

NWTA Courier

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DEAR RE-ENACTOR FRIENDS,

Another season is coming to a close, and we have had some interesting times, from 85 degrees and snow on the ground in October in Bourbonnais, Illinois while filming for the Weather Channel, to the Biblical rainfall that we had at Cantigny earlier this year. I hope everyone survived and had a great time throughout the year. I want to thank each and every one of you who helped me in my first year as Commander. I hope the following year 2009 is just as rewarding for you as it has been for me. We will be taking nominations for a new commander in the next year, if anyone else is interested. My intentions are to run for Commander for 2010 and 2011 if you will have me again.

As I write this, Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner, and I personally wish all of you the very best of holidays and a prosperous New Year. With your help we can keep the Alliance as the Premier Re-enacting Group in the Midwest.

Again---GOD BLESS all of you and I will see you in the New Year
Say a prayer for all of our Troops as well.

Your Humble Servant
Bart J. Durbin

HOLIDAYS AT THE HEARTH

RECIPES SUBMITTED BY MARILYN
HESS

WARM CRANBERRY WASSAIL
Makes 14 6 oz servings.

Ingredients:

- 1 64 oz. bottle Ocean Spray Cranberry Juice
- 2 1/2 cups apple juice
- 1/4 sugar (optional)
- 3 3-inch cinnamon sticks

1 tsp. whole allspice
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
Orange slices and whole
cloves for garnish.

Combine all in saucepan except
garnish and heat to boiling. Re-
duce heat and simmer 10 minutes.
Strain punch to remove spices
Place in heat proof bowl and
garnish.

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NWTA Women's Costume Symposium
April 4/5, 2009 both classes run 9 am - 5 pm
College of Dupage
 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
Registration 8.30 am

STAYS: Make a pair of authentic stays that really fit correctly! Two days of instruction by Hallie Larkin. **12 students max.** Power point presentation, stays in various sizes to try on, and originals from Hallie's collection on display. Stays kit is \$100 contains everything you will need to complete your stays and includes 1½ yds brown (unbleached) linen canvas, patterns, 1 yd linen lining, European Reed boning, leather binding, hand spun linen thread and is preferred for the best results. Please come prepared to put on your shift for proper fitting of stays. Bring your sewing kit.



GOWN: Get expert help in fitting your gown using your pattern, with Mike Dollinger, tailor. **25 students max.** Bring a muslin of the gown bodice sewn together, your fabric, pattern, scissors, pins, needles and sewing machine, if possible, we can share. Wear shift, stays and shoes for best fit. Mike will bring gowns in various stages of construction and a display of sewing tools.

Both classes run concurrently.

Questions to Hazel fdickfoss@wi.rr.com or 262-886-9133
 Don't sew? Allowances made for those who need to bring a seamstress.

FREE SPECIAL OFER: For those not able to take a weekend class, join us on Friday for a 7 pm presentation at the Comfort Inn Motel(address below)

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 Register soon! \$25 fee payable to Hazel immediately to hold your place and non-refundable after March 1st, the closing deadline for NWTA members. Any spaces that remain after March 1st will be offered at greater cost to non-members. Send to Hazel Dickfoss, 2115 Ramada Drive, Racine, WI 53406

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Check choice Stays _____ Gown _____

Tel. _____ Friday night presentation Yes/No Friday night only _____

Recommended motel:

Comfort Inn 3010 Finley Road, Downers Grove, IL, US, 60515-1118
 Phone: (630) 515-1500 Fax: (630) 515-1595. Conference price \$69 per night, be sure to mention when making your reservation that you are attending a conference at COD.

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LOOKING FOR CORRECT EYEWEAR?

Recommended: Dr. Stanley Steiner of Replica Eye-wear in Marion, IN.

He is a registered optician and serves the reenactors. He has the spectacles and the knowledge to do it right.

They are expensive but worth every penny especially for bifocals.

You can reach him at 765-664-6848.

Hazel Dickfoss and Marilyn Hess

SMALL TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS NOW REQUIRED TO FILE AN ANNUAL REPORT WITH THE IRS

In 2006 Congress passed the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Among other measures, this act requires all small organizations (Tax Exempt organizations with less than \$25,000.00 in gross revenues) to file an Annual Report electronically, IRS Form 990EZ. This report is due on the 15th day of the 5th month following the organizations year-end. For the NWTa the report is due March 15 of each year commencing March 15, 2009 (for Fiscal Year-end October 31, 2008).

Some NWTa units have tax exempt status and should have received notification from the IRS that the Unit is required to file, annually, an IRS Form 990EZ OR 990-N. If your unit has tax exempt status and you have not received such a notification from the IRS you can get information concerning this at

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=161145,00.html>

DID YOU KNOW?

When baking in camp, what is the temperature of the dutch oven?

You can gauge the temperature by holding your hand over the coals on top of the oven.

Yank away immediately 400

Hold it there an instant 350

Any longer is a slow oven

Submitted by Marilyn Hess

Save the Date!

NWTA GRAND ENCAMPMENT
Perry Farm Park, Bourbonnais, Illinois
June 13-14, 2009

Mark your calendar now for the NWTA's
35th Anniversary Grand Encampment

to be held at Perry Farm Park
459 No. Kennedy Drive, Bourbonnais, Illinois
(located about 60 miles south of Chicago near the intersection of Routes 57 and 50)

This will be a joint event with the BAR's North West Department, so plan to invite your sister units and friends from "out East," to join our celebration.

The Steering Committee, comprised of Bart Durbin, Bill and Marilyn Hess, and Linnea Bass, have begun planning, and festivities include:

- NWTA Member Census
- Feu de Joie and Grand Volley
- Catered Dinner Saturday Evening
- 18th Century Music and Dancing
- NWTA "Museum"
- Salute to Past Commanders
- Group Photo

THE NWT A COAT OF ARMS

*Second in a series of articles on the
NWT A's organizational history*

*[Edited by Linnea Bass, based on articles
published in the October 1980 and July
1994 issues of the NWT A Courier]*

The NWT A Coat-of-Arms was granted through the diligent efforts of Larry Snodgrass, Grenadier Co'y. 42d. Regiment of Foot (RHR), c. 1974-76. It was his application and his funds which obtained this sanction. (Monies were required to accrue the Official Seals affixed to the original document.)

We are indeed honored, in that at the time of its issuance, The American College of Heraldry had never granted Armorial Bearings to a military or quasi-military organization. To our knowledge none have been granted since.



The original text and description follows:

"Be it by these Presents known that a petition hath been submitted unto representatives of the Election Council praying that The North-West Territory Alliance, Chartered by the State of Illinois, be elected as a Corporate Fellow of The American College of Heraldry and that suitable and appropriate Armorial Bearings be devised and appointed by Grant. The Council, acting under the authority of the Board of Governors, duly surveyed the petition and deemed the Corporation to be eminently qualified for election. It is, therefore, with pleasure that We recognize the Body as a Corporate Fellow and do hereby grant Armorial Bearings to wit:

Quarterly 1. Argent, issuant from a tuft of grass, a pine tree Vert between, in pale two scrolls Or, fimbriated and inscribed respectively "LIBERTY TREE" and "AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN" Sable; 2. Gules the cypher above the Roman numeral III Or and ensigned with a Royal Crown Proper; 3. Azure, a fleur-de-lis Or; 4. Azure, a bear rampant regardant, incensed and barry of Gules and Argent, grasping in the dexter paw a sword Or; over all a fillet cross Or. Above the Shield is placed a Helmet with a Mantling Gules doubled Argent, and on a Wreath Argent and Gules is set for Crest, an eagle's head erased Argent, armed Or, and in an Escrol above the same this Motto "Vi Et Armis" [By Force and Arms], and in an Escrol below the Shield this Motto "That Others May Learn" and set thereupon for Supporters, to the dexter an eagle and to the sinister a lion Or. For a badge, a torteau charged with an eagle's head erased Argent, armed Or, all within a belt Azure, buckled, embellished and inscribed "By Force and Arms" Or.

The sole uses of said Arms are restricted to the Corporation which will hereafter exercise singular and exclusive rights and title through the Chief Executive. In testimony thereof, this Grant of Arms hath executed and the President hath hereunto set his hand and seal and hath affixed the seal of The College before Almighty God and this company of Armigers."

ANNOUNCEMENT: SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR NWTA COMMANDER

The Nominating Committee (Jane Whiteside, Alex Farkas, Connie VandePolder, and Tim Hess) is seeking candidates to run in the fall 2009 election for Commander of the NWTA. The position is open to any member in good standing. Interested candidates should download and complete the form available online and mail to Jane Whiteside, 8417 Adbeth, Woodridge, IL 60517; or answer the questions in an e-mail directed to j-whiteside@comcast.net. Interested parties requiring a hard copy may contact Jane Whiteside or the Courier Editor.

Deadline is March 1

WORD SEARCH

Submitted by Elizabeth Malone, Hamilton's Coy

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**HOLIDAYS AT THE HEARTH,
CONTINUED**

PUMPKIN PUDDING

Combine 2 cups cooked mashed pumpkin and 3 tablespoons butter. Mix well. Add 3 eggs and 1 cup sugar or 3/4 cup honey, 1/3 cup milk, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, and 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg. Mix Well. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Pour into greased baking dish.

Preheat dutch oven for a few minutes, place trivet in bottom, and then pudding. Put coals on lid, and have a 1/4 turn revolution every every 15 minutes. Bake 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Lift lid to let steam out

HAPPY EATING!

**ORDER OF MERIT MEDALS:
AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER
2009!**

Place your order now to have your medal available for presentation at the Grand Encampment or another event. Medals will cost \$12.00 each. The order form may be found at <http://www.nwta.com> under "Resources". Please contact me if you have any questions or to e-mail a form directly to you.

Jane Whiteside, j-whiteside@comcast.net

FROM THE PATTERNMASTER:
Are you doing sewing projects before the reenacting season gets underway?
Check out the Patternmaster section on the Nwta website under Resources.