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NORTHWEST DEPARTMENT

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

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We got the event season started last weekend with our Spring Firelock Match at the Log Cabin Shop. Members from the 5<sup>th</sup> Va., 8<sup>th</sup> Pa. Ft. Laurens Det., 23<sup>rd</sup> RWF, 64<sup>th</sup> Regt. of Ft., the Dept. of Geographers and the Westmoreland County militia participated, and a good time was had by all. Thank you to Bob Kashary, 5<sup>th</sup> Va. for coordinating the event, and to all NW Dept. members that participated. If you missed this shoot, we'll have another in late August that you can use your live-shooting skills.

The NW Dept. has a new applicant unit. The 1<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Regt., with most of its membership residing in Michigan, has applied for unit membership. The 1<sup>st</sup> was a NW Dept. unit during and after the bicentennial years, as a rifle unit, and they are re-applying as a regular line unit portraying the 1778 campaign. Their leadership is familiar with the B.A.R. as they started as musicians in the 1970s. We welcome them and hope you will take some time to do the same when you see them at our 2023 events.

Please note in the following schedule two events coming up in the next month, our School at Campus Martius, Marietta, Ohio, and the Ohio Civil War Show, Mansfield, Ohio. You can find event notices for both events later in this BAR Shot. We have a very good schedule of events for 2023, and they are as follows:

**15-16 April, NW Dept. School, Campus Martius, Marietta, Ohio.** (Look elsewhere in this BAR Shot for event details). Event Coordinator, Bob Kashary – k9kash@roadrunner.com <https://mariettamuseums.org/campus-martius/>

**6-7 May, Ohio Civil War Show, Richland County Fairgrounds, Mansfield, Ohio.**  
Event Coordinator: Bob Cairns - [robtcairns@cs.com](mailto:robtcairns@cs.com)

<https://ohiocivilwarshow.com/wp/>

**17-18 June, 245<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Monmouth Courthouse, Freehold, N.J.** This event will have troops from the B.A.R., British Brigade, and Continental Line. There will be a btn. for B.A.R. Congressional troops. This will probably be the largest event of 2023, and a good turnout of B.A.R. troops will be advantageous as we go into the 250<sup>th</sup> planning. Event coordinator: Bob Cairns <https://nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/monmouthbattlefieldstatepark.html>

**15-16 July, Fort Laurens Memorial, Bolivar, Ohio.** This is the NW Dept's most well-attended event, and I hope you ALL will attend. Event Coordinator: Bob Cairns <https://www.fortlaurensmuseum.org/>

**5-6 August, Heritage Village, Cincinnati, Ohio** Last season we participated in a one-day, Timeline event, and the site management was impressed enough to invite us for a weekend of our own to interpret and present the Revolutionary War to their patrons. This is our chance to expand interest in our period to an area that hasn't seen much of what we offer. Event Coordinator: Bob Cairns <https://heritagevillagecincinnati.org/>

**26-27 August, Firelock Match,** Campbellsport Tavern, Ravenna, Oh. (TENTATIVE)  
Event Coordinator: Bob Cairns

**24 September, Brecksville Parks Fallfest, Brecksville, Ohio** A one-day, (Sunday only) event that always sees large, engaged audiences. Event Coordinator: Bill Lucas [www.clevelandmetroparks.com](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com)

**13-14 October, Pioneer Village, Rogers, Ohio.** Yes, **FRIDAY and SATURDAY**, VERY close to the Pa. border for our Pa. members. A new site that has some great possibilities. You can see the site by googling [Friends of Beaver Creek State Park.](#)  
Event Coordinator: Bob Cairns

<https://ohiodnr.gov/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/beaver-creek-state-park>

**27-28 October, Fort Steuben, Steubenville, Ohio.** Yes, another **FRIDAY and SATURDAY** event. We had an outstanding event there last summer, and as in Cincinnati we were invited to have our own weekend, not connected to something already on their schedule. Event Coordinator: Bob Cairns <https://www.oldfortsteuben.com/>

**18 November, 245<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ft. Laurens March-In. Ft. Laurens State Memorial**

I suppose now is a good place to explain why we are doing two **FRIDAY-SATURDAY** events, when, to my recollection we have never done this before. We have a chance at both Pioneer Village and Ft. Steuben to significantly help them with much-needed revenue for their sites by holding a school day where they can have several hundred students bused in to see our presentations and learn/participate with us on Friday. Then we'll hold a regular NW Dept. event for the general public on Saturday. We can help support the site at the same time they support our activities. Of course, I will need to call on and rely on our retired members for the Friday portion of both events, but really hope you all will come out for Saturday. Both sites are period and offer lots of opportunities for us. Both sites have period buildings for our use in case of inclement weather, and for sleeping. Both sites offer meals for us, as well as an opportunity to cook for ourselves if we like. If you have questions regarding these events, please feel free to ask me about them at any event during the summer.

Before I close this portion of the BAR Shot, I want to make some comments regarding safety at our events. In the past month there have been several incidents nationally involving reenactors and the careless handling of live ammunition. In Massachusetts during an indoor program, a live round was fired through the ceiling of the museum where the presentation was held. In California, a participant was hit in the shoulder by a live shot. In neither case was the B.A.R. involved in any way, but we may still feel the effects. As you may know, last year some insurance companies ceased insuring reenacting units for no stated reason, and we also know that states, including New York and Pennsylvania, have changed their policies on reenactments and opposing tacticals. The two incidents I mentioned only provide justification for those that might try to shut down what we do. It is very important that we continue to be as safe as we have been for the previous 61 years, and make sure we observe ALL our safety regulations and procedures at ALL times. Those things are the reason we have NEVER had an incident involving live ammunition, even though we promote and sponsor live-shooting events for our members. We CANNOT be too safe, and your safety and mine are the responsibility of ALL of us.

I hope to see many, if not all of you, at our School and the Ohio Civil War Show,

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

Hope of gain

Lessens pain

Benjamin Franklin, 1734

## **Lost From Our Ranks**

### **RICHARD FEATHERSTUN OBITUARY**

Richard Lee Featherstun age 81 of Walton Hills, Ohio, He was the beloved husband of Patricia (nee Hadden), dear father of Lonie (Kim) Featherstun and Matthew (Meghann) Featherstun, loving grandfather of Morgan, Brooke, Smith and Sloane dear son of the late Walter M. Featherstun II and Audrey Maxine (nee Hill) Featherstun. dearest brother of Marilyn (Dick) Lehoist and the late Walter M. Featherstun III, Rich worked for Ohio Bell upon retiring he then taught at Cardinal High School. He and Pat were long-time members of the 5th Va. Reg't. In lieu of flowers the family wishes memorials to a [charity of your choice](#).



Campbell's Port Tavern  
March, 2023



David Weidner and  
Bob Kashary



**NWD School 2023**  
**April 15-16**  
**Campus Martius Museum**

Here is the schedule:

**Sat.** 0900-0915hrs Bob Kashary/Bill Reynolds "House-keeping"  
0915-1000hrs- Tim Thompson- The British Soldier in the Revolution  
1000-1015hrs- BREAK  
1015-1100hrs- Thadd McClung - Story of Ensign Wm McClung at  
The Battle of Cowpens  
1100-1115hrs- BREAK  
1115-1200hrs- Tim Iten- Soldiers Food and Supply  
1200-1300hrs- NOONING-BYO Haversack lunch, bring a bowl and  
Spoon. Soups provided.  
\* Blanket Sale\* you may bring a few items to re-home  
1300-1345hrs- Paul Brennan- Civilians during the Revolution  
1345-1400hrs- BREAK  
1400-1445hrs- Sherry Saines Women's Caps (Museum Display too)  
1445-1500hrs- BREAK  
1500-1545hrs- Brian Egli- Pa Militias & Westmoreland  
1545-1630hrs- \*Blanket Sale\* clean-up, leave for dinner at Levi House  
1700hrs Retreat...MUSEUM IS CLOSED

**Sun.** 0900-0915hrs- House-keeping-  
0915-1000hrs Stephanie Miller- 18<sup>th</sup> C Civilian Funeral  
1000-1015hrs BREAK  
1015-1200hrs Bill Reynolds- Presentation/Museum Tour  
1200- Clean-up, Farewells ...

## NWD School Campus Martius 15/16 April 2023

Event Coordinator: Bob Kashary, k9kash@roadrunner.com, 216 538-0411

For those of you planning to stay overnight Bill Reynolds has secured a discount of \$30 from the normal room rate at:

**Fairfield Inn & Suites** 200 Cherry Tree La. Marietta, Ohio

Phone:1-888-389-4121 Mention "friends of Campus Martius Museum" for the \$95.00 rate. There are several other motels on Rt. 7 East of town with lower prices but they are not recommended by Bill. Please make your own reservations.

Bill Reynolds has made available his "farmhouse". Conditions are primitive and you must bring your own bedding/cot/blankets. Contact Bill directly to save a spot for Saturday night...740-350-0316

**Dinner Saturday evening:** Bill Reynolds has found The Levi House will seat us as a group if we arrive by 1700hrs (5:00PM). After dinner Bill would like to invite all to the "Farmhouse" for a bon-fire and social time. BYOB. Weather permitting. Directions and details will be made available in a future Email BLAST.



Firelock Match  
Bob Kashary



## Adjutant's Freshest Advices

GET YOUR Dues into your UNIT!!! Deadline to be at the Main Dept. is APRIL 15, 2023. Make sure that your TAXES are done too!!!

Bob Kashary, 5th Va. Reg't.  
NWD Adjutant

## Inspector's Notes

Once again, we look forward to a new event season. If you're anything like me, you have put off all those repairs and replacements to your kit that you were going to do over the winter. So, dig out your gear, dust it off and order anything new you need and repair what needs it.

A word for any new folks who are putting their kit together; never buy an item till you have checked with an experienced member as to its correctness, not only for 18th century but also for your impression. Nothing worse than spending time and effort for something that turns out to be wrong!

Bill Lucas. 23rd RWF  
NWD Inspector



Doug Angeloni

## Book Review

I just finished reading a very interesting book about the women in George Washington's life. Some I knew about: Martha, (of course), and Mary Washington, his mother. I knew of Phyllis Wheatley, but had no idea that she had a connection with Washington. Ona Judge, the slave that left the Washington house for freedom, was fascinating because of the background she lived in – when Washington was President and the capital was in Philadelphia, there were specific laws about how long an enslaved person could remain enslaved in the state.

The book also explores the relationship between Washington and Margaret Arnold, wife of Benedict Arnold, and a woman I never knew of – Elizabeth Willing Powel, a wealthy and influential Philadelphia woman. The final chapter details how Ann Pamela Cunningham established the Mount Vernon Ladies Association and purchased Mount Vernon to restore it and keep it alive.

Lewis, Charlene M. Boyer, and Boudreau, George W. (ed.), *Women in George Washington's World*. University of Virginia Press: Charlottesville, VA. 2022

Karen Kashary, 5<sup>th</sup> Va. Reg't.



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