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HISTORIC FORT WAYNE COALITION

FROM THE EDITOR

GREETINGS! WHAT A GREAT SITE LAST WEEKEND TO SEE THE FEDERAL BATTALION GARRISONING FORT WAYNE. THE EVENT SEASON IS UPON US AND THERE IS MUCH GOOD NEWS IN STORE. READ ON TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE MOST RECENT HAPPENINGS IN THE COALITION. CHECK THE SCHEDULE ON PAGE 2 AND JOIN US FOR AN EVENT OR WORK DAY IF YOU CAN. THE SNOWBALL IS STARTING TO ROLL DOWN THE HILL.



EVERY TIME I TALK TO SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN AWAY FROM THE FORT FOR A WHILE, THEY TELL ME HOW AMAZED THEY ARE AT OUR PROGRESS. THE HARD WORK IS NOTICED. SEE YOU AT THE FORT! — WILL

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER — TOM BERLUCCHI

THE WINDS OF CHANGES AT THE FORT IS STILL AN ONGOING PROCESS. THE DETROIT PARKS DEPARTMENT IS NOW IN CHARGE OF THE PROPERTY AND THE EVENTS. THEY HAVE GIVEN US THE GO AHEAD FOR A FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS THAT WE HAVE PURPOSED THIS YEAR. WE HAVE GROWN FROM 4 EVENTS TO 7. THE DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF INVENTORYING THE MUSEUMS COLLECTIONS. OPERATIONS OF THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM ARE NOW UNDER THEIR CONTROL. THE GOOD NEWS FOR US IS THAT THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE FORT ARE STILL AVAILABLE. WE ARE WORKING TOWARD FORGING LASTING RELATIONS WITH THE OTHER GROUPS THAT OPERATE WITHIN THE FORT. THESE GROUPS ARE THE DETROIT HISTORICAL GUILD, FRIENDS OF FORT WAYNE (WHO HAVE ASKED US TO SIT ON THEIR EXECUTIVE BOARD), THE HOME GUARD AND THE COLONIAL DAMES. LATER THIS MONTH I WILL BE MEETING WITH THESE GROUPS TO PROGRESS A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY PARKS DEPT. WE HAVE TWO CHECKING ACCOUNTS ESTABLISHED AND WILL VERY SOON HAVE INSURANCE FOR OUR GROUP TO OPERATE UNDER. THESE ARE TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT WE AS A NEWLY FORMED ORGANIZATION HAVE FACED.

HERE IS SOME GREAT NEWS — ALL THE HARD WORK THAT EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED US ON WORK WEEKENDS HAS PAID OFF. ON MARCH 31, 2006 RE-ENACTORS ENTERED THE BARRACKS BUILDING AND SPENT THE WEEKEND - AN AWESOME SIGHT TO SEE. THE REASON THAT HAPPENED IS BECAUSE OF ALL THE HARD WORK THAT THIS GROUP HAS DONE. THE PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE SUBMITTED PROPOSALS FOR ARE NOW A GO. WE ARE GOING TO BE COMPLETING THE WORK ON THE FOLLOWING AREAS: FRONT PORCH TO THE COMMANDING OFFICERS HOUSE, THE SPANISH AMERICAN GUARD HOUSE PORCH, THE FENCE AROUND THE POWDER MAGAZINE. THE COVER OF THE CASEMENT THAT RE-ENACTORS BUILT WILL BE INSTALLED (WEATHER PERMITTING) AND ANOTHER RE-ENACTOR CLUB IS PROVIDING US WITH THE FUNDING TO DO ANOTHER ONE. WE ARE WORKING ON REWRITING THE TOURS THE PUBLIC TAKE. THE BLACKSMITH SHOP WILL BE REOPENED AND USED. NONE OF THIS WAS POSSIBLE 3 YEARS AGO. TODAY IT IS REALITY AND IT COULD ONLY HAPPEN BECAUSE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO CARE AND WORK ON A HISTORICAL GEM CALL FORT WAYNE. THANK YOU ALL, IT WOULD NOT, COULD NOT EVER OF HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU.



*MEMBERS OF THE
17TH MICHIGAN DRILL
IN FRONT OF THE
BARRACKS.*

DATE	EVENT
MARCH 11, 2006	FT. WAYNE WORK DAY – 9:00AM – 5:00PM - COALITION BI-MONTHLY MTG. AT 1:00PM
MARCH 18, 2006	PRE SCHOOL OF THE PIECE DRILL @ CROSSROADS – 11 AM
APRIL 1-2, 2006	FEDERAL BATTALION DRILL – HOSTED BY 5 TH MICHIGAN, CO. K
APRIL 8-9, 2006	FLEA MARKET WEEKEND – LIVING HISTORY AND PRE-SCHOOL OF THE PIECE DRILL 4/8 – 1 PM
APRIL 22-23, 2006	MEDICH CONFEDERATE BATTALION DRILL – HOSTED BY 9 TH KENTUCKY
MAY 6, 2006	FT. WAYNE WORK DAY – 9AM – 5PM – COALITION BI-MONTHLY MTG. AT 1:00PM
MAY 27-28, 2006	“FORT WAYNE THROUGH THE AGES” LIVING HISTORY – HOSTED BY GLLHA
JUNE 3-4 2006	NATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE PIECE – HOSTED BY 1 ST MI LIGHT ARTY BATT D
JULY 8-9, 2006	FORT WAYNE CIVIL WAR DAYS – HOSTED BY HFWC
SEPTEMBER 2-3, 2006	FLEA MARKET WEEKEND – LIVING HISTORY – POTENTIALLY WWI AND WWII SOLDIERS
SEPTEMBER 9-10, 2006	ABATE MOTORCYCLE RALLY AT HISTORIC FORT WAYNE – LARGE FUNDRAISER HOSTED BY HRWC
SEPTEMBER 16-17	DECATUR CIVIL WAR MUSTER – HOSTED BY HFWC

GOOD FINANCIAL NEWS – DORIS JULIAN, TREASURER

I AM HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE COALITION HAS ITS OWN BANK ACCOUNTS. WE CAN ACCOMMODATE CHECKS WRITTEN OUT TO THE COALITION. NOW IS THE TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES. DUES CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO HISTORIC FORT WAYNE

COALITION AND SENT TO ME FOR DEPOSIT.

THE WEB SITE FOR DECATUR CIVIL WAR MUSTER IS ALMOST READY TO GO. THE WEB SITE IS:

WWW.DECATURCIVILWARMUSTER.COM

CIVIL WAR GUARDHOUSE – WILL EICHLER

MOST OF US KNOW ABOUT THE SPANISH AMERICAN ERA GUARDHOUSE. WE ALSO KNOW ABOUT THE WWII ERA GUARDHOUSE CURRENTLY SUPPORTING THE 24 HOUR GUARDS ON THE FORT NOW. I'VE JUST FOUND OUT WHAT WAS USED DURING THE CIVIL WAR.

I'VE BEEN READING "FOR COUNTRY, CAUSE AND LEADER – THE CIVIL WAR JOURNAL OF CHARLES B. HAYDON" EDITED BY STEPHEN W. SEARS. IT IS AN EXCELLENT JOURNAL OF A MICHIGAN SOLDIER WHO MARCHED THROUGH FORT WAYNE ON HIS WAY TO THE CIVIL WAR WITH THE 2ND MICHIGAN INFANTRY. BEFORE THE WAR, HAYDON WAS READING LAW IN KALAMAZOO. HE ENLISTED AS A SERGEANT IN THE 2ND MICHIGAN, COMPANY I.

WHAT BECOMES FASCINATING FOR US

IS HIS JOURNAL ENTRY OF MAY 21:

"I WAS CALLED OFF GUARD DUTY ABT 10 A.M. TO ACT AS MARSHAL OF THE COURT MARTIAL TO TRY A SOLDIER FOR DRUNKENNESS AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT. HE WAS CONVICTED & SENTENCED TO WHEEL DIRT FOR TWO DAYS & BE CONFINED DURING THE NIGHTS IN THE GUARD HOUSE. THEY USE ON OF THE SALLY PORTS FOR A GUARD HOUSE & IT IS NOT A PLEASANT PLACE TO STAY. IT IS ALL STONE & BRICK EXCEPT THE DOORS WHICH ARE OAK PLANK 8 INCHES THICK. THERE IS NO LIGHT IN IT WHEN THE DOORS ARE CLOSED."

THE GUARDHOUSE FOR AT LEAST PART OF THE CIVIL WAR WAS ONE OF THE SALLY PORTS. REMEMBER, THE CASEMATES WERE ADDED WHEN THE BRICK WALL WAS BUILT AROUND THE FORT STARTING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CIVIL WAR.

SPOTLIGHT ON – CARLOS COLLADA

CARLOS COLLADA HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN RE-ENACTING FOR 4 YEARS. HE JOINED THE COALITION IN 2005. CARLOS IS ACTIVE WITH THE 9TH KENTUCKY, COMPANY C CSA IN CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTING. HE LIVES IN WHITE LAKE, NEAR WATERFORD.

CARLOS HAS BEEN A REGULAR AT ALMOST EVERY WORK-DAY WE'VE HAD SINCE NOVEMBER. HE IS ALWAYS READY TO JUMP IN THE BACK OF SOMEONE'S PICK-UP TRUCK AND GO GET A LOAD OF WOOD OR BRUSH AND DISPOSE OF IT. HE HAS ALSO SPENT A GOOD DEAL OF TIME WORKING AROUND THE SPLITTER MAKING FIREWOOD THAT WE USE FOR EVENTS. HE SERVES AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE COALITION TO HIS HOME UNIT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HIM AND THE MEN OF MEDICH'S BATTALION AT THEIR DRILL IN TWO WEEKS.

CARLOS WAS THE PERSON LAST APRIL

AT THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MONUMENT RE-DEDICATION EVENT WHO FIGURED OUT THAT ONE OF OUR BEST WEAPONS AGAINST THE SMALL SUMAC GROWTH IS THE MACHETE. THANKS TO HIS FINDING, THE 9TH KENTUCKY HAS PURCHASED OVER A DOZEN OF THESE TOOLS AND WILL HAVE THEM AVAILABLE FOR THE WORK PARTIES DURING MEDICH'S DRILL.

CARLOS IS ALSO CURRENTLY WORKING ON IMPROVING HIS FEDERAL KIT. THOUGH HE DOESN'T PULL IT OUT VERY OFTEN, HE'S TOLD ME HE WANTS IT READY WHEN WE NEED IT TO SUPPORT THE FORT OR VETERANS IN GENERAL.

THANKS TO CARLOS FOR ALL THE WORK HE'S DONE FOR THE COALITION!



CARLOS COLLADA WORKS TO REMOVE BRUSH FROM THE TOP OF THE FORT IN 2005.

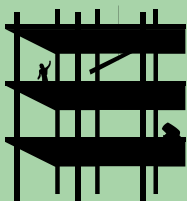
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PROMOTING THE
RESTORATION OF
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NOTES FROM RIC – RIC JULIAN

JIM RAPAI AND I ROLLED OUT THE SOUTHWEST CASEMATE COVER ON APRIL 9. WE HOPE TO GET IT AND THE FRONT CAP ON AS SOON AS THE WEATHER IS DECENT.

THE GROUNDS NEED TO BE MOWED WITHIN 2 DAYS OF EACH EVENT. I USUALLY SPEND THE NIGHT TO GET IT DONE. TOM BERLUCCHI OFTEN HELPS OUT. IF

ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN HELPING, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT RNJULIAN@AOL.COM OR CALL 1-810-793-6739. WE NEED HELP TO KEEP THE FORT LOOKING GOOD.

SCHOOL OF THE PIECE WILL BE JUNE 3-4, 2006 AT THE FORT. ON SUN. JUNE 4TH, A SCOTTISH BATTERY WILL BE DOING DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE END OF EVERY TOUR.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

DO YOU LIKE WHAT YOU ARE SEEING HERE IN THE JOURNAL AND THE WORK WE ARE ACHIEVING AT THE FORT? IF SO, PASS THE NEWS ON. FEEL FREE TO SEND THIS JOURNAL TO ANYONE WHO SHARES OUR LOVE OF THE FORT AND ITS PLACE IN

MICHIGAN AND AMERICAN HISTORY. IN ORDER TO GROW STRONGER, WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO GROW IN NUMBERS. AS MEMBERS OF THE GROUP, YOU ARE OUR BEST VOICE. CONTACT DORIS JULIAN AT JULIANDORIS2@AOL.COM FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS.

ABATE RALLY – DORIS JULIAN

THE ABATE GROUP OF MICHIGAN IS A GROUP OF MOTORCYCLE RIDERS WHO HELP TO TEACH SAFETY AND FIGHT FOR THE RIGHTS OF BIKERS. THIS IS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE MEMBERS OF REGION 20 AS MEMBERS OF THE COALITION. THESE MEMBERS APPROACHED THE

COALITION TO HELP THEM HOLD A BIKE RALLY AT THE FORT COMPLEX. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON BRING THIS EVENT TO THE FORT SINCE EARLY LAST FALL. THIS EVENT WILL BE HAPPENING AT THE FORT SEPTEMBER 9TH AND 10TH. SOME OF THE ITEMS PLANNED FOR THIS EVENT INCLUDE: CAMPING FOR THE BIKERS WITHIN THE STAR FORT, A BIKE RUN ON SATURDAY, GUIDED TOURS OF THE FORT, GREEK TOWN AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS IN DETROIT, BIKE GAMES AT THE FORT AND A DANCE WITH DJ ON SATURDAY

NIGHT. THERE WILL BE VENDORS ON SITE FOR FOOD AS WELL AS BIKE RELATED ITEMS. SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN US.

ONE AREA WE WILL SUPPORT THIS EVENT IS TO PROVIDE LIVING HISTORIANS ON SITE TO SUPPORT THE TOURS GIVEN.

THERE MAY BE OTHER PLACE OUR HELP IS NEEDED AS EVENT PLANS SOLIDIFY. THE COALITION EXECUTIVE BOARD GOT BEHIND THIS EVENT BECAUSE ABATE EVENTS TYPICALLY RAISE BETWEEN \$15,000 AND \$30,000 FOR THE CHARITIES SELECTED. THE FORT IS THE CHARITY IN SEPTEMBER. IF THIS EVENT GOES WELL, IT COULD BECOME A YEARLY EVENT FOR THE FORT THAT WOULD HELP IT GREATLY. I HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE TO HAVE A GREAT TIME.