

# NWTA Courier

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## THE NWTA CELEBRATES THE FOURTH IN MOUNT PROSPECT, ILLINOIS

An intrepid contingent of NWTA members braved the heat for a parade in Mount Prospect, Illinois on the Fourth of July. Four Alliance units joined together to march and share with the public. David Jahntz is in discussion with the Mount Prospect Historical Society about a full-scale event in the future, and we're sure that our participation in their Independence Day Parade made a good impression—these NWTA members look great!



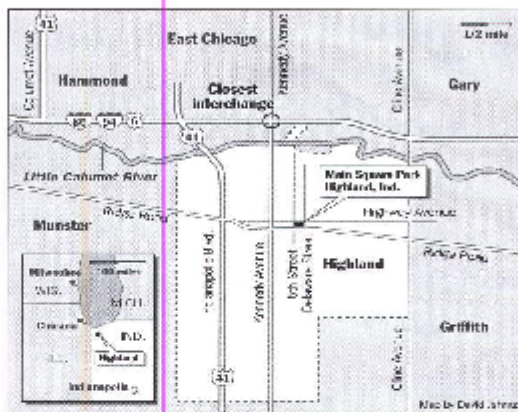
## Battle on the Ridge

2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line invites the NWTa membership to participate in an encampment this season

- Highland, Indiana "Battle on the Ridge"
- August 21 and 22, 2010
- Close proximity to 80/94, just south of Chicago



Sponsor: People of Highland, IN  
Liz or John Breslin, contact (219) 923-9351  
libertyordeath@sbcglobal.net



I-80/94 to Kennedy Avenue exit. Kennedy South to Highway Avenue.  
East on Highway Avenue to Main Square, approximately one block. Look for signs!

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EVENT REGISTRATION

DEADLINE AUGUST 17

UNIT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ # of STRAW BALES \_\_\_\_\_  
EST # WEDGE TENTS \_\_\_\_\_ MARQUEES \_\_\_\_\_ FLIES \_\_\_\_\_  
MODERN CAMPERS? \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE \_\_\_\_\_  
EST # ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_ EST # CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_ for Saturday evening meal

TO: Liz & John Breslin, 8539 Henry Street, Highland, IN 46322  
e-mail registration: libertyordeath@sbcglobal.net

## Shirts for Washington's Army

Ladies: This one's for you!

Submitted by Brian VandePolder, 2<sup>nd</sup> Penna Rgt.

There are many ways to research a unit to recreate. Many of us do a "quick-and-dirty" for preparing our GIRF, others do a detailed research, and there are many combinations of both, depending on the item and resources available. In 1982, when the unit members started documenting the uniforms of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment, there were limited resources available to us, so most of our research was quick-and-dirty. Over the years we have updated our GIRF based on new information from new resources (and re-interpretation of old resources). In 2007, I decided it was time to start from scratch in researching the uniforms and accoutrements of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Penna. Much of this research relates to many other units in Washington's Army, therefore, I have decided to share my research through articles in the NWTa Courier. I have to admit that much of the new information that I have found as been a result of others submitting articles to the Courier. This article on shirts, is not intended to document what style shirts were worn or the buttons worn on the shirts. The focus will be on the sources of shirts for Washington's Army.

As I was researching breeches/overalls for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Penna, I remembered that I had a copy of the enlistment of John Smith, Captain Brooks Company, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Penna. I found this in Washington's Papers, in the Library of Congress. In these papers is a list of what was issued to Private Smith: firelock, bayonet, cartridge box, belt, bayonet scabbard, bayonet belt, coat, waistcoat, cloth breeches, hat, pair of shoes, blanket, linen overalls, and pair of stockings. What caught my eye in this list, was what was not there – a shirt!

In Chapter VI, "Supplying the Army", of his book, *The Administration of the American Revolutionary Army*, Louis Hatch discusses the problems that General Washington and the Continental Congress had in getting uniforms for the soldiers. This was especially difficult in obtaining shoes, blankets and shirts. Men that enlisted in the Army were usually given partial issues of uniforms, usually without shirts. Their civilian shirt became their initial uniform shirt. It was during this period, in 1780, when Washington obtained a large amount of shirt linen, but had no way of converting this linen into shirts. (pp 86-123) Enter the ladies of Philadelphia.

Even before the American Revolution had started, women's groups emerged for political and economic support for the Colonial cause. The first to be recorded was a group in Edenton, North Carolina, that boycotted British goods. However, the one that is relevant to this paper is a group of ladies, in Philadelphia, PA, formed the Philadel-

phia ladies Association, under the leadership of Esther Reed, the wife of the President of Pennsylvania. The purpose of this organization was "to contribute as much as could depend on them to the deliverance of their country." Soon many such organizations, throughout the colonies, formed similar organizations. The work these volunteer ladies did was numerous. Among their activities, they raised money to supply the troops, procured supplies for the troops and, most importantly, obtained shirt linen and made shirts for the soldiers. The Philadelphia organization acted as the distribution point for the completed shirts, with the organizations from all of the colonies sending their "products" to Philadelphia. It should be noted that the initial batch of shirts, out of Philadelphia, was from linen that Washington had procured and given to Mrs. Reed for shirts. "Esther DeBert Reed died in September of 1780 at the age of 33, only about four months after forming her organization." (Parker)

As to the style of shirts that Washington's Army received; you would have to know who the seamstress was and from what Colony. As to the buttons used; it is doubtful that the women making the shirts would have access to Regimental or "USA" buttons, so civilian buttons, available at the seamstress' location would probably have been used. A good guess would be that the most prevalent buttons would be of horn, bone or wood. However, most picture source books and other sources usually show small plain pewter buttons for the cuffs.

Postscript: As important as the ladies were to General Washington and the American Revolutionary War effort, you ladies, that re-enact the ladies of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, are as important to us, the re-enacting 18<sup>th</sup> Century soldier (American, British, French and German).

### References

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# SAUKVILLE, WISCONSIN

## OZAUKEE COUNTY PIONEER VILLAGE

September 4-5, 2010 (Labor Day Weekend)

HOST UNIT: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S GUARD

### Standard Amenities

Stew Fixings

Fun And Games

Great Battle Field

1940's Dance Saturday Night

Rummage Sale Saturday

Info on NWT A Discussion Board

### DIRECTIONS:

Take I-94 to downtown Milwaukee

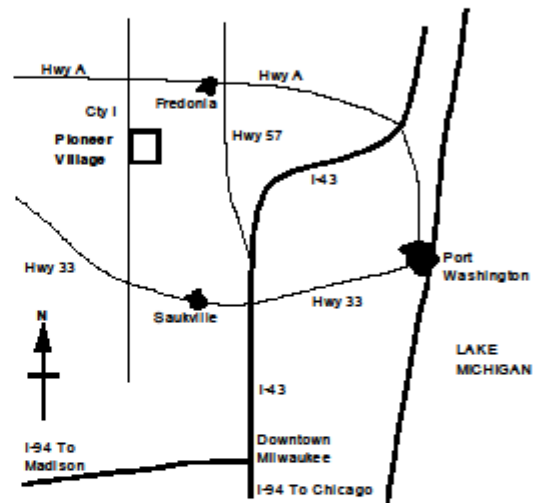
Take I-43 North to Exit 97

Proceed on Hwy 57 North to Cty Hwy A  
(5 miles)

Go West on Cty Hwy A to Cty I (1 mile)

Turn South onto Hwy I (1 mile)

Pioneer Village will be on your left



### REGISTRATION DEADLINE – AUGUST 22, 2009

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

TENTS \_\_\_\_\_

FLIES \_\_\_\_\_

MARQUEES \_\_\_\_\_

BELL OF ARMS \_\_\_\_\_

STRAW \_\_\_\_\_

MODERN CAMP \_\_\_\_\_

TENT SIZES WITH ROPES \_\_\_\_\_

SEND REGISTRATION TO:

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For more pictures or more information,  
call Bill and Sandy at 1-812-637-1905 or 317-750-1778.  
Hate to sell, but we got married and had two of everything, something had to go.

**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.

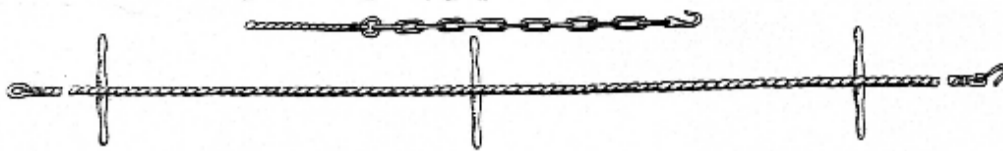
Please let us know what you would be interested in presenting in a 10-15 minute talk.

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

Especially needed: someone to talk about fire cooking

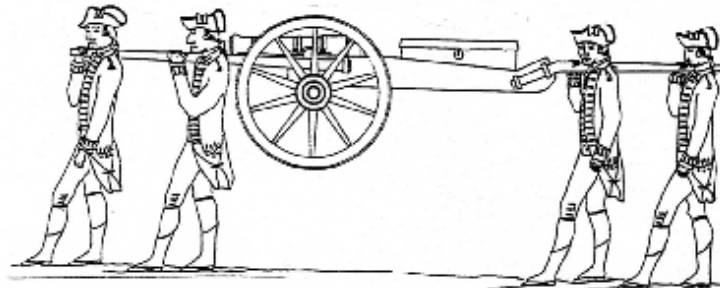
You can contact us at  
[historynoyuck@aol.com](mailto:historynoyuck@aol.com)  
or 608-868-7855

Thanks, Bill and Marilyn Hess



HAMILTON'S PRESENTS CANTIGNY ON SEPT. 11 - 12

WITH SCHOOL DAYS SEPT. 9 - 10



REGISTRATION BY UNIT:

UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

SOLDIERS \_\_\_\_\_

WOMEN \_\_\_\_\_

BANTLINGS \_\_\_\_\_

WEDGES \_\_\_\_\_

FLYS WITH SIZES \_\_\_\_\_

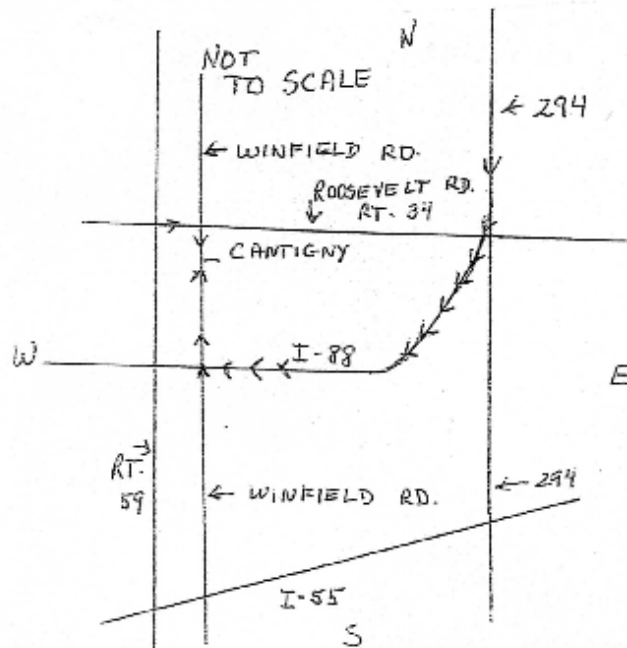
MARQUE \_\_\_\_\_

BELL \_\_\_\_\_

SLEEPING STRAW \_\_\_\_\_

MODERN CAMPING \_\_\_\_\_

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JANESVILLE, WI 53546  
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PLEASE NOTE:

EMERGENCY 630-260-8168

NO DOGS ALLOWED



## 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

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



Print: Prayer  
at Valley Forge



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## 43<sup>rd</sup> Feast of the Hunters' Moon - October 2 & 3, 2010 Military Participant Application

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Feast of the Hunters' Moon. We hope to see you October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. This event strives to give both the public and the participants a realistic portrayal of people, cultures, and lifestyles that existed on the French and English colonial frontier in the Great Lakes region during the time of Fort Ouiatenon, which encompassed the period from 1717-1791. We want to interpret this time and place as accurately as possible in order to offer the public an educational and unforgettable experience, and also to honor the people who lived here. The Forces of Montcalm and Wolfe and the Northwest Territory Alliance are the re-enactors of military life & operations at Fort Ouiatenon. Registration can be done by the Unit Commander with this military unit application. Independent units should consult with the Feast Coordinator for more information on registration. Military personnel requiring modern camping should use this form (Section 3 - Modern Camping) to request a camp site.

Please be sure to fill out each applicable section completely. This application may be photocopied and must be postmarked by **August 1, 2010**. Applications received after the deadline will be accepted and placed on a space available basis. Send this application form to: 2010 FEAST REGISTRATION, TCHA, 1001 SOUTH STREET, LAFAYETTE, IN 47901-1414. If you wish to FAX this application, TCHA's FAX number is 765-476-8414.

### Feast Thursday and Friday Activities - Help us welcome the children!

Our Special Kids' Day & Feast Friday School Day have been great successes in the past and the Feast Committee thanks our participants and their wonderful cooperation in helping in previous years. Only units that have registered to participate in these two days will be included in the student visitation rotation. Participation is voluntary.

**Thursday Special Kids' Day (9/30)** Special needs students from Tippecanoe and surrounding counties are invited to participate in our Special Kids' Day. We expect about 600 students. The day is such a success because of the interaction between the students & Feast participants who generously share their time and skills with us. This activity runs from 10am-1:30pm.

**Feast Friday School Day (10/1)** We expect over 2,500 excited children to attend. Share your special talents and love of history with young people by becoming involved in School Day and mentoring these elementary school level Feast visitors and living history enthusiasts of tomorrow. This activity runs from 9am-12:30pm.

### Section 1: Contact Information

Unit Name:		
Commander's Name:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Daytime Phone:	Evening Phone:	
Email :	Fax:	

### Section 2: Camp Affiliation and Period Space Allocation

Camping in an 18th century shelter assigned to one of the military camps on the Festival Grounds. Camping limited to designated camping area and ONLY to registered participants. Camping is organized by unit and it is imperative to include the total amount of space required for your shelters so that adequate space may be allotted. Campsite allocation and location is done by the camp organizer designated for the listed organizations and areas. **NOTE:** Quiet hours are midnight to 7:00 a.m. Please be kind to your neighbors.

☐ Northwest Territory Alliance

☐ Forces of Montcalm and Wolfe

☐ Artillery Park

☐ Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate quantities for each type of shelter that you are bringing:

☐ Lean-to    ☐ Marquee    ☐ Wall tent    ☐ Wedge    ☐ Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Total frontage (ft) of all shelters in your unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs involving military camp set-up: \_\_\_\_\_



## EIGHTEENTH CENTURY MARKET FAIR HISTORIC LOCUST GROVE OCTOBER 31-31 2010



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[www.locustgrovefair.org](http://www.locustgrovefair.org)



*Locust Grove is a wonderful site nestled on the edge of a huge rolling hill with outbuildings ideal for battle demonstrations. The Clark House itself is a treasure of a museum. What I enjoyed most from the sutlers were their wares. These folks geared their offerings to the re-enactor and there was plenty to see and enjoy. Locust Grove is as excellent a season ending site as Vincennes is a season opener. I hope more of you will join me next year for this event...you will not be disappointed.*

*David M Howell  
King's Regiment, 8th of Foot; Originally Printed in a 2007  
Courier article on the event*

## MORE FROM THE JULY FOURTH PARADE



Interested spectators gathered after the parade to talk to NWTAC participants, ask questions, and learn more about the Revolution. Thanks again to the ladies and gentlemen who gave Mount Prospect a great show and reminded them of what the Independence Day holiday celebrates.

*And to everyone who participated in parades and events around the country —thanks for sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm with other communities!*

Do you take photos at events, and then no one gets to enjoy them but you (and maybe your Facebook friends)? Photos from last year that haven't made it off your camera yet? Or photos from decades past that would bring back memories, and maybe a laugh or two? Please feel free to share them! Email them to : [nwtacourier@gmail.com](mailto:nwtacourier@gmail.com). Include a brief caption or explanation to accompany the photographs. We only print black and white, but can easily convert color photographs.

## RECIPE : BLUEBERRY SLUMP

1 cup blueberries	Grated rind of 1 lemon
2 tsp. cinnamon	2/3 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup shortening	1 tsp. salt
3/4 cup sugar	1 egg
1 1/2 cup flour	2 tsp. baking powder
1 1/2 cup milk	1 tsp. vanilla

Mix blueberries, cinnamon, lemon rind and brown sugar:  
Place in 8 or 9 inch casserole and set aside.  
Blend shortening, sugar, salt and add egg, mix well.  
Sift flour and baking powder together.  
Mix milk and vanilla, add to shortening mixture alternately with dry ingredients.  
Place over blueberry mixture in casserole and bake at 350 for 40-45 minutes.  
Spoon into individual dishes.

Blueberry sauce: Mix together  
1 cup blueberries, 1/2 cup sugar, juice of 1 lemon  
1/2 cup rum

Simmer 5 minutes and serve warm over slump.

Yum! Submitted by Marilyn Hess. Tested and approved by the Courier Editor and her husband.

## 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

If you find something in camp that's  
not yours, or lose something at an  
event, the Courier will print the Lost  
and Found ad for free.

## TICK REMOVAL

*A school nurse has written the info below:*

I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball.  
Cover the tick with the soap ball and let it  
stay on the insect for a few seconds (15-20)  
the tick will come out on its own and be  
stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it  
away.

Easy to do and it works.

Submitted by Marilyn Hess who received it  
from Barb Wurthrich

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THE NWTACOURIER  
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I realized that I had more spam in my inbox than in my spam folder...and more of your emails in my spam folder than my inbox. Rather than keep up with these new definitions—inbox means spam folder and spam folder means inbox—I've switched email addresses. You can now send all messages, articles, event fliers, and photos to :

NWTACOURIER@GMAIL.COM

*Though you are free to send hard copies through the mail, I prefer electronic submissions.*

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 NWTAC. 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