

DECEMBER 2022 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.

- December 6th – business meeting
 - Election of 2023 club officers
 - 2022 Club Charity Announcements
 - Buy-Sell-Trade-Swap Meeting
- December 20th – business meeting
 - Club's Christmas Party
- January 3, 2023 – business meeting
 - December 2022 Find of the month
- January 17th, 2023 – business meeting
 - January find of the Month Meeting
- February 7th, 2023 – business meeting
 - 2022 Find of the Year (Coin and Relic) Meeting

DECEMBER 6th MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

As a result of the run-off elections scheduled for December 6th, we will not be able to hold our meeting in the Wee Annex Building. Therefore, our meeting will be held in the Merch Hill Church Basement – where we have had meetings in the past.

DECEMBER BUY-SELL-TRADE-SWAP MEETING

After the club's election of 2023 club officers, and the selection of our 2022 club charities, we will have a buy-sell-trade-swap meeting. Bring in any relics or coins that you would like to sell or swap with other club members. Or, be there to buy those items that you may need to fill your collection.

As a reminder, no modern firearms or ammunition can be brought to the meeting for this event, as we are in the church's building.

2023 CLUB OFFICERS

One of the first order of business at our December 7th club meeting will be the election of our 2023 Club Officers.

Here is the list of current board members.

- President – Brad Leatherwood
- Vice President – Ed Travis
- Secretary – Lynn Ficquette
- Treasurer – Jim Hammonds
- Sargent at Arms – Jan Houston

If you wish to run for any of these offices, or you would like to nominate someone for one of these positions, please do so at our December 6th meeting.

2022 CLUB CHARITIES

Here is the list of charities to whom we donated money in the year 2021:

- Marietta Confederate Cemetery - \$1,500
- Marietta Parks and Recreation - \$400
- Hardy SCV Camp - \$300
- Cavalry Childrens Home - \$200
- Wreaths Across America - \$600
- Mercy Hill Church - \$1,000
- Cobb County Civil War Round Table - \$500

Total 2021 Charities - \$4,500

One new charity has been presented for this year; that is, Farms Equestrian Team (horse riding for Special Olympics - Lynn King made this request).

These will be the charities we will be voting on at our December 6th club meeting.

If you have any additional charities you would like to have considered for this year, please let us know (via email or at the upcoming club meeting).

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 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 4th meeting, Jim Hammonds won a Cast I button
- At our October 18th meeting, Ben Martin won a US Box Plate
- At our November 4th meeting, Paul Mason won a Dropped Wing Confederate Staff Button
- At our November 18th meeting, Lynn Ficquette won a US Belt Buckle found in Savannah

FIND OF THE MONTH WINNERS

October Find of the Month Winners

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

- Single Relic – no entries
- Multiple Relics – Jim Martin with a riker-case containing a harmonica reed, miscellaneous bullets, shell fragments, miscellaneous brass items.
- Single Coin – no entries
- Multiple Coins – no entries
- Jewelry / Miscellaneous – no entries

November Find of the Month Winners

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

- Single Relic – William Dorris with a Borman Shell Fragment
- Multiple Relics - Lynn King with a riker case with bullets, percussion caps, and miscellaneous relics
- Single Coin – no entries
- Multiple Coins – no entries
- Jewelry / Miscellaneous – Lynn King with a hemitype (??) crystal

CIVIL WAR TOKENS

During the Civil War, a major coin shortage occurred in the North. People hoarded government coins, and they were worth a premium over other currencies. To try to remedy this situation, some merchants began to issue their own tokens.

Civil War tokens were generally the same size and weight as a standard United States cents being made at the time. The tokens came in two basic themes: tokens issued by tradesmen and pieces made with political or patriotic messages.

Tradesmen's tokens provided change for trade and advertised the dealer's wares. They generally bore some type of promise of redemption in goods or money. To stay with the law, some of the tokens included the word *not* in small letters above the denomination *one cent*. Others, however, were an unauthorized substitute for the government's coins.

Patriotic pieces often carried the likeness of military leaders, politicians, or the Union Flag. Some pieces bear such inscriptions as *The Flag of Our Union* (on the coin Face) and *If Anyone Attempts to Tear It Down, Shoot Him on the Spot* (on the reverse). Others simply promoted Union Forever.

Here are a couple of examples of Civil War Tokens



There are a vast number of different Civil War Tokens that were made during the Civil War. You can go to the following website to see examples of some of these tokens.

www.bing.com/search?q=pictures+of+civil+war+tokens&form=ANNTTH1&refig=9461dfea4d9c484d830de854adb2887a

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).

For instance, here is information on one particular Civil War Soldier (who happened to participate in the Atlanta Campaign).

John W Watkins

Personal History

John W Watkins – Captain, 66th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company E,

Age - 23

Mustered Into Service - Oct. 19, 1861 as a 2nd Lieutenant with a term of enlistment of 3 years

On December 26, 1861 he was commissioned into Company "E" of the 66th Ohio Infantry

Term of Enlistment - 3 yrs.

- Appointed 2d Lieutenant Nov. 30, 1861;
- promoted to 1st Lieutenant March 1, 1863;
- to Captain May 27, 1863;
- mustered out Dec. 27, 1864, at Savannah, Ga., on expiration of term of service.

He was listed as:

- POW (specific date and location not stated, most likely at the Battle of Port Republic, Virginia – June 9th, 1862 – where the Regiment suffered its largest casualties in the war; 29 killed, 8 wounded, 5 captured).
- Exchanged 9/21/1862 Aiken's Landing, VA (Exchanged for James P Charlton 4th VA)

66th OVI Regimental History

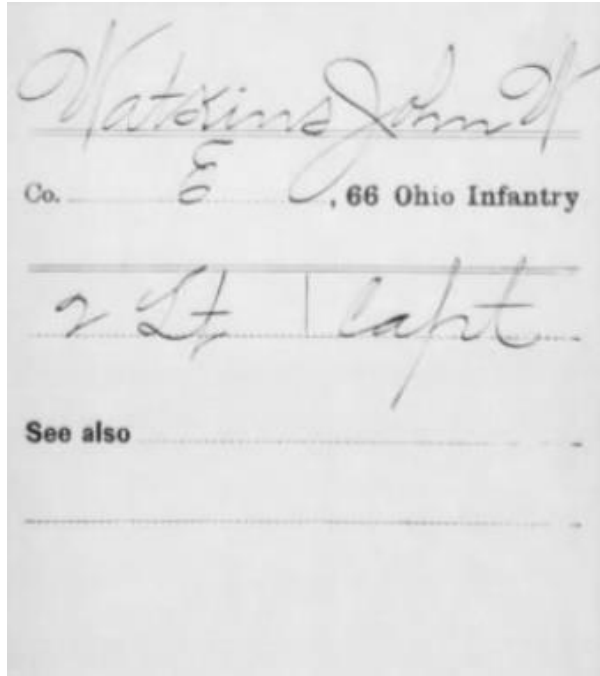
Formed in early December of 1861 from volunteers in and around the town of Urbana in Champaign County, Ohio, the 66th Ohio Volunteer Infantry served until the end of the Civil War in April of 1865. The regiment would serve with the Army of the Potomac in the East as part of the 12th Corps and late in 1863 was transferred to the West to become part of the 20th Corps, Army of the Cumberland, which was under the overall command of William T. Sherman.

66th OVI in the Atlanta Campaign

On May 3, 1864, the 66th marched from Bridgeport to Chattanooga. The regiment next embarked upon the Atlanta Campaign. Before the regiment departed Chattanooga, officials assigned the 66th to the:

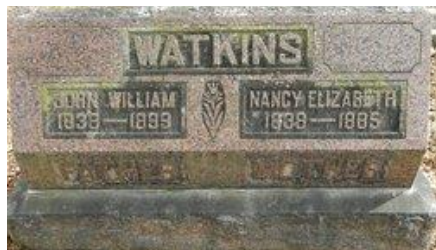
- 1st Brigade,
- 2nd Division,
- 20th Corps.

The regiment fought in every major engagement of the Atlanta Campaign, including the Battles of Rocky Face Ridge, Pumpkin Vine Creek, Dallas, Resaca, Kennesaw Mountain, Culp House, Pine Mountain, Marietta, and Atlanta.



Grave Headstone

Buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in Delaware, Ohio



Some soldier's records are very detailed, while some have very little information. But it all makes for interesting research.

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:



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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.

Happy Hunting !!!