

BENNETT PLACE COURIER

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BEER, BLUES & BBQ FUNDRAISING EVENT UPDATE

Tickets are now available on the support group's website:
www.bennettplacehistoricsite.com, click on link for the event.
Here's the link <http://www.bennettplacehistoricsite.com/beer-blues-bbq-fundraising-event/>

We chose not to use Eventbrite and we reduced the price! Early bird special is \$25.00 per person until June 17th after that cost goes up to \$30.00 per person. **Tickets are limited so get yours early.**

Take out is available with your choice of either a BBQ or Brisket plate. BBQ is \$12.00 and Brisket is \$18.00.

All proceeds from the sale of the tickets goes directly to the support group, which is trying to raise funds needed to make necessary renovations to the visitor center. We hope you will come out and enjoy a great evening.



Manager's Corner

It's hard to believe, but spring is almost over. It seems to me that the days go by so much more quickly. This spring was a very wet one, particularly the early part of April which prevented us from participating in the annual Civil War Park Day event, however, we lucked out and had great weather for our Civil War School Days Program, the 153rd Anniversary Surrender Event and our Memorial Day Military Timeline Event.

Because of the frequent snow and ice storms in January and February, many schools were not able to attend our School Days program due to testing date changes, but we still served a large number of students from Durham County as well as from several surrounding counties. Despite the loss of many school groups, our numbers were up from previous years, which tells me that this program is becoming very popular and we look forward to doing it again for many years to come. I want to give a shout-out to those who came from other historic sites and the managers for allowing their staff to come and participate.

For our 153rd Anniversary event we decided to focus on the cavalry that accompanied the Generals during the time of the surrender negotiations. We hosted a cavalry unit out of Ohio and boy did we get lucky! Not only did they do an excellent job with their demonstrations of cavalry tactics, but staff and visitors were blown away by their very impressive camp set up. They brought everything they had including their own laundress and cook. They even agreed to come back in 2020 to help us out with our 155th anniversary surrender event. One of the members looks a lot like General Sherman and agreed to portray him for this event since our former site manager, who portrayed General Sherman in past events, announced that he has retired from that role. During that weekend's event, we took the time to recognize the Durham Merchant Association Charitable Foundation for their generous donations during our museum renovations in 2014/2015 and our latest scholarship winner. Our board members were in attendance and we all enjoyed a wonderful evening of good food and conversation with the glow of campfires in the background.

Our final event for the spring season was our annual Memorial Day Military Timeline Event, a particular favorite of mine. This year we hosted the "Profiles of Honor" traveling display out of Virginia, which highlighted the medal of honor winners from both WW1 and WW2. It was very impressive and humbling. This group does a fantastic job. We were also very fortunate that Jim Willard provided us with a PA system that enabled us to announce activities throughout the day, which many visitors told us how much they appreciated it. We will definitely take advantage of that again next year. I think Jim enjoyed the event as well.

And now, as summer approaches, we are gearing up for a very special event. Our support group is working hard on the Beer, Blues & BBQ fundraising event. Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 23rd beginning at 5:30pm. Tickets are now available on the support group's website so don't delay in getting your tickets because there are only a limited number available. Early bird tickets are available until June 17th at a lower price. Take out is also available with your choice of either a BBQ or Brisket plate. I hope you will come out and enjoy a great summer evening with us and help support this site and our much-needed visitor center renovations and expansion! All proceeds from the sale of tickets goes directly to the support fund and this project.



Rifle Raffle

- *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



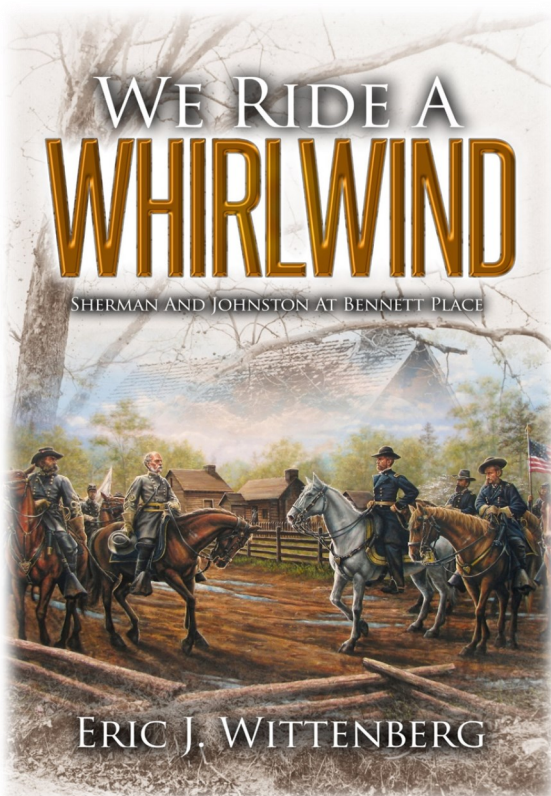
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**Sharps
Carbine Raffle**

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

**Drawing on
June 23rd, 2018**

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Now Available in our Giftshop!

We Ride A Whirlwind

By: Eric J. Whittenberg

Learn 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.



Each year the support group sponsors a scholarship and this year we were overwhelmed with the large number of applicants – 16 total! The decision on who to grant the scholarship wasn't easy, but in the end, Faith Foushee was the chosen winner. She and her family joined us on April 21st and it was a pleasure to meet her and to learn about her many accomplishments. Faith currently attends Orange County High School and will be attending High Point University this fall majoring in broadcast communications. We wish her the best of luck.



Members of the Durham Merchants Charitable Association Foundation joined us on the evening of Saturday April 21st during our 153rd Anniversary Surrender event to witness the honorary naming of the theater in recognition of their generous support. This organization is dedicated to the preservation of not only Bennett Place but also important sites in Durham. Everyone enjoyed an evening of good conversation and a delicious dinner prepared for us by Mr. Al Myers.



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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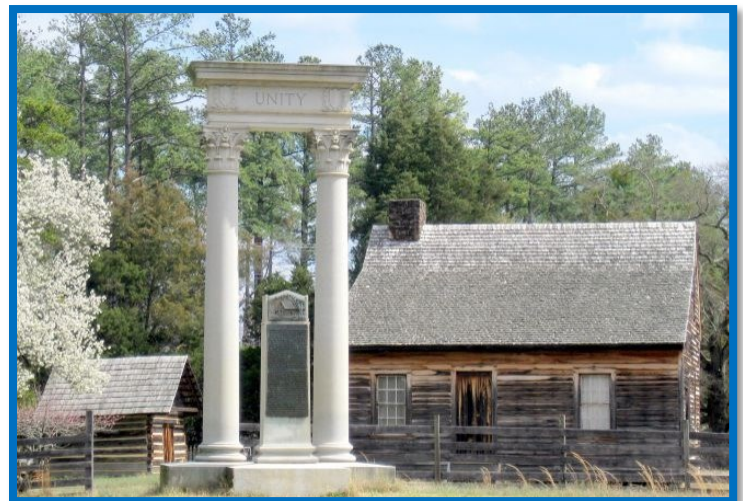
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Bennett Place State Historic Site Mission Statement:

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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