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## RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

*If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?*

Last Saturday we were just sitting around doing nothing, me and the cat, and decided to take a drive to Peoria, Illinois for lunch. OK, so it was Karen and I and not the stoopid cat. Never been to Peoria? I envy lucky you. 736 miles and 15 hours and 4 minutes of drive time later (and a bladder ready to burst) we arrived at Peoria's famous "SOON FATT" Chinese Restaurant. My original story was about the "ONE HUNG DUCK" Restaurant, but Stu had apoplexy, little sense of humor, and his email to me was one word, NO! Add in also that the CENSORS had a field day slashing my transcript. So it's back to the rewrite and this version. Not wanting the usual egg roll, Peking soup and General Tso's Chicken, I opted for something truly Oriental. Yam Sai Bai wasn't really on my mind (seaweed), nor the Pla Rad Prik Sam Rot (something containing Yak neck) nor the Boo Pad Pong Garee (snake and rat). Not me, I'm fussy. I decided to try the Cho Ga Pu. Have you ever, ever wondered how the Chinese come up with the names of their foods? Me neither. Were you aware that Lobster Sauce does NOT contain Lobster? It contains pork and you pour it over Lobster. Believe me, it's a staple in my house as I make it frequently. I love pork and hate Lobster. Makes absolutely no sense to me either. Back to Peoria and "SOON FATT". After 3 heaping fork fulls (haven't mastered the chop sticks in 85 years) of Cho Ga Pu, I fully understood what the words actually meant and thoroughly pleased the "can" was only 10 steps away.

The following was mildly edited for family reading. Let me be subtle then and say, Cho Ga Pu stands for ChoKE, GaG, PuKE. How lucky we are to have Waynesboro and the New Ming Garden 726 miles closer.

While we were commiserating at Francesco's for our monthly meeting this past Sunday, two women sitting at a nearby table asked Debra Skillman if we were part of a funeral bereavement group. Deb said "no" and asked why, and they replied that the "gentleman" at the end of the table, Mr. Personality, Glen Royer, looked like the funeral director leading us. And all this time we thought we were having a good time.

Kudo's to Bob Kuykendall and Jimmy Kilbourne for the trip down memory lane at the 29th Infantry Museum. In closing, no I haven't forgotten you Ellen.

*If you try to fail and succeed, which have you done?*

Bon Appetite, **Jack Drago**





## W-S October 19 Meeting and Tour

Our October meeting was at Francesco's in Bridgewater where 21 members enjoyed great food and excellent service.



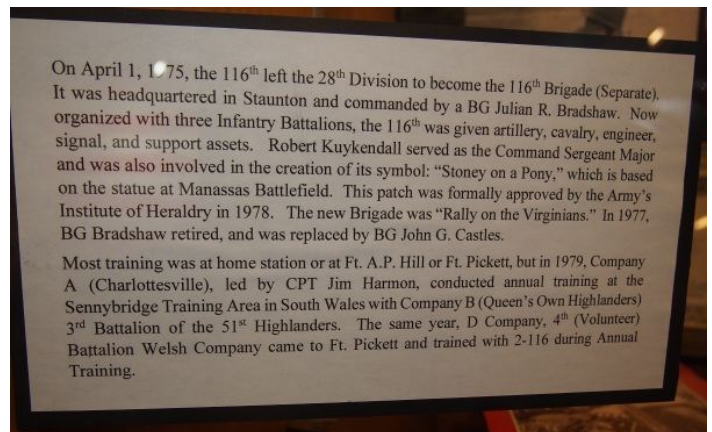
Following a few announcements we travelled to Verona and visited the 29th Division Museum.



Their website says: "Visit The 29th Division Museum to explore more than 280 years of American and world history through the story of the one United States Army infantry division and member units. From 1741 to Yorktown, Manassas to Appomattox, Verdun, Omaha Beach, even Iraq and Afghanistan, our Citizens have become American soldiers and made world history. The 29th Division Museum tells their stories. We exhibit a rare collection of artifacts and house archival materials related to our Citizen Soldiers, the 116th Infantry Regiment, the 29th Infantry Division and the U.S. Army."



Our hosts at the museum were members Bob Kuykendall and Jimmy Kilbourne.



Lifelike mannequins display uniforms from the wars through the ages.



**Museum Tour—continued**

Samples of  
the displays  
at the  
museum.



Visitors could  
spend hours at  
the museum,  
reading the  
information  
that is included  
with each  
display.

*Robbie Gray's grandson James Gray, wrote the following article about the "T" Tour in Owatonna, MN this past summer.*



This July, I spent a week with my grandfather, Robbie Gray III, my dad, Robert Gray IV, and the Ford Model T Club International during a tour in Owatonna, Minnesota. In our 1915 touring-style Model T, we had a week full of excitement. Everywhere we went, people camped out in their yards and on their porches, waving and smiling when they saw the T coming down the road.

The best part for me was actually getting to drive the car. There's something really fun about handling a Model T; the control the driver has is nothing like a modern car. When I wasn't behind the wheel, I helped by directing and doing turn signals while my dad drove. Normally that's a tough job, but this year they gave us Google Maps directions instead of paper instructions, which made it a whole lot easier.

Along the way, we saw plenty of lakes and endless stretches of cornfields. I can definitely believe Minnesota might have 10,000 lakes—it felt like we passed most of them. One of the highlights was in Northfield, where we saw a reenactment of the famous bank robbery attempt by the James-Younger Gang. Watching the old-time shootout with a bunch of Model Ts parked nearby made it feel like we had traveled back in time.

Of course, no tour is complete without some surprises. On one of the days, our route took us straight into a storm. My dad and I in the front seat absorbed most of the rain, keeping my grandfather nice and dry in the back. Even soaked through, it turned into one of the moments that make these trips unforgettable

James Gray



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*when the leaves will be  
turning spectacular colors  
that you need to see in  
person, along with all your  
fellow AACAA Virginians!*

*Yes, it's time for the*



*Old Dominion Meet  
Association's Annual*

**2025 Fall Tour  
November 20-23**



Registration Deadline is November 17



## *Oh, What Fun We'll Have.....*

### *Thursday*

Arrive, get settled then join old friends and new at the 7:00pm **Pizza Meet and Greet** at the Round Hill Inn!

### *Friday*

**James Madison's Montpelier**     <https://www.montpelier.org/visit/>

James Madison's Montpelier is a memorial to James Madison and the Enslaved Community, a museum of American history, and a center for constitutional education that engages the public with the enduring legacy of Madison's most powerful idea: government by the people. Spending time at Montpelier involves a fair amount of standing and walking.

**Lunch at BBQ Exchange**     <https://www.bbqex.com/>

The Barbeque Exchange in downtown Gordonsville, VA features hickory-smoked and slow-roasted pork shoulders and spareribs. The meats are dry cured with secret ingredient rubs and then cooked in a specialized wood-burning cooker. The Chicken Halves are grilled over live coals akin to the roadside BBQ's that the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Fire departments have become famous for serving on Saturdays across the Eastern seaboard.

**Civil War Exchange Hotel**     <https://theexchangehotelmuseum.org/>

Built in 1860, the Exchange Hotel with its high ceiling parlors and grand veranda welcomed passengers from the two rail lines: the Virginia Central Railroad and the Orange & Alexandria Railroad.

*Dinner on your own...*

### *Saturday*

**Culpeper Museum**     <https://culpepermuseum.com/visithemuseum/>

A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history of Culpeper from the Triassic Period 215 million years ago to present-day Culpeper, by engaging diverse audiences and educating visitors using our collections of objects and photographs in exhibits and programs, and to create an increased understanding of the significant historical events that occurred locally and formed the community.

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*Your \$75 per person fee includes admission to Montpelier, Civil War Exchange, and pizza party. You will need \$5.00 for the Culpeper Museum and Belmont is free.*

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**Minutes of the October 19, 2025 W-S Region Meeting**

Our October meeting was held at Francesco's in Bridgewater where 21 members gathered to enjoy great food and good service. After the meal President Jack Drago reminded members that the November 16 meeting will be at Ming Gardens in Waynesboro. He also discussed the Saturday December 20 Christmas Party at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church. The catered meal will be the same as last year and members need to pay \$15.00 each in advance while the club will pick up the remaining expenses. We can reserve and pay at the November meeting or mail a check to Treasurer Todd Smith.

After we adjourned we travelled to Verona to visit the 29th Infantry Museum. Details and pictures will be in The November Tire Tracks.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Allen for Secretary Robbie Gray

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Sue Gregory  
Doris Stone



## Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

**NOV 12 Executive Board Cancelled**

15 Saturday– Staunton Cars and Coffee at Terry Court in Staunton 8-10AM

**16 Sunday, 2:00 PM—Monthly Meeting at New Ming Garden Buffet—316 Federal Street, Waynesboro.**

**20-23 Thurs. thru Sat.- Old Dominion Meet Association Annual 2025 Fall Tour Orange , VA. (see brochure Page 4)**

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**DEC 10 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton**

**20 Saturday, 1:30 PM– Annual Christmas Party at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, 30 Tinkling Spring Drive, Fishersville**

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**JAN 14 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton**

**2026 18 Monthly Meeting—Location TBD.**

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### Annual Christmas Party—Reservations Required



*After discussions with the caterer, and based on the amount of food supplied last year, we won't require menu selections prior to our party.*



### Menu


Turkey or Pulled Pork

Apple Pie or Lemon Pie or Banana Pudding

Salad

Stuffing or Mac & Cheese

Cost will be \$15.00/ person and the club will cover the remaining costs. You may pay and make your reservations at the November club meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, send a check to Todd Smith (address on Page 6).



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