

NWTA Courier

P U B L I C A T I O N O F
T H E N O R T H W E S T T E R R I T O R Y A L L I A N C E

You are cordially invited to attend

THE NWTA GRAND ENCAMPMENT JUNE 13-14

*Klash on the Kankakee,
Bourbonnais, Illinois*

The NWTA will be celebrating its 35th Anniversary at this Grand Encampment, which will also serve as the organization's 2009 joint event with the BAR's Northwest Department. Our host unit for the weekend will be Bowman's Company, Illinois Regiment, Virginia State Forces. NWTA and BAR/NWD unit commanders will receive registration packets via regular mail.

The event site is near Kankakee, IL about 60 miles south of Chicago near the intersection of State Route 50 and I-57. Perry Farm Park is a 170 acre site, of which we will have access to about 50 acres. The Bourbonnais Twp. Park District is very excited about sponsoring the Grand Encampment, and has been working since last fall to arrange special amenities and an advertising campaign. Participant parking will be at a school immediately adjacent to the Park. A modern camping area will be provided, but there are no hook-ups.

Please find more Grand Encampment information throughout this issue of the Courier. Remember to register by unit for the event and other activities except where indicated otherwise.

If you have questions, please contact one of the following:

Site and Local Information - Bart Durbin, 815-936-9169, IM4FNI@aol.com

Unit Registration - John Sauter, 262-843-4613, jsauter@wi.rr.com

Suttler and Demonstrator Registration - Hazel Dickfoss, 262-886-9133, fdickfoss@wi.rr.com

Schedule and Misc. - Bill and Marilyn Hess, 608-868-7855, historynoyuck@aol.com

Copies of Registration Forms and Misc. - Linnea Bass, 847-705-9430, linneabass@comcast.net

Sincerely,

Your 2009 Grand Encampment Steering Committee

Bart Durbin, Chairman Linnea Bass Bill and Marilyn Hess

REGISTRATION - *Except* for suttlers and demonstrators, event participant *registration should be by unit*. Make sure that the registration form is filled out completely, and return it with *one check* covering the cost for all those attending the dinner. If you are inviting another unit under the guest policy, please include them with your unit's registration. Since this is a joint event, BAR units do *not* fall under the guest policy and may register directly. Please return registration forms by **May 1st, 2009**. Unit commanders have been mailed registrations. Forms are also available for download from the website.

NOTE: Past members and friends who wish to join us for dinner may order tickets using the Unit Registration Form, which will be posted on the NWTa web site.

RETURN UNIT REGISTRATION AND DINNER TICKET ORDER FORMS TO

John Sauter

24741 74th Street, Paddock Lake, WI 53168

RETURN SUTTLE AND DEMONSTRATOR REGISTRATION FORMS TO

Hazel Dickfoss

2115 Ramada Drive, Racine, WI 53406

CATERED DINNER - We hope all those attending will join us for a catered dinner on Saturday evening. It will be held under cover of the picnic pavilion combined with several large tents, so we can enjoy it in any weather!

Menu:

Broasted Chicken
Potato Salad
Pasta Salad
Vegetable,
Dinner Rolls
Cookies and Brownies,
Iced Tea or Lemonade.

The cost is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 6-12. Children under age 6 are admitted free (but must be included in the pre-registered count).

Register by unit registration form. One check per unit for dinner.

Remember to Register :

- Participant registration (except suttlers and demonstrators, register by unit)
- Dinner (by unit)
- Parents' Night Out (individual)
- Tee-Shirt (order by unit)
- Professional photographs
- Volunteer to stand guard at the NWTa museum

DIRECTIONS TO PERRY FARM PARK

Perry Farm Park

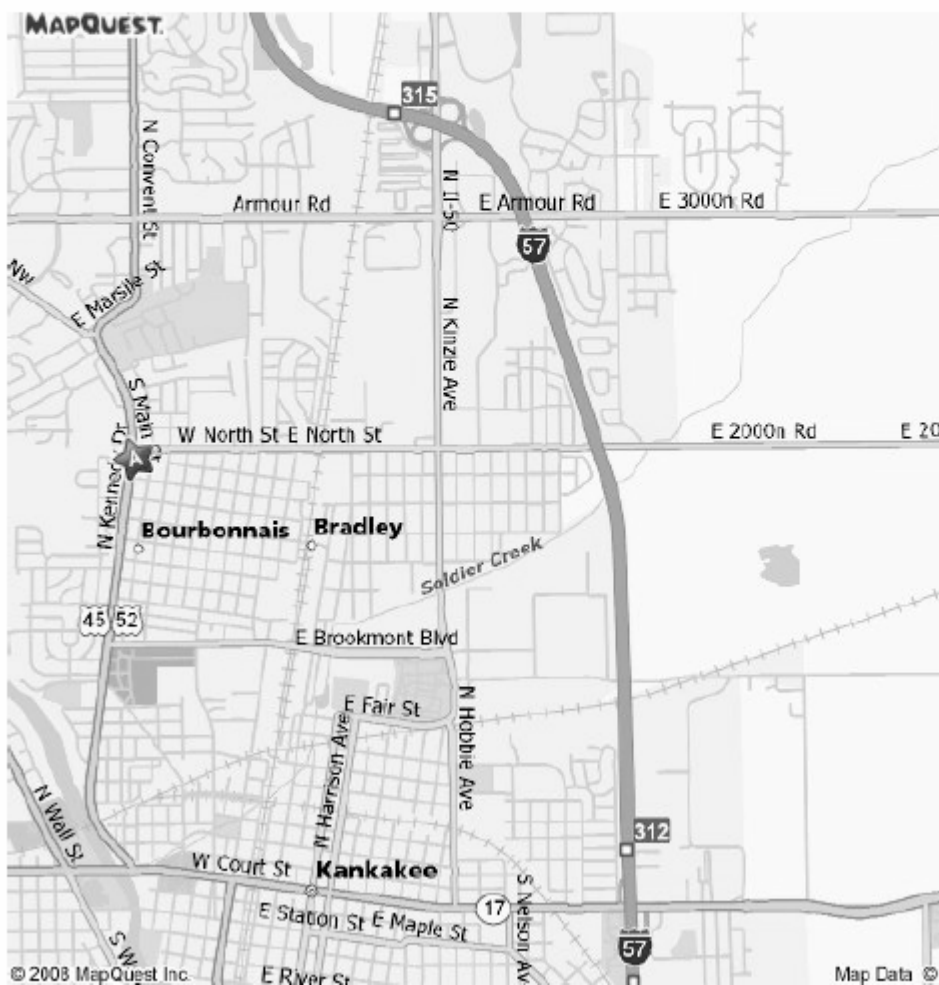
459 No. Kennedy Drive,
Bourbonnais, Illinois 60914

(815) 933-9905

<http://www.btpd.org/1PerryFarmPark.html>

In case of emergency ONLY – Family members at home who cannot reach you by cell phone, may call the Kankakee County Sheriffs Police (815) 933-3324.

Participants may set up camp starting Thursday afternoon and break camp on Monday.



DIRECTIONS: <http://www.btpd.org/1Maps.htm>

From I-57 (heading south): Take I-57 south to exit 315 (Bourbonnais exit). Merge right onto Route 50. Go south six stoplights. At the sixth stoplight, turn right on North Street. Go two stoplights to a T intersection. At the second stoplight, turn left on Kennedy Drive (also Rt. 45/52). Take the very first right, this street is Perry Street. Go to the stop sign. Turn right onto Perry Farm Park.

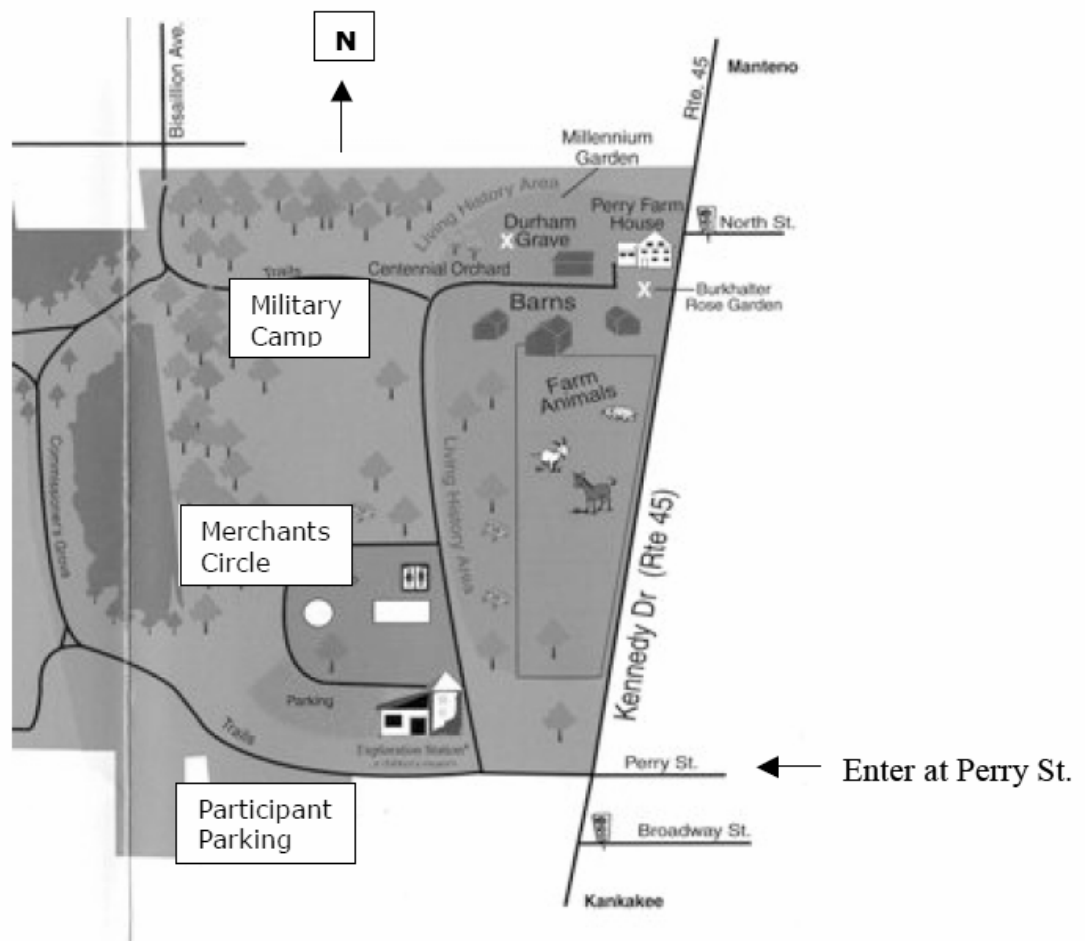
From I-57 (heading north): Take I-57 north to exit 315 (Bourbonnais exit). Turn left onto Route 50. Go south seven stoplights. At the seventh stoplight, turn right on North Street. Go two stoplights to a T intersection. At the second stoplight, turn left on Kennedy Drive (also Rt. 45/52). Take the very first right, this street is Perry Street. Go to the stop sign. Turn right onto Perry Farm Park.

From I-55: Take I-55 to Wilmington exit. Turn onto River Road. Go about four miles, and turn right on Route 53. At the first stoplight, turn left on Peotone Road. Follow Peotone Road to Old Chicago Road, and turn right. Follow to Route 102, and turn left. Follow Route 102 heading east to Bourbonnais. Go five stoplights, and turn right on Route 45/52. Go through two stoplights, and turn right on Perry Street just after the Perry Farm and Children's Museum signs. Go to the stop sign. Turn right onto Perry Farm Park.

From Route 17 (heading east): Take Route 17 to Kennedy Drive stoplight. Turn left. Go north four stoplights. Go one more block past stoplight and turn left onto

Perry Street just past Big Lots store at sign indicating Perry Farm. Go to the stop sign and turn right onto Perry Farm Park.

From Route 17 (heading west): Take Route 17 to Kennedy Drive stoplight. Turn right. Go north four stoplights. Go one more block past stoplight and turn left onto Perry Street just past Big Lots store at sign indicating Perry Farm. Go to the stop sign and turn right onto Perry Farm Park.



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE NMTA GRAND ENCAMPMENT JUNE 13-14, 2009

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

NMTA Museum Set Up – Please bring "historic" items for display!

SATURDAY PUBLIC HOURS

- 9:00 AM Officers' Call (non-public)
Dinner ticket distribution
- 10:00 AM Morning Troop
- After Troop Group Photo - immediately after Morning Troop
- 11:30 AM Artillery Demonstration
- 1:00 PM 18th Century Military Fashion Show
- 1:30 PM Field Music Performance
- 2:00 PM Children's Battle
- 2:30 PM 18th Century Civilian Fashion Show
- 3:30 PM Battle
- After Battle Afternoon Troop & Parade with Salute to our Past and Future
NMTA Founders and Past Commanders take the salute along with children born since the last Grand Encampment (05/29/2004)



SATURDAY AFTER HOURS

- 5:45 PM Call to Dinner
- 6:00 PM Catered Dinner [pre-purchased ticket holders]
Dinner Program and Recognition of Special Guests
- 7:45 PM Census - Members line up by the year they joined (newest first)
Feu de Joie and Grand Volley - Bring a firearm (or cannon) and 3 rounds
- 9:00 PM Entertainment
Grand Illumination in camp
18th Century Dance
Historical (and often Hysterical) NMTA Slide Show by Bill Potter

SUNDAY

- 9:00 AM Officers' Call (non-public)
- 10:00 AM Morning Troop with Last Post and Special Salute to Those Gone but not Forgotten
- 11:00 AM Musical Milestones (and church parade) - Dave Nordin
- 12:30 PM 18th Century Military Fashion Show
- 1:00 PM NMTA Field Music Performance
- 1:30 PM Children's Parade through Camp
- 2:00 PM 18th Century Civilian Fashion Show
- 2:30 PM Artillery Demonstration
- 3:00 PM Battle Demonstration
- After Battle Afternoon Troop and Parade
* Recognition of Sponsor, BAR Officers, and Grand Encampment Committee

PLEASE NOTE: Although the official activities are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, you may set up camp beginning Thursday afternoon, June 11th and stay until Monday, June 15th.

Bring a Friend: Past Members and Sister Units

OLD FRIENDS - Some units are already planning reunions and inviting past members to the event. When you fill out your registration form, do not include these people as participants, unless they will be wearing 18th Century clothing. You are, of course, welcome to invite them to join us for dinner. Just include them in your unit's dinner ticket count.

GUEST UNITS - NWTa members with sister units who are not members of the BAR may invite them to share in the celebration under our guest unit policy. Please let guest units know that they will not be covered by our insurance (although the NWTa will be covered as usual).

The regulations for guest units are in the NWTa Bylaws Reg 00-01:8) C:

"A group from another Revolutionary War period reenactment organization may attend as the guest of a member unit in good standing of the NWTa. The unit hosting the guest shall be responsible for registering the Guest Unit for the encampment and responsible for the conduct of the Guest Unit, including strict adherence to NWTa safety regulations and reasonable adherence to NWTa authenticity regulations by avoiding anachronistic appearance of guest individuals and their camp during the event day. No Guest Unit may participate with the NWTa at more than two (2) NWTa sanctioned events per year without becoming a member."

NWTa Museum

If you have NWTa memorabilia, please bring items for display in our temporary museum over the weekend. At past Grand Encampments we have had a variety of "artifacts" ranging from photo albums to a display of NWTa tee-shirts, so be creative. The location will be a secure room in the Exploration Station (children's museum) building. It has a separate outside entrance, so we can control access. As usual, we'll need soldiers to serve as honor guards during the hours it is open. You will be able sign up for that duty at the event. Men are needed to help guard the things that are in the museum and to show respect for the mementoes that are there. We will aim for half-hour slots but if enough men volunteer we may shorten the shifts. We will need guards for Saturday and Sunday. If you would like to volunteer, please call Marilyn Hess at 608- 868-7855 or email at historynoyuck@aol.com.

Children's

Activities

There will be a children's battle on Saturday and a children's parade through camp on Sunday (with a treat for all those who reach the end).

Battles and Command

A committee will be working out a plan for the battles, based on the terrain and the number of troops pre-registered for the event. At the moment, all we know is that the plan will be something other than the Lexington/Concord scenario that we've done at the Klash the past few years. The committee will have the ability to pre-assign units into divisions and pre-determine who will hold field command positions, since we're hoping for a big turnout of both NWTa and BAR units.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT SATURDAY EVENING AT THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Attention Parents! The Park District would like to offer you the opportunity to bring your children to the Exploration Station...a children's museum. During the hours listed below we will have staff on hand to lead your children in games, activities, and free play. What this means for you is a night off to enjoy the evening activities and to be able to catch up on old times with your friends.

All children must be pre-registered for this program and be signed in and out by a parent/guardian at the door. The door will stay open until 7:15 p.m. and then be closed. All children must be signed in by this time. There is a registration form on the facing page. Please fill the form out with parent/guardian contact and emergency information along with the child's information, then sign and date and return to the Park District.

The registration deadline to participate in this program is Monday, May 18th. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Tom Schelling at toms@btpd.org or (815) 933-9905 ext. 231.

Ages: 3 – 12 years old (must be potty trained)
 Date: Saturday, June 13, 2009
 Time: 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 Location: Exploration Station...a children's museum (at Perry Farm Park)
 Fee: FREE
 Max: 80

NWA National Officers' Contact Information

Commander: Bart Durbin	645 S. McKinley Avenue Kankakee, IL 60901	Phone: (815) 936-9169 Email: Iam4FnI@aol.com
Deputy Commander: Tim Hess	247 Juniper Court Streamwood, IL 60107	Phone: (630) 483-0450 Email: grex111@core.net
Adjutant: Angela Potter	8811 West 102nd Street Palos Hills, IL 60465	Phone: (708) 598-5552 Email: nwtadj@msn.com
Paymaster: Andrea Studzinski	309 N. Park Boulevard Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	Phone: (630) 942-0670 Email: andreastudzinski@sbeglobal.net
Scribe: Kayte Ossler	285 Churchill Street Aurora, IL 60504	Phone: (630) 851-8378 Email: kayteossler@netzero.net

Mail to: BTPD Rec. Registration
770 E. Franklin St., Bradley, IL 60915
or fax to (815) 935-2645 with credit card information and signature

Please Print Legibly

Last Name	Primary First Name	Secondary First Name	Home Telephone #
Street Address	City	Zip	Work Telephone # & Name
Emergency Contact Name & Telephone # - specify hours available to call.			E-mail Address

How did you hear about the programs and events offered by the Bourbonnais Township Park District.

Herald _____ Journal _____ WVLI _____ WTKC _____ WONU _____ WGFA _____ WKAN _____
 WYKT _____ Brochure _____ Perry Farm Sign _____ Fliers _____ Friend _____ Other _____
 Web site _____

Participant's Name	Age	Birth Date	Gender	Program Name	Program #	Shirt Size	Fee

Do you need any special accommodations? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Paid #: _____ Accepted by: _____ Date entered: _____ Family ID #: _____

Manner of payment: Check #: _____ Cash: _____ CC #: _____ MasterCard or VISA

Cardholder's Signature: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Auth #: _____

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND PERMISSION TO SECURE TREATMENT

**** Please read this form carefully** and be aware in registering yourself or your minor child(ren)/ward(s) for participation in any program(s) of the Bourbonnais Township Park District, you will be waiving and releasing all claims for injuries you or your child(ren)/ward(s) might sustain arising therefrom and also giving permission to secure treatment for any said injuries.

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in the program(s), and I agree to assume the sole and full risk of any injuries, damages or losses regardless of severity which I or my minor child(ren)/ward(s) may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with any such program(s).

I agree to waive and relinquish any and all claims I, or my minor child(ren)/ward(s), may have against the Bourbonnais Township Park District and its officers, agents, servants and employees as a result of participating in the program(s).

I do hereby fully release and discharge the Bourbonnais Township Park District and its officers, agents, servants and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, damages or losses which I, or my minor child(ren)/ward(s), may have or which may accrue to me or my minor child(ren)/ward(s) and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of the program(s).

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend, at my sole expense, the Bourbonnais Township Park District and its officers, agents, servants and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, damages or losses sustained by me or my minor child(ren)/ward(s) arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of the program(s).

In the event of any emergency, I authorize the Bourbonnais Township Park District representatives to secure from any licensed hospital, physician and/or medical personnel any treatment deemed necessary by them for the immediate care of me or my child(ren)/ward(s), and I agree that I will be solely responsible for payment of any and all medical services rendered with no right to recovery, having waived my right to same from the Bourbonnais Township Park District, its representatives, or its insurance provider.

I have read and fully understand the details of the program(s) and agree to abide by this Waiver and Release of All Claims and Permission to Secure Treatment.

I have carefully read the Waiver and Release of All Claims and Permission to Secure Treatment and understand that my signature below acknowledges same and is required in order to participate in Park District programs. Parental signature is required for participants under the age of 18 years.

34 Dated: _____ Signature: _____

MEDALS OF MERIT FOR 35 YEARS

Where were you in 1974? Were you in the NWTa or another group that became NWTa? If so, please contact Jane Whiteside and let her know. You would be due your 35th year medal on the 35th anniversary of the NWTa. 630-985-1124

Submitted by Marilyn Hess

MORE GRAND FUN THAN CAN FIT ON THE SCHEDULE

We are looking for units to come up with some skits or crafts they can demonstrate to the public to draw them closer to us. Some things that were mentioned were fire starting, bullet making, bread or pie baking, lacrosse, skits like we did in the past (who can pass up throwing biscuits at the British?), and other things you can think of. This came as a request of the sponsor at our meeting. Thanks, Marilyn Hess

See page 13 for ideas and an explanation of the importance of in-camp scenarios

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Photographs

A professional photographer will be on site both days to take individual and small group photos. Order form and more information on page 10.

Commemorative Tee Shirts

We have asked each unit commander to place a group order for the unit, accompanied by a single check. Shirts will be packaged by unit for pick-up at the event.

Order form and shirt design on page 11.

WAIT...

...without the Klash at the beginning of May, you have a free weekend! Not sure how to fill you newfound time? Consider Pause for Patriotism, a one-day event to be held at Perry Farm on May 16.

Please contact Bart Durbin for more information on this opportunity.

2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

APRIL 4-5	SEWING SYMPOSIUM—DUPAGE, IL
MAY 16	PAUSE FOR PATRIOTISM—BOURBONNAIS, IL**
MAY 23-24	SPIRIT OF VINCENNES RENDEZVOUS—VINCENNES, IN
JUNE 13-14	KLASH ON THE KANKAKEE—GRAND ENCAMPMENT/ JOINT NWTa & BAR EVENT—BOURBONNAIS, IL
AUGUST 15-16	COLONIAL KENSINGTON, MILFORD, MI**
AUGUST 22-23	BATTLE ON THE RIDGE—HIGHLAND, IN
SEPTEMBER 5-6	PIONEER VILLAGE—SAUKVILLE, WI
SEPTEMBER 10-13	CANTIGNY—WHEATON, IL
OCTOBER 3-4	VERMILLION VALLEY ENCAMPMENT—WESTVILLE, IL
OCTOBER 10-11	FEAST OF THE HUNTER'S MOON—LAFAYETTE, IN
OCTOBER 24-25	MARKET DAYS AT LOCUST GROVE—LOUISVILLE, KY
NOVEMBER 7	NWTa BOARD MEETING—CABELLA'S—HIGHLAND IN 9 AM CST

**NON-NWTa EVENT



Wayba Productions, I.I.C. • P.O. Box 373 • Bourbonnais • Illinois • 60014
815-935-2483 info@waybapro.com

Event: 2009 Grand Encampment, June 13 & 14, Perry Farm, Bourbonnais, Illinois

Wayba Productions will be taking a large group photograph of all re-enactors of the 2009 Grand Encampment. Picture time will be immediately after the 10:00am Morning Troop on June 13th.

I will also be taking unit groups and individual photos on a reserved time basis. All photos will be mailed.

Wayba Productions will also be taking candid photographs during the event and after hours, which will be available to view and purchase online at www.wayba.com Event: Grand Encampment. Group photos and individuals will not be posted online.

Wayba Productions is a professional event photography studio that services the Bourbonnais community and its surrounding towns. To find out more about Wayba Productions go to www.wayba.com

Please bring order form and payment to the Wayba booth to schedule your unit group and individual photo. If you are only purchasing the large group photo and wish to pre-order, mail this form and your payment to Wayba Productions, P.O. Box 373, Bourbonnais, IL 60014 or drop off at the Wayba photo booth.

Additional order forms will be available at the booth. Cash, check and credit cards accepted. Make checks payable to Wayba

Wayne Baranowski Owner/Photographer

(All orders will be mailed)

Wayba Productions	
P.O. Box 373 • Bourbonnais • Illinois • 60014	

	SELECTION	PRICE	QTY.	TOTAL
Photographer's use only	1-8x10 Unit Group 1-5x7 & 4-wallets of individual	\$35.00		
	1-6x7 Unit Group 2-3x5 & 4-wallets of individual	\$25.00		
	1-8x10 Unit Group Keepsake	\$15.00		
	QTY. DISCOUNT 5-8x10's Unit Group Keepsake at \$11ea.	\$55.00		
	1-11x14 Unit Group Keepsake	\$28.00		
Keepsake will have event name, location and date.		Keepsake Grand Encampment Group (all re-enactors)		
All prices includes sales tax and shipping & handling.		1-11x14	\$28.00	
		1-16x20	\$40.00	
		QTY. DISCOUNT 5-16x20's	\$150.00	
		1-20x30	\$75.00	
		1-24x36	\$85.00	
Name _____		Thank You For Your Order!		
Phone _____		Please Make Check Payable to: Wayba		
Unit Group _____		TOTAL		

2009 GRAND ENCAMPMENT TEE SHIRT ORDER FORM



FRONT



BACK

ONE ORDER PER UNIT PLEASE!

All tee shirts are black.
Design is red, white and blue.
Adult sizes only.

Questions? Contact
Sandy Johnson 847-297-6012
Linnea Bass linneabass@comcast.net

Give the number desired of each size.

# _____	SMALL	\$8.00 each
# _____	MEDIUM	\$8.00 each
# _____	LARGE	\$8.00 each
# _____	X-LARGE	\$8.00 each
# _____	XX-LARGE	\$8.00 each
# _____	XXX-LARGE	\$11.00 each
# _____	XXXX-LARGE	\$11.00 each

TOTAL SHIRTS ORDERED _____

Orders must be received by May 1st.
Shirts will be delivered at the Grand
Encampment, packaged by unit.

Enclose one check or money order per
unit payable to "Sandra Johnson."

Send form and payment to
Sandy Johnson
1085 Walnut
Des Plaines, IL 60016

UNIT _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

TOTAL FUNDS SUBMITTED _____

The Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous

Vincennes, Indiana

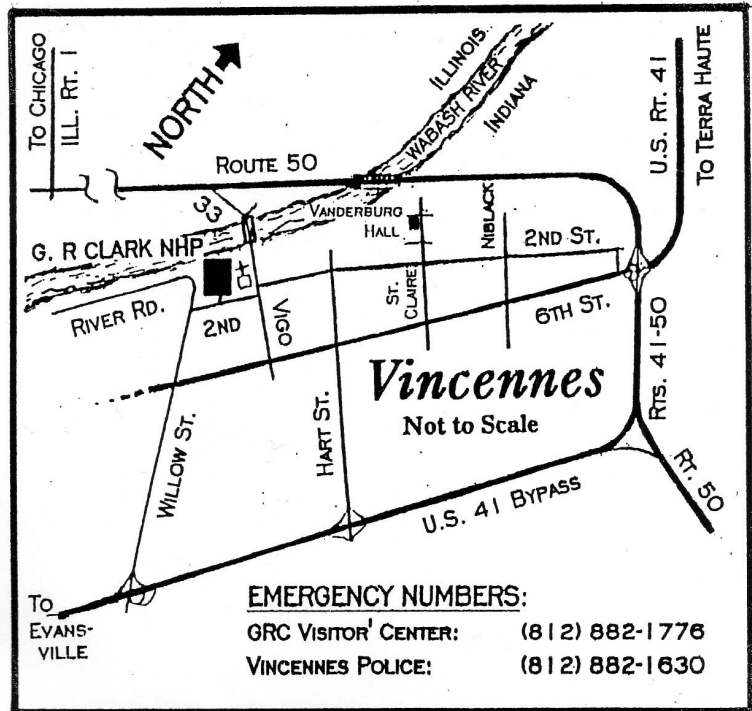
Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-24, 2009

George Rogers Clark National Historic Park, 401 South Second Street

SATURDAY NIGHT TURKEY DINNER *with fixings*. CATERED!

- 👑 Nearby Showers.
- 👑 Honours to Veterans and N W T A Dead.
- 👑 Saturday Evening candlelight tour of historic buildings.
- 👑 N W T A candlelight walk on Sunday night.
- 👑 OK to camp over Sunday night.

Note: The long-awaited refurbishing of the Monument's terrace area is underway. Morning and evening formations may need to be relocated from the construction zone if necessary.



For Additional Info & Updates
Please monitor www.nwta.com
and www.spiritofvincennes.org

ROOMS

Vincennes University Dorm Rooms Info
and the Room Registration Form--go to:

spiritofvincennes.org, then click on
"Experience the Rev War" box, then
"participant registration" in sidebar, then
on the Rooms at Vincennes University
Registration Form cue.

[Please don't wait 'til the last minute]

Make sure your unit commander includes you in his or her registration

Event Registration	
<u>Commanders--Please register your unit</u>	
DEADLINE MAY 18	
UNIT NAME _____	
Name _____	Phone _____
Est. WEDGE TENTS _____	MARQUEES _____
FLIES _____	Other tentage _____
STRAW BALES _____	
MODERN CAMPERS? _____	TYPE _____
Bringing ARTILLERY? _____	Shoot or Display? _____
EST. NO. ADULTS _____	CHILDREN _____
TO: Bill Potter platrine@msn.com 8811 W. 102nd St. Palos Hills, IL 60465 (708) 598-5552	
[E-MAIL REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED]	

Puzzled about NPS rules/inspection?--contact B. Potter: latrine@msn.com ;use "nps BP inspection" as subject line.

Note: PLEASE make all your cartridges prior to the event--no bulk powder in camp!

NWTA Scholarship

The Northwest Territory Alliance is excited to inaugurate our new scholarship program! In its first year, the scholarships are designed to benefit NWTa members in achieving their educational goals. Two \$400 scholarship awards will be given. To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must be enrolled in a college or university for the fall 2009 and/or spring 2010 semester/s, be current members of the NWTa through either a family or individual membership, and complete the application. The application will be available online concurrent with publication. The deadline for submission is June 1st. Mail all applications and materials to

Attn: Scholarship Committee Chair
1385 West Allen Street Apartment A4
Bloomington, IN 47403

Direct all questions to randy.tm.hamper@gmail.com

OPINION: THE IMPORTANCE OF SCENARIOS IN CAMP

By Brian VandePolder, 2nd Pennsylvania

Today I was sitting at my computer, composing a letter, but thinking about some of the things that we used to do in the NWTa camp to entertain the public and keep our military skills sharp. One of the things that I thought about was the Changing of the Guard in the American camp. Another that popped into my mind were the Court Martial's that usually ended in the execution of the accused (and one that ended with a pardon before the execution took place). As I was thinking, I started wondering why more units do not drill at events? What happened to the Musket Reliability Competition? Or the Sword and Bayonet Competitions? Does anyone really know the exercise of the Colors, Sword, Spontoan, or Halberd? How about demonstrating sizing and forming a battalion?

There are written instructions for most of these out there, somewhere. I know, because I remember learning about them at the School of the Soldier and/or School of the Officer. Does anyone have copies of these to share?

The NWTa is aging and shrinking, and we are not attracting younger new members. Could some of the reason be that the events are getting boring? I remember an event where an officer was convicted of a crime, sentenced to death by firing squad, had to dig his own grave (there was a mound of dirt behind him in which he fell over "into his grave"). I also remember a court martial in which Captain Davey was the defense attorney. He was so drunk, that he did more to convict the accused than the prosecuting officer. The poor soldier was shot, then it was determined that he was innocent. There was the court martial in which I was sentenced to be hung. Just before the rope was raised, the town crier came with a pardon from "my uncle" General George Washington.

Does anyone remember the last winner of the Sword Competition or what the prize was? How many units are represented in the Men's Fashion Show?

We are at events to educate and entertain the public. This is also a good time to relearn, and demonstrate, some of the military skills that we are supposed to be proficient in. Morning and evening formations, fashion shows and battle tactics, poorly executed, is not the total event. Let's revive, and learn, the military skills that are buried in cob-webs.

INSPECTION ROTATION

The IG Department inspection rotation is outlined below. Your unit commander will be contacted by the IG, and will schedule a time for inspection. You are responsible for completing an Individual Inspection Form, which is available for download on the website. Even if your unit is not being inspected for a few years, consider taking a look at the form, and beginning the legwork early.

Randy Hamper, Inspector General

2009: REPEAT IN 2014

4th Continental Light Dragoons
 71st Regiment
 Continental Marines, Niklaus' Battalion, Dean's Co'y
 Proctor's Continental Artillery
 Worthington's Co'y, Illinois Reg't
 Philadelphia Ladies Association
 1st Regiment of Light Dragoons
 8th (King's) Regiment of Foot
 Brandt's Volunteers
 7th Pennsylvania Reg't, Cpt John Alexander's Co'y

2010: REPEAT IN 2015

Bowman's Co'y, Illinois Reg't
 Hamilton's Artillery
 Keller's Co'y, Illinois Reg't
 4th Massachusetts
 55th Regiment of Foot, Trevor's Co'y
 Braunschweig Regiment von Riedesel, Leib Compagnie
 42nd Regiment of Foot
 Ste. Anne's Militia, Charleville's Co'y
 Virginia State Navy Row Galley Hero

2011: REPEAT IN 2016

Lauzon's Legion
 Native Allies
 2nd Battalion, Light Infantry (Crown Forces)
 17th Light Dragoons
 84th Regiment of Foot
 Celts
 Commander in Chief's Guard
 Brigade of Guards in America, Grenadier Co'y
 Sandridge Settlers

2012: REPEAT IN 2017

HRM's Marines
 1st Continental Artillery, Harrison's Reg't
 1st American, Queens Rangers
 2nd Pennsylvania
 2nd Virginia
 Baldwin's Regiment
 New York Volunteers
 Butler's Rangers
 4th Regiment of Foot, King's Own, Grenadier Co'y

2013: REPEAT IN 2018

Logan's Co'y
 Ste Joseph Parish Militia
 3rd New York, DuBois Co'y
 Hendricks's Co'y
 3rd Connecticut Band of Music
 Culpepper Minute Battalion
 Lee's Legion
 Civilian-At-Large

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May/June	May 1
July/August	July 1
September/October	September 1
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After thirty years of Revolutionary War, French and Indian War, and Civil War reenacting, as well as competitive shooting, my wife and I are leaving the hobby. My collection spans fifty years and covers pre-Revolutionary War through World War II. We are offering for sale:

- 3 Cannons
- 2 Mortars
- 120 Long Guns
- 127 Swords
- 12 Pole Arms
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- Antiques
- Flags
- 58 Hand Guns
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- Period Camping Gear
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There is bound to be something for the advanced collector, the reenactor, and the antique collector. The collection will be shown *by appointment only*. Call for location and directions. ***Cash Sales Only.***

Call Paul or Mary Kay Fischer 847.259.2263 for appointment.

Colonial Kensington

Colonial Kensington is an event that has been going on for 9 years, and showing signs of just getting bigger and better with time. Located in southeastern Michigan and encompassing the 1700 to 1796 Era, the event, hosted by Grants' Co'y 42d Royal Highland Regiment and the 1st PA Regiment, has everything one could ask for, including a beautiful park setting along the Huron River with unspoiled lake and river frontage for encampments with mature forests, hills, streams and fields.

The site offers unlimited space for all time periods and impressions; F&I & Rev War British, French and Native Camps. Tactical situations are offered early in the afternoons for the benefit of the reenactors to brush up on skills, tactical and military, as well as other demonstrations for the benefit of the spectators/general public later in the afternoons.

The 2009 event will be held August 15th and 16th, (setup all day the 14th) at Kensington Metro Park, Milford, MI. The event is located within Kensington Metro Park, at Martindale Beach, about 20 miles north of Ann Arbor, Michigan, just outside the town of Milford. Firewood and ice are provided by the park. For more information call David Marquis at 586-980-4068, or e-mail david_thered @ yahoo.com

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