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HAPPY 2007

MILICE CALENDER 2007

Italics= unconfirmed date

Meeting times at events are approximate

January

6- 12th Night – Prairie du Rocher
12-14 – Congele Derrier – Fort de Chartres
26-27 Ladies Cabin Fever Weekend
Contact Mary Rill 573-438-7712
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February

3-4 – F&I woods walk – Fort de Chartres
3– Milice meeting – Capt.'s tent, 4p.m.
17 – Fete de Bon Vue Temps, Cahokia, IL 17-
18 – *Persona workshop – Crystal Lake, IL* 24-
25 – Garrison weekend, Camp du Bois

March

3 Milice meeting – Cahokia Courthouse – 10a.m.
4 *Trappers of Starved Rock Swap meet, St. Charles, MO*
10-11– *Basic training – Fort Massac*
10-11 – Prairieland Frontiersman 18th Annual Historic of Columbus Hall.
14 – Rockwood School Dist. (Rev War) 17-
18 – Kalamazoo Living History show

It's BACK

Other Dates

250th at Ticongeroga 07. Beginning of July-
more information to follow

Crown Point-August 07-info SEE else where in
Newsletter.

24-29 July 08 Louisbourg More information.

to come Lyle is still looking into the bus trip.

DID You Miss Milice Christmas at Pere Marquette?

Winter came a bit early this year... Rain, Ice, Snow, Wind, Power outages... I know I don't have to remind many of you about this... I heard from a very unreliable source that three boys were suspended from school for using bad language one of them said "Ameren".



All of this aside 35 of the 42 was able to make the Dinner. The Milice Held its Annual December meeting and election prior. The results are published

in the Minutes elsewhere and well in the front page side bar. Following the fried chicken rumored to be best in Illinois Country there was a gift exchange... Some of the finest 18th century gifts were exchanged (not Returned). Just to show he had not lost his touch Tom Connor drew the Duce of Clubs...

When the Dust (or Grease) settled Susan Glock Asked for 20 To Go Boxes which were filled with left over chicken, mashed potatoes gravy, green beans and other comfort foods to be taken home by the hungry Milice.



This event was a fine a Christmas gathering as We have had and Captain John thanked Susan for Spear Heading The committee.



Leadership

Every organization needs an outstanding leader. The Milice is very fortunate to have John Mefford. John is an excellent organizer and has a great personal. He is a natural born leader on the field of honor. This picture was taken during a raging battle at Fort de Chartres.

Pop Quiz John is

1. rewinding his main spring.
2. trying to get a bug out of his ear.
3. getting wax to waterproof his shoes.
4. trying to remember what Lynn said to bring home from the store.
5. thinking of his grandchild.



Minutes December Meeting

December 3, 2006 Pere Marquette

Meeting Called to order at 1:00 pm

Present;

John & Lynn Mefford; Larry & Diane Miller; Gary & Jean Driver; Ray & Kate Naughton; Marshall Meadors; Jim & Carolyn Chestney; Tom & Melody Connor; Lyle & Barbra Cubberly; Larry & Kathy Ring; Dave & Debby Weiderhold; John & Debby Massey, Richard & Gretchen Wessenberg; Albert & Shawna Poncirolli; Mary Rill; Terese Stirwalt; Steve & Judy Gerlach; Carol Mercer; Earl Biffle; Ed & Susan Glock...to the best of my Knowledge

Minutes of November: Meeting Were Approved as printed in December November newsletter 18-6 on motion By Naughton second by Meadors

Treasures Report: Approved on Motion By Connor second Miller

FrogTalk Committee Report By Chair E Golck All speakers are confirm, Auction Items coming in . challenge to members to get out their skills and produce period items. (see additional info Elsewhere in this news letter)

Congiele Derrier: January 12...13 (See Captines Letter for information)

Fette Committee Representative Carol Leur asked Capt for additional person to representative. Carol Mercer Volunteered..

Old Business: None

New business: Connor (The Card shark) motioned to provide \$200 for Next Year November , Second by Meadors...motion passed

Announcements: Collinsville Gunshow Cancelled, Kalamazoo Trade fair Discontinued (Officially Back on as of January

Election of Officers: uncontested candidate elected by acclamation. Election for treasurer was paper Ballot. Jim Chestney was winner,

Captiane Certified new offices to take office January 1 2007.

Captiane Thanked Susan Glock For Chairing the Christmas Dinner. Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm Dinner and Gift Exchange Followed

Bon jour mon amis,



I hope everyone had a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Congratulations to the new officers.

Hopefully this will be another banner year for the Milice. We have much to look forward to. Congele derrier is Jan 12-14 at de Chartres. Let me know if you plan to attend. (If you have already told me, thanks). Marshal is deep frying a turkey and Ed will provide breakfast. Bring your musket. There will be a shooting competition, weather permitting Feb 3-4 brings the F&I woods walk. If you interested in participating, let me know. I have booked Camp du Bois in Wood River for a garrison weekend Feb 24-25. They have a nice shooting range. If someone want to make some targets (iron hanging from chain) it would be appreciated. The unit will cover expenses.

Trade Faire (with the authenticity nazis) will be April 7-8. The big event is the 20th School of the Soldier, April 28-29. Bob Bearor will be our main speaker.

Commemorative medallions have been ordered for the first 250 registrations. As far as I know, this is the oldest School of the Soldier in the country. I will bring a schedule from the first School in 1988 to the February meeting.

2006 was a great year for grand babies. Lynn and I, the Rings, and the Cubberlys all reached that grand plateau. Makes me feel a little old, but real good at the sometime.

A calendar is posted elsewhere in this newsletter. The bold face dates are ones I plan to attend.

A reminder---If you received the newsletter by snail mail, we need a little help to keep this up. Last October the unit voted to request a \$10.00 "donation" for this. Please send your check to the treasurer, Jim Chestney, 10828 Piasa Road, Medora, IL 62063. If we don't hear from you, this will be the last newsletter you receive. If you have, or can set up an email account, let me know (kukuwa@gmail.com). check with your local library. Many have public access computers now, and email is easy to set up.

Time for me to return to the real world.

Je reste votre serviteur,

Jean Baptiste

20th Annual School of the Soldier
April 28th and 29th 2007

Key Note Speaker will to be Bob Bearor Author of several books on the French leadership during the French and Indian War period

Other Speakers this Year will include Kathleen Kannik of Kannik,s Corner author of several Sewing Books: and speakers on Astronomy, Trade Silver and Blacksmithing.