



B.A.R. SHOT



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Winter 2011

From the Commander

Well, the holidays are over, and I hope they were good for all of you. The NWD Board has been very busy working on the 2011 event schedule, which you will find elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope you will all take some time to mark these events on your calendars, and that you will plan to attend many of these shows. Each event has its own set of attractions, and I believe there is something for everyone. We have a wide geographic spread, planning events for Western Pennsylvania with two shows, Central Ohio for two, Northeast Ohio for one, and Southern Ohio for one. We have shows where we hope to educate a lot of the public, as well as one where there will be no one but us.

I would like to take a few lines to thank those units that faithfully support the NWD at all our events with their attendance. I want you to know that your efforts make all our shows better, and that you are the “choir”, so to speak, whom I rely on. Of course membership in this group of units is always open to any NWD unit, and it would be great to have more units that consistently attend events. This is not just because it makes our shows better for the public, but because a very strong fellowship has grown between the folks that are at every event, and they really enjoy being with each other. Whether your entire unit is coming, or if only you can make it, come to events and join the fun.

Bob Cairns
Commander, NWD,
Brigade of American Revolution

NWD Paymaster's Report as of 12/31/2010

ASSETS

Bank and Cash Accounts

First Fed. Checking	\$4,040.17
Petty Cash	49.70
Total	\$4,089.87

Investment Accounts

First Fed. Savings	\$13,864.78
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Total	\$13,864.78
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Total Assets	\$17,954.65
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Beginning Balance (12/31/09)	\$17,423.81
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Year to Date Income/Expenses	\$530.84
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GRAND TOTAL	\$17,954.65
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Adjutants Advices:

'Tis the time to reflect upon the Season Past, our Season Present and next years NWD Campaign Season of 2011. Our 2010 NWD had an excellent year for those that could participate. Our Season Present is “Winter Quarters” and Holidays to be spent with family and friends in fellowship, snuggled to a warm hearth with a good book. I wish you the best of Holidays and a healthy New Year. The NWD 2011 Season will be exciting with some new events along with our “regular” shows. In 2011, we are also going to try an email BLAST List to ALL Members. It is therefore very important that every member supply their email address with their 2011 Membership Renewals which should be going to your Unit Commanders right now or at least right after the New Year. With a new email list for the NWD, we should be able to produce and send a BarShot Newsletter and Event Notifications much easier and far less costly to the NWD. Membership forms can be found at the Brigade Website: www.brigade.org, then click on the [Brigade Membership](#) link to download and print a copy to send to your Unit Commander. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, & Happy New Year!

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Electronic B.A.R. SHOT

Although this is not a new idea, it's really time to try it again. To print and mail a single edition of the B.A.R. SHOT is becoming a very expensive proposition, costing on average \$225.00 an issue. It is the NWD Board's intent to spend the NWD money on NWD members but it would be good to save some of the money spent on the SHOT to use in other areas. We would like to begin to send the SHOT electronically, since nearly all of you have email these days. We would do this in two ways. First, we would send an email with the SHOT attached to you, and secondly, in case your computer program won't allow you to open the attachment, we will post the SHOT on a website from which you can access and print. The advantages to this go beyond cost-saving, and include the fact that you will receive you SHOT sooner than mailed copies, and that you can print multiples if you like. To make this happen, please send to me at this email address: robtcairns@cs.com the following information: **Your name, Your email address, Your unit affiliation**

Your name will be added to the email list for both the B.A.R. SHOT and the NWD BLAST. You will be removed from the mailing label list for these, as well as for any event notices that are sent electronically. This will take you about five minutes, and help save the organization time and money. Thank you for your cooperation. Bob Cairns

NWD School of Instruction

February 18-20, 2011 Campus Martius Museum; 601 2nd St Marietta Ohio. (www.campusmartiusmuseum.org)

The school of instruction this year offers classes and hands on activities for all areas of interest at the original site of the first legal settlement west of the Ohio River. Settled by officers and soldiers of the American Revolution, many of their personal possessions are on display at the museum.

Friday February 18th

Arrive at museum anytime after 12:00 - lodging is available at the museum, so bring your cots and blankets - this is a cooler friendly event, but remember the museum is open to the public. Hotel lodging at a discount rate of \$69.30 is available at the Marietta Best Western on Muskingum Dr. (about a mile away) - 1-855-307-8131, for reservations - just mention the Brigade.

Saturday, February 19th

8:30-9:00 Introduction

9:00-10:00 Virginia's Backcountry Militia

Ron Poppe - Myth's and Reality's of the militia in the backcountry of Virginia during the Revolutionary war. Documentation will show the militia performed as the regulars did on the battle, on the march, and how they executed maneuvers that only a drilled unit could accomplish.

10:00-11:00 The Material Culture of the Ohio Country Indians during the Revolutionary War

James J. Blake will be discussing the material culture of the Ohio country Indians as it relates to the revolutionary war. James will discuss the documented "Dress" as it relates to the time period using original journal entries, images of rare items, and referencing trade list that are geographically specific to the area, to get a better understanding of the material culture of the Ohio country Indian.

11:00-12:00 State Contracts of Committee of Safety Muskets.

Rob Van Lier- A visual discussion of the variations between individual state contracts for arms during the American Revolution.

12:00-1:00 Lunch - Bring your own or order out.

1:00- 4:00 Workshops

Saturday afternoon will be reserved for three exciting workshops listed below. Please let the presenters know you wish to attend Friday evening or Saturday morning.

Documented patterns of British issue cartridge boxes.

Join Tim Thompson to learn about documented patterns of British issue cartridge boxes and pouches, including existing examples, contemporary documents about use, contemporary visual documentary sources, badges and accessories. Tim will also be demonstrating assembly techniques and share the details that will allow an astute consumer to tell a good repro pouch from a farby piece of crap. Come One, Come All, to Fun with POUCHES!

18th Century Embossed Leather Wallet Making.

Ed Sweinfruth. Make your own from start to finish. Class limited to 16 participants cost is \$10.00 for all materials.

Women's Clothing Workshop

Kate Crown - An afternoon with Ms Crown discussing measuring, cutting and pattern making. You might want to bring your scissors, measuring tapes, pins and be prepared for lots of fun. Look elsewhere in this issue of the SHOT for more information.

4:00 N.W Department Board Meeting

5:00 Dinner - on your own

7:00 Bring your musical instruments, dance shoes, coolers, and join us at Campus Martius around the indoor camp fire for a festive evening of talk and music.

Sunday February 20th

9:00-10:00 18th Century Navies

Wally Richardson, topics to include- shipbuilding, parts of a ship, maneuvering a ship, navigation, warships of the Royal Navy and fighting tactics, command and control.

10:00-11:00 The American Long rifle of the Revolution, Joe Forte- Bill Reynolds

The object is to provide an understanding of the architecture, geometry, styling, and dimensions of the long rifle at the American Revolution. The work of several masters of the gunsmithing trade will be examined by presenting a dimensional analysis of their work. Several rifles of the Revolution will be available for inspection. The goal is to provide the participants with information that would allow them to procure a period correct rifle for BAR impressions.

11:00-12:00 The 1st American Regiment

Dave Heckaman - An examination of the United States 1st national army. Thirty four of the thirty-six officers of the 1st American were veterans of the Revolution, plus other interesting facts.

SUTLERS IN ATTENDANCE OF THIS MAILING INCLUDE:

- o Greg Hudson - Weeping Heart Trade Co.
- o Ed Sweinfruth- Ed Creations
- o Jim Blake- White Savage Trade Co.
- o Bill Reynolds- Gunsmith
- o Carl Giadonia- Tinsmith
- o Richard Green- Antiquarian

***For information call Bill Reynolds Campus Martius Museum 740-373-3750 or call 740-350-0316**

NWD EVENTS for 2011 - Mark Your Calendars!

19-20 February - NWD School, Campus Martius Museum, Marietta, Ohio. Event Coordinator: Bill Reynolds, email: ReyWilliamR@netscape.net. Look in this newsletter for details. Website <http://ohs.web.ohiohistory.org/places/se04/index.shtml>

2-3 April - Authentic Weekend, Doc Shaffer's fort, Belleville, Ohio. This is a great no-public event where you can shoot live, cook and bake in a period oven, and practice/teach/learn 18th c. skills with your friends. We also will hold a tactical exercise Saturday afternoon if there is enough interest. Joe Forte and Tom Hornbrook will run the live shooting, John Conklin will keep the tavern, and Tim Iten will be in charge of our Saturday evening meal. If you would like to teach a skill, or assist one of the folks listed with their task(s), please contact the event coordinator, Bob Cairns, at robtcairns@cs.com. Look for an event notice for this weekend in early February.

April 30-May 1- The Ohio Civil War Show, Mansfield Fairgrounds, Mansfield, Ohio. This show is one of the premier militaria events in the nation, and a chance for us to perform for a large number of interested public, as well as see one of the best assemblages of pre-1898 militaria in the country. They also now have a hall dedicated to WW I and WW II. Although the focus of this show is the American Civil War, there are loads of 18th c. articles, most in pristine condition. Being at this show is like being in a museum where you can actually handle most of the pieces (with permission of the owners), and you can buy them if you brought enough money. We set up a camp and interpret there, as well as performing several times each day on the demonstration field. We also take part in the opening and closing flag ceremonies each day. If we have enough troops we will hold a skirmish for one or more of our demonstrations, which last one half hour each. If you get in early enough Friday afternoon, you can set your tent up and view the show as the dealers come in, without the general public there. However, you will also have plenty of time to see the exhibits, sutlers, and other period reenactors on Saturday and Sunday. Look for an event mailing on this show to arrive with the mailing for the Authentic Weekend, in early February. Please put both on your calendars. Event Coordinator: Bob Cairns, robtcairns@cs.com Site website <http://www.ohiocivilwarshow.com>

9-10 July - Fort Laurens, Bolivar, Ohio. This event is held at one of Ohio's most significant Revolutionary War sites, and always hosts our the largest attendance of the season. We will hold our annual NW Dept. General Membership Meeting there Saturday night. Event Coordinator: Tom Pieper tip@neo.rr.com Watch for a mailing from The Tuscarawas County Convention and Tourism Bureau on this event. Site website <http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/places/ne02/index.shtml>

30-31 July - Adena Mansion and Gardens, Chillicothe, Ohio. Adena was the 2000-acre estate of Thomas Worthington (1773-1827), sixth governor of Ohio and one of the state's first United States Senators. The mansion house, completed in 1806-1807, has been restored to look much as it did when the Worthington family lived there, including many original Worthington family furnishings. The house is one of only three houses designed by Benjamin Henry Latrobe still standing in the country. Latrobe is considered the first professional American architect and served as architect of the U.S. capitol under President Thomas Jefferson. We are trying to arrange this for either one of the first two weekends in June (our primary choice), or the last weekend in July (the sites' first choice). More on this as it develops. The website for this Ohio Historical Site is: <http://ohs.web.ohiohistory.org/places/sw01/index.shtml> Event coordinator Kurt Ayers, KJAyersnjv@aol.com

13-14 August - Fort Ligonier, Ligonier, Pennsylvania. This is an outstanding site that was used during both the French and Indian War and Pontiac's Rebellion, and a smaller fort was built there during the Revolution. Ligonier was on the road from the east to Pittsburgh, and units of the Western Department passed through and camped there. The site manager, J. Marty West, has assembled the finest collection of Seven Years War artifacts on the continent, and the site has a complete 18th c. artillery train. Our event this year will be a garrison weekend, with no tacticals. There will be plenty of time for scenarios and drill, to depict the daily life of soldiers during the American Revolution. The event coordinator welcomes suggestions and volunteers to run scenarios. You can contact the event coordinator, Bob Cairns, at robtcairns@cs.com Site website <http://www.fortligonier.org/>

3-4 September - Fair at New Boston, George Rogers Clark Park, Springfield, Ohio. The Fair is a chance for you to put on your militia kit and do all your 18th c. shopping. We are obligated to perform a tactical exercise each day, and well as the opening and closing flag ceremonies. There is lots of free time to sample the food, visit the sutlers, watch the entertainment, and visit with your friends, as well as make new ones. Event Coordinator: Joe Forte, jjforte@frontier.com Site website <http://www.fairatnewboston.org/>

24-25 September - Fallfest, Brecksville, Ohio. We had a very successful experience turning this into a two-day event this past fall, and will do the same in 2011. Saturday will be spent teaching/learning 18th c. skills (this past event we built two cheveux d friz, a camp kitchen, and a brush hut or wigwag. These were great interpretive aids for the public portion of the event on Sunday. If there is something you would like to teach/learn at this event, contact the Event Coordinators: Bill and Mary Jo Lucas: blmj@sbcglobal.net

15-16 October - Washington County Frontier History Center, Washington, Pennsylvania.

See the event report elsewhere in this newsletter for more information. Event Coordinators: Mark Black: infsig@verizon.net and Ron Malmgren: rjmalmgren68@yahoo.com Site website <http://www.wchspa.org/>

The NWD Board is still working on events for the season, including:

Red Orchard, Shelbyville, Kentucky. This is the site of Squire Boone's home, and you can see the sites of several Revolutionary War stations on and near the property. Go to their website for a good look. They are excited to have us coming, and for any of retired folks, they would like those of us that can to come in for the Friday before the event to talk to school groups. Our target weekend is 14-15 May at this point. Their website is: http://www.paintedstonesettlers.org/html/red_orchard.html

Remove this Calendar and Post it for Quick Reference!

Ladies Sewing Workshop At the NWD School

The ladies will meet on Saturday afternoon break-out session to create a pattern for, cut out, and begin to construct that very basic 18th C. woman's garment, the bedgown. These were very common gowns for ladies of every walk of life, and so would have been found in either camp or town settings. They are basically unfitted and are worn over stays, chemise and petticoats, and then are held shut by the apron. Therefore they will be fairly easy to construct entirely by hand, which will be our goal at School of Instruction. We will begin the process on Saturday afternoon from 1-5. You will learn the proper fit, the proper stitches to use, and the way to fold the neckline so that it hangs in a "pleasing" manner. We can continue stitching on our bedgowns (and helping each other) on Sunday morning as we gather again from 9-noon to learn about pleated petticoats and taped hems.

By the end of School of Instruction the ladies will have (hopefully) a new bedgown that is either finished or well underway and an appreciation of that other basic garment, the petticoat. These classes are for all ladies. With group expertise and good humor we should all be ready for the 2011 Campaign season with new clothes! More information on proper fabric and the amount to buy will be sent to the ladies in an e-mail. For more information contact Dianne Miller at dianne2510@gmail.com.

Event Report

What a GREAT event the weekend of 23-24 October at Washington, Pennsylvania turned out to be!! The event was held at a city park in the middle of town, but its location on the top of a wooded hill insulated us from modern intrusions. The settlers fort there stands in a clearing one hundred yards from the top of the hill, with a stockade, a strong cabin with loopholes, a small hut, a blacksmith shed, and a small garden. There are two small huts outside the fort, as well as a split rail fence. A wagon track runs in front of the fort over the top of the hill. The Continentals camped outside the fort, and the militia made use of the buildings in and outside the stockade. The Crown troops camped at the top of the hill, and also used a two-story log house at the bottom of the hill, not visible from the fort. In the afternoon the Continentals assembled and marched away to patrol the road toward Fort Pitt, observed by Crown scouts. Once the Continentals were gone, Crown troops attacked the militia at the fort. The militia got their families inside the stockade, and put up a good defense, but were outnumbered, and sent several runners to get the regulars to return. Finally the Congressionals did arrive, and with the militia on their flanks, pushed the British and Loyalist forces back up the hill and into the woods.

The ladies of the NWD expertly prepared our noonings, and a fine feast Saturday night of locally-taken venison, and vegetables from the militia gardens. Our tavern was very welcoming, with mulled cider to add to the cheer of the fire. The weather was magnificent, with sun, clear skies, moderate temperatures, and full moon so bright it cast shadows. Thanks go out to all the participants, which included members from;

- 4th Btn. New Jersey Volunteers
- 5th Virginia
- 8th Pennsylvania Regt., Ft. Pitt Det.
- 8th Pennsylvania Regt., Ft. Laurens Det.
- 23rd Royal Welsh Fuzileers
- 40th Light Infantry
- Crockett's Western Btn.
- Nelson's Rifle Coy.
- Royal Naval Landing Party
- Westmoreland County Militia

A special thanks is in order for Mark Black (4th NJV) and Ron Malmgren (8th Pa., Ft. Laurens), for the outstanding job they did as event coordinators. These men are members of the local group that built the fort and its buildings, and continues to improve the site. It was the unanimous opinion of the participants that another event should be scheduled for this site, and in the November NWD Board meeting, that was accomplished. The only negative about the whole event was that it had to end.

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HUZZAH! Your Winter 2011 Issue of the B.A.R. SHOT Has Arrived!

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