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NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE
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Chapter meets at the James Lee Center, 2855 Annandale Rd, Falls Church, 2nd Weds. of each month

FROM THE PRESIDENT – **JACK HRANICKY**

I guess what got me into archaeology was being able to visit places where historic events happened. Along with handling artifacts from the event, I was able to kind of picture what happened there. But, I needed more to try get a better mental image which, of course, archaeology was the best way to analyze the total event. The recent one hundred and fifty year Civil War Anniversary at the ASV's Kittiewan provided just such an opportunity. We had a Civil War site, artifacts, reenactors, which showed us what happened there 150 years ago.



Jack Hranicky Sitting on a Civil War Trench at Kittiewan

The ASV's Civil War event was an outstanding success. What was a great part of the event was that local people visited the site. Most of them had never been to the plantation before. Naturally, we had a Chapter there along with other chapters displays. There is nothing better than developing local

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July 9th presentation, 7:30 p.m.

A THREATENED SITE ON TANGIER ISLAND

Kate Ridgway



Katherine Ridgway filled the too-long vacant position of conservator at DHR. Kate started work in late January at DHR and is already getting the lab back in shape and familiarizing herself with the collections and their needs. Kate became involved with Virginia archaeology at William and Mary and with archaeological conservation in Emily Williams's lab at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. After obtaining her M.A. in Conservation of Historic Objects at the University of Durham, Kate worked at Chicago's Field Museum and most recently at George Washington's Mount Vernon.

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support. Naturally, we had a Chapter there along with other chapters displays. I have been told the ASV plans to repeat the event next year. We can thank Martha Williams (former Chapter president) and Patrick O'Neill (former Chapter president) for their efforts to make this an outstanding weekend.



Martha Williams and Patrick Oneill at Kittiewan

Thanks to the Chapter members who attended the event as there was an excellent turnout. Well, if you have not been there, make plans to go down. Look up Kittiewan on the Web for hours.



NVC Table



Nancy and Dick Ehlke



Reinactor in golf cart limo



Tours of gun pit on Civil War Trench Trail



Myron, Kittiewan volunteer, as a sailor at trench on Civil War Trench Trail



Double rainbow over Kittiewan



Tent by Kittiewan at dusk



Civil War period dancing and music



Reenactor tent life at night



Tom Dundon, Kittiewan Committee member, with his pontoon boat replica



Middle Penninsula Chapter member Tom Karrow

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