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NORTHWEST DEPARTMENT

B.A.R. SHOT

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Commander's Corner

B.A.R. NW Dept. 2020 Events

Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 29-Mar. 1- NW Dept. School, Campus Martius Museum, Marietta, Ohio. The first B.A.R. event of the season, and a chance to visit the museum and take in talks on period subjects. More on this very soon. Watch for the **B.A.R. SHOT**.

Saturday & Sunday, 2-3 May – Ohio Civil War Show, Richland County Fairgrounds, Mansfield, Ohio. This is one of the largest shows of its type in the country, and you will see items, exhibits and demonstrations from the F&I period through WW II. We will give several ½ hour presentations each day and you are free to roam the show the rest of the time. If you visit the

show's website, at <https://ohiocivilwarshow.com/> you can learn more, and if you supported the event with your attendance last year you may see yourself on the slideshow. There will be indoor sleeping for foul weather, and you are on your own for meals. You get to take in the entire show, a real experience, for free and all you need to do is wear your 18th c. kit and take part in our demonstrations. This is an opportunity to see militaria from 3 centuries, and I hope you will take advantage of it and join us for the event.

Event coordinator- Bob Cairns, robtcairns@cs.com (330) 455-9722

Saturday and Sunday, 18-19 July-Fort Laurens, Bolivar, Ohio. Of course, this is the unit's "home" site, & if you can only attend one event in 2020, let it be Fort Laurens. Please enter it on your calendars now, and plan to attend the Fort Laurens NW Dept. event. Visit the Fort Laurens Facebook page for a photo gallery that includes past events.

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Saturday & Sunday, 26-27 Sept. -**Fort Niagara**, Youngstown, N.Y. This is a great original site, and this is going to be the Grand Encampment for the B.A.R., the Continental Line, and the British Brigade, which means it will be one of the largest Rev. War events of 2020. The site is situated at the mouth of the Niagara River, where it flows into Lake Ontario, and all along the river are F&I, Rev .War and 1812 sites, among many other historic and

cultural attractions. It's a fine area to take some extra time and do some touring. I hope we can really show up for this event in strength.

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A NW Dept. Firelock Match will be scheduled, so watch the website, nwdbarshot.com, as well as BLASTS in your email for the dates and location, as well as any other pertinent information.

2020 Dues

It is time to get your B.A.R. dues in for the 2020 season. These go to the Brigade of the American Revolution to provide liability insurance for us at B.A.R. events along with the two publications, The Dispatch and The Courier. If you are not receiving those publications, let me know. The dues amount is still \$25.00 for the first member of the household, and \$5.00 each for the next two household members over the age of 16, for a maximum possible amount of \$35.00. Please take care of this right away. There is a penalty for units not getting their dues in in a timely manner. A dues form is attached to this newsletter.

Sad News

As most of you know, Jack, Cheryl and Ian Weidner suffered the tragic loss of their son and brother, Adam, Thursday, 14 November. Adam was one of our 8th Pa. drummers and took his playing and his drummer's duties very seriously. He was a very reliable attendee at nearly every event, and he will be greatly missed. I know you all join me in sending deepest condolences to Cheryl, Jack & Ian. If you would like to send a note to the family, the address is;

568 Apple St.
Westerville, Ohio 43082-1097





School of Instruction

February 29 – March 1, 2020

The Northwest Department will be holding its School of Instruction at Campus Martius Museum in Marietta. The school takes place the weekend of Feb. 29-Mar. 1st, 2020.

For those familiar with Marietta, you know it as an old but vibrant little city with good restaurants, pubs and sites to see. There are numerous motels in the area. For those who want to, Bill Reynolds has offered camping on the lower floor of the Museum. Sleeping bags, cots etc must be removed before the museum opens Sunday morning. Please contact Bill Reynolds at 740-350-0316 or email him at reywilliamr@ aim.com to let him know of your plans.

The NWD Board has also invited members of the NWTA to attend if they wish. Please notify Dave Miller at david.miller2@cox.net if you would like to attend. There is no charge for attending. For all members of both organizations, 18th Century clothing is not required.

Speakers this year include:

Wally Richardson on the Light Infantry. Wally will expand on what we started at Ft. Randolph - The background on the Light Infantry and their proper use in actions.

Paul Brenner will talk on civilian clothing. We all know about our uniforms, but what did we wear before becoming soldiers? All Paul's clothes are personally made.

Bill Reynolds will speak on Rufus Putnam. Putnam was a key player in the building of Marietta. Without his drive, Marietta may not have been the success it was.

Dianne Miller on the role of chaplains in the Army. Although we view the revolution as political, religion played an important role.

Thomas Morris will do a presentation on correct period eating utensils, building a period correct unit/individual mess kit to use at events.

Bill has set up a tour of Mound Cemetery, the burial site of several revolutionary generals and city founders.

There will be a Blast sent out in early February on the final schedule.

Dave Miller, 5th Va. Reg't.

Deputy Commander, NWD, Event Co-Coordinator

Adjutant's Freshest Advises

We hope your holidays were filled with family and friends. Welcome 2020!

Your NWD Board has been busy this Winter Quarters Season working on this year's "campaign season". As current members it is also B.A.R. dues renewal season AND update your contact information season. Members move, change emails and phone numbers. Please send your new information to your Unit Commander, with your dues so that he can get them submitted to the BAR Main Dept. Remember, dues must be sent by March 1, 2020. As most of you know, the NorthWest Dept does not get any portion of your dues money. Please support our NWD 2020 schedule, as for some Events the NWD is given a stipend. It is those stipends that affords the NWD to operate.

Remember, we are a volunteer organization and we cannot be an Organization without volunteers!

YMHS,

Bob Kashary, 5th Virg' Reg't

NWD Adjutant



Thanks to Dave Weidner for the great Fort Randolph pictures! (Ed.)

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