

# NWTA Courier: Grand Encampment

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## **NWTA 40th ANNIVERSARY GRAND ENCAMPMENT**

**CANTIGNY PARK, WHEATON, IL  
SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2014**

### *Dear Alliance Members,*

*You are cordially invited to the NWTA's Grand Encampment event at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, IL on September 13-14, 2014. We will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and hope that as many members as possible – past and present, old and new -- will join us!*

Cantigny is in the western suburbs of Chicago, a few miles north of Route 88. Robert R. McCormick left his 500-acre estate as a gift to the community. The park includes McCormick's historic home, the outstanding First Division Museum (well worth a visit), magnificent gardens, and a championship golf course. For more information, go to <http://www.cantigny.org>.

**CATERED DINNER ON SATURDAY** – The dinner will be served under a large tent, so we can enjoy it in any weather! The menu consists of roast pork loin, sage stuffed chicken breast, tossed garden salad (Ranch & Italian dressings), whipped Idaho potatoes & gravy, homemade bread & butter, and mixed vegetables. A special buffet for younger children will include chicken fingers, mashed potatoes, corn, and Jello. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 6-10. Children under age 6 are admitted free, but must be included in the pre-registered count. Dinner tickets will be delivered to unit commanders at Saturday morning officer's call. It will be the responsibility of the unit to distribute the tickets to the individuals who paid for them.

**OLD FRIENDS** - Some units are already planning reunions and inviting past members to the event. Feel free to include them in your unit's dinner ticket order, but do not include them in the number of participants unless they will be wearing 18thC clothing. [A form will be posted on

the NWTa web site for past members who want to order dinner tickets individually, rather than through a unit.]

**GUEST UNITS** – You are welcome to invite your sister units and friends from other reen-acting groups. Since this is not an official joint event with the BAR, we ask that you include participant guests with your unit's registration, and make sure they are aware of NWTa safety regulations.

**NWTa MUSEUM** - A collection of NWTa "artifacts" and memorabilia will be set up in the Joseph Medill Room in the Visitors' Center. Items on display will include the NWTa Last Post Book containing photos and biographies. Several slide shows will be running, along with a DVD of the interviews done with NWTa Founders and others at the 1994 Grand Encampment at Cantigny. You'll also find lists of the Founders, Past Commanders, and much more. ***If you have photos, scrap-books, artifacts, etc. to share, please bring them to the event.***

**CAMPING** - You may set up camp beginning the afternoon of Wednesday, September

10th and stay until Monday, September 15th. A modern camping area will be provided, but there are no hook-ups. NWTa members should enter the site at the Security Entrance.

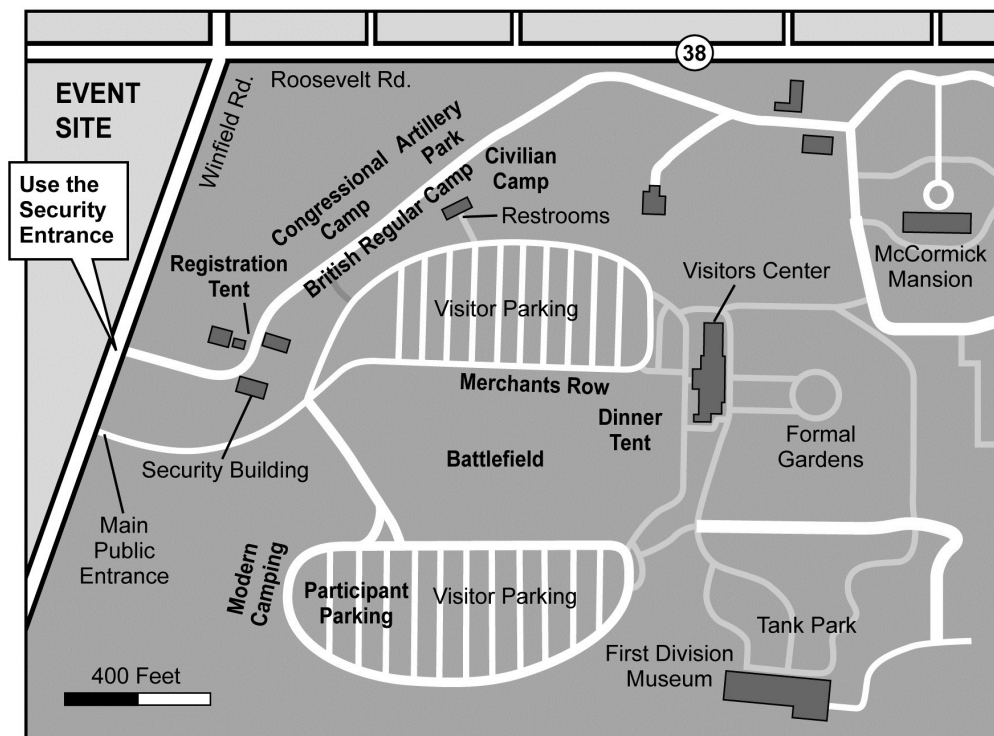
**PHOTOGRAPHS** - Our own Bruce Shipyor will be taking a group photo, which will be available for purchase. He's also willing to schedule unit and family photos during the weekend.

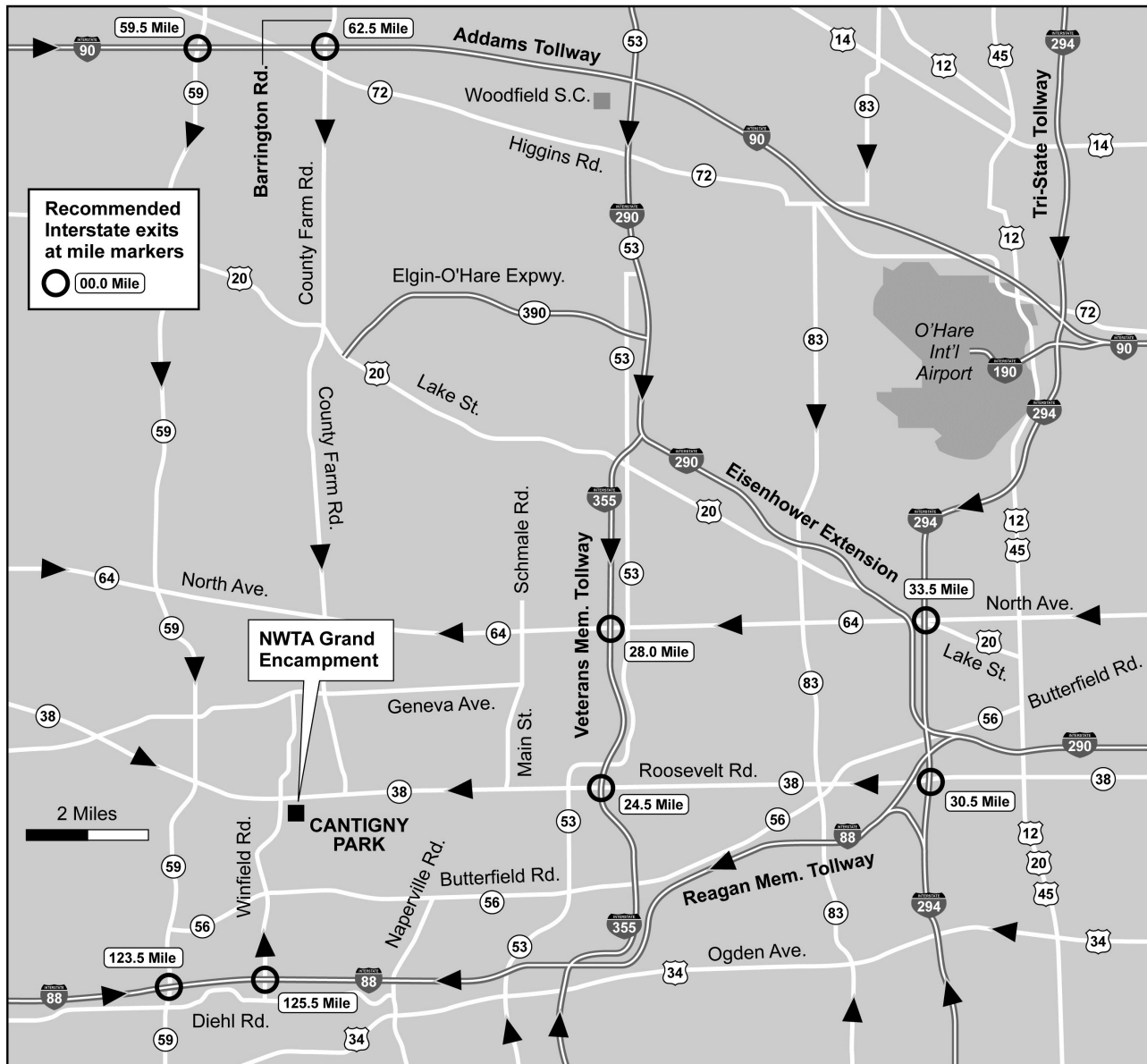
**PETS** - Please note that Cantigny does not allow dogs in the park.

**REGISTRATION** – By UNIT only! Speak with your unit commander regarding registration.

Sincerely,  
Your 2014 Grand Encampment  
Steering Committee  
*Bill and Marilyn Hess*  
*Linnea Bass*  
*David Jahntz*  
*Annie Metz Faulkner*

Camp Map Below  
Area Map Facing Page





## ADDRESS AND CONTACT FOR SITE:

CANTIGNY PARK  
1S151 WINFIELD ROAD  
WHEATON, IL 60189

PHONE: 630-668-5161

*Maps by David Jahntz*

# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE GRAND ENCAMPMENT 2014 AT CANTIGNY

## **Saturday**

- 9:00 Officers' Call
- 10:00 Morning Troop (Battlefield)
- 10:30 NWTa Field Music (Merchant Area)
- 11:00 Parade of Uniforms
- 12:00 Webb's Band of Music and Heritage Daunce (Merchant Area)
- 1:00 Parade of NWTa Children
- 1:30 River Valley Fife and Drum (Merchant Area)
- 2:00 Women's and Children's Clothing
- 2:30 Artillery Demo (Battlefield)
- 3:00 Battle (Battlefield)
- (3:30) Troop and Parade with recognition  
of Founders and Past Commanders (*Immediately following battle*)
- 4:30 Call to Dinner
- 5:00 Dinner in the Big Tent (Near the Battlefield)
- 6:30 NWTa Census on the Battlefield - All NWTa members, past and present
- 7:30 Feu de Joie (Battlefield)
- 8:00 Last Post on the Battlefield, with Combined Music
- 9:00 Grand Illumination  
Dance, Videos and/or Slide Show

## **Sunday**

- 9:00 Officers' Call
- 10:00 Morning Troop and Funeral Salute (Battlefield)  
Church Parade  
Group Photo
- 11:00 NWTa Field Music (Merchant Area)
- 12:00 Parade of Uniforms
- 1:00 Webb's Band of Music and Heritage Daunce (Merchant Area)
- 1:30 Women's and Children's Clothing
- 2:00 Declaration of Independence
- 2:30 River Valley Fife and Drum (Merchant Area)
- 3:00 Artillery Demo (Battlefield)
- 3:30 Battle (Battlefield)
- (4:00) Troop and Parade (*Immediately following battle*)

***Unless otherwise noted, activities will take place in camp near the playground.***

# 40<sup>th</sup> GRAND ENCAMPMENT T-SHIRTS



**FRONT**



**BACK**

**All t-shirts are ADULT sizes & all t-shirts are BLACK**

SIZE	NUMBER	COST EACH	TOTAL COST
S	# _____ X	\$10	= _____
M	# _____ X	\$10	= _____
L	# _____ X	\$10	= _____
X-L	# _____ X	\$10	= _____
2X-L	# _____ X	\$15	= _____
3X-L	# _____ X	\$15	= _____
4X-L	# _____ X	\$15	= _____
5X-L	# _____ X	\$15	= _____
<b>GRAND TOTAL =</b>			<b>_____</b>

Orders must be received by AUGUST 1st for delivery at Grand Encampment.

(Orders received later may not be fulfilled)

Make Check or Money Order payable to:  
Butler's Rangers

**SEND TO:**  
Butler's Rangers  
1512 24th Ave., Unit 35, Kenosha, WI 53140

**UNIT** \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIT COMMANDER** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Email Dave Parsons at  
bradtscoy@gmail.com

## GRAND ENCAMPMENT AREA HOTELS

### **SOUTH OF CANTIGNY NEAR RT. 88 AND WINFIELD ROAD**

**Candlewood Suites Chicago / Naperville** 1-800-997-5149  
<http://www.ihg.com/candlewood/hotels/us/en/warrenville/chiwi/hoteldetail>  
27 West 300 Warrenville Rd., Warrenville, IL 60555

**Hyatt House Warrenville** 1-800-230-4134  
[http://chicagowarrenville.house.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?src=agn\\_mls\\_hh\\_lclb\\_gplaces\\_chixw](http://chicagowarrenville.house.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?src=agn_mls_hh_lclb_gplaces_chixw)  
27554 Maecliff Dr., Warrenville, IL 60555

**Residence Inn Naperville / Warrenville** 1-800-997-5149  
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-photos/chinv-residence-inn-chicago-naperville-warrenville/>  
28500 Bella Vista Pkwy., Warrenville, IL 60555

### **NORTH OF CANTIGNY ON OR NEAR RT. 64**

**Holiday Inn & Suites in Carol Stream** 1-800-230-4134  
<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/carol-stream/csril/hoteldetail>  
150 South Gary Ave., Carol Stream, IL 60188

**Hampton Inn Carol Stream** 1-800-997-5148  
<http://www.hamptoninnhotelcarolstream.com>  
205 West North Ave., Carol Stream, IL 60188

### **SOUTHWEST OF CANTIGNY NEAR RT. 88 AND RT. 59**

**Hotel Arista at Citygate Centre** 1-800-997-5149  
<http://www.hotelarista.com>  
2139 Citygate Lane, Naperville, IL 60563

**Sleep Inn in Naperville** 1-800-997-5149  
<http://www.sleepinn.com/hotel-naperville-illinois-IL443?sid=xUtmIg.OLIVIgPQ5.43>  
1831 West Diehl Rd., Naperville, IL 60563

**Extended Stay America Naperville** 1-800-997-5148  
<http://www.extendedstayamerica.com/hotels/il/chicago/naperville-west>  
1575 Bond St., Naperville, IL 60563

**Red Roof Inn Naperville** 1-800-RED-ROOF (800-733-7663)  
<http://www.redroof.com/property/Naperville/IL/60563/Hotels-close-to-Robert-Morris-University-I-88/RRI195/>  
1698 W Diehl Rd, Naperville, IL 60563

# FOUNDERS AND ORIGINS OF THE NWTA

Kathy Rasch, 3rd New York Regiment

**The North West Territory Alliance is celebrating the 40th anniversary of its founding at this year's Grand Encampment.** On September 29, 1974 at 7 pm, a group of Revolutionary War re-enactors met in the Schowalter Room of the Racine Historical museum. At this meeting, they formally organized a Revolutionary War re-enacting group called the North West Territory Alliance. They defined their geographical region of this new organization as: Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Iowa.

**Some of those in attendance included:**

Don Davis and Bill Burke of Frear's Regiment; Stanley and Stephen Rayner and Bob Gramberg of the 8th of Foot; Paul Peterson and Mike Buday of the 4th Continental Artillery Band of Music; Vic Mejias and Bill Sullivan of the 2nd Virginia Regiment; Greg Novak and George Kwain of Willings' Marines; Lowell "Doc" Luedke of the Feldjaeger Corp; and Paul Block and Gary Reber of Proctors Artillery. At this meeting, the Alliance's first officers were elected and were as follows: Commander - Paul Block, Treasurer - Gary Reber, and Adjutant - Bill Burke.

**The founding units of the NWTA** are those that were present at that meeting on September 29, 1974, and include:

Proctors Continental Artillery Regiment,  
Trunbull's Company

Feldjaeger Corps, Hesse-Kassel, Ewald's Company

2nd Virginia Regiment, Continental Line

8th (King's) Regiment of Foot, Colonel's Company

Frear's Regiment of Dutchess County Militia (now known as 3rd New York Regiment, 4th Company)

4th Continental Artillery Band of Music (now known as 3rd Connecticut Regiment, Band of Music)

Willings Independent Company of Marines

**Charter units of the NWTA** are those regiments that joined the Alliance after that first meeting, but within the first year of the Alliance include:

42nd Regiment of Foot (Royal Highland Regiment), Grenadier Company

1st Regiment of Foot Guards, Grenadier Company

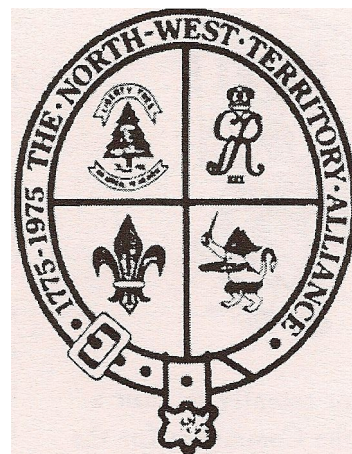
Butler Rangers

23rd Regiment of Foot (Royal Welsh Fusiliers)

Chicago Historical Society Fife and Drum Corps

5th Virginia Regiment

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