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Great Lakes Region 1700-1840

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Our first anniversary!!



Today, we celebrate one year of Reenactor Chronicles!

It's been a learning experience – as all new ventures are –

and I've enjoyed putting it together for you. I hope you find it useful.

A few issues ago, many of you filled out a survey to let me know what you think is the most important information to include in this newsletter. Most of you said event dates and information are most useful, so that's been my focus recently.

You've asked a few questions regarding event information. Ideally, I get dates when people email information to me. Sometimes I get events through email. If the person is a leader in the sponsoring organization or an event coordinator, I use the information as provided. Sometimes a person who attends an event will update dates for the new year or send information on an event I don't have listed. In that case, I verify the accuracy of the information by checking the website or by contacting the person in charge before posting them. I very much appreciate both types of notifications.

HINT: Please EMAIL YOUR DATES to ensure they are updated as soon as possible.

Wading through my old list takes a lot longer and it'll be well into the new season before I get through it all.

I also keep up with date changes and event cancellations as best I can. Again, if you email changes I'll be sure to have the correct information.

Other survey notes

On the survey, you also said you enjoy features about reenactors, and I try to write something every few issues. If you have ideas on who you want to read about, please let me know.

And the third-most popular item in the newsletter is "Elsewhere online," where we can read information of interest to reenactors that has been published by other online publications. If you read an



Events also come from Facebook posts or possibly other social media.

But, to be honest, most of the time I rely on last year's events list and update it for the new season. I've been collecting and publishing event information for 17 years. Some of them steadily remain on the same dates each year – for example, it's always on Memorial Day weekend or always on the last full weekend in July – and some event dates tend to vary from year to year.

Recently, I've started to expand the list to include events in other parts of the country. My policy is to include any dates that are sent to me, but I seek out information only on the larger events in other areas.

article and find it interesting, email it and I'd be happy to consider including it on the list so others may enjoy it as well.

Email information to Vicki@ReenactorChronicles.com.

Happy reading!
Vicki

The most up-to-date event list can be found on the [Rendezvous Ohio list](#). There are frequent updates so check back often. If your event isn't on the list, email the information to Vicki@ReenactorChronicles.com.

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News & Notes

Lumbee of NC is 575th recognized tribe in U.S.

The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina is now a federally recognized Native American tribe of the United States. As of Jan. 30, the tribe has been added by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

"This is extremely important as the Lumbee People have been fighting very hard for 137 years to get full federal recognition as a Native American tribe by the United States of America," said Jamie Oxendine, a tribe member who has been active in the campaign for federal recognition. "Broken promises, bureaucracy, hate, money and politics are why it took 137 years to finally acknowledge the Lumbee People."

Oxendine, an author, educator, historian and speaker, first noted the change in status in December when the massive National Defense Authorization Act S.1071 for Fiscal Year 2026, which included the Lumbee Fairness Act 2025, went through legislative channels and was signed by President Donald Trump.

The passage made the Lumbee the 575th federally recognized American Indian tribe.

The tribe's 60,000 members are now eligible for federal services including Indian Health Services, housing, education, and economic development opportunities as well as disaster recovery support and child welfare services.



**ODNR seeking participants
for America 250 shooting event**

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Matt Neumeier, shooting range, training
and education supervisor at Delaware
(Ohio) Shooting Range and Education
Center, Ashley, Ohio, is seeking
participants for an America 250
Historical Firearms Demonstration and
Education Open House.

The event is planned for 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sept. 19.

The location features a modern shooting
range for firearms demonstrations
and/or competitions. It also has a shelter
house with an adjacent archery range
for displays and demonstrations such as
archery and hawk & knife demos.

Adjacent wildlife area with open space,
woods and trails is available for
reenactments or scenarios, and there's
an indoor meeting space for displays.
Neumeier invites reenactors of time
periods between the Rev War and Civil
War to take part in the event.

He would love to offer members of the
public a chance to shoot.
"We are pretty open to developing
programming based on who is available
or coming," he said.

Contact him at 614-852-9897 or
matt.neumeier@dnr.ohio.gov.

Submit your news

Thank you Jamie Oxendine for emailing
the top news item.

If your club or organization has news or
information items to share, please email
them to

Vicki@ReenactorChronicles.com.

Examples:

- Is your organization celebrating a major anniversary? 25 years? 40 years? 50 years?
- Are you creating a brand-new event or rekindling one that's been away for a while?
- Is your event changing to a new location?
- Does your event have a special focus this year?

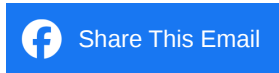
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• Does your museum have exhibits related to the time periods between 1700 and 1840?

- Does your organization have a special event coming up? A class? A presentation?
- Does your organization have special programming planned for America 250?
- Did your organization or someone in your organization receive an award? These or any similar items are welcome.

ALSO ... Please send photos of your events.

Please pass along this information to your clubs, organizations, museum, living history sites, etc. Email information to Vicki@ReenactorChronicles.com.



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