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# ***B.A.R. SHOT***

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## **NWD Commander's Corner**

Most of what I want to address in this note has to do with the NW Dept.'s Commanders Meeting held 21 January 2017 at the Sleep Inn in Bolivar, Ohio, a stone's throw from Fort Laurens State Memorial. Our attendance and participation at the meeting was outstanding. We had commanders, adjutants and/or representatives from 15 NWD units, with written input from 3 more units that were unable to send someone. We met from 1:00-4:30 PM, and everyone had an opportunity to contribute to the discussion as we moved through a number of topics, all centered on what makes a good event, and how we can improve our attendance, as well as the public's, at events. A large number of suggestions were put forth and discussed. Some of the ideas we'll be working on as we go forward are;

- Trying to schedule our events further out in time, so members have more time to plan.
- Using the internet in some new ways (for the NW Dept. at least) including the creation of a Facebook page for the NW Dept. Dan O'Connell, King's 8<sup>th</sup>, has volunteered to construct and maintain this page with direction from the NW Dept. Board.
- Getting some professional help in public relations for the NW Dept. to raise our profile in our geographic area.
- Writings articles on the NW Dept. for publications such as MUZZLELOADER magazine to raise our profile.
- Coming up with themes for some of our events, and looking for new activities to engage both our members and the public.
- Having educational presentations after hours at events for our members.
- Developing new sites, or going back to sites we have not visited for a while, such as;

Blennerhassett Island, in the Ohio River at Belpre, Ohio

Clark Park, Springfield, Ohio, a significant Rev. War site

Schoenbrunn, New Philadelphia, Ohio a great site for schools

Riverbend Park, Findlay, Ohio, site of several prior BAR/NWTA events

- Create a new promotional video for the NW Dept. T. Thompson and W. Richardson of the Coldstream Guards have volunteered to do this.
- Create a team that follows up on unit and individual inspections to help fix what is found to be incorrect, so that a member will get help to repair, replace or alter items.

I would ask on behalf of the NW Dept. Board that you consider being involved in one or more of these activities by volunteering. Let ANY Board member know you are interested and we can all work together to make us as good as we can be by taking advantage of everyone's talents. You don't need to be a commander, or have been at the meeting. It is obvious that ALL our members have an interest and talents that will be a great asset to the organization. It doesn't matter if you been in 40 years or are brand new, so look the items over and choose to get involved.

I think that the number of participants at the meeting speaks well to the idea that the NW Dept. is strong, with a solid base of membership that is interested in helping the organization be as good as it can be. Units represented at the meeting or sending written input were;

2 <sup>nd</sup> , Coldstream Gds.	10 <sup>th</sup> Va. Regt.	Crockett's Bttn.	Jaegers
5 <sup>th</sup> Va. Regt.	23 <sup>rd</sup> R.W.F.	Delaware Regt.	Logan's Coy.
8 <sup>th</sup> , King's Regt.	47 <sup>th</sup> Regt. of Foot	Geographers	Westmoreland Militia
Royal Naval Landing Party	64 <sup>th</sup> Regt. of Foot	Ill. Regt., Worthington's	
8 <sup>th</sup> Pa. Regt., Ft. Laurens Det			

The final item I'd like to address is the election process currently going on in the NW Dept. The nominating committee put together a slate that was accepted by the NW Dept. Board. Nominations are now open from the floor. All it takes to nominate ANY member for ANY board position are for two (2) units to nominate the individual in writing with signatures, and to send that to the NW Dept. Adj., Bob Kashary before 1 April 2017. The slate put forth by the nominating committee is as follows:

Bob Cairns, 8<sup>th</sup> Pa., Ft. Laurens Det. – Commander  
Dave Miller, 5<sup>th</sup> Va. Regt. – Deputy Commander  
Joe Forte, 8<sup>th</sup> Pa., Ft. Laurens Det. – Inspector  
Bob Kashary, 5<sup>th</sup> Va. – Adjutant  
Bill Dibbern, Jaegers – Paymaster  
Bill Lucas, 23<sup>rd</sup> RWF – Member at Large  
Bernie Borowski, 5<sup>th</sup> Va. – Member at Large  
Tommy Bruce, Butlers, Caldwell's – Member at Large  
Thadd McClung, 13<sup>th</sup> Va. – Member at Large  
Ian Skidmore, Jaegers – Member at Large  
Jim Workman, 8<sup>th</sup> Pa. Ft. Laurens Det. – Member at Large

In addition, at our meeting, the 47<sup>th</sup> Regt. Foot and the King's 8<sup>th</sup> Regt. nominated from the floor

Dan O'Connell, King's 8<sup>th</sup> – Member at Large

I hope you all had a joyous Holiday season, and that you are looking forward to our 2017 event schedule. I look forward to seeing you all at the first formation of our first 2017 event. (Wouldn't that be amazing and it might be SO cool that we decide to ALL get together more often!).

Bob Cairns, 8<sup>th</sup> Pa. Ft. Laurens Det.  
Commander, NW Dept., B.A.R.

**Lost from Our Ranks**  
**Delmar "Willie" Wilson, 1926-2016**

Not many people associated with the North West Dept. of the BAR over the past four decades didn't know Willie. One of the nicest guys I ever met and he liked everybody (except for a certain World War 2 enemy). Willie was a Navy veteran of the Second World War, a carpenter, wheeler-dealer-collector of militaria and a blacksmith in training. I met Willie in 1978 when he belonged to Crockett's Western Battalion of the BAR. He later joined the Illinois Reg't and ultimately the Royal Navy Landing Party. But Willie really belonged to the whole department. He loved going to any and all events but he was a bit geographically impaired and would rather ride with someone than drive himself. Willie drove himself to an NWD event in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and managed to circle the city 4 or 5 times before finding his way to the event site. That's when we started giving him rides to anywhere over 50 miles from home. He was the best traveling companion I ever had. He would carry on a conversation to keep me awake and made sure we stopped for a hamburger (without cheese) and a cup of coffee. Being a small guy, Willie liked big things. Big cannon, big fires, big times. Anything a bit overdone. He hated winter with a passion but always showed up at my January cabin get together. He loved to shoot any kind of gun but couldn't hit a barn from the inside. At one shoot he was caught putting only powder in his gun for the whole match. When confronted he said there was no sense wasting the lead. The Willie stories are endless. While you're sitting around a campfire at an event this summer, tell one of them.

So long old friend, Ed

Ed Schweinfurth, Macarty's Coy, Ill. Reg't.



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Ted Filer



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## **After Action Report** **Northwest Department Firelock Match**

The Northwest Department's second Firelock Match of 2016 was held on November 5 & 6 at The Log Cabin Shop in Lodi, Ohio. The weather cooperated nicely with two fine autumn days. The event coordinator was Bob Kashary. Bob did an outstanding job of making all the arrangements with the Log Cabin Shop.

Matches were held for smoothbore long arms, rifles and pistols. The 18 participants shot targets at ranges from 10 to 35 yards. Paper targets varied from round bullseyes to more traditional 18<sup>th</sup> century motifs. Rifle targets were scaled to provide the actual sight picture that would be seen at 100, 200, 300 and 400 yards. All of the shooters were challenged by the matches but found a way to hit at least some, if not all of the targets.

Again, this year we were permitted to use the museum in the Log Cabin Shop for sleeping accommodations. We had several members stay over and enjoy the comradery and conversation around the large fireplace, while others engaged in several hands of Euchre.

There will be two firelock matches held in 2017. The first on April 22 and 23 at the Log Cabin shop. Please plan to attend.

Joe Forte, 8<sup>th</sup> PA Reg't, Ft. Laurens Det.  
Event Co-coordinator



## **NW Dept. 2017 Event Schedule**

### **18-19 March, Kalamazoo Living History Show, Kalamazoo, Mich.**

This is a NW Dept. sanctioned event being coordinated by Dan O'Connell of the King's 8<sup>th</sup>. It is an opportunity to pass out recruiting information for your units and the NW Dept. in general, as well as take in one of the largest shows of its type in the U.S. If you would like your unit's information to be part of the display, send via regular mail one photograph of your group, along with recruiting information to; Bob Cairns, 1919 Yale Ave. NW, Canton, Ohio, 44709. He will include it in the promotional material. If you plan on attending, plan to spend some time "on station" behind the NW Dept. table. To see lots of information on the show, go to their website, [www.KalamazooShow.com](http://www.KalamazooShow.com). For questions about the event, contact Dan O'Connell at [todanieloconnell@juno.com](mailto:todanieloconnell@juno.com).

### **22-23 April, Spring Firelock Match, Log Cabin Shop, Lodi, Ohio.**

We have had shoots at this site in each of the two previous years, with great success on each occasion. The site offers covered firing lines in case of inclement weather, and one of the oldest muzzle loading shops in the U.S. We will shoot individual matches on Saturday, and team matches Sunday. We can stay overnight indoors in the shop's museum, and the proprietors go out of their way to make sure we have a good time. You can see more about the shop at [www.logcabinshop.com](http://www.logcabinshop.com), and to contact the event coordinators Joe Forte [jjforte@frontier.com](mailto:jjforte@frontier.com) or Bob Kashary [K9Kash@roadrunner.com](mailto:K9Kash@roadrunner.com).

### **6-7 May, The Ohio Civil War Show, Mansfield, Ohio.**

This is one of the largest shows for militaria in the nation, and the sponsor is pleased to have us back after we took a year off last year to attend the Mount Vernon event. We perform several demonstrations each day of linear warfare, firing, uniforming, etc., as well as camp life. In between, we can wander around the show. Although the primary emphasis is the Civil War, there is plenty to see from other periods, including our own. There are a number of cafeteria lines at the show, and lots of restaurants within 5 minutes. The site is just off State Rt. 30. For more on the show go to [ohiocivilwarshow.com](http://ohiocivilwarshow.com), and for questions contact Bob Cairns at [robtcairns@cs.com](mailto:robtcairns@cs.com).

### **19-20-21 May, Siege of Ft. Randolph, Point Pleasant, West Virginia.**

Ft. Randolph was a military fort built early in the war by the 12<sup>th</sup> Va. Regt. It sat near the junction of the Kanawha and Ohio rivers, and was under siege several times during the war. This event portrays Chief Corn-Stalk's visit to the fort in 1777 and the siege in 1778. For information on the fort go to [fortrandolph.org](http://fortrandolph.org). Joe Forte is the event coordinator, [jjforte@frontier.com](mailto:jjforte@frontier.com). If at all possible, try to come for the Friday session with the area school students. You'll be glad you did. Saturday has a full schedule of events, with Sunday being a very relaxed day with not much visitation to the site by the public. There is lots of indoor sleeping space in the buildings of the fort, and you can also set a tent up. The site provides meals on Saturday and Sunday. Go to the event coordinator for questions.

### **3-4 June, Ft. Niagara, Youngstown, New York.**

This is one of North America's premier military sites, and was an active duty military post from 1678 when the French first occupied the site right through the present with a U.S. Coast Guard presence. The event in 2015 was outstanding and I look forward to another terrific time. The coordinator for this event is Dave Miller, [david.miller2@cox.net](mailto:david.miller2@cox.net). He will handle ALL NW Dept. registration, so if you want to attend register through Dave. Elsewhere in this BARSHOT is a piece on the event written by Dan O'Connell, who coordinates the event for the site, so take a close look and visit the Old Fort Niagara web site.

### **8-9 July, Fort Laurens, Bolivar, Ohio.**

This is always the NW Dept.'s most well-attended event, and is the site of Ohio's only Revolutionary War fort authorized by Continental Congress. It is also the site of the Tomb of the Unknown Patriot of the American Revolution. Again we will hold our annual General Membership Meeting on Saturday evening. Please put this most important event on your calendar. For information about the site go to [fortlaurens.org](http://fortlaurens.org), and for information on the event you can contact Bob Cairns at [robtcairns@cs.com](mailto:robtcairns@cs.com).

## **19-20 August, Fort Meigs, Perrysburg, Ohio.**

This is the second year for our renewed joint event with the **NorthWest Territorial Alliance**, and we hope to build on last year's successful event. There is plenty of room for all our activities, and this is a good chance for us to work with troops we don't normally see. Go to the fort's website, [www.fortmeigs.org](http://www.fortmeigs.org), or contact the event coordinator, Bob Kashary, at [K9Kash@roadrunner.com](mailto:K9Kash@roadrunner.com).

## **24 September, Brecksville Fallfest, Brecksville, Ohio.**

A fine one day event with lots of opportunity to interpret to the large crowds at the event. Contact Bill Lucas, [blmj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:blmj@sbcglobal.net) for information on the event.

## **4-5 November, Fall Firelock Match and School, Fort LeBuse, Belleville, Ohio.**

This site belongs to "Doc" Shaffer, and is a fine representation of a Frontier station, with a two-story tavern, a two story blockhouse, a Chapel, and a cabin, with plenty of indoor sleeping. There is a shooting Range in the meadow just below the fort, and along with live shooting, we'll be baking bread in the large outdoor oven. Lots of activities will be planned for the weekend, and if you have tavern activities such as games, music, etc. let the coordinator know you would like to get some time for it. Targets for the shoot will be traditional in nature. Watch for more information and contact Bob Cairns with your questions at [robtcairns@cs.com](mailto:robtcairns@cs.com).

### **2017 Schedule Dates**

- 18-19 March, Kalamazoo Living History Show, Mich.
- 22-23 April, Spring Firelock Match, Lodi, Ohio
- 6-7 May, Ohio Civil War Show, Mansfield, Ohio
- 19-20-21 May, Ft. Randolph Siege, Point Pleasant W.Va.
- 3-4 June, Ft. Niagara, Youngstown, N.Y.
- 8-9 July, Ft. Laurens, Bolivar, Ohio
- 19-20 August, Ft. Meigs, Perrysburg, Ohio (joint NWD/NWTA)
- 24 September, Fallfest, Brecksville, Ohio
- 4-5 November, Fall Firelock & School, Belleville, Ohio



## 42nd Kalamazoo Living History Show™

March 18-19, 2017

More than 10,000 historical re-enactors, history enthusiasts, collectors and the general public from the United States and Canada are expected to attend the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Kalamazoo Living History Show™. The juried, nationally recognized show is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 18-19 2017, at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, 2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan. The show attracts over 270 of the finest artisans and vendors of pre-1890 living history supplies and related crafts from throughout the United States and Canada. Other highlights include children's activities, Native American dancing and singing, and many artisans who will demonstrate their crafts.

The Kalamazoo Living History Show™ is open to the general public Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$7.00 for a single day adult pass; \$10.00 for a weekend adult pass. Children 12 years of age and under admitted free when accompanied by a parent.

Those interested in being a vendor at the show are invited to contact [kalamazoolivinghistoryshow@gmail.com](mailto:kalamazoolivinghistoryshow@gmail.com) for an application.

### *Theme of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kalamazoo Living History Show™ Announced* **“The Feminine Frontier: Well Behaved Women Seldom Make History”**

#### About the Theme

An old saying is that behind every great man there is a woman. From Helen of Troy to Annie Oakley, the contributions of great women have often been overshadowed or overlooked in the annals of time.

This year, the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Kalamazoo Living History Show™ offers a chance to meet a select few of these great women, as we explore a range of historical and modern women from indentured servants of colonial times, Native women, to present day historical business owners, shooting sports officials, and event organizers.

#### ***Native American Drumming and Dance a Highlight of the Show***

Members of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians, the **Bush Native American Drum and Dance** tell the story of their People through their outstanding drumming, singing, and dancing. Also featured will be **SouthEastern WaterSpider Drum**. These groups perform at many powwows, and their music and dance are eloquent representations of vibrant cultures.

#### The Feminine Frontier: Well Behaved Women Seldom Make History

Program times will be posted on our website  
several weeks prior to the show.

For more information about the Kalamazoo Living History Show™, contact Leslie Martin Conwell, P.O. Box 2214, West Lafayette, IN 47996, telephone 765.563.6792, [kalamazoolivinghistoryshow@gmail.com](mailto:kalamazoolivinghistoryshow@gmail.com), [www.KalamazooShow.com](http://www.KalamazooShow.com).

## **Notes from the Inspector**

With the 2017 event season still a couple of months away now is a good time to make those changes to our clothing and equipment that need to be made. Maybe it's the mending of torn clothing or repairs to broken equipment, whatever it is, now is a good time to get it done. But, maybe there is more to be done.

In discussions with members of the BAR's Main Department Board along with our own Northwest Department Board there is a feeling that we, as an organization, have allowed our standards of authenticity to deteriorate. When we talk about authenticity there are several facets that we must observe. For equipment, we must determine what the item looks like, what it is made from, and how it is constructed. All of these need be kept in mind while making sure that it meets our unit's documentation. Clothing has much the same criteria: What is it? What is it made from and how is it constructed? But, clothing has one more criteria, that is: How does it fit? While we might argue the fact that some equipment must "Fit," that normally comes down to the length of a strap or the placement of a button or buckle, it is not the case with our period clothing. There is a definite manner in the way our clothing should fit.

During the Unit Commander's meeting held on January 21<sup>st</sup> Lt. Col. Cairns noted his wish to have every unit in the Northwest Department inspected. I realize that some of you will stop reading right now, but please read on. These inspections are not to make anyone feel that their clothing is no good or they can't be a member of the BAR. On the contrary, we need every member that we have. We don't want to lose anyone. Units will only be inspected when the unit commander says that the unit is ready. At this time there are several ideas being explored as to how information can be disseminated to all of us. As Inspector, all I ask is that you keep an open mind and work with your unit commander and the NWD Board of Directors. If you have any ideas, please share them with your unit commander and/or me.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joe Forte, 8<sup>th</sup> PA Reg't., Ft. Laurens Det.  
B.A.R. NWD Inspector



Philip Jewett, 8th Pa. Ft. Laurens Det., leading the VMI cadet corps at the Inauguration Day parade. He is the commander of the 1st Bttn. of the VMI cadets, who marched 1,500 cadets in the parade. Photos from Greg Jewett, 8th Pa.



## **NEW SHOE NEWS**

At the 2016 Jumonville History Seminar Mr. Brett Walker, Journeyman Boot and Shoemaker, Colonial Williamsburg, presented a program about 18<sup>th</sup> C. shoes. Note that most of the crafts persons at Williamsburg are also scholars and spend time doing research in their field. An important aspect of shoe research is archaeology, as this provides actual evidence that certain types of footwear were indeed present at a time and place.

Some general statements about colonial shoes can be made. After 1750, rounded toe shoes are by far the most common in a military context. As far as the British Army was concerned, most shoes had to be imported from Britain, with American-made shoes as a supplement. Square-toed shoes had gone out of fashion by 1750, but some Pennsylvania German shoemakers, firmly set in their ethnic style, continued to make them. Note that these are not shoes with a broad square toe, but a narrow squared toe.

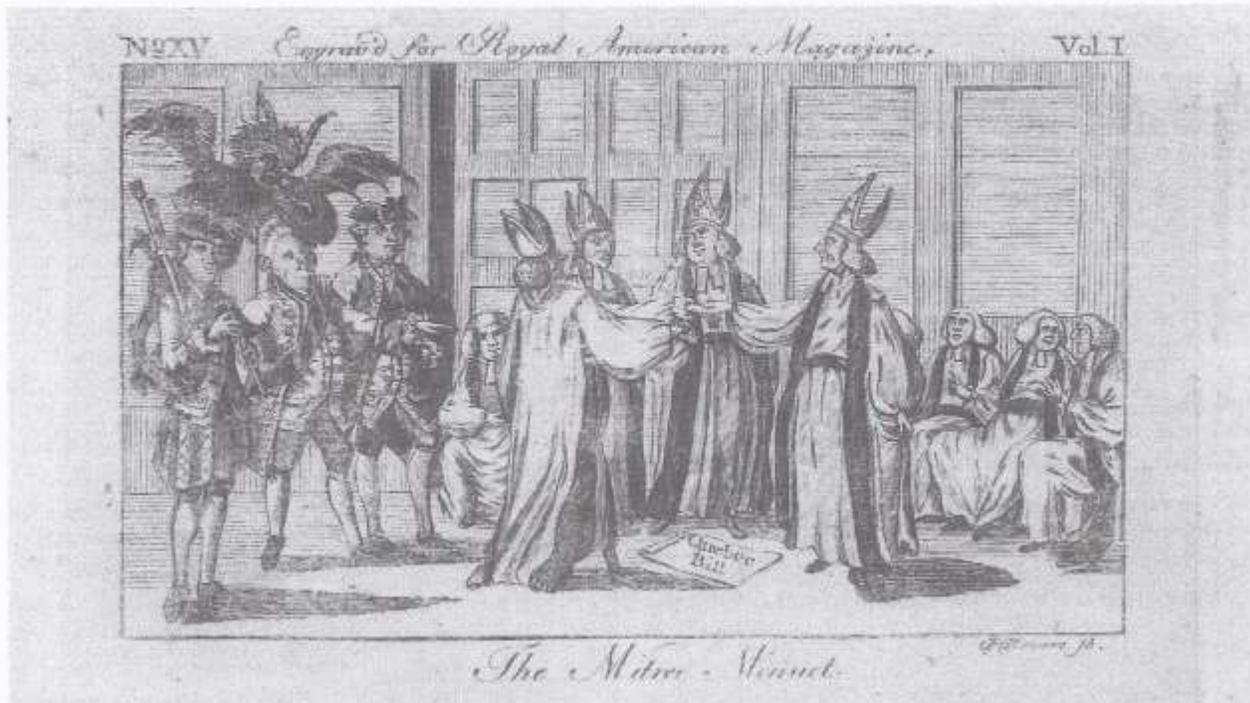
Large lots of shoes were typically shipped in barrels with some sort of packing material. Shoemakers fastened pairs together. While shoes were made in sizes, you still had to try them on for fit. Shoes were made on a straight last, but once you started wearing them, they rapidly formed themselves to fit your foot, thus becoming left and right! A few sources advocate switching feet daily to extend wear, but this is a bad practice from a shoemaker's viewpoint, as it strains the uppers and causes them to wear out quickly. Soles and heels are easily replaced, but when the uppers break down, the shoe is unrepairable. British soldiers were usually supplied with individual shoe repair kits with leather, thread, and needles for field use.

Boots are limited to riding! The necessary stiffness and heel formation make them comfortable in the stirrup, but not for walking. In the archaeological context, boots are a small percentage of the footwear. Footwear that extends above the ankle seems to be referred to as boots in period usage. "Half-boots" are the tall laced shoes we sometimes refer to as "hi-lows," a modern term. There are only three pairs of these that have survived or been found archaeologically in Britain or America. Gaiters, half-gaiters, and other cloth or leather leggings were popular, and there are some officer's versions that are not yet completely understood.

Any errors of interpretation in this brief summary are probably mine, not Mr. Walker's.

Bruce Egli, Westmoreland County Militia

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The Mitred Minuet, *The Royal American Magazine*, 1774  
(John Carter Brown Library, Brown University)

## Religious Freedom in the Ranks

by Holly A. Mayer

As commander in chief of the Continental Army and president of the United States, George Washington encouraged religious toleration and promoted liberty of conscience as a right. He did so to win the country's independence and to perfect the nation's freedom.

In the mid 18th century, many British colonists derided Roman Catholicism in general and French Canadian Catholics in particular. The new British governors-general of Quebec Province nevertheless had taken the first steps toward toleration after the French and Indian War. Then the Quebec Act of 1774 further accommodated Catholic practices and institutions, infuriating Protestant zealots.

The need for allies in the War for Independence, however, meant that such extremists, along with other Americans, had to accept creeds and peoples they had formerly considered enemies. Although the First Continental Congress deemed the Quebec Act intolerable

for political reasons, it soon echoed part of its religious liberality. The Second Continental Congress stepped up the toleration promised in Britain's act and proclaimed that God, not Parliament, had granted liberty of conscience to all. Anti-Catholicism remained widespread during the Revolution and in the new Republic, but the recognition that allegiance to one nation did not require allegiance to one faith was growing.

General Washington advanced that belief when he ordered his officers and soldiers to respect Catholic practices as they marched into Canada in the fall of 1775. And he declared in an address to the Canadians that September: "The cause of America and of liberty is the cause of every virtuous [A]merican citizen; whatever may be his religion or his descent, the united colonies know no distinction but such as slavery, corruption, & arbitrary domination may create."

The General also censured anti-Catholic actions among American troops camped around Boston. On November 5—Guy Fawkes Day in Old England and Pope's Day in New England—he condemned plans to burn an effigy of the pope. He denounced the lack of decency and common sense, for the Canadians were comrades in the cause of liberty, and thus "insulting their Religion, is so monstrous, as not to be suffered or excused."

Not everyone obeyed Washington's directives or followed his example of toleration, but Congress supported the orders with its own. As American forces grimly hung on in Canada after the failure to take Quebec on December 31, 1775, Congress sent a delegation to assess the remaining forces and assist operations the following spring. Among its many instructions, Congress stipulated that the

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commissioners declare to the Canadians "that we hold sacred the Rights of Conscience" and that they could freely practice their faith if they guaranteed that other Christians "be equally entit[u]led to hold Offices and enjoy civil Privileges and the free Exercise of their Rel[e]igion."

The commissioners could not persuade the wary Canadians, some of whom were angered by uncompensated seizure of supplies by Continentals and others who wanted proof that the Americans could prevail against British forces. Evidence of American intolerance, such as General Daniel Wooster's opinion that Canadian recalcitrance was due to weak character and the influence of the Catholic clergy, also provided Canadians with a reason to reject a continental union.

Yet many Canadians had supported the American offensive into Canada, and hundreds of them joined the Continental Army. In so doing, French Canadian Catholics added to the religious pluralism of the army. They found, however, that freedom of conscience did not necessarily mean freedom from Protestant services. The "Rules and Articles for the Better Government of Troops" recommended that officers

and soldiers "diligently" attend divine service. That provision and corollary orders by Washington were meant to promote virtue, establish good order, and ensure military discipline, not insult the faith of Catholic Continentals.

The commander in chief tried to prevent sectarianism from undermining unity in the ranks—whether between Protestants and Catholics or among different Protestant denominations. When in late May 1777 Congress resolved that there be one chaplain assigned to each brigade rather than to each regiment, Washington responded with officers' protests that the new distribution might "introduce religious disputes into the Army" and, in some cases, "compel men to a mode of Worship, which they do not profess." Washington said that regimental chaplains representing the men's own religious sentiments showed "more generous toleration."

He thus supported enabling that kind of diversity, but he accepted reality's constraints. The army could neither recruit nor pay for so many chaplains; nor, as evidenced by Catholics in the ranks, were all regiments religiously homogeneous. Necessity, as well as desire, underpinned the promises of toleration and promotion of ecumenical services. That was even more important when France became an ally and sent troops in 1778.

As president, Washington continued to pronounce against sectarianism as a threat to national union and personal rights. He assured the Newport, Rhode Island, Hebrew Congregation in 1790: "All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship. It is now no more that toleration is spoken of, as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people, that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights...the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens." \*

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## Adjutant's Freshest Advices

Two MAJOR topics for this addition of ADVICES:

1. It is time for BAR Membership Renewals. This year it is most important that you get your Household Membership Form (the last page of this NWD BAR Shot) with updated information to your Unit Commander/Adjutant prior to the March 30, 2017 deadline. Why, you ask? Because the BAR Main Dept is going digital with publications and notifications, so that your Commander/Adjutant can forward your Unit's renewal BEFORE the March 30<sup>th</sup> DEADLINE.

This is an Election year for the BAR Northwest Dept. We are in the process of the 2017/2018 Election cycle. The Nominating Committee has put forth the following names for NWD Board positions and these individuals have agreed to make the NWD a priority, attending Board Meetings and NWD Events throughout the next two years. Pursuant to the BAR Soldier's Manual, Northwest Dept By-Law Election Procedure: the NWD Board at the Jan.21,2017 Meeting has accepted the Nominating Committee Slate and Opened the Nominations from the Floor as per the Charter of the Northwest Dept By-Law Election Procedure (Pages 4 & 5). The nominations from the floor shall close on April 30, 2017. Any Full or Probationary Member in good standing may be nominated by a Unit for any NWD Board position, Seconded by a second Unit with that member's written acceptance, and will be placed upon the Ballot.

### Current Ballot:

Commander: Robert Cairns 8<sup>th</sup> Pa  
Deputy Commander: Dave Miller 5<sup>th</sup> Virg'  
Inspector: Joe Forte 8<sup>th</sup> Pa  
Adjutant: Bob Kashary 5<sup>th</sup> Virg'  
Paymaster: Bill Dibbern Jaegers

At-Large Members: Bernie Borowski 5<sup>th</sup> Virg' (incumbent)  
Bill Lucas 23<sup>rd</sup> RWF (incumbent)  
Tommy Bruce Butler's Rangers  
Thadd McClung 13<sup>th</sup> Virg'  
Ian Skidmore Jaegers  
Jim Workman 8<sup>th</sup> Pa

Daniel O'Connell King's 8<sup>th</sup> Nominated from the floor by: 47<sup>th</sup>  
Foot & Kings' 8<sup>th</sup>

Each Northwest Dept Unit in good standing shall be mailed an official NWD Ballot and shall vote as a Unit. One vote for each office and up to 4 votes for Members-at-Large.

Without a dedicated, active and enthusiastic Board of Directors, the Northwest Dept of the Brigade of the American Revolution cannot flourish.

Bob Kashary, 5<sup>th</sup> Va. Reg't  
B.A.R. NWD Adjutant

## **The Sew & So...**

### Civilian Class Superintendent (CCS)

Have you been in this hobby for several years? At events, do you portray someone other than a soldier? Do you have the knowledge and skills to share with other re-enactors, to take each event up a notch or two? Have you wondered how you might become more involved in the NorthWest Department?

If you answered "Yes" to at least one of the questions above, perhaps you are interested in becoming the Civilian Class Superintendent (CCS). Per the Brigade of the American Revolution Constitution:

*A Civilian Class Membership shall be established to perform in period dress at Brigade events those exhibits, crafts, and demonstrations deemed appropriate to create a more comprehensive historical presentation in conjunction with and complementary to the purely military activities of the Brigade.*

*The Department will be directed by a Superintendent who shall be appointed by and be subject to the orders of the Board of Directors, Brigade of the American Revolution... (1990)*

The common practice for appointing a Civilian Class Superintendent in the NW Dept. has been for the Civilian Class Members to choose a nominee, just as any unit would choose its commander, and then forward that name to the NW Dept. Commander, who then appoints that person to the position. That is the course of action that we will continue to use at this time.

This position is a non-voting member of the NorthWest Board of Directors.

If I've piqued your interest, please contact Commander Bob Cairns: [robtcairns@cs.com](mailto:robtcairns@cs.com) or 330 455-9722. Our season is fast approaching.

Karen Kashary, 5<sup>th</sup> Va.

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## Brigade of the American Revolution

*2017 Household Membership Form*

Primary Member \$25.00

Name:		Social Security Number XXX-XX-		
Print:				
City:	State:	Zip - 4:	Country:	
Phone:		Email:		
Year born:	Unit Affiliation:	Non-Member Subscription Only <input type="checkbox"/>		
Membership Classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Man-at-arms <input type="checkbox"/> Musketeer <input type="checkbox"/> Colonel (CCM) <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant <input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> No Change in Household Information				

Secondary Member at Same Address: (16 years of age or over \$5.00, under 16 is free)

Name:		Social Security Number XXX-XX-		
Print:				
Year born:	Unit Affiliation:	Non-Member Subscription Only <input type="checkbox"/>		
Membership Classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Man-at-arms <input type="checkbox"/> Musketeer <input type="checkbox"/> Colonel (CCM) <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant <input type="checkbox"/>				

Third Member at Same Address: (16 years of age or over \$5.00, under 16 is free)

Name:		Social Security Number XXX-XX-		
Print:				
Year born:	Unit Affiliation:	Non-Member Subscription Only <input type="checkbox"/>		
Membership Classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Man-at-arms <input type="checkbox"/> Musketeer <input type="checkbox"/> Colonel (CCM) <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant <input type="checkbox"/>				

Fourth (and subsequent) Member at Same Address: Free

Name:		Social Security Number XXX-XX-		
Print:				
Year born:	Unit Affiliation:	Non-Member Subscription Only <input type="checkbox"/>		
Membership Classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Man-at-arms <input type="checkbox"/> Musketeer <input type="checkbox"/> Colonel (CCM) <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant <input type="checkbox"/>				

### Instructions

All applications and payments must be processed through your unit if you are a member of a unit.

(And the unit must be your primary membership.)

The ONLY exception is for unit leaders only (in the Adjutant role) for Non-Member Subscriptions or

Colonel Class Membership (CCM) who are affiliated with a specific Regiment.

Date structure applies to all members 16 years of age and older.

Minimum age to be a Man-at-Arms is 16 years, to be a Musketeer is 12, or minimum age for Colonel membership.

I hereby apply for membership in the Brigade of the American Revolution.

I agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and legal orders of the Brigade as it is Governed.

*Signature of primary member*

Payment should be made in U.S. currency (checks or U.S. Bank Deposits)  
payable to the Brigade of the American Revolution and addressed to:

Higher Membership Services

600 West 10th

Wichita, Kansas

Phone: 316-261-0400