

## 1) NEXT EVENT: BALLS FALLS, VINELAND, ONTARIO AUGUST 6 &amp; 7/88

This now traditional, annual event is a unique experience. The action starts after lunch on the Saturday; but, camping is available to members on the Friday night. Most arrive in the Saturday maidenhairs to erect their tents and then have a lunch before the tactical.

The tactical is strictly for the participants. Any of the public who are there are more than welcome to observe; but, the action is in the form of a competition between various Yorker sections of both Battalions, the Brunswicks and invited guests such as the Lincoln Militia, 1812; the 64th Regt, Rev War and the 10th Louisiana, 1863. Whether these latter units will attend is still up in the air as of this writing. After the tactical, most will all go for a meal in the tavern at Jordan.

The next day is more traditional, with the public visiting our camps, meeting with the membership and viewing a tactical show put on in the built-up area for them.

The site itself is extremely beautiful. It is the original ground on which Ball, a disbanded Butler's Ranger settled. There are a number of period buildings to see and superb grounds including Twenty Mile Creek with two waterfalls. There is lots of good parking, super washrooms, straw and firewood.

To get there, take QEW towards St.Catharines. Coming from the east you exit for Vineland onto Route 24 which is before St.Kitts and you go to the right towards the town. You go through the town and climb the escarpment, watching for the entrance to the Park on your left. Follow the road carefully and immediately as you pass over the bridge you are in the site. The road bisects the grounds. Our sponsor, Sjt.Glen Smith of the Artillery will be there to show you where to erect your tents.

## 2) FORT NIAGARA, YOUNGSTOWN NY AUGUST 16 &amp; 17/88

This is a favourite of many of the troops who appreciate the joy of this original Yorker garrison and the hospitality of the Curator and staff.

Unlike the June, King's Birthday event, there is opposition and given the relative inflexibility of the grounds, a good tactical always results.

## 3) FORT YORK PAID EVENT, TORONTO EVENING OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 6 TO 9PM

Cpl John Moore, No.1 Section, Col's Coy is organizing this affair which will generate \$800.00 for the unit. Those who cannot go to Fort Niagara; but, can make Fort York on the Sunday evening should contact John to make a commitment. 416-898-1510. John needs 12 troops.

Anyone returning from the weekend at Fort Niagara who feels up to making Fort York as well will be very welcome.

As there is no firing of black powder yet at this site, the appearance will be confined to marching, drills and sentry duties. The event is being conducted for the National Research Council who are holding a function at the Fort. The 78th Fraser's will be in attendance as well.

## 4) CROWN POINT, 1758 NEW YORK PROVINCIAL REGIMENT AUGUST 23 &amp; 24/88

This is the only public appearance currently scheduled for this Seven Years War unit this year. It will be particularly marked by being the inaugural event for its Canadian counterpart in the form of La Compagnie de la Paroisse de Joseph de Chambly under the leadership of Andre Gousse.

The sole reason for announcing this event to all Yorker members is so everyone will understand what's going on and wish Andre and his guys well.

## 5) FORT CHAMBLY, BIRTHPLACE OF THE FIRST BATTALION, KRR NY SEPT 3 &amp; 4/88

Here's a good way to spend the long weekend; certainly more profitable than cutting the grass. For those of you who experienced the outstanding hospitality of Coteau du Lac, I don't have to go much further than advise that Chambly is a repeat of this same warmth.

The old Fort is a beautiful site/sight to see and marks the spot where Sir John received his beating order from Sir Guy Carleton to raise the Battalion on June 19, 1776.

There is always a good number of Yankees in opposition making the tacticals good fun. Previous problems of overexuberant teenagers making a nuisance of themselves in the camps at night is being addressed.

Andre Gousse, No.4 Sec, Col's Coy is coordinating this event for Parks Canada and hoping that his Regiment will give him lots of support.

Note Well: There will be NO preparation of cartridges allowed at this event. Come prepared!!

## 6) THORNHILL FESTIVAL, THORNHILL SATURDAY, SEPT 17/88 11:30am

This is a 1st Batt. event only and is a major fundraiser for the unit. New members should phone their NCO's for directions to the parking lot. Don't be late, as the parade starts to form up early and it becomes very difficult to manoeuvre through the crowd.

The event comprises a parade through the streets of Thornhill with the unit stopping and firing along the way. The unit then moves to the Beergarden for grog and sausages.

Thereafter there are a couple of tours through the streets to put on firing displays and drum & fife musick.

CaptLt Denis Bourget will be in command and the Colours will be paraded in the hands of Ensign Haase and Brevet Ensign Steele.

7) BOONE'S FARM TACTICAL, PENNSYLVANIA BAR EVENT SEPT 17 & 18/88  
SECOND BATTALION EVENT

As you can see, the 2nd Bn will have its only serious event of the year on the same weekend as the Thornhill Parade. As the 2nd Bn is quite small, this will not bleed too many troops from attendance at Thornhill, if the local guys give good support to the fundraiser. Please, would all who can possibly make Thornhill do so.

Gavin