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NWD Commander's Corner

Now that I've had time to put all the unit's gear, as well as mine, back in its place, and have had time to think about our annual event at Fort Laurens last weekend, I can't help but feel pleased with the event. Although we didn't have the numbers of participants we would like, the quality of what we presented more than made up for any quantity deficit. I thought about myself as a spectator at the event, rather than as a participant and wondered at all there was to see and learn. In addition to our regular lecture/demonstrations of Music, Clothing, Small Arms, and Artillery, we also showed the public how a log structure could be built in full-scale, the intricacies of map making and other geographers' skills, 18th c. medicine, the building of a Native wikiup and field fortifications, as well as all the impromptu activities such as drill, camp life, and discussing the history of our various units. We also incorporated some of the site's history directly into the weekend's activities by staging an ambush, led by our few Natives, of a wood party. We also welcomed a friendly Delaware to the Congressional camp, and presented him with a small flag of red and white stripes. The Adjutant then read General Orders to the men describing correct behaviors with the Indians. All these scenarios were taken directly from the orderly books of the 8th Pennsylvania and Stephenson's Militia. I am sure that whatever special interest a member of the public had, we could address their questions, and that we provided more than a full day's engagement for the public attendees. I would like to thank all those NW Dept. members that attended, and would like to mention the participating units, which were;

2 nd , Coldstream Guards	Butlers Rangers	Logan's Coy.,	Va. Militia	5 th Va. Regt.
Crockett's Western Bttn.	Nelson's Rifles	8 th Pa. Regt.,	Ft. Laurens Det.	C.C.M.
Royal Naval Landing Party	8 th Pa. Regt.,	Ft. Pitt Det.	Westmoreland Cty. Militia	
23 rd Royal Welsh Fuziliers	Geographers	64 th Regt. of Foot	Jaegers	Delaware Regt.

There was so much going on during the event day that it was hard to find time to visit the two fine sutlers that attended the event, but both reported that the weekend had been worthwhile, and hope to attend again. It is worth noting that we had two field pieces demonstrate and take part in the actions during our TWDs. One was the light howitzer crewed by the RNLP, and the other a 3-pounder crewed by Jim Workman and members of the 8th Pa. After the regularly scheduled activities on Saturday, we held a brief memorial service to remember and honor Kurt Ayers, 4th NJV, Timpani's Coy., Wayne Neilsen, RNLP, and Willie (Delmar) Wilson with salutes of musketry and artillery, and remembrances of friends.

It is also worth noting that our annual General Membership Meeting was held, but that due to restrictions on being in the museum Saturday evening, we held our meeting on Sunday morning, prior

to our church service. The most important part of the meeting was the announcement of our election, but I'll let you read about this in the Adjutant's notes. I would, however like to thank Cheryl Weidner, John Conklin, and Bernie Borowski for their service as Board Members at Large. Being on the NW Dept. Board requires a commitment of time and effort, and all three have performed well during their terms.

I would like to thank Tom Pieper, 23rd R.W.F., for coordinating the event for not only this year but for as long as I can remember. His hard work before and during the event help make this an outstanding weekend year after year. I want to thank Alan Kraus and Mike Ripley, R.N.L.P., for doing the work to prepare and haul full-sized logs to the site, demonstrate their use, then load them back up. (These logs were large enough that a special front end-style machine was needed). Thanks to all those that stepped outside their regular impressions to help interpret.

I would be remiss if I did not make mention of the fine weekend we had at Fort Niagara, 3-4 June 2017. Again, our numbers were not what I had hoped for, but the enthusiasm and spirit of those NW Dept. members participating made for a great weekend. On the Congressional side, we formed a single company based on the 8th Pennsylvania, with members of the Ill. Regt., Kellar's Coy., Delaware Regt., Crockett's Western Bttn., and the 5th Va. Regt. We also were supported by the howitzer manned by the Naval Landing Party. I believe NW Dept. Crown participation was minimal, with only our Jagers involved. We had two very spirited tacticals on Saturday, and the Continentals were able to take some of the fort's outer works, but were not successful in storming the main gate. On Sunday, weather caused the cancelation of the first tactical, and in the afternoon the Continentals attacked both gates on the river side of the fort, forcing one and finally taking the fort by weight of numbers. The Congressional camp was in a new spot this year, being too large for the area outside the fort's ravelin. This year we camped east of the visitors' parking, and had plenty of room for four company streets, cooking areas, and officers' marquees. We received from the fort staff coffee and donuts each morning, along with lunches both days. Saturday evening, we were left on our own to prepare our meal, and the fellowship this facilitates is one of the things I really enjoy about what we do. It appears this is going to be an every-other-year event, and I had such a fine time I'm already looking forward to the next one. I must say, that often I am involved in commanding larger formations, not really getting to be with my unit and the rest of the NW Dept. folks, and I REALLY enjoyed being in ranks, seeing the action with the rest of the NW Dept. men. Thanks to Don O'Connell, King's 8th Regt. for making the initial arrangements, and to Dave Miller, 5th Va. Regt. for handling the NW Dept. Registration.

I want to take a few lines to recommend a book I read recently. **Braddock's Defeat**, by David Preston, is about the Battle of the Monongahela and the Road to Revolution. It was published by the Oxford University Press in 2015. Mr. Preston looks at Braddock's campaign from a new, Indian and French perspective, with some very interesting and surprising ideas. The book is very well written, and each page you read makes you want to read the next. Many men involved in the Braddock campaign would go on to be very active and important in the Revolution. I learned a great deal reading this book, and I am sure you will, too. Bruce Egli, Westmorland County Militia and Past NW Dept. Commander also has read and highly recommends this book.

In closing, I want to ask you to attend our upcoming event at Fort Meigs, Perrysville, Ohio, 19-20 August. This is a joint event with our sister organization, the **NorthWest Territorial Alliance**, and it is hoped that we can grow this event to become sort of a grand encampment of the Midwest. The Fort Meigs site is outstanding and easy to get to, being right off the Ohio Turnpike and I 75. This year the fort staff is providing an evening meal for us, and there is plenty of room for any activity you can imagine. There is a fine museum on the site, along with exhibits in nearly all the fort's many blockhouses. The way to help grow this event is for you to attend. All our NW Dept. units are needed, and I hope every NW Dept. member will take the challenge to help be part of the NW Dept. leadership by actually attending events and getting you unit members, along with NW Dept. members from other units, to attend as well. You can help by leading from the front. If you know of an NW Dept. member that lives near you and is not a member of your unit, ask them to go to the event with you. The NW Dept. has more than 300 households, with many of those containing multiple NW Dept. members. It would be amazing to see 300 NW Dept. members at an event, but I'm a realist. I do believe that we should very easily be able to field 100 NW Dept. members without difficulty, if **YOU** want it to happen. Wouldn't **YOU** like to fall in with a big formation of your NW Dept. friends and unit members?

Please look over the event notice elsewhere in this newsletter, and commit to being at Fort Meigs. I'll see **YOU** there, with all our friends. Our organization has been and will be the one **YOU** choose it to be by **YOUR** action or inaction.

Our election is complete, and here is the schedule of NW Dept. Board Meetings for this coming fall & winter. We will tentatively meet at Meadowbrook Church of God, 2425 Bethel Rd., Columbus, Ohio, 43220. Meetings will begin at 10:00 AM, and conclude at 12:30 PM. The only meeting NOT at the church will be the November 2017 meeting, which will be at our Fall Shoot & School at Doc Shaffer's, outside Belleville, Ohio. Meeting dates are:

4 November Doc Shaffer's, 7243 Shaffer Rd., Belleville, Ohio 44813-9085
9 December Meadowbrook Church, 2425 Bethel Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43220
13 January Meadowbrook Church
17 February Meadowbrook Church
24 March Meadowbrook Church

All elected Board members are to attend, and ANY B.A.R. member may attend, without special invitation.

In closing, let me say again that I thank all those NW Dept. members that have supported events this season, and I hope to see you all at Fort Meigs. I also want to offer you a rare opportunity, and that is to actually walk a mile in Wayne Neilsen's shoes. I have three pair of Wayne's shoes, size 10 D. Two pair are gently used (you know how much Wayne disdained marching), and one pair of brand new in the box Frye shoes. All three pair have buckles. I will have these at Ft. Meigs, along with some other items, including several cartridge boxes, so if you are interested come see me. All the money will get directly to Wayne's wife, Jill.

One last item I'm sure you will want to read. I spoke with MaryAnn Lasswell, and Jack is at home, after several days in the hospital as a result of the heart attack he experienced at Ft. Laurens. I am sure you all will continue to keep him and MaryAnn in your thoughts.

I will see you at the first formation at Ft. Meigs,

Bob Cairns, 8th Pa. Reg't., Ft. Laurens Det.

Commander, NW Dept.

Editor's Note

I want to take a moment to thank you for your donations to the Quilts for Veterans project in my DAR chapter. As you know, any expense for the quilts comes from our own pockets so your generosity is greatly appreciated, first by those of us sewing the quilts and then by our veterans and their families who receive the completed quilts. This is not a one-quilt project but an on-going service project in our chapter. If you find more of that cotton fabric stuffed in a closet, I'll gladly accept it at any event. Thank you again.

Karen Kashary, 5th Va. Reg't

Editor

Lost From Our Ranks

Kurt Ayers

It must have been summer of 2004- Philip was eleven. We had been to Gettysburg the year before and Phil was hungry for more living history. By chance, I had stumbled upon an advert for Ft. Laurens – and it was in Ohio! (Yay!) As we walked around the grounds, I could barely keep up with my son. He talked to absolutely everyone he saw in period dress- especially in the British encampment. (I believe he took the King's schilling from Doug) After a while, he looked at me and said: "Mommy, I want to do this and I want to look like them!". It was, of course, the NJV he was referring to, and this began our friendship with Kurt Ayers and the fine people of the BAR. Kurt wasn't there that summer- one of the few encampments he missed- but the other NJV guys put us in touch via email, as Kurt was closer to our locale, to mentor us through the process of becoming 18th century citizens. Next summer, we were again at Laurens, but this time as participants. Kurt arranged some loaner clothes- NJV hand-me downs for Phil; a short gown of Cindy's for me. He shared with us his camp supplies- we had none; introduced Phil to the musicians, me to the Ladies and steered me in the right direction to find patterns and supplies to make our own kit. Over the winter, he helped talk me through the making of Phil's first regimental. Our first year at Ft. Henry, where Phil was allowed to carry a musket. Kurt loaned him his. After the tactical, with a gentle (but firm) smile, Kurt made sure Phil knew how to clean it, as well! Kurt became our go-to guy: he taught Phil to pitch a tent, was our car-pool buddy for longer trips (to Ligonier and Ft. George), gently correcting me when I went wrong with garments (one notable occasion when I made Phil some trousers that were the wrong color)- after having a good chuckle with Rich Stoll first! Most of you knew Kurt for much longer than I, and I'm sure you have many stories to share. I don't seem to have a single story- what I remember most are these little things. Always kind and generous; his easy way with interacting with the public; his willingness to share his knowledge and expertise; his gift of listening, whatever the topic; looking after my boy, when I did not want to camp (which was always) and Phil did. Since that first summer, I have to give partial parenting credit to the BAR, for although David and I had most of the year, weekends in the summer it was all of you. Kurt was- and is- for me the "face" of the BAR. His willingness to guide and teach welcomed us into this fascinating 18th century world and gave Philip childhood experiences I never could have. I thank you all for that- and especially Kurt Ayers- an extraordinary gentleman and an extraordinary friend.

Lori Turner



After Action Report

Spring Firelock

Our Spring Firelock was held again at the Log Cabin Store, Lodi Ohio on April 22 & 23, 2017. The weather was fantastic for Spring in northern Ohio! We had sunny skies and mid-60s to 70s F Temps. The Kindigs were most accommodating and permitted us to rough it by sleeping in their Museum overnight. The individual smooth-bore/musket and rifle matches were on Saturday. With the range maximum at 25 yds, we downsized some targets to simulate engaging the enemy at out to 200 yards! Like I have read: If struck by an aimed musket ball at 200 yards, it is more your bad luck than the shooters good marksmanship! It was definitely a learning experience. Special thanks to Jack Rogers, Past BAR National Commander, for coming from Virginia to shoot with us Saturday. Sunday we formed 2-man teams for both musket and rifle competitions.

We would like to see more members, both Ladies and Gentlemen, attend our Firelocks, not for the competition, but for the learning experience and fun of getting out in our 18th century kits.

Bob Kashary, 5th Va & Joe Forte, 8th Pa
Event Co-Coordinator





After Action Report Siege of Fort Randolph

On May 19, 20, 21, 2017 the NWD took part in the annual reenactment of the Siege of Fort Randolph. On Friday we had several members of the North West Department take part in the school programs for local students. They made several different presentations on the various aspects of the life of a colonial soldier

On Saturday members of the 5th Virginia, 13th Virginia, and 8th Pennsylvania Regiments joined the local militia to defend the fort. The fort was attacked by Native Americans who were joined by NWD reinforcements from the, Royal Naval Landing Party.

The 13th Virginia Regiment was inspected during the event. The result of the inspection was that a recommendation was sent to the Main Department requesting that the 13th Virginia Regiment be moved from Applicant Unit to Full Member Unit status. Please offer your congratulations when you see them.

As always, the meals provided by the volunteer staff of Fort Randolph were excellent.

While it remains to be seen whether or not the Siege of Fort Randolph will be on the NWD schedule in 2018 you are welcome to participate as an individual at any of the Fort's scheduled events. Scenes from the 2016 Siege can be seen on a U-tube video that relates the history of Fort Randolph . The North West Department is featured prominently in this video.

Joe Forte, 8th Pa. Reg't., Ft. Laurens Det.

Event Coordinator

Civil War Show

Photo by Brittany Frederick



After Action Report

Ft. Niagara

On June 3-4 the NWD returned to Ft. Niagara for Redcoats and Rebels. On Saturday the weather was perfect for a re-enactment. Temperatures were in the mid 70's, a slight breeze and the sky was blue. The evenings were comfortable for sleeping. However Sunday morning brought rain, and many of the troops left for home.

The fort has a new Visitor Center that helps explain the history of the area and it being under three flags. Because it was home to forces including American and British, this is truly hallowed ground. Sutlers inside the fort included William Booth Draper and others.

Military camps were laid out in the proper formation. Kitchens were set to the side because of the shape of the field. First formation required the officers to stay in the Commander's Marquee until the company sergeants had sized and formed their companies. Then the officers were ordered to take charge.

The turnout from the Northwest Department was disappointing. We fielded roughly 25 men at arms and a crew for the Howitzer. Three ladies from the department were present and helped man the adjutant's tent where visitors would take a loyalty oath to Congress and the United States.

The battles were scripted with the Americans driving the British back into the fort. Two scenarios called for the Americans to try to gain entry to the fort, but it was not until the last scenario that entrance was gained because many of the British troops had left for home.

Over all, a good time was had by everyone. The Fort now plans to put Rebels and Redcoats on an every other year basis, so we will not return till 2019. Niagara is a good jumping off place for a tour of upstate New York. There are many interesting things to see and do.

Dave Miller, 5th Va. Reg't.

Dep. Commander

Photo

By

Dave

Weidner



After Action Report

Fort Laurens

The NWD BAR's annual encampment at Fort Laurens State Memorial in Bolivar, Ohio was again a great success for the Department. We had seven American units represented and six Crown units represented—a very nice showing by our units. This was the 34th annual performance by the NWD at Fort Laurens.

The weather was exceptionally “co-operative” - the heat and humidity which usually “attacks” us when we are “on the Tuscarawas” - was not present in its usual degree. Instead, sun and mild breezes seemed to predominate. Although the visitors to the event were not as numerous as in some years, it was a good and appreciative crowd—with lot of questions and interest. The American camp was, as always, well laid out and received many interested visitors. Tours of The Fort Laurens State Memorial grounds—a chance to see the actual spots where history happened at Fort Laurens—were again offered and well received by the event visitors. They have become an interesting “extra” of the weekend when the Northwest Department is present.

Following the regular NWD BAR show on Saturday, the troops were given a short ‘break” and then we again formed and marched to the area across the Park Road from The Tomb of The Unknown Patriot and fired several salutes in honor of three recent deaths of NWD BAR members—Kurt Ayers, Wayne Neilson, and “Willie” Wilson. It was a very emotional moment and one that many members are certain to remember for years to come.

The Annual Membership Meeting was held Sunday morning and nicely attended. A few new ideas were discussed and will likely generate greater interest in the coming weeks and months.

Tom Pieper, Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Event Coordinator



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Dave
Weidner

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Photos
by
Dave Weidner

Notes from the Inspector

We were asked, by the BAR Inspector, Henry Cooke and our Commander Bob Cairns to inspect every man in the department this year. The reason for this is that there has been a gradual deterioration in the BAR's level of authenticity. This was discussed at the unit commander's meeting held this past January. At the meeting the discussion centered around the best way for us as a group to regain our level of authenticity and even improve on it at the same time. Everyone was in agreement that we do not want to lose anyone while going through this process. Our goal is to help each other become better at this hobby we all enjoy. The NorthWest Department is fortunate to have many knowledgeable people, willing to help by sharing what they know.

Inspections should be done at the unit level and any required changes completed or at least noted before the unit is inspected at the departmental level. There are also BAR resources available if needed. The bottom line is that we need to get back to those standards of authenticity that separate the BAR from other organizations and we have the resources to accomplish it. I hope that you will work with your unit commanders to get your unit inspected and correct those issues that have crept into our impression.

Joseph J. Forte, 8th Pa. Reg,t., Fort Laurens Det.

Inspector, NorthWest Department



George Washington's Penknife

From time to time, with ever increasing regularity, I find myself loosing or misplacing some item of importance to me. I am sure my wife is justifiably miffed when I enlist her to help me search for my lost treasure. The other day I was researching another topic, and accidentally came across the following letter from General George Washington, Commander of the Continental Army, to General

Nathaniel Greene, Quartermaster General of the Continental Army. I can't say that it made me feel any better about what is surely my own absentmindedness, but it certainly puts me in good company.

From George Washington to Major General Nathanael Greene, 7 October 1779

To Major General Nathanael Greene

[West Point] Octr 7th 1779

Dear Sir

I have lost—and cannot tell how—an old & favourite penknife & am much distressed for want of one—if you have any in your stores please to send me one—if you have not, be so good as to get one immediately. perhaps Mr Bayley could furnish me. one with two blades I should prefer, where choice can be had. I am Dr Sir Yr Most Obedt

Go: Washington

Bob Cairns

8th Pa. Regt., Ft. Laurens Det.

Blanket Sale

You're reading the newest section of the quarterly BAR Shot. This section is for members only to sell items to others. There are some criteria for your items:

1. It must be something directly related to our hobby. Your microwave will not be posted.
2. Do not include a price on the item.
3. Include a description of the item and your contact information (phone or email address).

Do you need to clean out some thing that you haven't used in years? There may be someone out there that wants to buy it. Send your Blanket Sale descriptions to: kalena4563@roadrunner.com.

Karen Kashary, 5th Va. Reg't.

Editor

Adjutant's Freshest Advices

The 2017-2019 NWD Elections are complete. Election Committee Members Tom Pieper, Tom Hornbrook and I met at the Fort Laurens Event 8 July 2017 to tabulate the Election ballots. The Executive Board consisting of Commander Bob Cairns, Deputy Commander Dave Miller, Inspector Joe Forte, Adjutant Bob Kashary and Paymaster Bill Dibbern ran unopposed and were thus re-elected. Four (4) Member-at-Large Positions were up for election with seven initial Candidates accepting to run. They were: Bernie Borowski, 5th Va; Tommy Bruce, Butlers Rangers; Bill Lucas, 23rd RWF; Thadd McClung, 13th Va; Dan O'Connell, King's 8th Detroit; Ian Skidmore, 1st Jaeger; and Jim Workman, 8th Pa. Tommy Bruce withdrew his name after the ballots had been mailed to Unit Commanders. Only 17 of the 24 Unit Ballots were returned by U.S. Mail. The four new Members-at-Large for the NWD 2017-2019 are:

Bill Lucas, 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Thadd McClung, 13th Va. Reg't

Dan O'Connell, King's 8th Detroit Garrison

Ian Skidmore, 1st Jaeger Corp

Special appreciation goes out to past Members-at-Large: Bernie Borowski, John Conklin, and Cheryl Weidner for their service on the NWD Board 2015-2017.

Bob Kashary, 5th Va. Reg't

NWD Adjutant

Lost & Found

At Fort Laurens—a sash and an umbrella were left behind. Please contact Bob Kashary at k9kash@roadrunner.com to reclaim your lost items.



Kidnap the Prince!

Prince William Henry (later King William IV), born in 1765, was the third son of King George III. William joined the Royal Navy as a Midshipman when he was 13. The young prince can be seen, with his younger brother Edward, in a 1778 portrait by Benjamin West.

With Midshipman Prince Edward aboard, HMS *Prince George* sailed into British – occupied New York in September 1781. This caused social excitement, as he was the first member of the royal family to visit America. He was, however, kept quietly aboard ship or in quarters in Hanover Square. Col. Matthias Ogden, a Continental Army officer held captive in New York, was released by exchange about the time of the Prince's arrival. Ogden noticed that many of the officer's quarters were lightly guarded, and conceived of a scheme to seize the Prince and Admiral Digby, which he communicated to General Washington upon his release. This would signally improve the American position at the peace negotiations. Washington wrote with his approval:

Sir,

The spirit of enterprise so conspicuous in your plan for surprising in their quarters, & bringing off the Prince-William Henry and Admiral Digby, merits applause; and you have my authority to make the attempt in any manner, & at such a time as your own judgement shall direct.

I am fully perswaded, that it is unnecessary to caution you against offering insult or indignity to the persons of the Prince, or Admiral should you be so fortunate as to capture them; but it may not be amiss to press the propriety of a proper line of conduct upon the party you command.

In case of success, you will, as soon as you get them to a place of safety, treat them with all possible respect, but you are to delay no time in conveying them to Congress, & reporting your proceedings with a copy of these orders.

Given at Morristown this 28th day of March 1782.

Go: Washington

Note Take care not to touch upon the ground wch is agreed to be Neutral – viz from Rahway to Newark & four miles back.

(Note that we don't notify Congress until after the affair. GW knew how to keep secrets.)

Col. Ogden drew up a detailed plan for an amphibious raid, but General Clinton, the British commander, suspected a plot was afoot, and greatly increased the number of guards. Ogden's plan was never tried.

Sitting in the House of Lords as Duke of Clarence, Prince William opposed the abolition of slavery, arguing that living standards in the Scottish Highlands were worse. He ascended to the British throne in 1830 as King William IV. William was generally popular with the British public, especially after long reign of the dissolute and spendthrift George the IV as Prince Regent and then King. He assisted the liberal Whig government in passing the Reform Act of 1832, abolishing ancient "rotten boroughs" and rebalancing seats in the House of Commons to better reflect actual population. These reforms were bitterly opposed in the then still powerful House of Lords. At one point, William was forced to dash to the Lords, put on his crown, and dissolve Parliament to prevent defeat of the Bill. Creating a number of new Peers, and threatening to create more, William "persuaded" the Lords to pass the Reform Bill.

William IV died in 1837, stubbornly hanging on until his niece Victoria was old enough to take the throne without a regency.

Bruce Egli, Westmoreland County Militia

Fort Meigs BAR/NWTA Event
August 19/20, 2017

NWD Members, our Fort Meigs Event is just a 4 weeks away! Planning has been underway for months and now it is your turn to tender your reservations for this combined NWD/NWTA/Fort Meigs Event. Did you see Commander Bob Cairns' BLAST? Dan Woodward, Fort Meigs Administrator, stated that our event has been published in the Ohio History Connection Schedule as well as other publications in the East & Midwest. This should generate good crowds and we want to make a good impression at the actual 1812 site. The Fort staff will be providing a Saturday evening meal for all those registered. All other meals are "on your own". It is imperative that all NWD members attending register with me via email. Send your Registration to: k9kash@roadrunner.com. Let me know your tentage as well. There are many hotels in the Perrysburg, Ohio/Toledo area if you wish to not camp. See: www.fortmeigs.org/museum/ for the Fort's website and directions.

Several sutlers have been invited to attend and some young ladies will be doing a Petty Sutlery interpretation. The public, our ladies, and soldiers are welcome to interact with them bartering for goods. We will have a "blanket sale" after the public leaves Saturday evening before dinner. Bring those seldom used articles in hopes of giving them new life. For our members that have a skilled trade, the Fort staff will be demonstrating several trades: tinsmith, blacksmith, etc. in the center of the Fort. All have been invited to demonstrate if you have a skill.

The Fort sallyport will be open for camp set-up on Friday, 18 Aug 2017. More details will be sent out in BLAST form as they become available. Please put Fort Meigs on your calendar and send in your reservation by clicking the above link.

Bob Kashary, 5th Va., k9kash@roadrunner.com
Event Coordinator



Event Notice

Fort Henry Days

Again, this year the North West Department will participate in Fort Henry Days on September 2 and 3. Fort Henry Days is held annually at Oglebay Park in Wheeling, West Virginia. The major feature of the event is the battle scenario that focuses on some aspect of the sieges of Fort Henry in the 18th century. This event welcomes all BAR members. Whether you are Continental or Crown or Loyalist there is a place for you to participate. In addition to the battle scenario each day the NWD will be doing our normal presentations for the public.

Amenities: Dinner will be provided on Saturday evening for registered participants. In the past this dinner has been outstanding. Lunch is available from a vendor on the site. Also, there are modern showers available.

Registration can be completed on-line. The web-site is forthenrydays.org. Identify yourself as a BAR member by typing BAR after your unit name on the Registration page. The web-site is now available for registration.

This will be the fourth year that the NWD has participated at Fort Henry Days and everyone reports that they enjoy the event and have a good time.

Joe Forte (740) 474-6183,
jjforte@frontier.com
Event Coordinator



Event Notice

FallFest 2017

Once again the Brigade will be featured at the Brecksville Metropark Fall Festival on Sunday, Sept. 24th. This one day event is known for large crowds of interested spectators and numerous opportunities to interpret your favorite impression, display or demo.

Date: Sunday, September 24, 2017

Place: Brecksville Reservation, Meadows Picnic Area, Cleveland Metroparks.

Park entrance is located off SR 82, near the intersection of SR 21, in Brecksville, Ohio.

Mapquest address: 9305 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141

Time: 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Provided: Lunch, firewood, straw.

The lunch is legendary and more than you can eat!

Arrival: Camping is permitted Saturday night but inform Bill or Mary Jo so Metroparks security will be aware of you. You can arrive anytime Saturday afternoon. Cars will be admitted to display area up to 10:00 A.M. Sunday, but must be out of camp by 10:00.

Parking: Park in general parking area with public; the earlier you get there the closer you park!

Event coordinators: Bill and MaryJo Lucas

blmj@sbcglobal.net



The Sew & So...

We are considering a get-together for the ladies next May out in the Springfield area. Kathleen Kan-nik has told us about the Crabill Homestead near Springfield, OH (see www.crabillhomestead.org) where we might enjoy a weekend to hone our cooking skills. The Crabill House was built in 1826 and has no electricity or indoor plumbing. But we would have a fireplace and oven for cooking. Porta-johns would be provided. And there are motels in the area. This event is just on the drawing board. So what do you think? Stay tuned...

Dianne Miller, 5th Va. Reg't.

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