

**NEXT EVENT: 10TH ANNIVERSARY - LAKE FARM TACTICAL AND CFB KINGSTON
LIVE SHOOT APR 17 & 18, KINGSTON, ONT**

We will return to the scene of two excellent tacticals of the old days when the Yorkers and King's Rangers were locked in immortal combat and Lazarus Parkhouse wore his head-to-toe flak suit. The Lake Farm is Al Joyner's loyalist ancestor's property and provides some interesting challenges. We would hope that the 1 & 2Bn KRR would turn out several sections as well as Butler's & the King's Rangers.

For the tactical, we will rendezvous at the school 0.3Km north of 401 on the Sydenam Road, the exit just west of Kingston itself. Be there no later than 12:30 having already eaten your lunch. As we will convoy from this point, you have to be on time so that everyone isn't having to wait just for you!!! If you have older kit, be sure to wear it as the bush will be wet.

In the evening, we will all go to the local Brew Pup for a meal and lies. As it is too early in the season for camping, I suggest the Journey's End Motel at 401 & Division street which is located to the south west after you exit - it's visible from the highway. This is relatively inexpensive for better than average accomodation. Every town/city has a central reservation number - for the Toronto area it's 416-624-8200. There are two Journey's End units in Kingston so be sure that you specify which one you want. For the 401 Hwy & Division street motel the room rate for two double beds, 4 person occupancy is \$52.88 - that's \$13.22 ea if you can stand the smell of dirty socks and the snoring.

On the Sunday, we will have a leisurely start and then travel to the Ranges at CFB Kingston. From 401 & Division, here's the way to get there. Take 401 east to the Hwy 15 exit (that's sort of the last for Kingston and the way to get to Fort Henry) and go south to Hwy 2. You go left, or east, on Hwy 2 for two sets of traffic lights. CFB Kingston is all around you. The second set is the Vimy Gate and you turn left. You keep on the same road, past the water tower on your left, past the 600 yd range on your right, past the RCE works, past the CPS range, you run out of pavement, past the fire training tower on your right to the 75yd, SMG range on your right. That's us.

For the live firing, if you have lead ball and want to roll your own cartridges, be our guest. They should be about 100 grain of 2F powder and rolled in aluminum foil so that it is impossible to confuse them with blank. Your live ball rounds should be stored in a separate container when you come on this weekend. If you don't have any cast ball, a large quantity will be available at the range courtesy of Rich Parks and you simply use blank cartridges for propellant.

There will be a range fee of \$3.00 per shooter and safety lectures, safe loading drills, etc... as we do not want even a sniff of an accident. The sound produced by live rounds is stronger than blank; but, not as fiercesome or damaging as modern centrefire rifles or shotguns. If you feel sensitive about your ears, bring your own ear protection. We will have disposable soft plugs at the range and everyone must wear protection.

No one should be concerned about firing live ball. The recoil from the musket is a solid, but strangely gentle, push. Any worries that you may have about a recoil like a 12ga shotgun is absolutely wrong. There is a major flash in the pan that takes some getting used to but the experience of firing a musket is so excellent that everyone should jump at the opportunity to have a go. Considering that so many guys think they can hit a moving man in the bush at 100 yds., it is a humbling experience even for the best of marksmen to find out that it ain't all that simple. And for the Colonel it is more than obvious that he is only dangerous with his mouth and his word processor.

Every participant should roll 45+ rounds of blank for the schemes and the shoot combined. To measure about 100 grains of 2F powder use a 'cup' about 17mm inside diameter by 34mm deep.

**ALL-UP US EVENT OF THE 93 CAMPAIGN - BRITISH BRIGADE EVENT, BATTLE OF CONHOCTON
MAY 1 & 2, BATH NY**

Here it is - the earliest start to a campaign ever and this year's big one in the States. The Northern Brigade will field four companies of Royal Yorkers; one or two of Butler's Rangers with Native Allies and one of King's Rangers. The Royal Yorker 3 Pdr will be in attendance and the KRR NY Colours will represent the Nor Bde.

Jim Corbett, Quarter Master General of the Brit Bde is the event coordinator and all of us who know him can attest that Jim knows this business. He advises that the response has been terrific and more troops will be on the field than we saw at Fort Plain - and that was plenty!

The encampment will be well supplied with straw, drinking water, sanitary facilities, bagged ice and firewood. Raw food stuffs for two meals will be supplied for those who want it and have registered. 18C Music and Dance Master supplied. As it very early in the year, everyone best be well prepared for the cold with lots of warm bedding and additional clothing. For those who don't want to brave the wilds, here's a list of local motels.

Days Inn 606-776-7644

Super 8 607-776-2187

Holland American 607-776-6057

National 607-776-4104

The "paying of dues" for the town of Bath will be a Freedom of the City ceremony/parade. The highlight of the weekend will be its three battles.

To get there: for Jean Plamondon - get off the I-90 NY Thruway at Schenectady Route 88. Take 88 to Binghamton. At Binghamton, take Route 81 south one mile and get on Route 17 west. Take exit #39 for Bath. OR, follow I-90 to Rte 390, as below.

From Ottawa, Kingston & Montreal: Take Route 81 south from the Ivy Lea Bridge to south of Syracuse. Pick up Route 11 near Cortland. Go south west on Rte 11 to Rte 17 near Corning. Go north west to Bath, exit at #39. OR, get on I-90 at Syracuse and go west to exit #46 and follow directions below.

From Toronto, St. Catherines: Cross at Queenston, get on the I-90. Take to exit #46 and take Rte 390 south to where it merges with Rte 17. Continue south to exit #38 for Bath.

Now, for those who exited at #39. Go to Rte 415. Turn left, going north and at the 'Y' take a left onto E. Morris St. Follow to Cameron St. Turn left, go under Rte 17 and then over the river and right after the bridge watch for the camp on the left.

For those who exited at #38. Turn left, ie. south, onto W. Washington Blvd. Go south, under Rte 17 to a set of lights. Turn right onto W. Morris St. and then another right onto Cameron St. Under Rte 17 again and then over bridge and watch on left immediately for the camp.

BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE & THE \$3.00 ENTRY FEE

I have received quite a variety of responses to this fee question; perhaps the most eloquent and detailed was from Dave Clare who took the time to offer every possible, well thought out and reasonable reason why the fee should not be requested by the Village, nor paid by the participants. Dave took me to task for making the \$3.00 fee seem like the only expense that reenactors have to face in order to participate. While that was not my intent, I can see how one could interpret my comments in this manner.

As many units were very outspoken against the fee, the management of the Village took a phone poll to discuss the matter. Their subsequent decision was to eliminate both the fee and the Saturday night dinner. I suspect this is the best all-round solution.

ROBIN UPTON - CHANGE OF ADDRESS & PHONE

Robin has moved to #7 - 125 Bonaventure Dr., HAMILTON L9C 5Y9. His phone number is 416-388-9186 or for message & FAX 416-388-1304. If you've got Musket, Fife & Drum business, phone 416-570-8593.

KINGSTON MILITARY GUN SHOW & COLLECTORS' FAIR, May 8 & 9, KINGSTON ONT

For those of you who will not be grubbing about in Second World War kit at the Battle School in Borden on this weekend, you might enjoy the drive to Kingston to the PWOR Armoury at 100 Montreal Street, 10AM to 4PM, both days. Montreal St. is exit #619 off Hwy 401. Go south to the Armoury. Admission - \$3.00.

A SUPPLY OF 2 BLUE STRIPE, WHITE BLANKETS - USEFUL AS THEY ARE OR FOR CAPOTES

Tex Joyner has located a source of these in good to very good condition. This is the pattern of blanket used by the Crown Forces in Quebec. Likely two will be required to make a capote. The price is around \$18 each. More on these to follow. I would like to hear from everyone who is interested.

