

# NWTA Courier

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## WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE INSPECTED

FROM THE IG DEPARTMENT

### **Purpose**

The goal of the inspection process is not for an inspector to tell you what clothing is “right” and what is “wrong.” Instead, it’s a chance to have someone else check your documentation and provide feedback as to whether the pieces you wear are adequately supported by documentation. The method of evaluation is a comparison between your garment/accoutrement and the research you present to support the item. Your garment/accoutrement must match your documentation to pass inspection.

### **The Individual Inspection Form**

If this is your first inspection, please use the form provided on the NWTA website. If you have been previously inspected using the earlier forms, you may continue to use them if you wish. However, each item is being inspected, regardless of whether the item passed or failed previous inspections. Therefore, it is advisable to revisit your work prior to each inspection.

### **Your Biography**

Please attach your biography to your form. All individuals, whether military, militia, civilians with the army or civilians independent of the army must have a biography. The reason for this is two-fold. First, for many impressions, knowing your persona’s background will aid you in selecting appropriate garments and accoutrements. For this reason, you may want to begin thinking about your persona before your unit is due for inspection! Second, knowing your biography will help your inspector better evaluate your documentation and items. Your biography should be as complete as possible, and should be compatible with your unit’s history and with your spouse’s impression, if applicable. Include your assumed name, if any.

Civilians with military units need to provide reason for being with the unit. Marital status is not a complete rea-

son—please explain why you have chosen or were pressed to reside with a military unit. Please consult your unit history when creating your impression. Ideally, your biography should be documented. Children do not need individual biographies, but may be included on their parents’ and are welcome to submit one of their own.

Please see the online instructions and form for the items required to complete your biography.

### **The IIF**

You may either write in the boxes of a printed version of the form, or you may type directly into the computer form. In either case, your form must be provided digitally to the IG, so handwritten forms must be scanned prior to inspection.

While children need not complete the biographical section, you will need separate forms to document each child’s clothing and accoutrements.

### **Items and Sources**

Use the form to describe and document your clothing and accoutrements. List each item (unless two or more are exactly identical) separately. Printed patterns (such as florals) must be documented in addition to the garment’s construction documentation. Use the “sources” space for your documentation. Preferably, all documentation should be based on a primary source. Secondary sources may be used, but a primary source “trumps” a secondary one, and you will be encouraged to find primary source documentation for any items documented with secondary sources. Primary sources can include extant garments, original paintings, cartoons, or other drawings created during (not after) the period you are portraying, and written descriptions such as in diaries or runaway ads.

Questions about the inspection process, expectations for documentation or citing sources, or any other concerns? Please contact Randy Hamper, NWTA Inspector General at [randy.tm.hamper@gmail.com](mailto:randy.tm.hamper@gmail.com)

Please see the NWTA website for the forms and the official instructions for completing the IIF.

# FALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES, TO BE APPROVED AT THE MARCH BOARD MEETING

**N.W.T.A. BOARD MEETING**  
**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**Highland, Indiana**

## Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Bart Durbin at 9:00 AM CST

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Roll Call

**FULL MEMBER UNITS REPRESENTED:** 1<sup>st</sup> American, Simcoe's Queen's Rangers; 1<sup>st</sup> Cont'l Artillery; 1<sup>st</sup> Reg't. Light Dragoons; 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Light Infantry; 2<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment; 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment; 3<sup>rd</sup> New York Regiment; 8<sup>th</sup> Reg't of Foot; 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment; 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg't. RHR; 84<sup>th</sup> Reg't of Foot; Baldwin's Regiment; Bowman's Co'y; Brigade of Guards in America; Butler's Rangers; Capt. Wm. Hendricks' Co'y, Pennsylvania Rifle Batt'l'n; CELTS; Charleville's Co'y; Commander in Chief's Guard, Cont'l Line; Cont'l Marines, Niklaus Batt'l'n; Culpeper Minute Battalion; Hamilton's Artillery; HRM's Marines; Kellar's Co'y; Lee's Legion; New York Volunteers; Proctor's Cont'l Artillery; Sandridge Settlers; Ste. Joseph's Militia; Worthington's Co'y.

**NON-VOTING UNITS REPRESENTED:** Civilians-at-Large; Loyal Irish Volunteers.

29 of the 41 voting units were represented at the meeting. A quorum (71%) was present.

## Changes in Unit Status Involving Voting Eligibility

Inspector General – 4<sup>th</sup> Cont'l Light Dragoons, Craig's Troop is moved to probationary status for failing to stand for inspection. Additionally, there are five (5) units in applicant status: Philadelphia Ladies Association, 7<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Reg't, Brant's Volunteers, Caldwell's Co'y, and Tarlatan British Legion.

Adjutant – Charleville's Co'y was returned to full status for payment of dues. Four (4) units remain in probationary status for lack of at least five paid members on file for 2009: Royal Deux Pont Reg't, Holder's Co'y Boonsborough Militia, 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia, and Lee's Legion.

## Discussion Time Limits

MOTION by Bill Anderson to limit discussion to 5 minutes per topic, 1 minute per speaker. Motion Approved.

## Approval of Past Minutes

MOTION by Linnea Bass to accept the minutes of the Board Meeting on 23 August 2009 as written. Motion Approved.

## Commander Report: Bart Durbin

Bart expressed thanks to everyone who assisted him during his tenure as NWTa Commander.

## STAFF REPORTS

**Deputy Commander:** Tim Hess – absent; no report.

**Adjutant:** Angie Potter – oral update provided.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Reg't of Light Dragoons has resigned from the NWTa. Two members have been added to the Last Post.

**Paymaster:** Andrea Studzinski – oral update provided & written 2009 Fiscal report submitted.

Records have been provided to Brian Vandepolder for the

annual audit.

**Scribe:** Kayte Ossler had no report.

**Provost Marshal:** Alan Potyten had no report but Bill Hess demonstrated a scope/camera that he's recommending the NWTa purchase for inspecting the barrels of cannons/muskets.

**Artillery Safety:** Thad Miller – Absent; no report.

**Inspector General:** Randy Hamper – oral update provided.

Except for 4<sup>th</sup> Continental Light Dragoons, Craig's Troop, units stood inspection in 2009.

**Corporate Agent:** William Potter had no report.

**Recruiting Officer:** Marilyn Hess had no report.

**Publications Editor:** Rowenna Hamper had no report.

**Inspector of Music:** Linda Ambrus – oral update provided.

All BAR music manuals have been disbursed.

**Clothier / Pattern master:** Jane Whiteside – written report submitted.

Jane reported upon correspondence acted upon, pattern evaluation, and she tendered her resignation.

**Judge Advocate General:** Reed Milsaps – Absent; no report.

**Insurance Officer:** Linnea Bass written report submitted.

The Highland sponsor has paid only a portion of the event fee. Linnea issued a reminder that insurance coverage is contingent upon following the safety regulations outlined in the Bylaws.

**Public Information Officer:** Dennis Bork had no report.

**Quartermaster:** Martin Webb had no report.

**Web Master:** Mark Wedow / Frank Doughman had no report.

**Civilian Coordinator:** Beth Eagan had no report.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Nominating Committee Report** – Jane Whiteside

Ballots for the 2009 National Election were counted at Canigny on September 12, 2009. There were 166 votes cast. Angela Potter was declared the winner with 131 votes. MOTION by Andrea Studzinski to install Angela Potter as Commander of the Northwest Territory Alliance and to thank Bart Durbin for his service to the organization. Motion Approved.

**Medal of Merit Committee Report** – Jane Whiteside

103 medals have been processed & distributed

**Symposium Committee Report** – Hazel Dickfoss

The Symposium on Revolutionary America Schedule was distributed and will be posted online.

**Audit Committee Report** – Brian Vandepolder

The financial audit will include transactions occurring after closing. Standing Orders, an item addressed in the 2008 financial audit is still open.

**Unofficial Colors Ceremony Committee Report** – Brian Vandepolder

The report identifies changes that will improve consistency in the Commands for the Colors.

## Incoming Commander's Report

Angie announced her priorities for 2010 as Commander of the NWTa and introduced new team members. Peter Holm will be the Deputy Commander. Jane Whiteside will be the Adjutant. Marvin Rausch will be the JAG. MOTION by Frank Wicker to install Jane Whiteside as interim Adjutant. Motion Approved. MOTION by Linnea Bass to approve Marvin Rausch as Judge Advocate General. Motion Approved. MOTION by Linnea Bass to install Peter Holm as Deputy Commander. Motion Approved.

## Minutes, Continued

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **Host and Event Sponsor Guide**

MOTION by Naomi Holthous to approve the updated Sponsor Guide. Motion Approved with 1 Nay.

#### **Internet Communication**

MOTION by Andrea Studzinski to approve the Internet Communication Proposal as submitted by Mark Wedow. Motion Approved 18-Aye / 9-Nay / 2-Abstain. Vote was by Roll Call:

**Aye:** Proctor's Cont'l Art'y, 3rd New York, 84th Reg't, Bowman's Co'y, 10th Virginia, Brigade of Guards, Ste. Joseph's Militia, 2nd Pennsylvania, Queen's Rangers, 1st Cont'l Art'y, Hamilton's Art'y, Cont'l Marines, Kellar's Co'y, Capt Wm Hendricks Co'y, 2nd Batt'l Lt Infantry, 1st Reg't Lt Dragoons, CELTS, New York Volunteers

**Nay:** 2nd Virginia, 8th Reg't, 42nd RHR, Sandridge, Commander in Chief's Guard, Baldwin's Reg't, Butler's Rangers, Charleville's Co'y, HRM Marines

**Abstain:** Worthington's, Culpeper Minute Batt'l

#### **2010 Schedule**

MOTION by Martin Webb to add Warsaw to the 2010 Schedule with a date of June 26-27. Motion Approved. MOTION by Naomi Holthous to adopt the 2010 Event Schedule as proposed, with the addition of Warsaw. Motion Approved.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Safety Reminder** – Brian Vandepolder

Commanders received a reminder that muskets need to be elevated and the field should be policed after demonstrations.

#### **LIV Clothing Disbursal & Future Plans of LIV** – Marilyn Hess

Commanders received a sack of clothing for recruit usage. Marilyn has a master list of the articles given to each Unit.

As recruits need items, they will be directed to a particular unit to assist in costuming them.

#### **Letter to the Feast of the Hunter's Moon** – Angie Potter

MOTION by Al Potyen directing the Commander of the NWTa to send a letter to the Feast Committee concerning grounds safety. Motion Approved.

#### **2010 Budget** – Andrea Studzinski

MOTION by Linnea Bass to approve the 2010 Fiscal Year Budget with two changes (update account 3500 from \$0 to \$400 and update account 3600 from \$800 to \$550). Motion approved.

#### **Speakers Bureau List** – Linnea Bass

A list of individuals willing & able to do school presentations in different geographic areas is needed. The NWTa Adjutant will coordinate this data collection.

#### **Reenactor Fest** – Angela Potter

Jane Whiteside volunteered to coordinate a NWTa presence at this event for recruitment efforts.

#### **Baldwin's Company** – Angela Potter

Brian Bradley is stepping down as the commander of Baldwin's Regiment.

#### **Last Post Book** – Judy Wicker

Judy confirmed it is the will of the Board for her to continue to maintain the Last Post Book. Judy reported the current book is full; a new book is needed.

#### **Philadelphia Ladies** – Andrea Studzinski

Andrea reported that Cindy Price is stepping down. The Philadelphia Ladies Association will fold unless a new commander would like to step up.

#### **Set Spring Board Meeting**

MOTION by Tim Gora to set the Spring Board Meeting on March 6, 2010 at 9:00 am at Cabela's in Highland, Indiana. Motion Approved. ADDENDUM: Due to a scheduling conflict, the meeting cannot be held at Cabela's and will instead occur at the Lincoln Center, 2450 Lincoln Street, Highland, IN 46322

MOTION by Linnea Bass to adjourn. Motion Approved. Meeting Adjourned at 12:25 pm CST.

## NWTa SCHEDULE 2010

February 5-7 - Reenactor Fest 6 - Wheeling, Illinois \*

February 27-28 - Echoes of the Past - Trade Show - Oshkosh, Wisconsin \*

March 6 - NWTa Board Meeting 9:00 AM CST- Cabella's, Highland, Indiana

April 17 - NWTa Symposium - Highland, Indiana.

May 15-16 - School of the Piece - Boscobel, Wisconsin (Artillery Program) \*

May 29-30 - Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous - Vincennes, IN

June 12-13 - Klash on the Kankakee - Bourbonnais, Illinois

June 26-27 - Back to the Days of Kosciusko - Warsaw, Indiana

August 21-22 - Battle on the Ridge - Highland, Indiana

September 4-5 - Pioneer Village - Saukville, Wisconsin

September 11-12 - Cantigny - Wheaton, Illinois (School Days - September 9 & 10)

October 2-3 - Feast of the Hunter's Moon - West Lafayette, Indiana

October 30-31- Market Days at Locust Grove - Louisville, Kentucky

November 6 - NWTa Board Meeting 9:00 AM CST-Cabella's, Highland, Indiana

\* Non NWTa Event



## NWTA SPEAKERS' BUREAU

### Registration Form

The NWTA frequently receives requests from people who are interested in Rev War / 18<sup>th</sup> Century presentations for either schools or civic groups. It would be extremely useful to have a list of members who are both willing and able to do such presentations, especially during the daytime.

The list would not be posted on the web site, but would be available to Officers, Host Unit Commanders, the Webmaster and others who receive such requests. That would allow us to give the interested party a list of potential presenters from the local area.

**If you are willing to do public presentations, please fill out this form and return it to the Adjutant:**

Jane Whiteside, NWTA Adjutant, 8417 Adbeth, Woodridge, IL, 60517

Or e-mail: [j-whiteside@comcast.net](mailto:j-whiteside@comcast.net)

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (note whether home or cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

### PRESENTATION INFORMATION

1. When are you available to do presentations?

[Check all that apply]

☐ Weekday mornings or afternoons

☐ Weekday evenings

☐ Weekends

2. What are your preferred age groups?

[Please rank 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> choice]

☐ Ages 3-7 years (Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

☐ Ages 8-12 years (Grade 3 – 8)

☐ High School

☐ College and Adults

3. General area of expertise or portrayal

☐ Military (Crown)

☐ Military (Congressional)

☐ Military (Other \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ Civilian male

☐ Civilian female

☐ Other specialty \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you have any hands-on items that people, especially children, can touch and examine?

☐ Craft Items (wool to be carded, etc.)

☐ Games and toys

☐ Personal items (eating equipment, flint and steel, etc)

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you charge for presentations to certain groups?

☐ No ☐ Yes (\$ range: \_\_\_\_\_)

6. How far are you willing to travel? \_\_\_\_\_

Please use the reverse of this sheet to provide additional information if you wish.

NWTA Speakers' Bureau Form  
Nov. 2009

*Please attach any additional information on a separate sheet of paper.*

## 2010 Dues are due! \$20.00 Single / \$25.00 Family

### *Membership Categories:*

<sup>1</sup> **Single membership** is restricted to one (1) voting member and qualifying dependent(s). \$20.00/year (includes Courier).

<sup>2</sup> **Family membership** is restricted to two (2) voting members and qualifying dependent(s). \$25.00/year (includes Courier).

<sup>3</sup> Qualifying dependents have no vote and must meet one of the following conditions:

Under 18 years of age and living at the same address.

Full-time student.

Member of the military on active duty.

A minor for whom the voting member(s) have assumed responsibility during events by filing letters to that effect with the NWTa Adjutant General from both the voting members(s) and the parent/guardian with whom the minor resides.

**Send your dues to your unit commander.  
Make checks payable to your unit or unit Paymaster.**

*Unit commanders, send ONE check payable to NWTa to Jane Whiteside, NWTa Adjutant, 8417 Adbeth, Woodridge, IL 60517*

## Notions, Goods, Wares & Furniture For The Colonial Home



**Print: Prayer  
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# NWTA HISTORY SYMPOSIUM

Saturday April 17, 2010 8am - 5 pm

Wicker Park Banquet Hall

2215, Ridge Road., Highland, IL

Registration 8.00 am

Breakfast and lunch buffet included

Register soon!

NWTA members \$45, non-members \$55 payable Hazel Dickfoss

Send to NWTA Symposium Registration, 2115 Ramada Drive, Racine, WI 53406

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

NWTA member yes/no

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*for registration confirmation, if no e-mail please indicate that and your confirmation will be sent by mail.*

**Registration Deadline: March 21<sup>st</sup>**

*and extra \$5 per person will be charged for late registrations*

Number of registrations: NWTA members \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-members \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Buffet dinner reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$ \$40 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner menu will include:

Herb Roasted Sirloin of Beef, Greek Style Chicken Breast and Fettuccini Alfredo,  
salad, vegetables, potatoes, dessert, coffee and tea.

Cash Bar

Motels:

Inn at Hammond, 7813 Indianapolis Blvd., Hammond, IN 46324

Conference price \$60 per night, be sure to mention when making your reservation that you are attending the  
NWTA symposium.

ALSO AVAILABLE AT [WWW.NWTA.COM](http://WWW.NWTA.COM)



## Symposium on Revolutionary America Schedule

TIME	FUNCTION	LOCATION
8:00 am	Registration and Breakfast Buffet	
8:45 am	Welcome and Opening Keynote	Main Room
9:00 am	Artifacts of the Revolutionary West: Unsolved Mysteries - Carolyn Gilman For two years a team of researchers from the Missouri History Museum traveled around the U.S., Canada, and England to locate artifacts associated with the American Revolution on the Frontier for an upcoming exhibit. They found many things, but also unearthed some mysteries. In this presentation, Special Projects Historian Carolyn Gilman will show some of the discoveries, and the audience will try to solve the mysteries.	
10:00 am	Break	
10:15 am	Special Interest Sessions #1 British Military Presence in the North West Territory, 1775-1783 - Dr. Steven Baule	Main Room
	Special Interest Session #2 The Family Doctor: A Brief Overview of Lay Medicine-Elizabeth Simpson	Annex
10:45 am	Special Interest Sessions #3 Colonial Economics 101 or what did it cost and how can I relate to that? - Rod Faulkner A stirring discussion of the use (or not) of discretionary income in the 18thC.	Main Room
	Special Interest Session #4 The non-skulking way of war: A look at the flow of knowledge between Native Americans and Europeans in the mid to late 18 <sup>th</sup> century-- TJ Wendel	Annex
11:15 am	Break	
11:45 am	Keynote Presentation Don Hagist People involved in living history make a strong visual impression. In the 18th Century, newspaper advertisements created such impressions using words rather than pictures; today these ads are a valuable source of details on the styles, materials and personalities that formed common people of the era. Wenchies, Wives and Servant Girls is a collection of 400 ads describing women and girls in America between 1770 and 1783, providing an extensive sample of information. This talk discusses the rationale that went into selecting the ads for the book and some of the considerations to be made when using this (or any other) historical data.	
12:45pm	Lunch	
1:30 pm	Keynote Presentation Clark's Fort Jefferson (1780-1781) - Ken Carstens Discussion of plans to develop a Fort Jefferson park that can be used by re-enactors, right there on the banks of the Mississippi River (also the location for the Marquette/Joliet lookout, the LaSalle lookout, the Joutel lookout, as well as having been visited by Lewis and Clark (1803), and the site of the Civil War, "Camp Jefferson" ...very hallowed ground	Main Room
2:30 pm	Special Interest Session #5 The Catholic Church and the Priests of the Western Frontier - Dr. Steven Baule	Main Room
	Special Interest Session #6 Women with the British Army - Don Hagist	Annex
3:00 pm	Special Interest Session #7 The German Jaeger - Dan Joyce	Main Room
	Special Interest Session #8 The Loyalist the unknown and misunderstood voice of the American Revolution - Steven Covey	Annex
3:30 pm	Break	
3:45 pm	Special Interest Session #9 Looking at Period Clothing From Inside Out -Verna Metz & Annie Metz Faulkner (part 1 of 2)	Annex
	Special Interest Session #10 Blood letting to Balance your humors Being a Treatise on the History of Phlebotomy Dave Jahntz	Main Room
4:15 pm	Special Interest Session #11 Looking at Period Clothing From the Inside Out -Verna Metz & Annie Metz Faulkner - 2	Annex
	Special Interest Session #12 Dr. Ken Carstens: George Rogers Clark	Main Room
4:45 pm	Question and answer period	Main room
5:00pm	Closing remarks	
5:45 pm	Dinner with the presenters	

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*Registration form and agenda inside!*

*Share mini-flier below with others who may be interested!*

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Presented by  
the North West  
Territory Alliance



**Saturday, April 17th - 8:00 a.m.- 5:45 p.m.**

Wicker Park Banquet Hall,  
2215 Ridge Rd., Highland, IN

For admission prices, please go to:  
[www.nwta.com](http://www.nwta.com) or 262-886-9133