

NWTA Courier

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ATTENTION! NOTICE IS GIVEN TO ALL
NWTA COLLEGE STUDENTS!

APPLY FOR THE NWTA SCHOLARSHIP BY JUNE 30

APPLICATION AT NWTA.COM!

Procedures for the Application and Selection of the NWTA Scholarship

The Selection Committee

- The committee shall consist of NWTA members representing the various communities within the NWTA as evenly as possible.
- Committee members who present a conflict of interest in judging must remove themselves or be removed by the Chair from the selection proceedings. The Chair may or may not choose to replace removed members after the committee has been established in a given year.
- No member with a child, grandchild, or spouse entering an application shall be retained on the selection committee

given the possible financial benefit to the member in question.

- Given the size of the organization, we recognize that multiple or all committee members may share unit affiliation with applicants, or have acquaintances among the applicant pool. Therefore the Chair will not remove members for this reason. If, however, a member feels a strong and abiding relationship with an applicant, s/he is encouraged to judge for her/himself whether there is a conflict of interest sufficient to remove her/himself.

Application Procedure:

- The application for the NWTA scholarship will be available on the NWTA web site as a pdf file or a Microsoft

MICHIGAN EVENTS

by Brian VandePolder, Ashmead's Company, Second

At the least few meetings, of the NWTa Board of Directors, I have been hearing concerns about the declining number of events each year, and the need to solicit new events and to try and bet back former events. During the height of the Bicentennial, we had enough events to take up every weekend. In fact we divided the NWTa into three Departments just to divide the National responsibility and staff to handle all of the administrative and command demands. After the Bicentennial, the events and NWTa membership started to dwindle. In 1996 we lost our last Michigan event. Jim McConnell and I were the representatives of the Host Units for this event, and I had the honor in acting in the NWTa Commanders stead as event Commander.

The following is the presentation that I made at the November 1996 NWTa Board Meeting. I present here as the same problems that plagued us then still plague us now, plus, we now have added the cost of high gas prices (for us) and increased costs bourn by the sponsors .

"We have two Michigan events at present time. Monroe and Bowens Mills. These two events are traditionally NOT supported by NWTa Units. Only 5 Units had representation at Monroe and 3 Units had representation at Bowens Mills.

"It is understandable that persons living in Wisconsin may not wish to attend these events due to the long drive. However there are units and re-enactors in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Eastern Illinois that also do not come.

"We are in danger is losing the Monroe event. Marian at Bowens Mills has indicated to us that she wants to continue that event.

"I will let Campeau's Company address the Monroe event in which only 56 re-enactors, which includes 24 Men-At-Arms participated.

"At Bowens Mills, I acted on behalf of the NWTa Commander as the Event Commander and as the Unit Commander of the Host Unit. I was terribly embarrassed to accept the \$200.00 check from Marian. We had a total turnout of re-enactors of 20, which included 8 Men-At-Arms. People, this is an INSULT to the sponsor and an embarrassment for the NWTa. I have three (3) proposals to make concerning the Bowens Mills event and other NWTa events:

"1. I propose that the \$200.00 fee paid to the NWTa by Bowens Mills be refunded with a letter of apology signed by the NWTa Commander for the NWTa not supporting this event.

"2. None of us can be at all of the events. However, with a membership between 600-800 we should be able to have most of the NWTa Units represent by at least one (1) member at each event. That would guarantee at least 50 re-enactors at each event.

"I propose that each Unit pledge to have at least one (1) re-enactor at each NWTa event.

"3. My last proposal is that we have a roll call vote for each event. If you as Unit Commander do not feel that you can have a Unit member at a particular event, then vote NO on that event, otherwise vote YES. I further propose, that the Adjutant publish in the statistics the Units that voted Yes for an event and did not have any representation.

"When we attend another Units event, we are supporting that Unit. More importantly, we are supporting that Sponsor. If we do not attend an event in sufficient number we are insulting the Sponsor and telling that Sponsor and the public who expects a decent show that we don't care about them or our purposes of Education and Entertainment. We are hurting our own credibility."

The two hundred dollar check was refunded to Bowens Mills, and Jim McConnell and I discontinued as Unit Hosts for this event, with no-one

MICHIGAN EVENTS, CONTINUED

else picking up the event. The Monroe event continued for a couple of more years, without NWTa representation, as a timeline event, but was discontinued in the early 2000's due to increased costs and cuts in budget. Today, there are no Revolutionary War events in Michigan, for the NWTa or BAR, but F&I and Civil War events are flourishing. An embarrassing note is that at the Kennsington and Frankenmuth events (both on the east side of Michigan), the F&I Units are re-enacting Revolutionary War battles, and doing a better job than the NWTa does.

A FASCINATING SNIPPET, SUB- MITTED BY HAZEL DICKFOSS

From the journal of Henry Melchior Mulenberg: June 3, 1778. My wife busied herself distilling some rose water and also mending clothes, Woolen and linen goods are so scarce and exorbitantly dear that they are hardly to be obtained at all; so one is obliged to cut up old clothes, stitch the rags together, and be clothed in harlequin fashion, Fortunately I still have left an old preaching gown with which I can cover up the rest of the heterogeneous ensemble when I have to conduct acts of worship in the churches.

SCHOLARSHIP, CONTINUED

Word document for download.

- Applicants will send completed application materials by mail (application, letters of recommendation, and essays) to the Committee Chair.
- All application materials must be **received** by the chair by June 30th to be considered for the scholarship. Late applications will not be accepted. Applications submitted to other committee members will not be accepted.
- The Chair will assign numbers to each of the applicants and redistribute the applications to each committee member with names and identifying information replaced with the applicant number.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Applicants will be evaluated by the committee members based upon the information provided in the application materials.
 - Committee members will consider the following list of criteria, but they are free to take other factors presented in the application into consideration.
- Academic performance and goals
- NWTa involvement (as demonstrated through the essay portion of the application)
- Volunteer and extracurricular activity outside of the NWTa

Disbursement Procedure:

The NWTa Treasurer will disburse the awards by check by August 15th.

Best of Luck to All Applicants!

All Materials Available for download at nwta.com. Please contact Scholarship Committee Chair Randy Hamper for more information: randy.tm.hamper@gmail.com Or mail: 1385 West Allen Apt. A4 Bloomington, IN 47403

Back to the Days of Kosciuszko Unit Registration

June 26 & 27, 2010

Registration Deadline: Registrations must be received no later than June 5, 2010. Only Food Booths will be allowed to sell food at Back to the Days of Kosciuszko. This is a NWT A Revolutionary War event.

Mail registration to Back to the Days Registration, PO Box 727, Winona Lake, IN 46590-0727 or email to dawn@backtotheday.com

Amenities:

Hot Showers

Flush Toilets

1 Bag of Ice per day

Saturday evening pot-luck supper

Saturday evening dance

Registration By Unit:

Unit Name	
Unit Commander	
Phone	
# Wedge Tents	
# Marquees	
# Other Tents (list size)	
# Dining Flies and size	
# Straw Bales	
Does unit use rope line?	
# Adults	
# Children	
Mail to Name:	
Address	
City, State Zip	
Phone	
Email	

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

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SNAPSHOTS OF THE 2010 SYMPOSIUM

PHOTOS AND CAPTIONS BY DAVID JAHNTZ



“Artifacts of the Revolutionary West: Unsolved Mysteries” by Carolyn Gilman, Special Projects Historian at the Missouri History Museum



“18th Century Newspaper Advertisements” and “Women with the British Army” by Don Hagist, author of *Wenches, Wives and Servant Girls*.



“Fort St. Joseph: It’s History, People and Archeology” by Jose Antonio Brandao, Dept. of History, Western Michigan University, he has written five books, 12 articles and 17 book reviews.



“British Military Presence in the North West Territory” and “The Catholic Church and the Priests of the Western Frontier” by Dr. Steven Baule.



“Looking at Period Clothing From the Inside Out” by Verna Metz and Annie Metz-Faulkner, owners of an extensive collection of 18th and 19th century original garments.



“Colonial Economics 101 or What Did It Cost and How Can I Relate To It?” by Rod Faulkner, recently retired 25-year interpreter from Colonial Williamsburg where he co-authored a manual for interpretive training.

A CALL TO ARMS... AND LEGS!

All,

Mt. Prospect, Illinois would like the Alliance to make a solid presence in their **July 4th Parade** this year. I know many of you have longstanding commitments locally, but anyone who does not, please consider this opportunity to help us.

Any Alliance member who is available and could join us, please contact me at my personal email address: djahntz@comcast.net

We (the First Dragoons and myself) are working on a 2011 encampment event in this near northwest suburb of Chicago and are building a professional relationship with the village, historical society, library, and park district right now. Sixteen Alliance members from eight units will be at a library presentation in Mt. Prospect on March 25th to introduce the Alliance to the community. The next step is the parade on Sunday, July 4th. It steps off **at 1:00 p.m. and is approximately 1-1/2 miles long ending at a park** where we will have a few tents and shade. The park district would like **some of us to remain after the parade for a few hours at the park to talk to the public** about the 2011 encampment idea.

You do not need to be Congressional to help us. British Regulars, Loyalists, Native Allies, Merchants, Civilians, men, women and children are all welcome to either march or walk the parade route or be part of the small camp site at the end of the parade route. The reviewing stand announcement will be mentioning on the loud speakers our intention to be at Lions Park next year. The village and park district budgets will be settled soon after the parade and we want to make a good impression.

I can provide more information about the parade route, Melas Park, parking concerns and more.

Thanks for any support you can provide.

I am Your Most Humble and Obedient Servant, David Jahntz, 2nd Va. Regt.

LOST AND FOUND!

FOUND: 2 SPORKS WITH A LETTER PRINTED ON IT.

1 GREEN BOTTLE, SHORT AND ROUND

ONE ARMENTRAL CUP WITH HANDLE PAID 1.00 FOR IT

THINK YOU KNOW WHO BELONGS TO THESE ITEMS? TALK TO MARILYN HESS

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SCHOOL DAYS AT CANTIGNY
Sept 9 and 10, 2010

We are looking for volunteers for school days for Cantigny. Thursday and Friday before the event, we will host local school children to share the Revolution with them. Please join us for either one or two days.

Please let us know what you would be interested in presenting in a 10-15 minute talk.

Lunch will be provided and the hours are from 9-3.

Especially needed: someone to talk about fire cooking

You can contact us at
historynoyuck@aol.com
or 608-868-7855

Thanks, Bill and Marilyn Hess

Publication Schedule

You are all invited to contribute to the Courier! Articles are always welcome, but anything you would like to share, from photos to recipes to short anecdotes, helps to fill the Courier with real voices of the NWT. Please use the publication schedule below to contribute time-sensitive pieces. I will publish other pieces on a rolling basis.

Thanks to all who have and will contribute!

Issue (published between months)	Deadline for Submissions
Jan/Feb	December 15
March/April	February 15
May/June	April 15
July/August	June 15
Sept/Oct	August 15
Nov/Dec	October 15