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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE BRIGADE OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION NORTHWEST DEPARTMENT

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

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## **NWD Commander's Corner**

NW Dept. Members;

First let me say that I hope you all had fine holidays, and that you are looking forward to the 2019 campaign/event season, are preparing by getting your kit up to the highest standards and are reading to increase your knowledge and ability to interpret to the public. I've put the 2019 schedule at the end of this note, and I sincerely hope you will get your calendar and mark the event dates so you can attend events and support your units and the NW Department. Most of you have a substantial investment in your clothing, equipment and camp gear, and it's a shame to think that you might not take advantage of events being offered. We have some new sites, some old favorites, and some new twists on events that I hope you will enjoy.

I had hoped that 2019 would be the last one for me as NW Dept. commander, but unless there is a nomination from the floor, I will be running as an uncontested candidate for another term. I consented to run again when the nominating committee informed me that they could not come up with someone interested in holding the office of commander. My agreement was based on the condition that the nominating committee would stay embodied and would continue to look for a candidate for the next (2021) election. So, please consider getting involved in the running of the NW Dept. and using the unique skills you have to guide the organization.

The 2019 NW Dept. Schedule is as follows;

2-3 March – NW Dept. School, Campus Martius, Joe Forte coordinator [jjforte@frontier.com](mailto:jjforte@frontier.com)

4-5 May- Ohio Civil War Show, Richland County Fairgrounds, Mansfield, Ohio, Bob Cairns coordinator  
[robtcairns@cs.com](mailto:robtcairns@cs.com)

13-14 July-Fort Laurens State Memorial, Bolivar, Ohio, Bob Cairns coordinator

24-25 August-Fort Meigs, Perrysburg, Ohio, Joint NW Dept./N.W.T.A. event, Bob Kashary coordinator  
[K9Kash@roadrunner.com](mailto:K9Kash@roadrunner.com)

7-8 September-Westerville, Ohio, Joe Forte coordinator

29 September-Brecksville MetroParks, Brecksville, Ohio, Bill Lucas coordinator [blmj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:blmj@sbcglobal.net)

2-3 November-Fort Randolph, Point Pleasant, W. Va., Joe Forte coordinator

The NW. Dept. Board will also be scheduling at least one firelock match. Please note that Brecksville and The Civil War Show are technically still tentative but will in all probability be approved. If you would like to help plan and/or run ANY of the above events, please contact the event coordinator. Your input and assistance will be greatly appreciated.

We have approximately 300 households in the NW Department. Wouldn't it be great to see each of these households represented by the resident's attendance at just two of the events listed?

I hope to see you all at one of our 2019 formations, and if you can touch the part of you that joined Revolutionary War reenacting, I think I just might.

Bob Cairns, 8<sup>th</sup> Pa. Regt., Ft. Laurens Det.

Commander, NW Dept., B.A.R.

## **After Action Report** **Fall 2018 NWD Firelock**

The Log Cabin Shop Lodi, Ohio was most hospitable again and Mother Nature cooperated with fine weather for the NWD Firelock Nov. 3/4, 2018. We had a maximum of just 9 shooters for the weekend, but those that did attend by all standards had a great time. We had plenty of time between relays and enjoyed the "black powder fellowship". New targets for this year were the "split the ball" on the axe and break both clay pigeons. Nobody was successful in breaking both, but several managed to break one. Arguably, our BEST Shooter and fellow event coordinator killed the target stand on the potato target. We all had FUN!!! Dinner was at a local eatery which was hosting a Halloween Party that night. Our group was a big favorite with the other diners when we showed up in our kits. We did leave before the official costume judging! Camping in the Log Cabin museum is always a pure joy! A roaring fire in the fireplace, all the time to enjoy the artifacts and tell tales of adventures and events past, remembering those that are no longer with us... it doesn't get much better! Sunday, we went out to breakfast and returned for the Team "Competitions", which were filled with jovial good-natured ribbing.

All participants were presented a \$10.00 Log Cabin Trade token for their fine efforts, so there were no losers and everyone gained further insight on what our Revolutionary War forefathers had to deal with...most of us would have gone hungry for certain!

Thank you to those that attended. There will be more Firelocks in 2019. Please come and enjoy the Fun and experience of "live fire" flintlock shooting.

Bob Kashary, 5<sup>th</sup> Va. Reg't & Joe Forte, 8<sup>th</sup> Pa. Reg't, Ft. Laurens Det., Event Coordinators





## **GOLDEN HILL, A NOVEL OF OLD NEW - YORK**

*Golden Hill, a Novel of Old New – York.* By Francis Spufford. Scribner, New York, 2017.  
302 pages.

In 1746 Mr. Smith, a young Englishman, arrives in very provincial New York City and tries to cash a bill of exchange for £ 1000. Pounds. Sterling. That's about £ 1700 New York currency. Is he a clerk who has made off with this note? Is he a spy for the French? Worse, is he a spy for the Governor, there to buy off enough assemblymen to pass the Governor's budget? He is, of course, instantly an eligible bachelor (per Jane Austen). This mystery or thriller is a diverting way to learn about what went on before the American Revolution in Colonial America. There are two endings, don't cheat! I will only discuss it with you if you have actually read the book. I almost forgot – don't take any Rhode Island currency!

Bruce Egli, Westmoreland County Militia

### **Note from the Inspector**

In looking back over some of my previous "Notes" I am reminded of a saying that I heard many years ago, "If you do what you always did, you will get what you always got. And to expect otherwise is the definition of insanity." I don't know if that is the true definition of insanity but it does seem to make sense. To that end the NWD Board has looked to put new events on the schedule for 2019 and change some of what we do at our regular events. This is aimed at giving you a better experience. We hope to be drilling more, cooking more, posting guards, etc. and in general acting more like those soldiers of the American Revolution that we seek to portray. I hope that you will support these events with your attendance. And, if there is something that you think we should be doing please let a member of the board know. Together we can always improve our events.

Joe Forte, 8<sup>th</sup> Pa. Reg't, Ft. Laurens Det.  
Inspector NWD

### **EVENT NOTICE**

#### **2019 BAR North West Department School**

#### **March 2 & 3, Campus Martius Museum, Marietta, Ohio**

In 2019 the North West Department will return to the Campus Martius Museum Marietta, Ohio. The topics being presented will be oriented toward the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Material Culture. The school will start at 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 2. Since the School will be open to the public, we would like all Brigade members to wear 18<sup>th</sup> Century clothing, either military or civilian.

**REGISTRATION:** In order to have ample supplies and plan for sleeping space we would like all those planning to attend to register with event coordinator: Joe Forte. His E-mail address is: [jjforte@frontier.com](mailto:jjforte@frontier.com), his home phone number is: (740) 474 – 6183.

Presentations Saturday, March 2:

The Settlement of Marietta by Bill Reynolds. Bill will present his research with famed author David McCullough on the settlement of Marietta for Mr. McCullough's new book.

The History of Gambling in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century by Tom Morris. Tom will present the history of gambling and games as they were played in the American Colonies during the American Revolution.

The Role of the Department of the Geographer in Washington's Army by Tony Holbrook. Tony will be speaking about the role of the Department of the Geographer in the American Army supplying General Washington and his Staff with terrestrial intelligence. Definitive small-scale maps were key elements in the decisive planning of military tactics as both sides were looking for an advantage. We will look at the methods and equipment that were used during the Revolutionary War along with the men and their lives.

God of Liberty by Dianne Miller. Dianne will show the role played by religion in creating a mindset of change, of rebellion, of freedom in connection with the colonial attitudes regarding taxation and dissatisfaction with English rule. The Great Awakening of the 1730s and subsequent rise of non-Anglican churches helped to lay the groundwork for a growing spirit of independence, not only in local taverns and legislatures, but also in the pews of colonial America. She will rely heavily on a book by Thomas S. Kidd entitled God of Liberty for more on this topic.

18<sup>th</sup> Century Tinware by Rob Gorrel. Rob will describe construction methods and materials used to manufacture tinware in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. This will help all of us in recognizing true period reproductions to be used in our impressions.

Saturday Evening after Dinner:

Games by Tom Morris. Tom will demonstrate and give all of us a chance to play those games he presented earlier in the day.

Presentations Sunday, March 3:

Starting at 9:00 AM

Behind the Scenes of the Campus Martius Museum by Bill Reynolds. Bill is the long time curator of the museum and will conduct a tour showing special artifacts with ties to the American Revolution.

Meals and Amenities:

For Lunch on Saturday we will place orders at a local delicatessen, to aid in the collection of money please try to have bills of small denominations.

Dinner on Saturday evening will be on your own. If there is a large group that wants to go out together, we will call ahead for reservations.

A light breakfast of doughnuts and coffee will be supplied on Sunday morning.

You will be permitted sleep in the museum. You will need blankets, cots, etc., whatever you need to make yourself comfortable.

## Biographies of the presenters:

Bill Reynolds has held many positions at the site of this year's school Ohio Historical Connection Site, Campus Martius in Marietta. Currently he is the Historian at the museum. Bill is a talented contemporary craftsman known especially for his fine flintlock firearms. He is also a talented blacksmith. Bill is a long-time member Crockett's Battalion of the North West Department

Tom Morris has been active in the living history hobby for over 25 years. Tom is a talented craftsman who made most of the items he uses in his portrayal of an American Rifleman in the re-created 8<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment, Fort Laurens Detachment. Tom has studied many aspects of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Material Culture. His presentation at the NWD School will focus on games and gambling in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. He will be available on Saturday evening to show participants how the games are played.

These games were very common in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century and would have been known by those persons we seek to portray. Learning them can only improve your impression while providing a period diversion in the evening hours at events.

Tony Holbrook resides with his wife Kate in Tarlton Ohio. He is a reenactor of 32 years. He has portrayed various personas during those years including Rogers Rangers during the French and Indian War, sailed on the H.M.S. Rose from Halifax to Fortress Louisburg Nova Scotia, Captain in the Ohio County Militia, "Titus Canby" the once famous rat catcher, a Private in the militia and artillery of General Wayne's First American Army also portraying "Mad" Anthony Wayne during the General's birthday celebration in Greenville Ohio (1995), during the bicentennial of Lewis and Clark he traveled from Elizabeth, Pa. to the Pacific Ocean and back to St. Louis in replica boats and dugout canoes, a Private in the 8th Pa. as a rifleman, and his most recent persona for the last 12 years has been in the Department of the Geographer and holds the rank of Commander.

Dianne Miller has been an active member of the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment since 1977. She has organized women's workshops for Brigade members and maintained contact with ladies of the Northwest Department with e-mails about upcoming events. A history major in college, she never dreamed that 50 years after graduation she'd still be teaching at events and sharing her love of Revolutionary America.

Rob Gorrel is a talented tinsmith and cooper. He lives in Marietta. Rob is a past unit commander of Crockett's Battalion of the NorthWest Department.

## **A CAPTURED AMERICAN LONG RIFLE**

At a recent historical arms show I viewed an American long rifle that had been captured at the Battle of Trois-Rivieres on 9 June 1776 as Congressional forces retreated from Canada. The rifle remained a family possession in Canada until recently. I was able to speak with the knowledgeable owner, who was displaying, not selling it. The rifle has a large lock with no external bridle, and other characteristics suggesting manufacture by a Moravian - trained Pennsylvania gunsmith. The octagonal barrel, slightly swamped, is about .70 caliber, with strong remains of the rifling, and only 30 inches long. There are no signatures or marks on any parts. The plain, musket-like stock is now very dark, almost black, with some raised carving around the lock mortise and barrel tang and some incised tenons on the butt by the comb. There is no patch box. The butt is very wide, almost 3.5 inches, and is rounded at top and bottom like a musket stock. The trigger guard has a hole and space for a sling swivel at the front. It was not possible at that time to find a corresponding hole for a front sling swivel on the forestock. All furniture was brass. Was this a new rifle made to the purchaser's requirements? Was it an older barrel, lock, and some or all parts restocked? It is not possible to determine it at this time.

Bruce Egli, Westmoreland County Militia

*"He advised me to correct the rebellious principles I had imbibed among the English, who, for their insolence to their kings, were notorious all over the world.*

Tobias Smollett, *The Adventures of Roderick Random*. 1748

### **Adjutant's Freshest Advises**

With Winter 2019 finally upon us, it is time for Winter Quarters. It is a new year with new hopes, visions, and expectations. What are your visions and expectations for the BAR NWD?

Our current Board of Directors is hard at work finalizing the 2019 NWD Schedule with some new events and revitalized annual events. The 2019 Election is in process and nominations are "open from the floor". It is time to submit your BAR dues to your Unit Commander/Adjutant so that they may be submitted as a Unit before the March Deadline to the Main Dept. This is important because your Unit vote in this election is important. If your Unit is not paid for 2019, your vote will not be counted. The NWD Board wants everyone's voice to be heard and their vote counted.

With the above thought in mind, I would like every member NorthWest Dept. family to go to the Brigade of The American Revolution website: [WWW.Brigade.org](http://WWW.Brigade.org) Click on: Membership Link, then scroll to the bottom of the page and Click on: Brigade Membership Application PDF. Please print this page then fill it out completely with your current information. Instead of mailing it to Dave Miller directly, hand it to your Unit Commander/Adjutant with your annual dues and ask that they make a copy for themselves and send in your dues and new updated registration of your Unit before the deadline of March 31, 2019. By doing this mass update in 2019 we will have the most current information at the National and NorthWest Dept level. We want all our members to get their national publications and our NWD important informational BLASTS and emails. Please don't forget to check our NWD website: [www.NWDBarShot.com](http://www.NWDBarShot.com) Like us on the NWD Facebook page, watch for Event Notices and Event pictures.

Thank You for your past and future NWD support at our events and in our mission.

Bob Kashary, 5<sup>th</sup> Virg' Reg't

Adjutant, NWD

### **Fort Meigs 2019**

**August 24/25 2019**

The NWD and NWTa will again be hosting a joint event at Fort Meigs this year in Perrysburg, Ohio. Please put it on your calendar Now!!! August 24/25 2019. We need your support this year as the NWTa outnumbered the NorthWest Dept. in our own back yard last year!!! It is an excellent venue and we had four quality sutlers attend. We will supply more details as the Event planning progresses with the NWTa and Fort Meigs. Please plan on attending. I would like to invite any of our membership to become involved and assist as a Co-coordinator and bring some fresh ideas and input to our joint event. If you are interested, please contact me directly at: [K9Kash@roadrunner.com](mailto:K9Kash@roadrunner.com) or call my cell: 216-538-0411.

Bob Kashary, 5th Va. Reg't

Event Coordinator

## **NEW INFORMATION ON WOMEN'S POCKETS**

Those with an interest in women's pockets will find two new sources of information. An exhibit from the Victoria & Albert Museum, *A History of Pockets*, is available online as an article at: [www.vam.ac.uk/content/articles/a/history-of-pockets/](http://www.vam.ac.uk/content/articles/a/history-of-pockets/) . The article focuses mainly on the contents of pockets. Two recent publications also cover this subject.

Barbara Burman. *Pockets of History: the Secret Life of an Everyday Object*. Museum of Costume, Bath. 2007. 40p. Availability is limited.

Barbara Burman and Arianne Fennetaux. *The Pocket: A Hidden History of Women's Lives, 1660 – 1900*. Yale, 2019. 264p. May release date.

Bruce Egli, Westmoreland County Militia

### **Event Notice**

#### **The Ohio Civil War Show**

**4-5 May 2019**

You can read scores of illustrated books and visit dozens of museums, and you still will not get to see a fraction of the militaria on display at this NWD event, The Ohio Civil War Show, at the Richland County Fairgrounds in Mansfield, Ohio, 4-5 May 2019. Collectors and dealers from all over the United States, North America and even Europe fill seven large exhibit halls with items for display and sale. Although the major focus is on items from the American Civil War, there is still plenty to see from the Revolutionary War period. The last few years the show has been expanded to include the period of the two World Wars. In addition, there will be reenactors from a number of periods germane to the show demonstrating and teaching about their special areas of interest. Unlike museums, the artifacts are not behind glass, and in most cases are actually for sale. Most of the exhibitors will gladly explain, discuss and in many cases allow you to handle items on their tables. This show is one of the five largest of its type in the nation, and you get in free!!

All you need to do is show up at the Richland County Fairgrounds in your Revolutionary War kit, and participate in several half hour-long public demonstrations of drill/firing/music/clothing, and a closing each day. You will have ample time to visit all the show's display areas, and you will be supporting the NWD. This is one of those rare times in reenacting where we not only are entertaining and informing the public but get to be entertained and informed.

The sponsor has asked if we can do some camp life scenarios this year. In the past we have not had a good place to set up a camp that is convenient and visible to the public. I ask that this year you bring a tent and have some sort of talk/demo for the public. I also ask that units bring their colors and we can have these flying to attract attention. We will also have table space inside one of the buildings to pass out recruiting information for your units and the NW Department.

### **Accommodations**

As always, straw, firewood and potable water are provided, and modern restrooms and showers are available. Indoor sleeping is also available and there is space for modern camping and campers. (There is a nominal fee for electric, water, and dumping hook-ups).

No meals are provided. There are several cafeterias and snack areas for breakfast and lunches, as well as food vending trailers. There are also many sit-down and fast-food restaurants within a few minutes of the fairgrounds. If you would like to cook 18<sup>th</sup> c., it is very welcomed, and encouraged.



For those of you driving some distance, please note that the show closes at 3:00 PM Sunday, allowing you to get a good start toward home before supper time. We would like you to try and be ready to go each day at 8:45 AM, so we can participate in the flag raisings.

I hope you will consider this show for your calendars. Even if you have attended in the past, the show is very different each year. In the past, I've gotten to handle an original 1803 Harpers Ferry rifle, examine, measure and trace original Revolutionary War hunting bags, look at the construction of an original 1770s British bearskin cap, and watch a Civil War horse artillery battery move, unlimber, fire, limber and dash off the field behind six-horse teams.

Please support the NWD at the event with your attendance. For questions contact me, the event coordinator, at:

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### **Location**

The Richland County Fairgrounds adjoins Ohio State Route 30, in Mansfield, Ohio. See the map on the Ohio Civil War Show website for more information on the show.

If you live within a 90-minute drive, PLEASE support this NWD event, even if you can only come for one day. Visit the show website at [ohiocivilwarshow.com](http://ohiocivilwarshow.com).

### **DANIEL BOONE ROBBED !!!**

On the night of 20 March 1780 Daniel Boone and a travelling companion (name unknown) were robbed of land warrants and Virginia paper money in the amount of £6,061 (that's *pounds*, as in *pounds, shillings, pence*). Having come some 600 miles from Boonesborough, they had almost arrived at Williamsburg, still the capital, when they stopped at the home/tavern of James Byrd. After dining, they locked themselves in their room. Their food or drink had been drugged to render them unconscious, and they awoke in the morning to find their papers scattered about the room, and the window open with more papers in the yard. A search found some money concealed in bottles in the cellar, but most was gone. The innkeeper denied involvement. The affair was reported in the 26 July 1780 issue of the *Virginia Gazette*.

So what brought Boone and his friend here to be robbed? The failure of Judge Richard Henderson's Transylvania Company had left many Kentucky settlers in doubt about their land claims. The new Virginia State Land Commission opened an office at Boonesborough in the fall of 1779. This made available the official process of: Obtaining a warrant; making an entry; surveying the property; returning the survey and entry to the Land Office; and receiving from the state a patent confirming with "absolute verity" ownership of the property. "Patent" comes from the medieval English "letters patent," a royal public document. Further sales of the property would proceed by the normal real estate process of registering a deed at the county court. Not surprisingly, various steps in this process required the payment of fees, taxes, etc. in addition to the purchase price of £40 per 100 acres. Friends and relatives had obtained warrants from the Land Office in Boonesborough, and Boone volunteered to take these and his own warrants to Williamsburg. The thief would have been somewhat disappointed, as the land warrants were only good for the person named therein. We would think the Virginia paper money would not be worth much, but it was accepted at face value for state taxes and fees. Virginia had spent a good deal of its own money in Kentucky paying state troops and militia and supplying them.

While Boone received some blame in this affair, most of the participants did not hold him responsible, and were able to obtain replacement warrants from the Land Office, as their fee payments were already recorded.

Land claims became a cause of frequent and ongoing dispute in Kentucky. Multiple claims to the same property resulted from the original Transylvania Company sales, failure to coordinate overlapping claims by the land office, incompetent surveys, unrecorded private sales, and outright dishonesty as settlers and speculators rushed to stake out claims. Perhaps it was suitable punishment for what can only be called the theft of the land from the Indians. It did provide profitable employment to lawyers for many years. So much for "absolute verity." In contrast the Northwest Territory lands in Ohio and westward, and the Southwest Territory lands in Tennessee were first divided by Federal surveyors into identifiable plots before they were sold, vastly reducing legal challenges. Do you own land in Kentucky? Perhaps you should consult a lawyer...

Bruce Egli, Westmoreland County Militia



## **Book Review**

### ***The Heart of Everything That Is Valley Forge***

Written by Bob Drury and Tom Clavin

The history of the Valley Forge encampment has always been of special interest to me, and when I see a book on the subject that I have not previously read, I nearly always pick up a copy. I did this recently with the above-mentioned title by Drury and Clavin. To put it mildly, I was not disappointed. The authors chose to write about Valley Forge through the actions and perspectives of General Washington's three aides, the Marquis de Lafayette, Alexander Hamilton, and John Laurens. In many respects these three officers not only made up Washington's inner-most circle, but also became like sons to the General. Without giving anything away, there is a great deal of information in this title not commonly used in other books, and I am sure you will find reading this both a pleasure and an educational experience. I found the writing style very easy to read, and hard to put down.

Published by Simon and Shuster, the hard-copy came out in October of 2018, and currently there is no soft cover version. If you are not keen on buying it, I am confident a request to your local public library might help you obtain a copy to read.

As I mentioned, I enjoy reading about Valley Forge, and here are some other books I have read and recommend;

*Ordeal at Valley Forge*, by John Joseph Stoudt. Long out of print, published by Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania in 1963. If I could only have one reference for Valley Forge, this would undoubtedly be it. This is an entire book of primary source quotes, and even notes the weather for most days of the encampment. If you can find one of these, buy it.

*Valley Forge, Crucible of Victory*, by John F. Reed. One title in a series published by Philip Freneau Press, 1969. This book is a large format title but is certainly not a "coffee table" book. One in a series on the Revolution issued by Freneau Press, it is filled with primary source material as well as maps and diagrams, along with photographs of the encampment area. Other books in the series include *The Battle of Trenton*, *The Battle of Monmouth*, *The Battle of Princeton*, *The Battles of Saratoga*, *American Maps and Makers of the Revolution*, *The Battle of Brandywine* and a number of others. All are good choices.

*Writings from the Valley Forge Encampment of the Continental Army December 19, 1777-June 19, 1778.*

Written by Joseph Lee Boyle, 6 volumes published by Heritage Books Inc. Entirely made up of primary sources, a great set of books that encompasses nearly every subject you can imagine, from military orders to letters home. You will have a real feel for the Valley Forge experience after reading these. Published from 2000-2007, I don't know if they are still being printed, but I believe they are readily available on the used book market. These are only in soft-bound editions.

*The Drillmaster of Valley Forge*, by Paul Lockhart. Obvious by the title, this book focuses on Baron v. Steuben and his work with the army at Valley Forge. I would consider this a must-read for Valley Forge enthusiasts.

*Valley Forge*, a novel by Newt Gingrich and William Forstchen. This book is historical fiction, but don't let that deter you from giving it a good look. The main characters of the book are fictional, but all the events and conditions during the story are historically accurate, and the fictional characters help put a familiar face on the occurrences to help the reader relate. Gingrich was a long-serving teacher at the Joint War Fighting course for Major Generals, in addition to being Speaker of the House.

Before I leave the "book review" mode, let me mention and recommend another title I recently picked up and read. That is *Peckuwe 1780, The Revolutionary War on the Ohio River Frontier*, by John F. Winkler. Mr. Winkler has previously written four other titles that are published by Osprey, which are on *The Battle of Point Pleasant*, *The Battle of Fallen Timbers*, *St. Clair's Defeat on the Wabash River*, and *the Battle of the Thames*. The Peckuwe title follows the pattern of the previous books being well-written with many color plates and maps, as well as photographs. Just in case you aren't familiar with the location of Peckuwe, most of you have been there, since it was a Shawnee village located in a adjacent to George Rogers Clark Park, in Springfield, Ohio, home of the Fair At New Boston. Winkler's current title outlines not only the battle, but the campaign leading up to it, and is a very easy read. I recommend it, as well as the other titles he's written, and at about \$20.00 each, a very affordable way to become familiar with the Indian wars in and around Ohio. All are readily available new and used on the internet.

As an aside, Mr. Winkler visited the last NW Dept. event at Fort Randolph, and I had a very nice discussion with him. He was very complimentary about our efforts.

So, when you get tired of getting your kit up to standards for the upcoming event season, you can sit down with one of these fine books and get your head ready, too.

Bob Cairns, 8<sup>th</sup> Pa. Reg't, Ft. Laurens Det.

### ***A Personal Invitation from BAR Past Commander, Mark Hurwitz***

**"Give 'em Watts, Boys!"**

**The 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Springfield, NJ**

**featuring the**

**Battle of Springfield**

**June 22-23, 2019**

Members of the NWD! In 2005, a large number of NWD Members traveled East to my hometown and high school alma mater, Springfield, NJ, to celebrate the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Springfield. As you've seen in the last issue of *The Brigade Courier*, Springfield will now be celebrating the 225<sup>th</sup> of the Township's Incorporation in 2019. Why did the town wait until 1794 to do so? BECAUSE IT TOOK 14 YEARS TO RECOVER from being burned to the ground by the British Army on June 23rd, 1780!

As your veteran BAR Members can attest to the Township of Springfield really knows how to put on a town wide celebration and party, including holding their 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks spectacular on that Saturday night! The 3<sup>rd</sup> NJ Regt, "Jersey Blues", once again will be the Host Unit. Everyone knows that from the recent Battle of Short Hills to East Jersey Old Town, that if the Jersey Blues are organizing, the event will be FUN and a success!

(For those who have the vacation time, Springfield is a commuter bus ride to NYC, or a short hop down the Garden State Parkway to the Jersey Shore. Not to mention, nearby Morristown National Historic Park, Ft. Lee Historic Park, Trenton Barracks Museum, Washington's Crossing State Park, Monmouth Battlefield State Park. They do not call NJ the Crossroads of the American Revolution for nothing!)

Please consider joining the BAR in Springfield because HISTORY HAPPENED HERE!

The climactic battle of the final invasion of NJ was fought in Springfield. Approx. 6,000 Crown forces under Gen. Knyphausen attacked from Staten Island, NY, via Elizabethtown, NJ, attempting to seize the Hobart Gap in the Watchung Mts. and then Morristown. He was stopped by Gen. Greene with a force of approx. 2,000 Continentals and NJ Militia.

Springfield's defense was bolstered by the heroic actions of Rev. James Caldwell, whose wife, Hannah, was killed on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Conn. Farms (now Union, NJ), becoming NJ's "Jenny McCrea". During the height of the battle, Caldwell took the old Watts Hymnals from the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, gave

them to the troops for "wadding" and cartridge paper, shouting, **"Give 'em Watts, Boys! Put Watts Into 'em, Boys!"**

Stopped at Springfield by the bravery of Maxwell's Jerseymen, Angell's Rhode Islanders, "Light Horse Harry" Lee's Dragoons and many others, the town was burned to the ground upon the withdrawal of British forces. When studying the American Revolution, only a handful of towns or communities were burned to the ground by the British, in an act of terror to militarily intimidate the population. Lexington & Concord were not. Springfield was!

Only 4 houses survived; 3 behind American lines to the South & West, and the historic "Cannonball" House, a British field hospital which was struck by an American 4 lbr. during the battle. (Today, it's owned and run by the Springfield Historical Society.) It took 14 yrs. for the town to recover and formally incorporate in 1794.

If you have not read it already, get Thomas Fleming's classic *The Forgotten Victory* from the library, which is the best book on the battle and reads like a novel.

WHO: The "240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Springfield" Committee, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce and the Township of Springfield have funded the event. Union County Parks are supporting it.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> New Jersey Regiment, "Jersey Blues", will act as hosting unit. (The 3<sup>rd</sup> NJ, under Col. Elias Dayton of Elizabethtown, gallantly fought here in 1780.)

ALL BAR Units will be invited!

WHAT: THERE WILL BE NO PARADE!

On Saturday and again on Sunday, the Reenactment of the Battle of Springfield will be fought across the Rahway River, only a few blocks South of the original action, and on ground which was part of the actual Southern flank of the battlefield. The encampment site will be even closer to the historic 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church and "Cannonball" House, camping on the ground which was fought over in June, 1780. (Please Note: The famous "Continental Soldier" Monument to the Battle of Springfield, on the lawn of the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, which is the smallest State Park in NJ!)

WHERE: The Township of Springfield will secure the 10 acre Miesel Park from Union County. (The motto of Union Co. is **"Give 'em Watts, Boys!"**) This was the site of the exciting and highly successful Bicentennial Battle in 1980 and the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Elizabethtown Battle of Springfield in 2014. It offers the river, woods, a pond, and newly landscaped open grass fields. The adjoining Meisel Ave will be closed and the public put in the street behind snow fence, which leaves the entire usable acreage for us to develop the historic scenario. The Township is also planning the traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks spectacular to be shifted to Sat., 6/22/19 - PM, for our benefit which we will have front row seats. This promises to draw even more public for a major anniversary event weekend.

The encampment will be on the adjacent grounds of Jonathan Dayton High School. This was the site of the 1994 BAR Encampment which celebrated the town's Bicentennial. This site allows for excellent logistical support, including showers, 250 parking spaces and a convenience store across the street.

Additional participant parking will be available at Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School, which adjoins through the woods. Offsite Parking will be available at the Walton Elementary School and be available by a Shuttle Bus.

WHEN: **SAVE THE DATE NOW! JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

IN MEMORIUM: This Event will once again be dedicated to the Memory of Pvt. Murry Hurwitz, 3<sup>rd</sup> NJ Regt, "Jersey Blues" (1917-1998), who organized and participated in the BAR events of 1980 & 1994.

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If you are planning on attending, you will very soon be able to register in the event's website.

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