had to be prepared, exposed, and developed within minutes, before the emulsion dried.

It was a difficult process to master in a studio setting and even more difficult to work outdoors. Photographers transported their supplies in a wagon, improvised a darkroom, and learned to use their chemicals in both the blistering heat and bitter cold.

#### The Wet Plate Process

Producing photographs from wet plates involved many steps.

- A clean sheet of glass was evenly coated with collodion.
- In a darkroom or a light-tight chamber, the coated plate was immersed in a silver nitrate solution, sensitizing it to light.
- After it was sensitized, the wet negative was placed in a light-tight holder and inserted into the camera, which already had been positioned and focused.
- The "dark slide," which protected the negative from light, and the lens cap were removed for several seconds, allowing light to expose the plate.
- The "dark slide" was inserted back into the plate holder, which was then removed from the camera.

- In the darkroom, the glass plate negative was removed from the plate holder and developed, washed in water, and fixed so that the image would not fade, then washed again and dried.
- Usually, the negatives were coated with a varnish to protect the surface.
- After development, the photographs were printed on paper and mounted.

In the 1880s dry plate negatives were introduced. These glass negatives were commercially available and did not need to be developed immediately after the exposure.

### **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***

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.

# **Happy Hunting !!!**