

# NWTA Courier

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## TOP TEN REASONS TO QUIT REENACTING RIGHT NOW

- 1) You could actually sleep in on the weekends. No offense to the Music, but fifes and drums at 8 a.m. on a Saturday are kind of a lot to handle.
- 2) You could pick up a hobby that's easy to explain to people instead. When people at work ask what you did this weekend, think of how simple it is to just say "Bowling. I went bowling."
- 3) You can lose that affectionate nickname, "Stinky McSmokeypants," that your co-workers gave you.
- 4) Your kids will quit correcting their history teachers.
- 5) Instead of mud and Chicken McNuggets smashed into your car upholstery, you could now only have Chicken McNuggets.
- 6) No more wool in July. No more tent camping in late October. No more wet canvases, ever.
- 7) "A nice dinner" on a Saturday night could mean going someplace where someone else cooks it, and completely eliminate the inclusion of clouds of smoke in your face.
- 8) You can honestly deny that you know anyone in the Continental Marines. Or why you were tagged in their "luau" photos on Facebook.
- 9) You might come up with a costume idea besides "George Washington," "Marie Antoinette," or "Ichabod Crane" for Halloween this year.
- 10) You could take a vacation day that didn't involve a musket, a fort, or a lot of laundry on the other side.

And one reason why you would never want to—where's the fun in that? And of course, we're a family. That, and the lifetime participation clause you didn't realize you signed when you sent in your first dues check.

# Vermilion Valley Encampment 2011

Forest Glen County Preserve  
at the Pioneer Homestead

October  
1 & 2

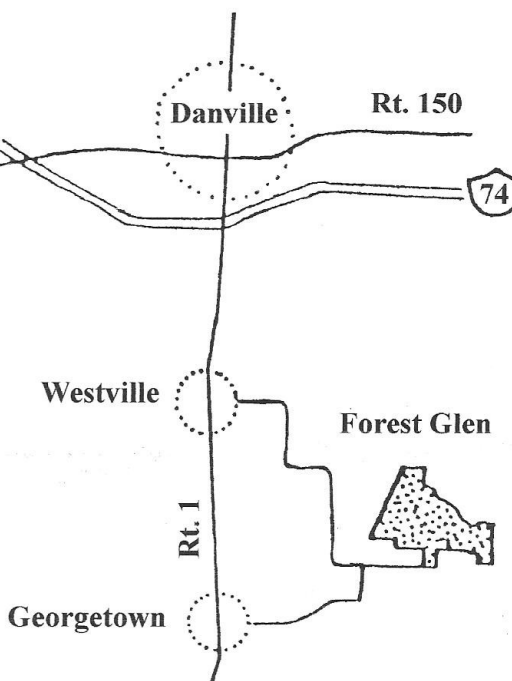
Directions From The North, East, or West  
I-74 or State Rt. 1 to Danville  
Rt. 1 South to Westville ( 5 miles )  
Turn Left ( East at Square, E. Main St. )  
About 7 Miles to Park Entrance  
Follow Signs Through the Park

Directions From The South  
St. Rt. 1 to Georgetown  
Turn East ( Right ) at Mill St. ( Rt. 234 )  
Follow Signs to the Park  
Follow Signs Through the Park

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Usual Amenities and Security Provided  
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Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Men: \_\_\_\_\_ Women: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Tents: \_\_\_\_\_ Flies: \_\_\_\_\_ Marquees: \_\_\_\_\_

Straw: \_\_\_\_\_ Modern Camping: \_\_\_\_\_

FOREST GLEN PRESERVE 217-662-2142

**N.W.T.A. BOARD MEETING**  
**Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011**  
**Highland, Indiana**

**Call to Order** - Meeting called to order by Angela Potter at 8:05 AM CDT

**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; 42<sup>nd</sup> Reg't. RHR; 71<sup>st</sup> Reg't of Foot; 84<sup>th</sup> Reg't of Foot; Brigade of Guards in America; Campeau's Co'y, Ste. Annie's Militia; Capt Benjamin Logan's Co'y, Kentucky County Militia; Capt. Wm. Hendricks' Co'y, Pennsylvania Rifle Battl'n; Charleville's Co'y; Commander in Chief's Guard, Cont'l Line; Cont'l Marines, Niklaus Battl'n; Culpeper Minute Battalion; Hamilton's Artillery; HRM's Marines; Kellar's Co'y; New York Volunteers; Ste. Joseph's Militia; Sandridge Settlers; Worthington's Co'y.

NON-VOTING UNITS REPRESENTED:

Philadelphia Ladies Association

25 of the 40 voting units were represented at the start of the meeting. A quorum (62.5%) was present.

**Changes in Unit Status Involving Voting Eligibility**

- Inspector General – No changes recommended.
- Adjutant – Worthington's Co'y, 10<sup>th</sup> Virginia, Charleville's Co'y, Capt B. Logan's Co'y, 4<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts, Native Allies, Brant's Volunteers, and 7th Pennsylvania have all paid annual dues for 2011. Royal Deux Pont Reg't, 4th Cont'l Light Dragoons, 6<sup>th</sup> Virginia, Philadelphia Ladies Association and Tarleton British Legion have less than 5 paid members.

**Discussion Time Limits**

MOTION by John Miller to limit discussion to 10 minutes per topic, 1 minute per speaker. Motion Approved.

**Approval of Past Minutes**

MOTION by Tom Langenfeld to accept the minutes of the Board Meeting from 5 March 2011 as written. Motion Approved.

**Commander Report:** Angela Potter

The event season is progressing well, not withstanding some of the weather issues. Angie is proposing to split up responsibility for recruiting among 4 positions: British, Continental, Civilian & Music.

**Last Post:** Lawrence Gunty and Lane Long have been added to the Last Post.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Deputy Commander:** Peter Novak – absent; no report.

**Adjutant:** Jane Whiteside – oral update provided.

There are 247 family memberships & 262 single memberships. Most of the directories have been distributed. A draft report of event attendance was circulated for review. The next Board meeting is at Cabela's on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. An alternate site is being researched for the March meeting.

**Paymaster:** Andrea Studzinski – written report submitted.

Andrea noted that the cost of the membership directories exceeded the budgeted amount. MOTION to approve the additional membership directory expense. Motion approved.

**Scribe:** Kayte Ossler – no report.

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

**Provost Marshal:** Alan Potyen – no report.

**Judge Advocate General:** Marvin Rasch – no report.

**Insurance Officer:** Linnea Bass – researching a potential Bylaw violation via our use of fire plates vs. fire pits.

**Inspector General:** Randy Hamper – inspections are occurring.

**Corporate Agent:** Linnea Bass – no report.

**Quartermaster:** Martin Webb – absent; no report.

**Webmaster:** Mark Wedow / Frank Doughman – absent; no report.

**Civilian Coordinator:** Beth Eagan – resigning from position.

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## NWTA EVENT SURVEY

The NWTA Board is seeking feedback from our membership to find out why attendance is so varied between events and to garner ideas for solutions. We are seeking ideas to reinvigorate our event activities and recruiting activities, to boost membership numbers, keep new members, improve events, and generate interest in new events.

The survey can be found on the NWTA website (nwta.com), on the NWTA Yahoo Discussion Board, or directly from the Adjutant.

Please complete this survey and return to the Adjutant at an upcoming event, or mail to J. Whiteside, NWTA Adjutant, 8417 Adbeth, Woodridge, IL 60517. If accessing online, you may e-mail to j-whiteside@comcast.net. Deadline: October 15, 2011 would be ideal, but if you are late, send it in any way! We do want to hear from you!

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*NWTA Online!*

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Yahoo Group!  
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updates!*

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



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**Clothier / Pattern master:** Naomi Holthaus – absent; no report.

**Public Information Officer:** Dennis Bork – absent; no report.

**Artillery Safety Officer:** Thad Miller – absent; no report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Audit Committee Report** – Brian Vandepolder – No Report
- **Medal of Merit Committee Report** – Jane Whiteside – No Report.
- **Symposium Committee Report** – Hazel Dickfoss  
The symposium went very well and many compliments were received. Hazel requested \$2500 to hold a 2012 clothing symposium. MOTION by Linnea Bass to allocate \$2500 towards the 2012 symposium. Motion approved.
- **Election Committee Report** – Jane Whiteside  
Ballots have been distributed to eligible voting members. A few have been received back due to bad addresses. Ballots will be accepted until 10:00 am on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Counting will occur at 12:00 Noon CDT on 9/10/11.
- **Event/Schedule Committee Report** - TJ Wendel  
A survey has been developed and will be emailed to the membership.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Standing Orders for Staff Positions - Angela Potter / Marvin Rasch**  
Compilation is in progress. This will remain as a November agenda item.
2. **NWTA Duty Manual - Linnea Bass**  
The duty manual is still a work in progress. It is a chart formatted resource showing the progression of steps.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

3. **Position Appointments – Angela Potter**  
MOTION by Bill Hess to create multiple recruitment positions. Motion approved. Helen Hester is interested in assuming the civilian coordinator position and Allison

Davis has volunteered to fulfill both the British Line and Music recruiter positions.

#### **4. School of the Soldier**

Steve Baule has volunteered to coordinate the 2012 school of soldier; more information to be communicated at the November board meeting.

#### **5. Mount Prospect event fee**

As of the event date, Mt Prospect hadn't yet paid their fee and due to the weather and subsequent cancellation, a refund was offered without having Board approval. MOTION by Al Potyen to waive/not collect the 2011 event fee from Mt Prospect. Motion approved.

#### **6. Future Mt Prospect events**

Mount Prospect has declined the offer of a 1-day event later this year and would instead like to become a bi-annual event sponsor, opposite Danville, beginning with the 2012 season.

#### **7. Cantigny 2011 Status Report**

Marilyn apologized for the lack of Courier ad, but counts for the catered dinner are needed by the end of August.

#### **8. Off season recruiting efforts**

Coordinators for Military History Fest and Kalamazoo Trade Fair were discussed. Ste Joseph's Militia will coordinate the NWTA presence at Kalamazoo. The NWTA is interested in having a presence at Military History Fest, but more information is needed.

#### **9. Fire pits**

MOTION by Frank Wicker to table fire pit discussion until the November board meeting.

#### **10. Cantigny button**

Bill Hess proposed having a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary button created for participants. Cost would be \$350. MOTION by B. Vandepolder to approve an expense not to exceed \$350 for the production of a Cantigny participant button. Motion approved.

MOTION by Beth Eagan to adjourn. Motion Approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:13 am CDT.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kayte Ossler, Scribe

The following is from The Spirit of 'Seventy Six  
Bicentennial Edition Edited by Commager and Morris  
Harper and Row:

Page 430 Item #4 Hell's Work and The Problem of  
Whores

*Colonel Loammi Baldwin to his wife, Mary, of  
Woburn, Mass.*

*North River, New York, June 12, 1776*

My Dear,

*(two paragraphs omitted)*

*The army continue healthy. The inhabitants  
of the holy ground has brought some of the  
officers and a number of the soldiers into difi-  
culty. The whores (by information) continue  
their imploy which is become very lucrative.  
Their unparrelled conduct is a sufficient an-  
tidote against any desires that a person can  
have that has one spark of modesty or virtue  
left in him and the last attum (sic) must cer-  
tainly be lost before he can associate himself  
with these bitchfoxy jades, jills, hagggs,  
strums, prostitutes and all these multiplied  
into one another and then their full  
character not displayed.*

*Perhaps you will call me censorious and ex-  
claim too much upon bare reports when I say  
that I was never within the doors of nor  
'changed a word with any of them except in  
the execution of my duty as officer of the day  
in going the grand round with my guard as  
escort, have broken up the knots of men and  
women fighting, pulling caps, swearing, cry-  
ing "Murder" etc-hurried them off to the Pro-*

*vost dungeon by half dozens, there  
let them lay mixed till next day.  
Then some are punished and sum  
get off clear - Hell's Work.*

*Baldwin Papers, Houghton Library,  
Harvard University*

*Submitted by Marilyn Hess*

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.

Include a brief caption or  
explanation to accompany the  
photographs. We only print  
black and white, but can easily  
convert color photographs.

LOST AND FOUND! AT CANTIGNY:

1 MEDIUM BLUE APRON WITH A TINY WAIST SIZE  
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*Please: electronic submissions only.  
If this is not possible, please contact me.*

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