

School of the Soldier

April 25&26, 2009

New Windsor Cantonment

Vails Gate, NY

Now that the 225th anniversaries are over, we open this campaign with a look towards the future. This year's Brigade School combines scholarly lectures and hands-on workshops featuring subjects that will benefit both you and the Brigade's program in the years ahead. Each day will include a small interpretive tactical exercise for the public's knowledge and our own enjoyment. Don't forget the Annual Meeting on Saturday night, and be sure to visit the new exhibit in the Cantonment's museum building which opened last July 4th.

All programs take place in the Temple building unless otherwise specified, and you are welcome to quietly sew on your workshop projects while listening to subsequent speakers.

Saturday, April 25

9:30 Registration, Coffee and Donuts, Welcoming Remarks

Bob Winowitch, 3rd NY LI Coy.s, School Coordinator

10:00 General William Thompson, 1st Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment

Ken Hoover, Researcher, will present a biography of the first Colonel appointed by the Continental Congress and his journeys from Pennsylvania to Boston and Canada.

11:00 Accessing National Archives Records

Chris Zarr, Education Specialist at the National Archives, will demonstrate using computer screen shots how to access on-line records.

12:00 Lunch (on you own)

1:00 Assembly, Inspection, Swearing-in, Music, TWD (Parade Ground)

1:00 Printed Fabrics: Making and Use

Norm Fuss, HM Engineers, will display 18th Century printed textiles and discuss their many appropriate uses.

2:30 1st American Regt.

Mike McGurty, New Windsor Cantonment, will discuss the formation of this regiment after the discharge of the Continental Army.

3:30 Open discussion—Future School Programs

Your opportunity to let organizers know what you would like to see included in future programs—volunteers?

4:30 Assembly, Retreat (Parade Ground)

7:30 Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 26

9:00 Divine Services

David Troxell, 1st PA Regt.

9:30 Registration, Coffee and Donuts, Welcoming Remarks

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10:00 Cockade Workshop

Roy Najecki, 40th Foot, will instruct on how to make a proper rectangular cockade from horse hair or silk, \$10 material fee if making one.*

10:00 Darning and Mending Samplers

Explore darning and mending samplers and through extant examples learn about this period technique for showcasing young ladies' needlework skills and start darning rather than patching your linen clothing.

11:00 Lock, Stock & Barrel

Paul Ackermann, 1st NY, will discuss replica firearms manufacture, historical accuracy and some easy upgrades.

12:00 Lunch (on your own)

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Sunday, April 26 (cont.)

12:30 Haversack Workshop, Part 1

Roy Najecki, 40th Foot, will instruct on how to make a proper fitted haversack, \$10 material fee if making one.*

1:00 Wenches, Wives and Servant Girls

Don Hagist, 22nd Foot, will speak on the research that led to the writing of his newest book, *Wenches Wives and Servant Girls—A Selection of Advertisements for Female Runaways in American Newspapers, 1770-1783*. He will speak on his 'boundaries' for the book and the importance of keeping the material in context while he shares some particularly interesting ads and what they reveal about the women behind them.

2:00 Assembly, Inspection, Music, TWD (Parade Ground)

2:00 CCM Roundtable

A roundtable discussion about the upcoming year's events and department's leadership needs. There is much to discuss and all CCM should plan to attend.

3:00 Haversack Workshop, Part 2

Roy Najecki, 40th Foot, gives the next steps to completing your haversack.

3:30 Cartridge Boxes

Roy Najecki, 40th Foot, will lead a discussion of British and American cartridge boxes and the differences between them.

4:00 Assembly, Retreat, Closing Remarks (Parade Ground)

*RSVP by 4/15 to Bob Winowitch to reserve materials, (631) 585-4009, bobwinowitch@aol.com.

Directions

New Windsor Cantonment state Historic Site is located in Vails Gate, NY near the city of Newburgh.

From East or West: Take Interstate I-84 to Exit 7S, NYS Thruway. Take Route 300 South (Union Avenue) past Thruway entrance and follow approximately 2 miles to traffic light at "T" intersection. Turn left, and at next light bear right onto Temple Hill Road. Go approx. 1 mile – New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site will be on your left.

From North or South: Take New York State Thruway to Exit 17. After toll keep left on exit ramp to Route 17K West. Turn right onto Rt. 17K West and proceed to next traffic light. Turn left onto Route 300 South (Union Avenue.) Then follow per above.

Camps and Early Arrival

Friday afternoon arrivals are welcome. Camp space is on the edge of the parade ground. Fires must be in one of the park-provided fire boxes as this is an archaeologically sensitive site. NOTE: Water and restrooms are nearby, firewood must be collected from the back woods and straw is not provided.

Local Lodging

Days Inn 845-564-7550

Econo Lodge 845-561-6620

Super 8 845-564-5700

Holiday Inn 845-564-9020

Hampton Inn 845-567-9100

Ramada 845-564-4500

Local Food

Several nice restaurants are in the near vicinity and every kind of fast food can be found within one mile.

Merchants

Merchants and displays are always welcome but please RSVP with the site. Special note: due to distractions noted in previous years there will be no room for vending or displays in the Temple building. Space will be available outside, plan accordingly for weather.

More Information

If you have any questions about the School or need more information, please contact:

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