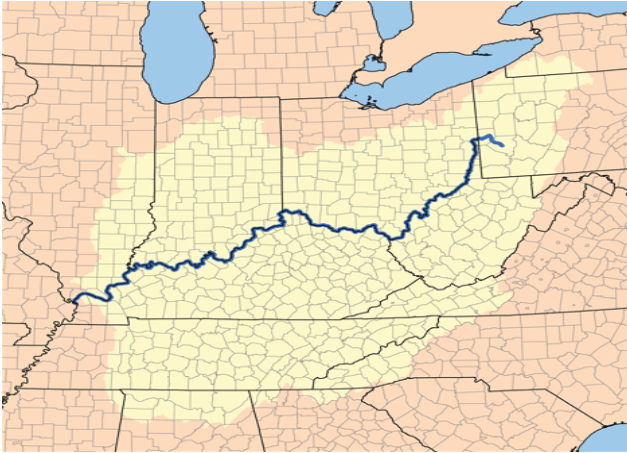


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On the Ohio.....

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President's Message

I am pleased to announce that I was elected to the LCTHF Board of Directors as an at large member for a three year term during the recent election cycle. Fellow ORC members Jane Knox and Lou Ritten were also newly elected to the Board. Jerry Wilson was re-elected to a second three year term. This gives the ORC four of the nine at large members on the Foundation's Board. The Board is rounded out with a five member Executive Committee. For a full list of the Foundation Board Members go to www.lewisandclark.org, then select "About Us", then select "Leadership and Staff". Remember that new board members and officers terms take effect October 1, 2016.

I had the opportunity to attend my first board meeting at Harpers Ferry as an observer. It was quite an experience. I was impressed that all but one board member attended, considering that it was a cross country trip for many of them. The meeting was really well organized and the Office Staff along with Executive Director, Lindy Hatcher, deserve a lot of credit for their hard work and attention to detail. All motions and reports were submitted in writing in advance. Copies of each these items were distributed to each Board Member along with a detailed schedule and agenda. Each member was allowed all the time they needed to present their report or motion. Everyone was respectful, courteous, patient, and positive with their presentation and comments. The president moved the meeting along smoothly and kept the focus on the topic at hand. Over two days, that's sixteen plus hours, the work of the Board for the Foundation Membership was completed and on schedule. This is a smooth working organization. This is how the ORC and all Chapters should pattern their meetings. This is how I want the ORC Meetings to run (flow).

Alice and I have had a busy Lewis and Clark summer touring sites and attending events. Here is a look at a few of these.

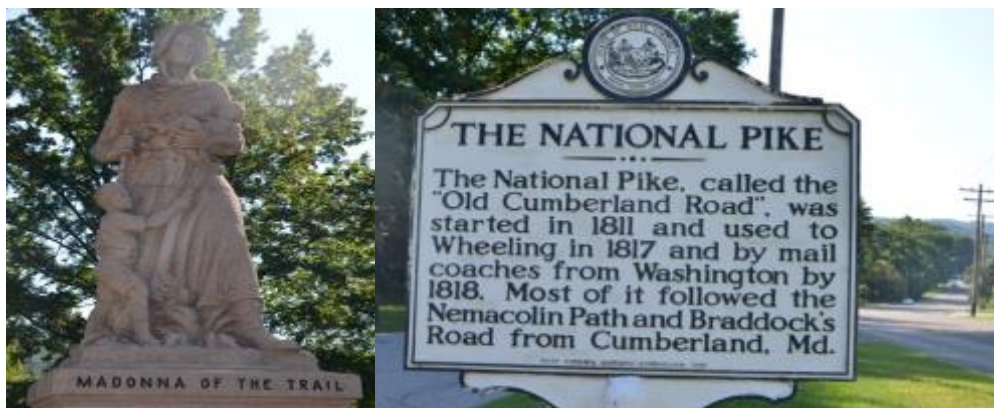
ZANESVILLE, Ohio. ZANE'S TRACE, AND THE OLD NATIONAL ROAD



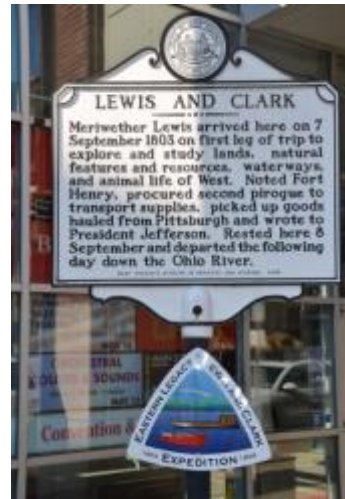
Zanesville, Zane's Trace, and the Old National Road were sites Alice and I decided to explore on our drive to Harpers Ferry. Interstate 71 East from Columbus parallels and in some stretches overlaps the National Road, which crosses the Muskingum River at the mouth of the Licking River in Zanesville. Zanesville and Zane's Trace are Lewis and Clark Eastern Legacy sites. On the return trip to report to Jefferson Lewis's party included the Mandan Chief Sheheke, his family, and his interpreter Rene Jousseume, and his family, as well as a delegation of Osage Indians led by Pierre Chouteau. Lewis's Party followed the Wilderness Road to Cumberland Gap and on to Washington, DC. Chouteau and the Osages left the party at Frankfort and continued along the Maysville Pike to "Old Limestone", crossed the Ohio River, and then followed Zane's Trace to Zanesville and on to Wheeling. They then generally followed the National Road on to Washington DC. Zane's Trace was constructed in 1796-1797 by Col. Ebenezer Zane from Wheeling to Maysville. It was constructed partly over animal and Indian Trails and was 230 miles long. The Trace was widened and improved after Ohio's statehood in 1803. The section from Zanesville to Wheeling became part of the Nation Road and was further improved 1825-1830. The original crossing of the Muskingum River was a ferry boat. Zanesville grew up around this Ferry Crossing. A bridge was built over the Muskingum in 1813. The original bridge was destroyed by a flood and was replaced with a Y-Bridge spanning the Muskingum River at the mouth of the Licking River. Pictured above is the fifth edition of the Y-Bridge. The National Road crosses the Y-Bridge as US 40.



WHEELING, WV offered more Lewis & Clark sites than I had imagined. We crossed the Ohio River on the Wheeling Suspension Bridge, 1849, visited the downtown Tourist Center/Museum which was filled with local history, then continued east on the National Road, HWY 40. Just east of Wheeling, we saw the Elm Grove Stone Bridge, 1817, which was built for the National Road crossing at Wheeling Creek by Moses Shepherd and is still in use today. Also, along this

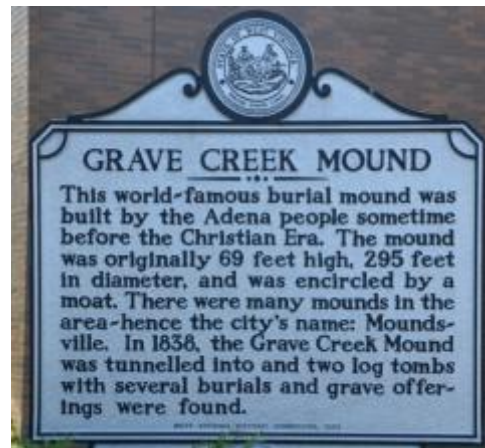


section of the National Road was a roadside monument, “Madonna of the Trail”, 1928, honoring the brave women who dared to venture west along this Road. This DAR project placed twelve monuments along the National Road from Maryland to California.



We revisited the riverfront and landing where Lewis spent two days. He bought a pirogue, saw the abandoned Ft Henry, 1774, picked up goods sent by land from Pittsburg from a Mr. Caldwell, wrote a letter to Jefferson, and rested. He did allow the men to have their flour baked into loafs of bread.

Moundsville, WV is the site of the Indian Grave Mound (Grave Creek Mound). Lewis visited here September 10, 1803. The mound is described in great detail by Lewis, 310 yards in circumference, 65 feet high, covered with trees, and a white oak tree at its peak, with a girth of 13.5 feet, and estimated to be 300 years old. Also, there is a very nice museum and helpful staff.



Wellsburg, WV is an interesting and scenic drive up the Ohio River from Wheeling. There is a great view of the Ohio River, Pine Island Locks and Dam, a large steel mill across from the dam in Yorkville, Cardinal Power Plant is located at Brilliant, OH just across from Wellsburg, making this a drive with very diversified scenery. Wellsburg was Patrick Gass' home the last fifty years of his life. He raised his family here. He is buried here. In addition to serving as a sergeant on the expedition, he also served in the war of 1812, and he was the first expedition member to publish his journal.



Wheeling Landing looking down river (left) and up river (right).



Patrick Gass Marker and Gravesite. American Flags mark Gass's Gravestone.



(All photos by Chuck Crase)

CLARK DAYS

Clark Days was held June 25-26, 2016 at the Falls of the Ohio State Park in Clarksville, IN at the reconstructed Clark Cabin. This is an outdoor event with vendors, exhibits, hands on demonstrations, re-enactors, guest speakers, and guided cabin tours. This year Richard and Sandy Hennings had a fantastic Lewis and Clark display covering three tables. They spent two very hot days talking Lewis and Clark with visitors. Rich and Sandy's attention to detail in their display is amazing. Check them out at the October Meeting. Chuck and Alice Crase had a table displaying Ohio River Chapter materials and LCTHF brochures. The primary emphasis was new member recruitment with the debut of the new Membership Rack Card which was a big hit. Check out the booth and lend a hand at the October Meeting.



SGT FLOYD MEMORIAL SERVICE

The fourth Annual Sgt. Floyd Memorial Service was held August 20, 2016 at the Frazier History Museum in Louisville, KY. Jim Mallory gave an update on the Eastern Legacy Extension. He encouraged everyone to go on line and voice their support for this proposed legislation. Larry Kluesner, Discovery Expedition of St. Charles MO, presented an update on the DESC's upcoming programs. He also outlined the expected activities of the DESC and locations of the keelboat during the October Meeting. This is a really active crew. Hasan Davis presented "York" with a phenomenal talk and discussion that totally captivated the audience and brought the character to life. This was a great presentation. Bud Clark, 3rd Great Grandson of Capt. William Clark presented a look at the lesser known members of the Clark family and their interactions from before the Revolutionary War to after the expedition. This was a very informative talk accompanied, as usual, by a display of original documents from his personal collection relating to the talk. Bud Clark never ceases but to inform and entertain. At the appointed hour, a moment of silent prayer was offered in honor of that great American, explorer and Expedition Member, Sgt. Charles Floyd. Sgt. Floyd was from Louisville. He died August 20, 1804 and was buried with all due military honors on a Missouri River Bluff near present day Sioux City, IA.



Secretary's Report

July 25, 2016

Harpers Ferry, West Virginia

Opening:

The summer meeting of the Ohio River Chapter was called to order by President Chuck Crase. An invocation. *A Prayer for our Country*, by Francis Scott Key (the 4th stanza of the Star Spangled Banner) was given by Skip Jackson. Skip also led the Pledge to the Flag and followed with a reading of the letter of credit from Thomas Jefferson to Meriwether Lewis, dated July 4, 1803.

New member and first time attendee, Keith Vanstone from Nashville, Tennessee, was introduced and welcomed to the chapter. Keith is a collateral descendant of Meriwether Lewis.

Secretary Report:

The reading of the minutes was waived since the minutes were printed in the latest Chapter newsletter. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Vice-President Report:

Vice-President Jerry Wilson reported on the fall chapter meeting. The meeting will be held Saturday, October 1 at 6:00 pm at the Clarion in Clarksville, Indiana. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Lewis and Clark Indiana Bicentennial Festival Celebration at the George Rogers Clark home site in Clarksville, Indiana. See the announcement section of the minutes for more details on this celebration. Jerry also reported that, tentatively, Lorna Hainesworth will be presenting her Corps in the war program at the spring meeting in April 2017. The meeting may take place in the North Bend, Ohio area. More information will be given later.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Skip Jackson gave the Treasurer's report. The treasury shows a balance of \$9,506.95. \$4,950 of the balance is from the Trail Heritage Foundation Grant for the Eastern Legacy Uniform Sign system project and \$82.50 is in the American Heritage Girls Patch Fund.

The Boy Scout Patch program and the Wellness program each have a balance of \$0.00. \$4,474.45 of the balance is in un-restricted funds. A list of members who had paid dues which support the chapter was passed around for members to make any necessary updates. The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

Committee Reports:

Jerry and Janice Wilson gave a report on the Foundation Wellness program. The Lewis and Clark Wellness Challenge. This year's program ended June 30 with twelve teams participating. Favorable comments were received from participants. A fund raiser, selling Harpers Ferry meeting t-shirts, was held. Checks from the t-shirt sales were submitted to be added to the Chapter's Wellness fund to help purchase incentives for participants. Jerry reported that incentives have been purchased for the next two years.

Chuck Crase reported on the Facebook Page Committee. The Facebook page and website are both linked to the Foundation website. The chapter web page address is lewisandclark.org/chapter/ohio-river. The Facebook page address is [facebook.com/LCTHFOhioRiverChapter](https://www.facebook.com/LCTHFOhioRiverChapter). Chuck also presented an example (card)

which could be used for a brochure or membership card for the Ohio River Chapter. The card included a possible logo and membership information/application. The logo used is from the chapter's patch which was designed some years ago with the Ohio River drainage system. Work will continue on developing a trifold, brochure, etc. More information and examples should be available to present at the fall meeting in Clarksville. A discussion was held concerning the information and example presented. Jerry Wilson made a motion to accept the Ohio River drainage system as the logo for the Ohio River Chapter. The motion was seconded by Skip Jackson, was voted and passed.

Unfinished Business:

Jerry Wilson reported on the Boy Scout Patch Program. He submitted money to Skip Jackson to be deposited in the chapter treasury.

New Business:

Jerry brought up the possibility of the Ohio River Chapter being a partner group with Big Bone Lick State Historic Site for a trail endowment grant to update their Visitor's Center. Following a discussion on the topic and considering the approaching deadline for the application, the president offered to work with Jerry and the ORC Executive Committee to expedite the completion of the partnership and application with the Big Bone Lick Historic Site.

Jerry also reported that the foundation has a committee to investigate a redesign of WPO to make it more attractive and appealing. \$3,200.00 is needed for the project, half of which has been donated and the other half has since been raised. The project does not involve content of the magazine, just a redesign.

Announcements:

Jim Keith reported on the Lewis and Clark Indiana Bicentennial Festival Celebration in Clarksville, Indiana September 30-October 2, 2016. The event will take place at the George Rogers Clark Cabin Site and will include re-enactors, vendors, DESC, the keelboat and two pirogues. Friday will be Education Day for school groups. John Fisher will present a program on Friday night. There is a possibility that the chapter will have an information booth. Jim also discussed and updated the group on efforts with the bridge naming in Clarksville.

Lorna gave a short presentation on our National Mammal; the bison. She had information available for anyone interested.

A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Skip Jackson to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Janice Wilson, Secretary.

Meeting Notice

Saturday, October 1, 2016

6:00 pm The Ohio River Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation will meet in the Churchill Room of the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center-Louisville North located at 506 Marriott Drive, Clarksville, IN 47129. This is the same site in Clarksville we have met during other Falls area Lewis and Clark events. This

will also be our host hotel. If you have not yet done so, be sure to make your overnight reservations. The contact number is **812-283-4411**. Ask for the Lewis and Clark rate which covers September 30-October 2.

The cutoff date is September 15. Our rate is \$79.95 plus tax (11%)

The meeting is in conjunction with the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Festival at the George Rogers Clark Cabin Homesite in Clarksville (1102 West Harrison Avenue.)

Friday September 30:

9:00 am-3:00 pm: Education Day with the DESC learning stations (even though this is a school day, feel free to visit on your own.)

6:00 pm-?: Presentation by John Fisher, “Lewis and Clark at the Edge of science and Technology with the help of the First Americans.” This event is to be held at the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center in Clarksville. Note: there could be an entrance fee.

Saturday, October 1

10:00 am-4:00 pm: Public Day with DESC learning stations.

5:00 pm-6:00 pm: Dinner at the Clarion. (Order from the menu. Pay on your own.)

6:00 pm- 8:00 pm: ORC meeting in the Churchill Room

Sunday, October 2:

10:00 am-4:00 pm: Public Day with DESC learning stations.

12:00 pm-3:00 pm: First Annual Lewis and Clark “Handshake” hosted by Indiana University Southeast. Note: I will need to learn more about this event. Just the title itself sounds interesting. I will have additional information the weekend of our meeting.

Although not part of our chapter meeting, the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles is planning to display their keelboat (on a trailer) at the Frazier History Museum in Louisville on Monday and Tuesday, October 3rd and 4th. The museum still has their Lewis and Clark exhibit, and it well worth the time to spend an hour or two viewing it.

The spring 2017 ORC meeting will take place during the month of April. Dates to be determined. The meeting will be in the North Bend, Ohio/Lawrenceburg, IN area. It will center around William Henry Harrison, Zebulon Pike, Sr. and Archibald Lochry with a special emphasis on Lorna Hainesworth’s program about Corps members in the War of 1812.

Submitted by Jerry Wilson, ORC Vice-President/Program Chair.

From the Journals

September the 7th Foggy morning according to custom; set out at half past seven, and in about two hundred paces stuck on a riffle all hands obliged to get out. observed the Thermometer at sun rise in the air at 47^o the temprature of the water being 68^o— difference 21^o— got over the riffle, at 45 mts. after 8. passed

Charles town on the E. shore above the mouth of Buffaloe over which there is built a handsom wooden bridge, this has the appearance of a handsome little Village, containing about forty houses— this village is three miles below our encampment of last evening— reached Wheeling 16 miles distant at 5 in the evening— this is a pretty considerable Village contains about fifty houses and is the county town of Ohio it is situated on the east side of the river on an elevated bank; the landing is good, just below the town and on the same side big Wheeling creek emtys itself into the Ohio, on a point formed by this creek and the river stands an old stockade fort, now gone to decay; this town is remarkable for being the point of embarkation for merchants and Emegrants who are about to descend the river, particularly if they are late in getting on and the water gets low as is most commonly is from the beginning of July to the last of September; the water from hence being much deeper and the navigation better than it is from Pittsburgh or any point above it— I went on shore waited on a Mr. Caldwell a merchant of that place to whome I had consigned a part of my goods which I had sent by land from Pittsburgh; found the articles in good order; her met with Colo. Rodney one of the commissioners appointed by the government to adjust the landed claims in the Mississippi Territory. in his suit was Majr Claiborne and a young gentleman who was going to the Territory with a view to commence the practice of the law. he is a pupil of Czar Rodney of Deleware remained all night

From “The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition” by Gary E. Moulton, University of Nebraska Press

From the Membership

Eastern Legacy Study-Public Comment Period

The Eastern Legacy Study (The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Extension Study and Environmental Assessment) (page 1) of the Lewis and Clark Expedition over the past few years by the National Park Service is complete and is now open for public review and comment from August 15, 2016 to September 30, 2016. Eastern Legacy refers to eastern sites and segments (trails) associated with the preparation phase (before May 14, 1804) or return phase (after September 23, 1806) of the Expedition (page 10). The Lewis and Clark Eastern Legacy Timeline high lights the inclusive dates, events and segments (page 23). The overall study is incredibly detailed and looks at the sites and segments from every imaginable angle. The significant sites reviewed are already protected by various NPS designations and no further sites are being recommended for inclusion. Twenty-five trail segments (pages 31-33) were studied and only three were considered and recommended for inclusion in the LCNHT extension. Those three segments were water routes from Pittsburgh to Louisville, Louisville to the mouth of the Ohio River and the mouth of the Ohio River to Wood River (Camp River Dubois) (pages 2-3). The complete report has 144 pages and does outline the study process in detail with maps, tables and an extensive list of References and detailed Appendixes. I encourage each of you to review this report online at:

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=155&projectID=32773&documentID72108>

After reading this report, each of you definitely needs to submit your comments to the NPS. There is a “Comments” box on the home page of the above address you can use to report your comments. Please support the addition of these three trail segments to the LCNHT Eastern Extension. You can also support the inclusion of any of these other trail segments you think appropriate. That is what the comment period is all about. Do it now. Remember, the comment period is now open, but closes September 30, 2016. Check out the maps in this report (pages 24, 29 & 30). Two of the three trail segments that the NPS considers significant for inclusion are right in the middle of the Ohio River Chapter Region. These two trail segments are the water route along the entire length of the Ohio River and are depicted in the Ohio River Chapter’s Logo. Let’s have a

100% response rate from our membership and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to get online and respond positively on our behalf.

Submitted by Chuck Crase/President ORC/Board Member-LCTHF

Thank you Ohio River Chapter

I wish to give a big thank you to all of the Ohio River Chapter members for their attendance and assistance at the 48th LCTHF Annual Meeting at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. Even though the meeting was not sponsored by the chapter with no official responsibilities for its planning, organizing and final execution, many chapter members stepped up to make sure it was a great success. I hesitate to mention names because I know I will leave out people for which I apologize if I do so. However, I have to thank Lorna for her, not one, but two outstanding programs. Thanks also to Skip Jackson for his help whenever needed, especially loading of the buses. Thanks to chapter friend Fred Shaw for his inspiring keynote presentation. Thanks to new member Lou Ritten for his auction skills. And most of all I would like to thank chapter members Paige Cruz, Mike Losech, Lorraine Losech and Janice Wilson for working together, with other Foundation members, by spending three years, several Harpers Ferry road trips and dipping into their retirement funds to fulfill this mission.

Even though the meeting was not officially ORC, we did sponsor the Wednesday evening banquet cash bar. This was also a success as it earned our host hotel an additional profit. With no documented proof the timing of the open bar to take place during both the live auction and the silent auction may have earned the greatest profit ever for the LCTHF Library. For this, I also thank the chapter.

Submitted by Jerry Wilson

President Jefferson and Captain Lewis



President Thomas Jefferson instructs Captain Meriwether Lewis on the planning of the expedition. Maps are spread on the floor of the east room of the President's mansion in Capitol City Washington in January of 1803

5 July 1803: After celebrating Independence with “bonfires and illuminations,” President Jefferson wished Capt. Lewis God’s speed and good luck as he leaves Capitol City Washington for Harpers Ferry to begin his exploration of a water route to the Western Ocean. He will return just after Christmas 1806 from his three and a half year journey.

Submitted by Skip “Meriwether Lewis” Jackson



ORC member E, Colleen Duncan reports on an incident involving the Pvt. William Bratton Roadside Marker at Old Pioneer Cemetery in Waynestown, IN.

Easter morning, March 25th, 2016, an out of control automobile tore through the cemetery taking out Pvt Bratton's roadside marker along with destroying eight or ten very old gravesite markers.

Pvt. William Bratton's Indiana Roadside Marker was not badly damaged and is hoped to be reset before September.

E, Colleen Duncan, research historian

Pvt. William Bratton, Corps of Discovery

Lewis and Clark Expedition

From Julia Teuschler, ORC, LCTHF

"This is from the sunny sides of Indiana and Cleves, Ohio. A very knowledgeable uniformed officer, who identified himself as Capt. Lewis, lately from Washington, spoke at length to a group of travelers from the Western State of Washington. They had stopped at the impressive monument and mausoleum of the ninth President of our Republic, Wm. Henry Harrison.

Capt. Lewis, who served with the former Territorial Governor on the upper forts of the Great Miami, explained his present expeditionary assignment from President Jefferson. The travelers listened intently to the imposing officer. Their questions reflected good intelligence and insight after being somewhat startled at an espontoon-carrying gentleman. The encounter ended happily with a repast at the Skyline of North Bend of the Ohio.

The Inland Empire Tour continued their trek to Big Bone Lick of Kentucky".

The espontoon-carrying officer mentioned in the above article was none other than ORC Treasurer, Skip Jackson. Keep up the good work Skip. RH

Glossary of Colonial Terms

Box iron...Iron with hollow core in which a hot iron "slug" was placed

Camelet, camblet...A name originally for a costly Oriental fabric; of fine camel's hair

Drugget...Coarse woven fabric, all of wool or half wool, half silk or linen. Used as dress material

Duroy or Duffle...Coarse woolen cloth

From chadsfordhistory.org

Upcoming Events

September 24th & 25th, 2016: Seige of Boonseboro, Richmond, KY

October 14th – 16th, 2016: 41st Annual Salt Festival, Big Bone Lick State Park, Union, KY

October 14th- 16th, 2016: Gathering of Five Medals, New Paris, IN

November 11th, 2016: Special Veteran's Day Program at the Tippecanoe Battlefield, Battle Ground ,IN

November 12th-13th, 2016: 205th Anniversary of the Battle of Tippecanoe, Battle Ground, IN

March 18th & 19th, 2017: Kalamazoo Living History Show, Kalamazoo, MI

April ?, 2017: ORC spring meeting in North Bend, Ohio/Lawrence, IN area

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