

Open Mic Session
Living History Conference 2011
Hamilton, Ontario

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We need to watch for Large Scale Re-enactments vs. smaller commemorations and “dog & ponies”

Potential 2012 Battles

Tippecanoe – Nov. 7, 1811

Brownstown (Michigan)

Maguaga (Michigan)

Michilimackinac

Surrender of Detroit

Siege of Fort Wayne

Queenston Heights

What do we want to see at events?

Awareness growing, CDN government support, growing in U.S.

NFA Insurance restricts participation of horses/cavalry at events.

- Site signs re-enactors as “volunteers” and use their insurance, Cavalry can play

- Investigate Ontario Federation of Hunters/Anglers
- Insurance through Ontario Museum Association? Ontario Historical Society
- Government support/underwriting of insurance aspect of events?
- BFL – Toronto – dog show example

Improve camp life dynamics – post sentries

More civilian activities at events, civilian events

Ministry of Tourism – looking for diversity, alternative histories

Stage plays, vignettes – stories create lasting memories

Military part of community social fabric, throwing balls – stage similar prompting community involvement

Naval events on Great Lakes ...2013 Lake Ontario, 2013 tall ships, 2012 Flight of the Royal George

Community of Niagara on the Lake – also looking at civilian life, impact on civilians

School visits? We all have an opportunity

Rascals & Numbskulls II – play, road version for events?

Interpretations – bring down to level of “Brock stood here”

Advertise the noise, action and excitement to be found at events

Red carnations for peace gardens ... example of alternate bicentennial activity

Certificates from Ontario Genealogical Society for “veterans” or descendents of those from War of 1812

Frenchman’s Creek – Nov 1812 (Fort Erie)

Prioritization of events – what are the big events? Which do we all support?

Need Someone or a committee for the coordination of information, events, etc.

Provincial election, potential federal election opportunity to lobby and raise profile of our events?

Opportunities for utilizing technology – webcams, streaming, hosting