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## HISTORIC FORT WAYNE COALITION

### FROM THE EDITOR

HELLO AGAIN! LET ME START BY APOLOGIZING FOR THE TARDINESS OF THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER. WORK IN THE REAL WORLD HAS KEPT ME AWAY FROM OUR VOLUNTEER WORK A LITTLE TOO MUCH RECENTLY.

THAT SAID, THERE IS MUCH GOOD NEWS TO DISCUSS THIS MONTH. WE START A NEW FEATURE. LOOK DOWN THE LEFT MARGIN OF THE JOURNAL AND SEE HOW MANY HOURS WE'VE GIVEN TO THE FORT. MULTIPLY THAT BY \$20/HOUR AND YOU'LL SEE THE LABOR DONATION WE'VE MADE THIS YEAR

LOOK IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR OUR NEW WEBSITE INFORMATION AND MORE ABOUT



CIVIL WAR DAYS. BE SURE TO CHECK THE WEBSITE OFTEN AS IT'S IN ITS INFANCY AND WILL CHANGE A LOT AS MORE CONTENT GETS ADDED. SEE YOU ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> AT THE WORK DAY!

WILL EICHLER

### CHAIRMAN'S CORNER – TOM BERLUCCHI

WELL SUMMER IS HERE AND WE ARE BUSY! THE LAST WORK WEEKEND WE MADE A GREAT IMPROVEMENT ON THE UPPER LEVELS OF THE STAR FORT. WE ARE BUSY GIVING TOURS AT THE FORT. I NEED YOUR HELP IN OBTAINING TOUR GUIDES. IF YOU WANT TO BE A GUIDE, PLEASE SEND ME AN EMAIL AT TBERLUCCHI@YAHOO.COM. WE WILL BE GIVING THE CLASS SOON ON CERTIFYING TOUR GUIDES.

WE HAVE TWO PARK EMPLOYEES WORKING AT THE FORT ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LOOK FOR LIKSHA AND SHARON AND INTRODUCE YOUR SELF TO THEM. FINAL INTERVIEWS WERE HELD FOR THE WEEKEND SITE MANAGER POSITION AND TOM ALLEMAN WAS HIRED. CONGRATULATIONS, TOM!

WE RECENTLY HAVE HAD A LOT OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS WANTING TO HOST EVENTS AT THE FORT. THIS IS GREAT BUT PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNING ANY EVENT FIRST SO WE CAN ENSURE

THAT THE PROPER PAPER WORK AND SCHEDULING IS COMPLETED WITH THE PARKS DEPT.

CIVIL WAR DAYS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER IN JULY AND THE EVENT IS SHAPING UP TO BE OUTSTANDING.

WE HAVE SURPASSED THE 700 HOUR VOLUNTEER MARK AND IT REALLY SHOWS. A LOT OF YOU ARE PUTTING IN A LOT OF TIME IN AND PEOPLE ARE NOTICING THE IMPROVEMENTS. DURING THE UPCOMING WORK-DAY THE COVER OF THE CASEMATE IS GOING TO BE PUT ON. THEN THE CASEMATE TEAM WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT ONE.

THE INSURANCE ISSUE SHOULD BE SETTLED VERY SOON AND WE THEN CAN START MOVING AHEAD WITH OUR PROJECTS.

LET'S MAKE JULY AN OUTSTANDING MONTH FOR THE FORT!



5<sup>TH</sup> TX MEMBERS REST  
AFTER DRILL AT THE  
APRIL FLEA MARKET.

| DATE                 | EVENT   |
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| JUNE 24, 2006        | FT. WAYNE WORK DAY – 9-5  |
| JUNE 28, 2006        | FIREWORKS @ HISTORIC FORT WAYNE   |
| JULY 8-9, 2006       | FORT WAYNE CIVIL WAR DAYS – HOSTED BY HFWC                                      |
| JULY 22, 2006        | FT. WAYNE WORK DAY – 9 AM – 5PM – COALITION BI-MONTHLY MTG. AT 1:00PM           |
| AUGUST 12, 2006      | FT. WAYNE WORK DAY – 9-5  |
| 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.                                      |

## CIVIL WAR DAY – JULY 8-9, 2006

THE HISTORIC FORT WAYNE COALITION WILL HOST IT'S ANNUAL CIVIL WAR DAY NEXT MONTH ON JULY 8 AND 9. PLEASE PASS THE WORD TO ALL RE-ENACTORS THAT YOU KNOW. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST YEAR IN QUITE A LONG TIME THAT OUR CONFEDERATE FRIENDS WILL BE BACK WITH US AT THIS EVENTS.

SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEKEND WILL INCLUDE:

- VINTAGE BASEBALL ASSN. GAMES
- A BATTLE BOTH DAYS
- UNION TROOPS WILL BILLET IN THE FORT GARRISON
- THE 5<sup>TH</sup> MICHIGAN REGIMENTAL BAND WILL ATTEND AND PLAY THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND.
- THE MICHIGAN CAVALRY BRIGADE WILL ATTEND.
- STRAW, WOOD AND WATER WILL BE PROVIDED.
- YOU'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO BE IN ONE OF THE FEW SITES

REMAINING IN MICHIGAN THAT THE SOLDIERS OF THE CIVIL WAR WERE.

THE CITY OF DETROIT PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ARE SUPPORTING OUR EFFORTS FULLY BY EXTENDING THE NORMAL HOURS OF OPERATION OF THE FORT ON THE WEEKEND FOR THE PUBLIC TO 9AM – 5PM EACH DAY.

WE ARE EXPECTING A CONTINGENT OF OUR CUMBERLAND GUARD FRIENDS FROM INDIANA TO MAKE THE TRIP NORTH TO JOIN US AND SEE THE FORT FOR THEMSELVES.

MANY OF US HAVE WORKED HARD ON THE FORT OVER THE PAST YEAR. THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO USE IT TO DO WHAT WE LOVE, RE-LIVE HISTORY AND SHARE IT WITH THE PUBLIC.

PLEASE MAKE TIME IN YOUR SCHEDULE TO ATTEND CIVIL WAR DAYS! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING, EVEN IN A SMALL WAY, IN MAKING THE EVENT A BIGGER SUCCESS, PLEASE EMAIL TOM BERLUCCHI AT [TBERLUCCHI@YAHOO.COM](mailto:TBERLUCCHI@YAHOO.COM) TO VOLUNTEER.

## ARTILLERY SCHOOL REPORT – RIC JULIAN

THE SCHOOL ITSELF WENT WELL IN SPITE OF THE MAJOR HAILSTORM SATURDAY NIGHT, AND LIGHT ATTENDANCE. ONLY 3 CANNONS PARTICIPATED. THE GUYS PLAYED CARDS IN THE MESS HALL THROUGH THE STORM SATURDAY NIGHT.

WE HAD A DOCTOR, JOE FROM THE 14<sup>TH</sup> MICHIGAN, AND A CIVILIAN, DENNIS WHO WORKS FOR THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT, GET CERTIFIED. RIC PICKED UP THE TWO MEN TO ADD TO HIS CANNON CREW.

RIC WAS APPROACHED TO GO TO THE NATIONAL ARTILLERY SCHOOL NEXT APRIL IN WEST VIRGINIA TO BECOME A NATIONAL CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR.

JIM NEWKIRK COULDN'T MAKE THE SCHOOL BECAUSE MEDICAL CONCERNS ONLY A FEW DAYS BEFORE. ADDITIONALLY, HE COULDN'T FIND ANYBODY WITH A TRUCK BIG ENOUGH TO PULL 2 CANNONS.

## SPOTLIGHT ON – JOHN MACINTOSH

JOHN MACINTOSH HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN RE-ENACTING FOR OVER 15 YEARS. HE STARTED WITH THE 5<sup>TH</sup> KENTUCKY AND AFTER ABOUT A YEAR SWITCHED HIS MEMBERSHIP TO THE 9<sup>TH</sup> KENTUCKY AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THAT ORGANIZATION EVER SINCE.

JOHN HAS SPENT THE PAST THREE YEARS SERVING HIS FRIENDS AS THE MAJOR OF MEDICH'S CONFEDERATE BATTALION. DESPITE THIS, JOHN TELLS US THAT ALL HE EVER WANTED TO BE IN THE HOBBY IS A PRIVATE!

IT WAS JOHN'S INITIATIVE THAT SHOWED HISTORIC FORT WAYNE TO NICK MEDICH. JOHN SET THE BAIT FOR HIS BATTALION MEMBERS BY ORCHESTRATING A NCO AND OFFICER'S WEEKEND AT THE FORT IN MARCH. THE MEN HAD A LEADERSHIP TRAINING EVENT AND LODGED IN THE SPANISH AMERICAN GUARDHOUSE.

WITH THE SUCCESS OF THAT EVENT AND SEEING THE POTENTIAL TRAINING FACILITY, MEDICH BROUGHT HIS BATTALION BACK IN APRIL FOR THEIR SPRING DRILL, WHICH WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. AT THE MAY WORK DAY, JOHN PRESENTED THE COALITION WITH A CHECK FOR \$500.00 THAT THIS BATTALION HAD RAISED TO HELP

WITH THE PRESERVATION OF THE FORT.

IT'S EASY TO SEE THE LOUD, SUPPORTIVE VOICE JOHN HAS BEEN IN SHARING THE STORY OF THE FORT TO THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS IN THE MID-WEST. HIS WORK HASN'T STOPPED THERE, THOUGH. WHEN WORK ALLOWS, HE IS FOUND JOINING US FOR THE WORK DAYS AND OFTEN IS ON THE PHONE EVENINGS DISCUSSING NEW WAYS TO HELP THE FORT WITH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

BESIDES WORKING AS AN INFANTRYMAN, JOHN IS ALSO AN ACCOMPLISHED FIFER AND DRUMMER AND WORKS TO SUPPORT MEDICH'S FIFE AND DRUM CORP. AS THE PHOTO SHOWS, HE HAS EVEN DONNED FEDERAL BLUE WHEN ASKED TO SUPPORT THE MICHIGAN SOLDIERS AND SAILORS' MONUMENT REDEDICATION AND OTHER PRESERVATION CAUSES.

JOHN, THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK FOR THE COALITION!



*A VERY RARE IMAGE OF JOHN MACINTOSH AS A FEDERAL OFFICER AT FORT WAYNE, APRIL, 2005.*

*PHOTO BY WILL EICHLER.*

## HISTORIC FORT WAYNE COALITION

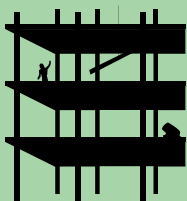
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PROMOTING THE  
RESTORATION OF  
HISTORIC FORT  
WAYNE BY  
SPONSORING GREAT  
EVENTS.



## WEBSITE

IT IS TIME TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE COALITION'S NEW WEBSITE. YOU CAN CHECK THE BEGINNING OF THIS SITE OUT ON THE WEB AT:

WWW.HISTORICFORTWAYNECOALITION.COM

THE THANKS OF THE COALITION GO TO DEBRA HOWLAND AND ROGER HOWLAND FOR ALL THE WORK THEY'VE DONE TO THIS POINT AND THE WORK THEY CONTINUE TO DO TO MAKE THIS SITE A SUCCESS. THERE ARE

SEVERAL NEW UPGRADES FOR THE LOOK OF THE SITE COMING IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IS THRILLED TO SEE THIS MOVE FORWARD.

BE SURE TO PASS THE WEBSITE ON TO YOUR HOME RE-ENACTING UNITS AND ANYONE YOU KNOW WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN MICHIGAN HISTORY! LOOK FOR INFORMATION ON THE SITE SOON ON TOURS, VISITING HOURS AND DIRECTIONS TO THE FORT TO HELP OUR GUESTS.

## FIREWORKS JUNE 28

WE HAVE A GREAT CHANCE TO HELP THE FORT, BE VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AND RELAX WITH OUR FAMILIES COMING UP VERY SOON. THE PARKS DEPARTMENT RENTED THE RIVERFRONT PARADE GROUNDS OUT TO A PROMOTER WHO WILL OPEN THE GROUNDS FOR A \$4.00/HEAD FEE TO ANYONE TO WATCH THE FIREWORKS ON JUNE 28. THE PARKS DEPT. RESERVED THE STAR FORT FOR OUR USE ONLY.

WE NEED 10 PEOPLE TO ATTEND IN PERIOD DRESS TO HELP WALK

AROUND AND BE VISIBLE AND WATCH THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS. THESE 10 PEOPLE (WE ARE LIMITED TO THIS NUMBER BY THE PROMOTER) WILL BE GRANTED FREE ADMISSION. WILL EICHLER IS KEEPING THE LIST. IT WILL BE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. ALL OTHER MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. IF YOU COME TO THE FIREWORKS, PLEASE JOIN US IN THE STAR FORT FOR AN EVENING OF CAMARADERIE!

CONTACT WILL AT STEADIWILL@EARTHLINK.NET FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## 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.