

BENNETT PLACE COURIER

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VISTOR CENTER EXPANTION PROJECT 2018

Our visitor center is in great need of a remodel. The electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems need to be upgraded and our center needs to expand to accommodate the increased number of visitors and their needs.

YOU CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN!

Our non-profit support group is hosting an event entitled "Beer, Blues and BBQ" the evening of June 23rd to help raise the funds necessary to make these upgrades happen. You'll enjoy Mr. Al Myers' famous BBQ, some great beer thanks to Harris Beverages, Inc. and enjoy the sounds of blues music provided by Harvey Arnold and his band.

Tickets will be going on sale through Eventbrite beginning on May 28th. \$35.00 per person (early ticket sales) \$40.00 at the door.

Bring your friends and come out to enjoy a wonderful summer evening with good food, drink and music.

100% of your ticket purchase goes toward this very important project.



Manager's Corner



I had hoped that the beginning of this new year would be uneventful, but I was wrong. Two snow storms, frigid cold temperatures....brrrrrr and the flu epidemic made the beginning anything but. Hard to believe but this time last year we had record warm days with temperatures in the 60's and 70's. While I love the cold, and enjoy a little snow, this was a bit much for me and when I heard the ground hog saw his shadow last month, I just wanted to duck and cover because it meant there would be six more weeks of winter. Unfortunately, that isn't an option. We have a busy season starting soon and that takes a lot of time and planning so onward and upward is the moto of the day.

We continue to move forward with the visitor center expansion project. As you saw on the front page, our non-profit support group is planning a big fundraising event in June. If you love BBQ, you won't want to miss this event. I hope you'll help us by spreading the word.

Happy spring y'all



We are pleased to announce that we have a new raffle here at Bennett Place!!

- *Replica 1859 Sharps Rifle*
- *Drawing is June 23, 2018*
- *All proceeds go towards the Visitor Center Expansion project*

Ticket Information:

One for \$10 or Three for \$25

Must be 18 or older to purchase tickets

Do not need to be present to win



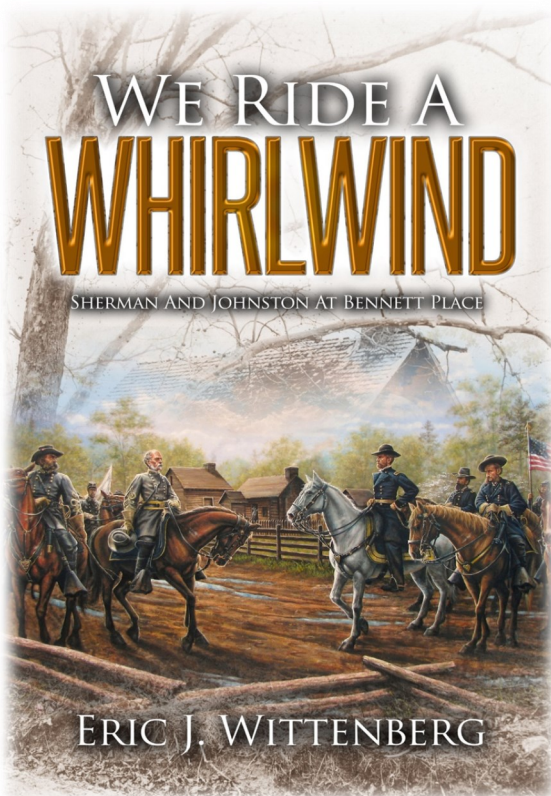
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**Sharps
Carbine Raffle**

*One Ticket \$10
Three Tickets \$25*

**Drawing on
June 23rd, 2018**

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We Ride A Whirlwind

By: Eric J. Whittenberg

Learn about the amazing story of the Largest Surrender of the American Civil War, in the first Book written SOLELY about the negotiations between General Joseph E. Johnston and Major General William T. Sherman.



Call for New Volunteers

Calling all Volunteers ! Bennett Place is always looking for energetic volunteers. Volunteers play various roles here at Bennett Place, from giving tours to customer service, and more. If you are interested please apply online at:

<http://www.bennettplacehistoricsite.com>



Mary Maher

Hello History fans,

My name is Mary Maher, and I am in my fourth year of volunteering at Bennett Place and have enjoyed every minute of it. I am originally from Pennsylvania, my family and I moved to the Triangle area in 2001. Once down here, I started hearing people mention Bennett Place. Being curious, I visited and was hooked instantly. The history that was made at the site affected the entire nation and found it fascinating and curious on why I didn't learn about this in history class. I have recently started participating in the site's living history program, and have even made my own 1860's dress. I love working with the various school groups that visit the site, and I am learning new things every day. Bennett Place is such a wonderful piece of American history, and I am so grateful I have the opportunity to be a part of its story.





CONTRIBUTION BENEFITS

All Levels:

- *Newsletter (issued quarterly)*
- *Invitation to Special Events*
- *10% Discount at Gift Shop*

Major to President Level:

- *Permanent Recognition at Site*

President & Governor Level:

- *Framed Certificate*

Help Support Bennett Place!

Please note our membership levels have expanded to include businesses and larger donors!



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Bennett Place Support Fund, Inc.
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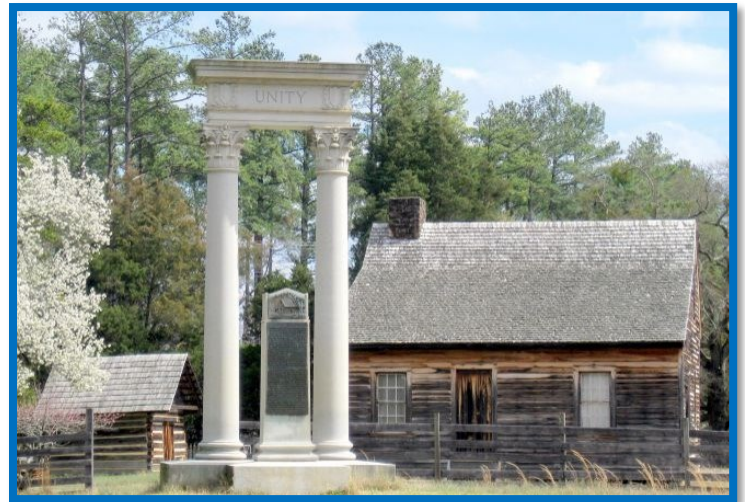
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Thank you for your support!!!



Friends of Bennett Place

Bennett Place State Historic Site Mission Statement:

To preserve and interpret the history of the largest surrender of the Civil War and the lives of 19th century yeoman farmers such as the Bennetts.

Friends of Bennett Place Mission Statement:

The Friends of Bennett Place, is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to the Bennett Place State Historic Site. Monies from the Fund are to be used for educating the general public about the site's role in the Civil War, assisting staff in its research and interpretation of 19th century farm life, and encouraging volunteer participation and community involvement.

We wish to help in preserving and developing this North Carolina Historic Site and need your assistance. Please consider making a contribution to the Support Fund today!

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