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APPLETON SCHOOL EVENT

The date for the Appleton School event is **Thursday, May 23**. As in past years, the Appleton School event will take place at the Johnson Elementary School. A minimum of eight reenactors are needed for this event. Presently, there are only five 33rd members committed to attending the event. Kres has had to scramble to come up with more bodies in order to preserve the program for the school. As a result of our diminished participation, we will receive a reduced stipend of \$400. This will be the last year for Appleton. Make sure you attend now or lose forever the chance to have made it to this fine school event. Please do not let the fact that there are *enough* bodies to cover event deter your attendance if you were still thinking of going.

The day begins at 9:00 am, but plan to arrive at the school by 8:30. Each reenactor will be given a company of students, and drill with the students during the morning. This has always been a fun experience, and allows us to better learn and practice our drill as well. Experience has shown that assigning roles of captain, orderly sergeant, and corporals within the ranks of the students enhances their experience, and gives better control over the companies, than trying to have the reenactor do it all.

Lunch will be provided by the school to both students and reenactors. Mess gear will be provided, though you may use your own if you desire.

The afternoon session will feature seminars as with the Whitewater School event. Plan to present to the students a topic of Civil War interest. Consult with Kres Peckham if you have any questions. The day will end around 3:00 pm.

DIRECTIONS: Hwy 41 to the Fox Valley. Exit onto Hwy 441 and take that to the CE (College Avenue) exit. After exiting, proceed west (left) pass through a stoplight and turn left onto Matthias. Forward to Forest, and turn left and you will see Johnston Elementary School.

Our POC is Kres Peckham who may be contacted at kbpeckham@aol.com or by phoning 262 738-9033. Please contact Kres today to let him know you can make it.

WHITEWATER SCHOOL EVENT WRAP-UP

By Robert A. Braun.

With cool, but sunny weather, Betsy Urven's ties with the elusive "weather god" proved strong again this year as seven members of the 33rd Wisconsin--Betsy, Anne Danko, Karl Kaphengst, Bob Pagel, Dave Gerow, Jeff Stewart, and Bob Braun conducted the day-long Civil War immersion program for Whitewater Middle School and Lincoln Elementary School on Friday April 26, 2002.

The group offered numerous stations were offered, including dance, drill, mourning customs, foodways, military discipline, uniforms, etc. The elementary and middle school students were some of the best ever, and offered some great questions and

interactions.

Due to the personal efforts of the members in attendance and the energy of the Whitewater school faculty and administrators, the event was an unqualified success. Betsy and the Whitewater Unified School District extend their heartfelt thanks to all 33rd Wisconsin participants for an other great program!

MEMORIAL DAY – FULTON

Memorial Day falls on **Monday, May 27**, this year. This special day will find the 33rd Wisconsin again participating in the Fulton Cemetery Association ceremony.

You will recall that last year we decided to attend the Stoughton parade and ceremony in place of Fulton. At the winter meeting, we voted to alternate Fulton and Stoughton annually, if the hosts would allow us that option.

I wrote to Jim Raymond, of the Fulton Cemetery Association, and asked if the 33rd could once again come for the cemetery's ceremony. Jim called me at home the next day and excitedly accepted our request. There was great enthusiasm on his behalf in the knowledge that we would once again attend.

The 33rd will act as an honor guard for the ceremony. You are therefore asked to wear your dress uniform, to rub off the mud from your trousers, to polish the brass and blacken your belts and shoes. We are not attempting to portray *AJ Smith Guerrillas* at this event, but rather a smartly dressed and accoutered guard for the ceremony.

The Fulton Cemetery ceremony is a true piece of Americana. Simple in nature, it is inspiring to the soul. Songs, speeches, the reading of the names of ALL veterans in the cemetery and the laying of a carnation on each grave are the orders of the day. In addition, we are asked to provide a 5-10 minute program of our own. John Wedeward

has found an inspiring poem to read on behalf of the 33rd.

Fulton is located south of Edgerton and west of Indianford in Rock County. Take Hwy 51 south out of Edgerton (north out of Janesville) to CTH M. Travel west through Indianford on M to Fulton, located about 4 miles west of Hwy 51. At Fulton, turn north, cross the river, then travel west again on Caledonia Road. The cemetery is



located on the left, just as the road breaks out of the trees.

The ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m., but please plan to arrive not later that 10:10 so that we can get organized. *Jim Hulbert* is asked to bring the flags with him or ensure that someone has them so that we can use them at the ceremony. Reitz will be sure to bring the leather flag slings.

As added bonus, the Cemetery Association sponsors a pot luck luncheon at the church hall in Fulton after the ceremony at the cemetery. All are invited, especially the 33rd members. Please bring a dish to pass if you can.

Finally, after the Fulton ceremony, we will travel to another Rock County cemetery, to commemorate the ACW veterans buried at Lima Center. At

Lima Center (between Milton and Whitewater) are interred numerous Civil War soldiers from the township. The majority are from the 13th Wisconsin.

However, among these graves are the following veteran interments from Company E, Thirty-third Wisconsin:

- First Lieutenant Henry B. Cornell,
- Corp. William Truman,
- Silas B. Crocker,
- Franklin B. Anderson,
- Warren G. Barber, and an cenotaph to Corp. Albert C. Jones, Co. F, killed in action at Cane River (Cloutierville) Louisiana April 24, 1864 and Private Myron West, Co. F, died of disease in Memphis, Tenn. on July 2 [may be July 1]1864.

This is the largest concentration of Company E, Thirty-third Wisconsin veterans buried in one cemetery that is known to me.

It is proposed to depart at the conclusion of the Fulton Cemetery observances and program, for a 15-20 minute program, ceremony, and observance at Lima Center.

Directions to Lima Center are rather straight-forward:

From the Fulton Cemetery, drive east to Highway H. Turn right on "H" and follow to "M." Turn left on "M" to Indianford and on to Milton. In Milton, "M" becomes Route 59. Stay on 59 as it turns south as part of Route 26, near the Milton House. Follow 26/59 south to

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the next stop light. Turn left at the light, heading east on Route 59 towards Whitewater. After about 5 miles, the cemetery will be on the left (north) side of 59. Turn left onto the side road (Lima Center Road) at the cemetery gate... parking on Route 59 shoulder is **NOT** recommended, because of the speed of traffic on 59. Total distance from Fulton to Lima Center is approx. 17 miles.

For further information on Memorial Day at Fulton, please contact Mark Reitz, mreitz@baraboo.com, 608 356-3129, or for information on Lima Center, contact Bob Braun, braunwis@ticon.net.

**FREE WILL BAPTIST
CEMETERY RE-DEDICATION**

Information is sketchy at the present, and the time is short, but the 33rd has been invited to attend a re-dedication of the Free Will Baptist in Wheatland, Wisconsin, outside of Kenosha.

The Dedication set for May 19, 2002, at 2:00 PM, Wheatland Township, Kenosha County. The cemetery is located on old Highway 50. Ten or more Wisconsin Volunteer Civil War Veterans were buried at the site of this former Baptist Church cemetery that had been forgotten, neglected, and vandalized.. Several of the men served in the 33rd Regiment, including Charles L Fay, Newton R. Fay, R. Ashley, are buried there. A dedicated group of local people have worked to reclaim this site. The 33rd Wisconsin has been asked if we would be interested in sending representatives to this event.

At this printing, this is all of the details that we have. It would be fitting that some of us attend if we are able. I am sorry that better information, including driving directions, are not available at this printing. *If you plan to attend, please contact Bob Braun for final details, directions and plans.* Bob has been attempting further communication with the cemetery, and will (hopefully) know the latest of the plans for the dedication. Bob may be contacted at braunwis@ticon.net.

The 33rd Wisconsin will once again be participating in the Fort Snelling Civil War weekend, to take place June 8-9. Early rumors were that the historic site would be closed, but this has thankfully proven not to be the case. Steve Osman has graciously extended an invitation to the 33rd to return, *despite* the fact the John Wedeward will again be making the trip!

The scenario for Fort Snelling will be the same as last year, early war militia recruitment. Please bring your civilian clothes, red *jaeger* shirts, or similar items. If

you need help in assembling an impression, please contact John Wedeward for suggestions and assistance. John may be reached at 608 873-8503 (evenings after 10 PM please, John is awaiting your call!), or at jwedeward@inxpress.net. [Editor's Note: Even though John calls everyone else at such odd hours, it would be considered impolite to return the favor to him.]

Several are planning to attend, and ride sharing is certainly possible. From the Milwaukee area, please contact John Atkinson, badger1863@msn.com, for information and planning.

Please do not bring gunpowder or cartridges to this event. All cartridges are provided for your use by the Fort.

Everyone who has attended a Fort Snelling event has come back singing the praises of Minnesota. The meals are furnished, the bunks are warm and dry, and the people are the best.



Information is now out with regard to the Perryville, Kentucky, event. The Army of the Pacific, under the command of Dom Dal Bello, will be fielding a **Brigade** for this event. The Wisconsin boys have been assigned to the 1st Battalion, under the command of Steve Dunfee.

For all who have fallen in with the AoP at past events, you will know that this is an event not to be missed. This will especially be the case as there will be two AoP battalions in the field.

The time to register for the event is NOW. *The Advance Guard* from the AoP is attached to this newsletter. This includes the registration forms which must be completed and returned. Do not register directly with the Perryville event, but rather, be sure to register only through the AoP.

Company strengths will require a minimum 30 soldiers. The 33rd Wisconsin will be mustering with the 3rd and the Hard Head Mess to fill our company strength. It is important for Dom that you register as soon as possible so that strengths and companies can be accurately determined.

The AoP has a web site up with information about the event. This will include company assignments as the information becomes available. Check it out at:

<http://www.domdalbello.com/aop/perryville/>