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## PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

By Jim Schumann

Hey pards,

I hope to speak as your Chief of Staff as little as possible - I find it too pretentious - but it is a positive joy in this case to talk to you all in that capacity: I would like to thank all involved in the recent Galena event for an absolutely superb weekend! The members of the 41st, along with those of the 3rd Wis. and the 33rd, went above and beyond the call to present the public (and a very good public at that, interested, attentive and asking perceptive questions) with an event that was described by no less than Terry Sorchy as possibly the best event he has EVER been to - high praise from the master, and well deserved. The staff of the Grant Home were as delighted as we were!

The memory of this one will stay with me like a steaming cup of coffee over a warm fire on a cold day! Thanks again to all.

Yer comrade, messmate and most obedient servant,  
 Benjamin L. Davis

### 41<sup>st</sup> Virginia, Co. E Official 2003 Schedule

**Aug. 8-10** Gettysburg, PA  
**Aug. 30-31** Eagle, WI (Old World)  
**Sept. 27-28** Greenbush, WI  
**Oct. 11-12** Coon Valley, WI  
 (Norskedalen)

### Alternate Events

**July 19-20** Menomonee Falls, WI  
 Hastings, MI

**Aug. 1-3** Boscobel, WI

**Aug. 9-10** Green Bay, WI (RR  
 Museum)

**Aug. 16-17** Wauconda, IL  
 Ft. Snelling, MN

**Sept. 7-8** Lockport, IL

**Sept. 19-21** Marengo, IL

**Oct. 4-5** Stockton, IL

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 Thank you.  
 My regards.



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## Menomonee Falls

This year on July 19th and 20th the Menomonee Falls Historical Society will be holding its annual Civil War encampment. As in years past it will be held at "Old Falls Village" at the corner of Pilgrim and County Line roads in Menomonee Falls, WI. As one of this year's co-chairs it is my job to contact reenactors to see if they are interested in taking part in our encampment. We are looking for reenactors, both military and civilian, to portray life as it was in the time frame of 1860 to 1865. Fire wood will be provided and water and rest rooms will be available in the Public House. Supper will be supplied on Saturday evening.

Please let me know if you can attend either or both days. I would also like to know of any special needs you may have. If you can not attend, but know someone who would be interested please feel free to pass on this request. I can be reached at tind\_j@sirnet.com (home) or jetindall@ra.rockwell.com (work). If phone would be more convenient I can be reached at home (414)466-8750 after 4:00pm or at work (262)512-2550 6:00am to 3:00pm.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration, we are looking forward to working with you.

Respectfully, Jack Tindall, co-chair Civil War encampment 2003

### Saturday

11:30 Artillery Drill with Cannon Fire by Battery B 4th U. S. Light Artillery

12:15 Mock Skirmish by Company A U. S. Cavalry

1:00 Speaker: Abe Lincoln

1:45 Speaker: Fred Murphy: Zouaves - Who Were They? History of Iron Brigade

2:30 Artillery Drill with Cannon Fire by Battery B 4th U. S. Light Artillery

3:15 Speaker: Abe Lincoln

4:00 Speaker: Fred Murphy: Sultana - A Forgotten Tragedy Camp Life with the 2nd Wisconsin/ Drill and "Quaker Guns"

### Sunday

11:30 Speaker: Fred Murphy: Sultana - A Forgotten Tragedy Camp Life with the 2nd Wisconsin/ Drill and "Quaker Guns"

12:15 Artillery Drill with Cannon Fire by Battery B 4th U. S. Light Artillery

1:00 Mock Skirmish by Company A U. S. Cavalry

1:45 Speaker: Abe Lincoln

2:30 Speaker: Fred Murphy: Zouaves - Who Were They? History of Iron Brigade

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4:00 Speaker: Abe Lincoln

### Both Days/All Day

Sons of Union Veterans

Artist with Harper's Ferry, Alfred Waud

Infantry Bugler

General Pettigrew's Civil War artifacts

Civil War artifact display in the Public House, Local Soldier's panels, Umhoefer

Family Tree and Civil War information text panels

Don't Miss: Cooking Demonstrations, Weapons Drills, Storytelling, Music, Tea Parties and Hand quilting

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## Hastings

15th Annual Civil War Muster July 19-20 in Hastings at the Historic Charlton Park

Over 1500 Blue and Grey reenactors clash each afternoon in an historic village setting.

Special night firing and candle lantern tour Saturday night.

Demonstrations and presentations on period dancing, dress, uniforms, artillery, cavalry and worship.

Call (269) 945.3775 or go to [www.charltonpark.org](http://www.charltonpark.org) for info.

Here is the address: Historic Charlton Park 2545 S. Charlton Park Road Hastings, MI 49058-8102

GETTING HERE: Charlton Park is a convenient and pleasant drive from

Battle Creek - head north 25 miles

Grand Rapids - head south-east 35 miles

Kalamazoo - head north-east 40 miles

Lansing - head south-west 45 miles

Detroit - head north-west 120 miles

Chicago - head north-east 140 miles

## Official Word on Gettysburg

As of June 10, 2003

Thank you to Marina Mirrilees for this press release, and thanks to Andy Ackert for alerting the 41<sup>st</sup> to the postponement news.

TO: News Media

FROM: Gettysburg Anniversary Committee

RE: High Priority-140th Gettysburg Anniversary Battle Reenactment Rescheduled

Due to the record-breaking wet weather in the Northeast from last fall through this spring and concern for the safety and health of the reenactors, spectators, farmers, and the community, and in consultation with Federal Commander, General Dr. David L. Valuska, and Confederate Commander, General James W. Maupin, the Gettysburg Anniversary Committee has made the decision to reschedule the 140th Gettysburg Anniversary Battle Reenactment, originally scheduled for July 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2003.

This decision was reached after extensive consultation with state and local emergency management officials, and after reviewing the extremely wet turf conditions. These conditions make it impossible to access the site, or to finalize preparations for the site and infrastructure necessary for the event. Additionally, the National Weather Service 15-day forecast does not show significant relief from the current conditions. There are few, if any, sites on the east coast that would be capable of handling an event of this scope and size under the current weather conditions. It was determined that the only reasonable, responsible and prudent course of action was to reschedule the event to August 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2003.

This decision to reschedule the event was made with serious regard to planning, public safety and protecting the integrity of this much-anticipated and significant national event.

Cumberland Township Chief of Police, Barry Sease stated "given the current weather outlook and current turf conditions, the decision made by the Gettysburg Anniversary Committee Organizers was the right decision for public safety."

Event Operations Director Randy Phiel stated "after analyzing the current weather and turf conditions and looking at the 15-day National Weather forecast it is time to be both practical and pragmatic. Farmers are two weeks from even getting into their fields under absolutely ideal conditions. We owe it to the local community, visitors and reenactors to be realistic and to act responsibly. That is one of the values of having local folks organize this event. We fully understand this will cause significant inconvenience to various individuals but sometimes you just have to play the cards you are dealt and be responsible to all three of these groups. This will still be a very well attended national event by re-scheduling it to August 8th, 9th and 10th.

The principal event landowner, David Redding, has stated that he had never experienced any May and June like this in his 53 years of farming. His 85-year-old uncle who farms nearby confirms he has never experienced this kind of spring in his lifetime. Crop farmers are in an extremely critical situation and are at least several weeks away, under extremely ideal conditions, from being able to access their fields to plant or harvest. There is a serious hay shortage as a result.

Reenactments are not the only weather victim this spring. This abnormal weather pattern has consistently caused canceled events, has waterways overflowing their banks, has flooded basements and has prevented homeowners from mowing their lawns.

The 140th Gettysburg Anniversary Battle Reenactment is highly anticipated with thousands of reenactors from across the country and around the world, extensive pyrotechnics, hundreds of horses, 100 cannons, large living history areas, over 100 sutlers and two major battles each day. The organizers fully understand that this date change may impact individual schedules. As a result, the following information is being provided:

National Park Service Living History activities are ongoing each day. See <http://www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm> for schedules and details.

Information on additional Gettysburg activities can be found on <http://www.gettysburg.com/>.

Tickets purchased for this July will be honored for that same day on August 8, 9, & 10.

Visitors not able to reschedule any one day will have that day credited for any day of next year's event on July 2, 3 & 4, 2004. Those persons already having purchased tickets will be sent correspondence with specific instructions.

To insure the widest possible dissemination of this schedule change, this notice is being provided to the media and, the Gettysburg Anniversary Committee web site, [www.gettysburgreenactment.com](http://www.gettysburgreenactment.com), is also being updated. In addition to media outlets being notified, registered reenactors and advance ticket purchasers are also being notified by the Gettysburg Anniversary Committee.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we strive to maintain the integrity of this national event for reenactors, visitors, and the community. Although the event has been rescheduled, the 140<sup>TH</sup> Gettysburg Battle Anniversary Reenactment remains a significant event of national scope anxiously anticipated by visitors, reenactors, spectators and people of all ages wanting to see those dusty old history books come alive!

Sincerely,  
The Gettysburg Anniversary Committee

## For Gettysburg Updates

<http://www.gettysburgreenactment.com/index.htm>

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## Old World

Just wanted to pass word along to the membership of the 41st that they are cordially invited (yes, even Poague) to participate as Confederate soldiers at this year's Labor Day weekend event at Old World Wisconsin. We haven't done a POW scenario in several years and I think it would be a lot of fun for everyone. I'll remind our Dan Barker to bring his period baseball equipment for a friendly game of "Rounders" between the blue and grey (under guard, of course).

We, in the 3rd Wisconsin, would love to see you all and to give you the opportunity to play at Old World as a group without having to galvanize!

Thanks!

Dave Frohmader

Secretary, Company C, 3rd Wisconsin Veteran Volunteer Infantry



## Joining E-Holler

For any 41<sup>st</sup> members who'd like to go cyber and get first-day news, plan carpools to events, or just discuss any and all topics related to the War of Northern Aggression, here are our esteemed webmaster Terry Lemke's instructions for joining the listserv:

Simply send an e-mail to [members@41stva.org](mailto:members@41stva.org) and that's it!

You'll then receive an e-mail from the list-server, from [Members-request@41stva.org](mailto:Members-request@41stva.org), which has the subject '"Welcome to the "Members" mailing list.'

To see general information about the list, use the second link in that e-mail (repeated below) and go to the bottom of the page to the "Members Subscribers" section.

[http://41stva.org/mailman/listinfo/members\\_41stva.org](http://41stva.org/mailman/listinfo/members_41stva.org)

This link will allow you to see who is subscribed. To see the subscriber list or make subscription changes you will need the password that has been assigned to you by the list server. That password is listed in the same e-mail.

Happy e-holler to you all. T1

\*\* There is a list friends of the 41<sup>st</sup> can join, too: please check out \*\*  
[www.41stva.org](http://www.41stva.org)

## Gods and Generals

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