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Commander's Corner

NW Dept. Members,

I'll just jump right into the most important news I have, which is the 2024 NW Dept. Event Schedule. Here is what the NW Dept. Board has planned so far:

4-5 May The Ohio Civil War Show, Richland County Fairgrounds, Mansfield, Ohio. This is one of our mainstay events, and our participation and demonstrations are always very well received by the public and our sponsor. The show is five buildings full of militaria from the colonial period through the Korean War, with an emphasis on the American Civil War. We do several planned demonstrations each day, along with opening and closing flag ceremonies, and you have plenty of time to take in the show. We also do interpreting in our camp area. Indoor sleeping is available should the weather turn bad, and tenting is encouraged. This is a good chance to take in a fine show, knock the rust off your drill, and see your B.A.R. friends. Visit the event website at; <https://ohiocivilwarshow.com/wp/>

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13-14 July Fort Laurens, Fort Laurens State Memorial, Bolivar, Ohio. Always our best-attended event of the season. The site has a museum and the Tomb of the Unknown Patriot. I hope you will all plan on attending this event, and there will be a general membership meeting between the closing of the site and supper time Saturday evening. See the site's website at; <https://www.fortlaurensmuseum.org/>

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26-28 July Old Fort Niagara, Youngstown, N.Y. One of the premier military sites in North America, site occupation began with the French in 1678, through British occupation 1759-1796, and continuing through its use as a U.S. military post till 1963, and still there is a U.S. Coast Guard station on the grounds. In addition, there is a treasure trove of historic sites on both sides of the Niagara River, and this is a great area to plan a vacation around your reenacting. As happened five years ago this will be a combined event with the B.A.R., the British Brigade, and the Continental Line. As a result it should be one of the largest events of the season. Please make your travel plans now, and if you plan to visit the Canadian side of the river, make sure you have your passports. Much more on this later. See the site at: oldfortniagara.org

20-21 Sept. Fort Steuben, Steubenville, Ohio. Please note that this is a **FRIDAY-SATURDAY** event. We put on a very successful School-Day event last Fall, and the site wants to repeat it for students this coming September. I am asking for those of you that can make it to plan on helping again this year, and if you can only make it for Saturday, we need you and I know you'll enjoy the site and our activities. To visit the site on your computer, go to: <https://www.oldfortsteuben.com/>

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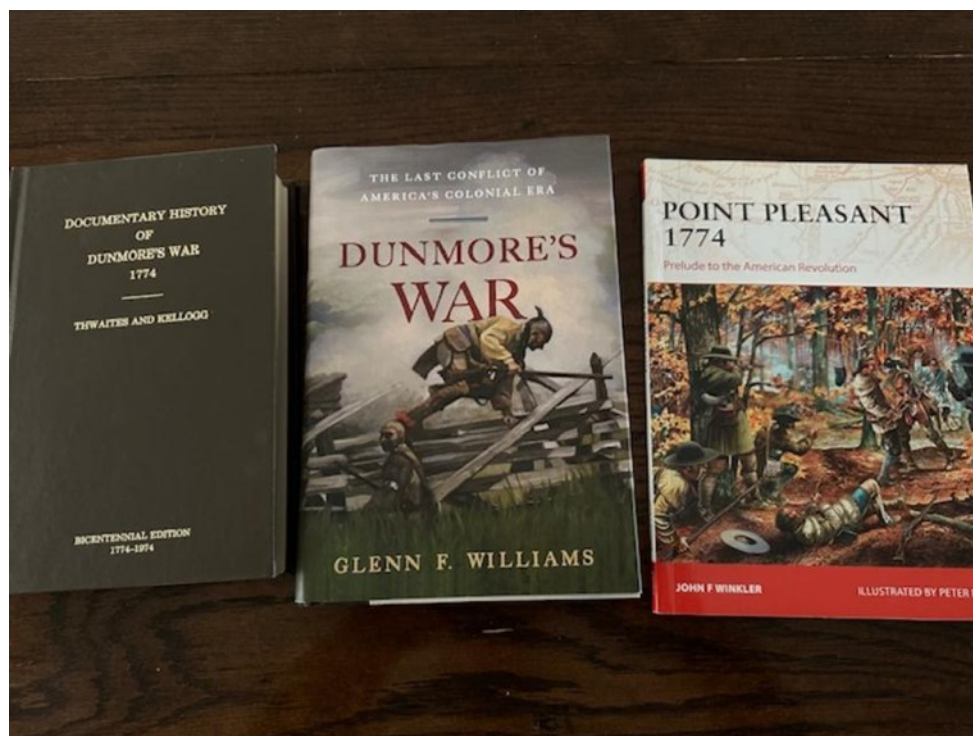
29 Sept. Brecksville Fall Fest, Brecksville Metro Parks. This is a **SUNDAY ONLY** event. A large, interested and educated audience has been one of the hallmarks of this event over the years. You'll have plenty of opportunity to interpret your particular area(s) of interest, and the setting is outstanding. The site is primarily wooded, but with a large activity field for our weapons demonstrations. A great way to spend a Fall afternoon.

Event Coordinator: Bill Lucas, blmj@sbcglobal.net

11-12-13 October 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Point Pleasant, Point Pleasant, W.VA. This is a **FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY** event. The Battle of Point Pleasant, the only battle of Dunmore's War, took place just 6 months before the Lexington and Concord actions that began the American Revolution. So, while it is not a Revolutionary War site, our clothing, material culture and our knowledge of events will permit us to interpret the time. There will be no actual battle reenactment, since we won't have enough Natives to do justice to that action. We will all be Virginia Militia, and we will interpret as we do at other sites. Friday will be a very large School Day, Saturday will feature a parade through town, and Sunday's activities will be very light for us, and we can probably leave early. (Monday is Columbus Day, so many of you might have it off as a holiday).

Since we will all be militia, regimental coats of ANY design won't be appropriate, and we'll have our Crown troops in their civilian attire teaching us the Kings' Manual of Arms. We can do the same stations we use at the School Days we do at other sites, I hope you will all plan on coming. It is a milestone of sorts for our senior members, since the 200th Point Pleasant Anniversary was one of the first NW Dept. events.

We want to be able to accurately talk about Dunmore's War and the Battle of Point Pleasant.



I asked Craig Hesson, former site manager at Ft. Randolph (Point Pleasant W. VA.) and our liaison for the Point Pleasant 250th event, for some recommended reading for our members, and he sent me this photo, w/ a note that the Thwaites and Kellogg title is the "holy grail" and I agree. It is used by everyone else writing about Dunmore's War. I have not seen the Osprey title, but they are usually pretty good summaries.

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In addition to these events, which are already set, the NW Dept. Board is still working on putting at least one Firelock Match on the calendar, probably in June, August, or November. We also are planning a school, with the Zoar School House as a probable site. We are looking at the months of November, or January or February 2025. If you would like to be involved in planning and/or presenting at the School, please contact Stephanie Miller, stephanie.miller101@yahoo.com.

While on the subject of upcoming events, I have had several NW Dept. members ask what I knew about the **Lexington/Concord/Battle Road 250th** event coming up in April, 2025. I contacted B.A.R. National Commander John Lopez, and he informed me that the B.A.R. would have no formal participation in the Battle Road event. Henry Cooke, B.A.R. Inspector, also responded and he wrote,

The National Park Service is running the Battle Road 250th reenactments that take place on park property. This event has been ten years in the planning and is drawing some of the best reenactors from around the country as well as from the U.K.

There will be no official invitation to the BAR or any other umbrella organization because of the "invite one, invite all" policies of all these groups, which would require the participation of units whose presence would be inappropriate for the historic combatants of this historic event.

Units must apply to participate and meet the qualifications of the Battle Road Standards. There (are) limits on the number of provincial units that can participate, and we are nearing that limit. Units wishing to participate in 2025 need to be vetted this year. The deadline for submitting applications for participating in the 2024 Battle Road events was January 15th. For more information units should visit the Battle Road information on the Park's website:

[Battle Road and Patriot's Day Participant Information – Minute Man National Historical Park](#)

The events at Lexington Green and the Jason Russell House are private events and by invitation only, due to the limits of their spaces and the desire to recreate the numbers that were there historically.

So, it appears that if you have not already applied and been accepted to participate this coming April in the 2024 Battle Road event, that it may be too late for you to be involved in the 2025 250th event.

Before I leave this topic, let me say that the NW Dept. Board is looking for a site that we can use to commemorate the beginning of the Revolution in 2025. We would NOT do it on the April 19th date, so we would not conflict with the Battle Road event. We are looking for a village with a green, and have several options, but if you have a site in mind, please contact any of the NW Dept. Board members.

To close my remarks, we don't have an over-full calendar, and I hope you will ALL put these events on your personal calendars and show up to support your units, your B.A.R. friends and the NW Department. Quantity does not always mean quality, and I think we have a quality schedule. Watch your email for **BLASTS** from NW Dept. Adj. Bob Kashary for updates and additions, especially for our Firelock Match(s).

Respectfully, and I'll see you ALL at the Civil War Show,
Bob Cairns, 8th Pa., FT. Laurens Det.
Commander, NW Dept., B.A.R.

P.S. Any and All B.A.R. members are invited to attend NW Dept. Board Meetings, which are held at the Log Cabin Gun Shop in Lodi, Ohio, Saturdays, 24 Feb., 23 Mar., and 20 Apr. 2024. Please let Adj. Bob Kashary know you'll be attending.
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Adjutant's Freshest Advices...

Welcome to Winter Quarters 2024! As I type this it is 7Feb2024 and the Sun is shining, it is 50° F outside! This has not been much of a Winter!

I am looking for a member that is familiar with Face Book and willing to help with managing our NorthWest Dept. FB Page. If you have interest or questions, contact me at: K9Kash@roadrunner.com or Cell: 216.538.0411

It is time for NWD Units to submit their dues. Those Units that have submitted in January have their rosters back already! The NWD does not want to get stuck in the last-minute flood of renewals and not have a current NWD roster for our Event Season beginning in May. Please rally your troops and get your dues submitted to the BAR MAIN DEPT. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

YMHS,

Bob Kashary, 5TH Va. Reg't.

NWD Adjutant

Blanket Sale

Revolutionary War Items for Sale

6'x9' Wedge Tent with a bell back

Tent Poles and stakes

2 gallon water pail

Kitchen bucket with canvas case

Pack Basket

Razor with sharpening stone and mirror

Lap desk

Pewter plate

Pewter Bowl

Pewter cup

Folding grill and bag

Tin lantern and pole

Long handle skillet with spider legs

Spice box

Knife and fork set

18th shirt with ruffles

Fall front breeches canvas

Fall front long trousers – linen

Several pairs of stockings

Buckle shoes – men's size 9

Leather Garters

Haversack

Tricorn hat

Waistcoat

Period glasses

Glasses box

Revolutionary War Coat – Blue with Red facings – size 44

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Blanket Sale

Revolutionary War Books

Washington's Spies – Rose
Red Coat – Cornwell
American Spring-Borneman
Washington's Secret War – Fleming
Guilford Court House-Harr
The Last Revolutionary - Desmond
Dreams of Glory - Fleming
Lexington and Concord-Tourtellot
The Glorious Cause – Sharaa
Beat the Last Drum - Fleming
Victory at Yorktown - Ketchem
Sophia's War - Avi
Decisive Days -Ketchem
The Winter Soldiers – Fast
The Crossing – Fast
Bunker Hill – Fast
Seven Days in June – Fast
Now We are Enemies – Fleming
The Proud and the Free – Fast
Liberty Tavern – Fleming
Saratoga - Luzader
Rise to Rebellion – Sharaa
The Call of Fife and Drum – Fast Patriot
Battles - Stephenson
War on the Run - Ross

Rabble in Arms - Roberts
Brave Enemies - Morgan
Bunker Hill – Tinney
The Road to Guilford House Buchanan
The First American Army – Chadwick
The Road to Valley Forge - Buchanan
Washington's Crossing - Fisher
Cowpens-Guilford Court House-Davis
Cowpens Battlefield - Babits
The Battle of Cowpens - Bearas
A Devil of a Whipping - Babits
William Diamond's Drum -Tourntette
The Drill Master of Valley Forge - Lockhart
Bunker Hill – Philbrick
Saratoga – Ketchem
The Penobscot Conspiracy - Judkins
Almost a Miracle – Ferling
A Leap in the Dark – Ferling
The Fort – Cornwell
Liberty – Fleming (coffee table book)
Revolutionary War – National Geographic
Society

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