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NORTHWEST DEPARTMENT

B.A.R. SHOT

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Commander's Corner

NW Dept. members,

We just completed the scheduled NW Dept. season in fine style with an outstanding event proposed and planned by Joe Forte, Dept. of Geographers and NW Dept. Board Member. I won't go into the details of the event, since that will be done elsewhere in this newsletter, but I do want to congratulate and thank Joe for putting together a really good event which was a partnership between the NW Dept., the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Adena Mansion and Garden site. All three groups worked hard toward successful event for both their own groups and the public, and all that was certainly achieved. The site manager shared that they more that doubled the regular revenue for the site, and that one satisfied spectator told her that they needed to charge more, as the event was "fantastic". Well done, NW Dept.!!

All season long, beginning with the Civil War Show, through the Firelock Match, School Day at Ft. Laurens and our annual event there, Ft. Niagara, Brecksville, and Adena, those of you that attended did your best to portray and interpret the life and times of the common soldiers and civilians of the American Revolution. I don't believe it possible for someone to attend one of our events and not learn something. I could not be happier with your efforts. The single thing that could be much better is our numbers at these events. Some things are just very difficult without proper numbers, especially trying to demonstrate linear warfare when there is no line. The NW Dept. Board is beginning our off-season meetings and we are examining possible event sites all over Ohio, as well as western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, but we need you to participate. I have a couple ideas that may help with that, and I will be contacting unit commanders and adjutants with my ideas and to get their thoughts. It is very frustrating to develop and plan events only to have much less attendance than is possible. The NW Dept. Board tries to provide a variety of locations, and accommodations such as meals, to make it interesting and easy for you to attend.

I know that some of you don't attend events due to distance, and we would all like to have an event or two close to home, but I will wager that no one that attended the Ft. Niagara event, a long drive for everyone in the NW Dept. would say they are sorry they went. Perhaps for some of you "the fire has gone out" for doing events, and I would ask that you give it another try in 2022. It may be that there is still an ember that will be fanned back into the enthusiasm that got you started in what we do to begin with. Recruiting new members is difficult, I know, and I'm not sure I can tell you how to do it, but I am SURE that you cannot recruit new members at an event you do not attend. The NW Board has been very flexible regarding the B.A.R. Constitution's attendance requirements for units, which is:

Brigade of the American Revolution's Constitution, By-Laws, under the "Inactive Unit Status", item 1., it states:

"The Brigade Adjutant, determining that a Unit has failed to field at least one Platoon (4 men), properly clothed, armed and equipped, at a minimum of two official Brigade events, the figure not including the Annual Meeting and those events falling under the description of "schools", for twelve months past, may, at a meeting of The Board of Directors, recommend assignment of the Unit to INACTIVE STATUS.

Units under INACTIVE STATUS cannot control retention of its Brigade designation and may not vote in Brigade elections. The Unit may also be denied participation in Brigade events without prior permission of the Board of Directors. (From By-laws, Inactive Status, item 3 & 4).

In the past event season, there have only been a handful of our units that met this requirement. The NW Dept. has proposed an alternate method of calculating unit attendance, but it still requires that unit members actually attend events. So, I hope you all will look for a reason TO attend in 2022 and come out and join the good time being had by your fellow NW Dept. members.

On a related topic, we welcomed a new unit to the NW Dept., the 13th/9th Va., Capt. Springer's Coy. Most of the members of this unit have previous B.A.R. membership, and attended the Firelock Match, Ft. Laurens, Ft. Niagara where they were inspected by B.A.R. Inspector Henry Cooke, and Adena. Welcome to Alan Krause and the 13th/9th Va. We also had the consolidations of the Royal Naval Landing Party and Crockett's Western Bttn. into a single unit, with the RNLP as the primary impression and Crockett's as the second impression. Chuck Pemberton is the commander of this unit.

If you have a site you where you believe the NW Dept. is a good fit, get in contact with any NW Dept. Board Member. Better yet, attend a Board meeting and propose it yourself. Contact the NW Dept. Adj., Bob Kashary for information on location and time of meetings.

Our NWDBARSHOT.com website is undergoing some changes, and the administrator has not been able to post the last two B.A.R. Shot's, and won't be posting this one, either I believe. It is very important that unit commanders and adjutants share these B.A.R. Shots with their unit members, and please all of you share them with a

friend. We very soon will have a new host for the site, but until it is built, pitch in and help with communications.

Finally, at Ft. Laurens in July one of members was taken from the event by the emergency squad to an area hospital. Since the member was not from the immediate area his friends did not have all the important information needed at the hospital. This is NOT a NW Dept. policy, but I am asking that each of you keep with you at events a sheet with your important data. This would include but not be limited to:

- Full Name - Date of Birth - Telephone Number - Address
- Social Security Number - Emergency Contact Name
- Vehicle information (in case it has to be left over night)
 Make, Model, color, License Plate number
- Important personal medical information (i.e., allergies, conditions, prescriptions, etc.)

If you put these on colored paper so they stand out, and keep them in your cartridge box (men) or pockets (ladies) and tell your friends where they are, if the unfortunate situation arises for you, you will be prepared. Neither the NW Dept. nor the B.A.R. want this information and we will NOT collect it. It is for your protection. This is just a word to the wise.

To close, I want to wish you and your families a very joyous holiday season. Remember that this is a good time to repair or replace clothing and equipment that may be too worn or not quite up to standard. I hope to see you all (wouldn't that be grand) at the first formation at our next event.

Bob Cairns

8th Pa. Ft. Laurens Det.

Commander, NW Dept. B.A.R.



Jack Weidner

NW Dept. Board Meetings

If you wish to attend an NW Dept. Board meeting, or submit something for consideration, they will be held at **The Log Cabin Shop**, 8010 Lafayette Rd. Lodi, Ohio, 44254. The meetings begin at 10:00 AM on Wednesdays, and conclude about noon. Meeting dates are:

Dec. 8th

Jan. 19th

Feb. 16th

Mar. 9th

Apr. 13th

Please give a NW Dept. Board Member a call to let them know you would like to be added to the agenda if you have an item for discussion. NW Dept. Board Members are;

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After Action Report

Fort Niagara, 18-19 September

I don't have enough superlatives to properly describe my feelings regarding this event and the conduct of ALL members of the NW Dept. in attendance. To start with, of the dozens of units represented on both sides, the B.A.R. coy. was the largest unit on the field. Some of us arrived Thursday and set the camp up for those coming later. (Thanks to those folks). More NW Dept. members arrived on Friday, and we all spent the day sight-seeing and visiting with old friends. Friday evening a near-dusk tactical was held on the long grassy beach east of the fort, and the B.A.R. company was the center of the American line. On Saturday morning the company formed, with 19 men of the 8th Pa. and two guests from other units falling in with us. (Steve Gilbert of the 3rd NY acted as ensign, and Tom Edwards of the 10th Va. fell in with a musket). The 8th made up the majority of our battalion, and we were joined by men of the 13th/9th Va. (NW Dept.), and Klotz's Pa. Militia (Main Dept). These units made up our 2nd platoon and both were inspected by Henry Cooke, B.A.R. Natl. Inspector, during the event, their first official B.A.R. event. We also had NW Dept. members manning the dept's howitzer, commanded by Jim Workman and filled out with members of the 5th Va. Additionally, one of our surgeons, Jack Weidner and his surgeon's mate, Cheryl Weidner, set up in camp, and we had fine support from our distaff, who, whenever possible, were ably guarded by Don Newton.

Saturday, with all our men now in camp, we formed early and sized the company, fell in at a brief Congressional Forces formation, then spent time drilling, practicing evolutions that would be necessary during our maneuvers in the field. We had three tacticals on Saturday, one in the morning, one after lunch, and one just before dusk.

The tacticals were three stages of the same action where we attacked and attempted to capture various parts of the fort's outer defenses. The morning action was very successful, and we actually captured the objectives for not only that attack, but also for the afternoon attack as well. The evening battle ended with us in possession of all the outer works. Sunday, we lost all we had taken the day before to the Crown troops. There was also a memorial service for those reenactors who had passed in 2020-21.

Every man did his very best to hold his position in the line and to carry himself and his firelock in the proper martial position. Tom Hornbrook, our company's First Sgt., remarked on how fine the unit looked going through maneuvers and the manual of arms. These remarks were seconded by the current B.A.R. Natl. Commander, John Lopez, and by past Natl. Commander Mark Hurwitz. The NW Dept. made a fine impression and displayed a very military attitude throughout the event.

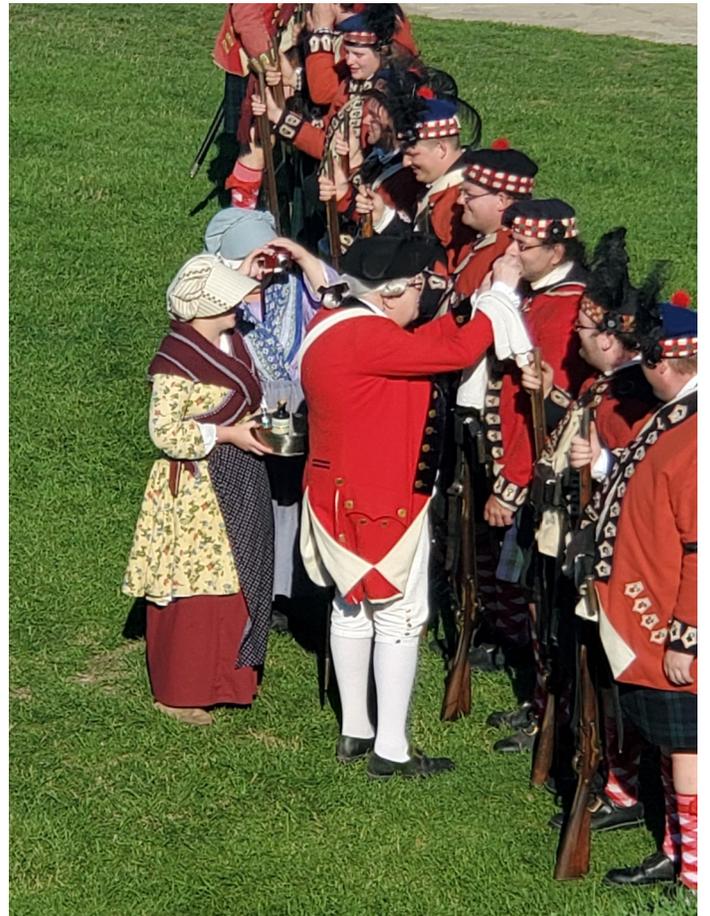
I know the NW Dept. was represented on the Crown side as well, but I am uncertain regarding numbers. I did see members of the 64th, the Coldstream Guards and the 4th New Jersey Volunteers among the King's troops.

Bob Cairns, 8th Pa. Reg't., Ft. Laurens Det.
Commander, NWD BAR

Old Ft. Niagara September 18-19, 2021



Brad Davis





Jack Weidner



THE HESSIANS ARE BACK!!!!

Or maybe they never left?

One of the guests at the recent funeral of Prince Philip was a representative of his German relatives, Donatus, Prince and Landgrave of Hesse, a descendant of Queen Victoria and cousin of Prince Philip. While the family no longer has sovereign status, Donatus directs the Foundation of the House of Hesse, which controls the businesses, historical properties, and programs about the cultural history of Hesse. Maybe they could sponsor a regiment...

Bruce Egli, Westmoreland Cty. Militia

After Action Report Brecksville FallFest

Brecksville was once again a relaxed and fun event. The weather was wonderful, and the public interested and responsive as always. Our numbers were small, but the Metroparks once again thought we were the stars of the show.

I thank all who came out and hope the day was as enjoyable for you as it was for MaryJo and myself. Thanks to Karen Kashary for her all-day labors at the cooking fire - got many comments from the public!

Bill Lucas, 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Inspector, NWD



The Adjutant's Freshest Advices...

Your NWD Board is already starting the planning process for the 2022 Campaign Season. If you would like to be involved in an Event or have an idea or location for an event, please come to a NWD Board meeting...the sooner, the better. Right now, planned dates for Board Meetings at the Log Cabin Shop, Lodi, Ohio will be 12-8-21, 1-19-22, 2-16-22, 3-9-22, and 4-13-22.

2022 Brigade Dues... Commanders, don't wait until the last minute to get your Units dues paid for 2022. All dues will be paid directly to the Main Dept. NOT sent to Dave Miller. Please go to www.BRIGADE.org and input your 2022 Members information. Please make certain that all info is updated. Any issues??? Contact Dakota for help! She is Amazing!!! It is the only way I as Adjutant of the NWD can keep a current list of paid, active members and sending out informational BLASTs regarding Events etc. Rake the leaves and put another log on the fire, for Winter's winds are sure to follow.
Bob Kashary, 5th Va. Reg't.

NWD Adjutant



Inspectors Note

Now that the event season is over is the time to check over your kit and make any repairs or changes needed. If you have that item you've been meaning to correct or add now's the time.

See you next year!

Bill Lucas
N.W.D. Inspector

Looking for Information

If anyone knows of any documentation (preferably primary, but secondary also welcome) about military funerals, officers as well as common burials of dead soldiers, and everything in-between, please reach out to Stephanie Miller at stephanie.miller101@yahoo.com

After action Report

Adena Mansion and Gardens, Chillicothe, Ohio

On Saturday and Sunday, October 30 & 31 the BAR NorthWest Department held its last scheduled event for 2021. While the weather on Saturday was not ideal the facilities at the Adena site permitted the entire Brigade program to go off without a hitch.

Several displays and programs were presented in the tenant house. These included a very extensive demonstration of 18th century open hearth cooking by Karen Kashary and Paula Noble. During this demonstration several delicious, sweet treats from the 18th C were prepared for the reception that took place on Saturday evening. The tenant house was also the scene of millinery and sewing demonstrations by Sherrie Saines and Diane Miller and the office of the Brigade adjutant, Bob Kashary. Five meals were provided to BAR members by the Nathaniel Massie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR. They also provided additional deserts for the reception. This reception was held in the large bank barn on the Adena property. Its proximity to the tenant house and camp area made it the ideal venue for the reception. Walter Bagnall, a local violinist provided the evening's entertainment with a good selection of 18th century tunes.

The barn was the site of most of the Brigade demonstrations when the weather prohibited outdoor demonstrations. The schedule was rearranged to accommodate the showers, but the public was treated to artillery demonstrations. Linear tactics with the flintlock musket and rifle were also presented. Allan Krause and members of his unit demonstrated 18th C carpentry techniques to duplicate an original shipping crate.

The Department of the Geographers marquis saw constant traffic with the public getting an excellent picture of how Washington's map makers carried out their work.

On Sunday the weather was dry with intermittent sun. This allowed us to follow the published schedule more closely. Again, the program was well executed and the public was treated to excellent presentations of life during the American Revolution.

The Event Coordinator would like to express his gratitude to several individuals who stepped up Friday in preparation of the event and again during the event. Gregg Uhrig of Chillicothe spent all day Saturday and Sunday helping youngsters and adults roll 18th C musket cartridges. Tom Morris, 8th Pa worked on Friday with final preparations. Those members of the Nathaniel Massie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR, who prepared meals or contributed deserts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those members of the North West Department that came to and supported the event. I would like to apologize to anyone presenting a special program that I failed to mention. Your efforts were certainly appreciated.

Joseph Forte, Dept. of the Geographers
Board Member at Large
Event Coordinator



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Bob Kashary

Doug Wechter



The Sew & So...

Our final event of the 2021 season was this past weekend at Adena Mansion and Gardens in Chillicothe. If you weren't there you missed a good event. Most of the ladies were in the Tenant House, an outbuilding WITH HEAT and a roof (!!) to protect us from the drizzle and mist that lasted throughout Saturday. Many, many thanks to Karen Kashary and her assistants Paula Noble and Cheryl Weidner and others who helped her prep and cook all day Saturday so that everyone could enjoy fabulous delicacies at the Saturday evening festivities. Little tarts and treats added so much to the after-hours food. And Sherri Saines had her wonderful caps for display and sale. If you've never examined Sherri's caps to see ALL the work that goes into them, make sure you do it at a future event. Her caps are works of art, and her museum reproductions are amazing. We all have our areas of expertise, and it was remarkable to see Sherri and Karen's handiwork. They are ladies who really have gotten into the spirit of this hobby--studied, researched, created--all to share with us and the public.

Speaking of the public, despite the weather and fears that people would stay away, we had lots and lots of visitors throughout the weekend! They were joined by the ladies of the area DAR chapter who provided their knowledge as well. Then there were the folks at Adena Mansion itself who gave us a tour (almost in candlelight in the fading light of late October) of the Mansion itself. If you've never seen Adena, add it to your destinations next year. The home is lovely, and the grounds are spacious.

And so, we look forward to next year. The Board is already setting up events for 2022. Ft. Laurens is already on the calendar, of course, and we're looking at sites near and far to put together an exciting schedule. Now that most of us have been vaccinated for Covid we're looking forward to getting back to normal activities--and they include YOU! Please plan on re-joining the ladies in the coming season, and if you have any ideas for shows, please say something now. The next Board meeting will be in December, and I'd love to pass along any suggestions you might have. Remember, WE are the Brigade.

Until I hear from you, stay well, have a good winter and stay in touch.

Dianne Miller, 5th Virginia Reg't.
Board Member-At-Large

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