

ON THE WIRE

NEWSLETTER OF THE GREAT WAR ASSOCIATION

Spring 2006



President's Message

Dear GWA Members,

We have reached an important milestone for the GWA. We are at the halfway point on completing our purchase of the site. Five years are left on our 10-year mortgage and we owe less than \$50,000 for the land.

I would like to thank our units, our GWA liaison to the Virginia War Museum, Vincent Petty, and the event coordinator, Colin Romanik, for a great event. I heard many favorable comments from those participating and some even mentioned about taking additional time next year to attend Friday. I would also like to have a "recruitment" table at the event next year, as many of the visitors indicated an interest in WW I reenacting. In fact, some informal discussions seemed to generate some possible new recruits!

I would like to recognize the efforts of Earl and Keith of JR 92 for their efforts to interest WW I pilots in participating at our events. We had approached them when we first came to Newville, but because of the activities of some, they felt as though they were not welcomed.

This year, I asked Keith Thompson to take the opportunity at the Dayton Air Show to talk with them about the possibility of renewing their interest to participate at our events. Keith gave me a full report and I felt confident that he would represent our organization well and asked him to serve as our liaison with this group.

Keith has submitted a story for this issue of *OtW* explaining the pilots' attendance at this spring event. He has done an outstanding job on behalf of the GWA and I am pleased to report that we may have planes coming to future events. A group will attend our spring event as our guests. Please let them know that we appreciate their interest and encourage their participation.

At the spring event we will also have a group of Canadians attending. This is a new unit that will be affiliated with the Royal Canadian Regiment Museum. Jon Kulaga has been working with this group and has done an outstanding job.

Please take the time to respond to the questionnaire in this issue of *OtW*. Jon developed the initial plans for this survey to get more input from YOU about how we can improve the organization, events, and responses to your needs. This is a great idea and the entire G-8 looks forward to your participation. We will have scan forms for you at registration, please take a few moments to complete them as this will help us in planning how we can serve you better.

One major item of concern is that at one of our events a memorial erected by the French was desecrated by an individual or individuals. Be aware that some units have erected

actual memorials within the battlefield area. We have not had a problem with this in the past and it may have been that some didn't think before they acted. Therefore, please use common sense. While marking enemy positions in a time of war was fairly common, there are "actual" memorials set up by GWA units on the site **THAT SHOULD NOT BE DESECRATED**. The best rule is, if any doubt; don't do it!"

The other part of this, no one should be scrawling personal insults ANYWHERE ON THE BATTLEFIELD. This looks juvenile and doesn't enhance our re-enacting experience. I urge any of you with a dispute with another re-enactor, please discuss it face-to-face, you may indeed be able to resolve an issue in a positive way and keep the GWA from looking like a middle school organization.

See you at the spring event!

Rob Zienta

GWA President

Spring Combat Event Schedule April 21–23, 2006

Friday, April 21

- 12 noon–6:00pm** Registration shed open
- 5:30pm** Modern vehicles must be moved from all GWA property beyond the registration shed gate (including the battlefield, roads, rear areas, camps) before 5:30pm and parked in the parking lots.
- 5:30pm** Central Powers Commanders meeting at the JR459 bunker. Mandatory attendance; if the commander cannot attend, a representative is required.
- 6:50pm** Safety meeting on road between trenches
- 7:30 to 7:45pm** Stand To.
- 7:45 to 10:30pm** Night combat

Saturday, April 22

- 8:00–8:55am** Registration shed open
- 9:00 to 10:00am** Safety meeting formation for all units (mandatory attendance)
- 10am to 11pm** Combat

Sunday, April 23

- 6:00am** Gate at registration shed opened. Modern vehicles may access roads to battlefield.
- 7:00–8:30am** Battlefield cleanup
- 8:00–9:00am** Executive Committee meeting



Safety's On

I haven't written a safety related article for *OtW* in some time, but then again we were doing so well. We hadn't had the meat wagon roll for the last few events—no significant injuries or reported safety lapses.

Well, all good things must end, and that string broke last November. The ambulance ventured into the battle area twice, both times Saturday night of the event. Luckily the injuries weren't serious (only one man went to the hospital, and that was precautionary). Both incidents were accidents which are part of the dangerous game we play, not due to any negligence or foul play. But we still would rather avoid them if we can.

We also had some reports of pyrotechnic simulator violations, both in construction & use. So I thought I'd take the opportunity to put out a few reminders. We have regulations for the manufacture and use of our pyro simulators. Each GWA member should read and be familiar with them. In some of the reported instances, it was the individual not being aware of these rules that caused the problem. No injuries occurred from these, but best to get everyone on the same page. The regulations for these and other safety matters are posted on the GWA website (<http://great-war-assoc.org/safety.htm>). But to make it even simpler for those building for April, I'll paraphrase a few choice lines:

b. Projectiles of any type shall not be more than 10 ounces (allows for a sabot for launched projectiles) of projected weight and 8 ounces of impact weight.

c. Burst charge will not exceed 30 grains FFG black powder or equal charge of Pyrodex, and must conform to State and Federal Regulations. Charge should only be sufficient to burst the container to attain the effect desired. Charges shall not be overly-compressed; use as little powder as possible based upon the design of the projectile to produce the desired effect.

d. Projectile case must exhibit a palpable flexibility under finger pressure to lessen kinetic transfer of energy upon impact. Grenades utilizing wood handles (e.g., stick or paddle type grenades) must have rounded edges and be of all glued construction. Use of nails, staples, or any sharp or potentially dangerous material that can be exposed upon detonation or impact is forbidden. Wood handles should be made of soft (light-weight) wood.

e. No part of the projectile can contain any metal, with the exception of kitchen aluminum foil, no more than double layer thickness. This is the material that must be used to wrap the bursting charge, as it will not smolder and ignite fires after exploding.

f. No part of any projectile shall be constructed of any material that is, in the opinion of the inspecting Safety Official, likely to produce hazardous fragments that can cause injury, likely to "flame," or likely to throw burning parts/sparks.

g. No launched projectile, due to velocity attained, shall display any sharp or hard protruding parts, and shall be securely sealed to prevent "leakage" of filler that may obstruct the tube of a firing device.

h. Projectile and grenades will be filled with commercial Baking Soda to assist in preventing brush fires. ANY OTHER FILLER IS PROHIBITED.

i. Projection charges will be either FFG black rifle powder or Pyrodex only.

So how do yours stack up? The new Safety Committee (more on that later) will be reviewing the complete Safety regs this coming year to recommend changes (one I'm sure to put in is amending the maximum burst charge downward ... 15 grains compressed are more than enough; 30 grains, if compressed, will generally get yours rejected at the inspection for being too hot!!! (That's a big hint gents ...). And ALL pyro used MUST be inspected. There's a good chance you'll be getting "inspected by" chits this spring!

In any case, if you are making sims, know the rules. If you are using sims, know the rules. If you lead men who do either of the above, know the rules. Better yet, everyone periodically go to the website and read the complete safety regs, especially if you haven't done so to date.

One last reminder about pyro—launched pyro must be fired at a 45 degree angle or greater. Last event there were a few flat trajectory shots—quickly stopped—but still it takes only one to do damage. If you are a shooter, know your job. If you are a leader do your job.

As I mentioned earlier, there is now a Safety Committee in the GWA. There always was, at least in the Regulations, but not in actual existence. As Safety Officer, I decided to make it a reality. Often when safety violations occur, I often don't hear about them until days or weeks after the event, often too late to effectively address. It can be hard to get word from some parts of the battlefield to wherever I am. I've appointed individuals from each region of the battlefield who will comprise the Safety Committee:

Allied North: Brian Kendall, Buffs

Allied South: Brett Johnson, 8th BCP

CP North: Steve Murphy, 12th MW

CP South: Ben Lowry, 20th MG

Now, when a safety concern arises, there are individuals that any GWA member should be able to reach and access quickly and easily. These committee members can act to correct/prevent safety concerns as they arise or, if the situation or corrective action is more involved, they can forward it to my attention to address as VP & Safety Officer.

Another area under my purview is the MPs. Over the years we've had a few on and off, most recently Joe and Bruce from the Leib Reg't. We're building on that, with new volunteers. There will now also be two Allied MPs (from the YD), whose jobs will include being another pair of eyes and ears for safety; range control (we've had reports of non-GWA members roaming the site during events); gate jumping (non-registered



participants), vehicle prohibition (no cars beyond the gate during posted hours without a Presidential Pass!) and other rules infractions. So if you see guys with MP brassards, it is not just an impression, they mean business.

Our events generally run safe and well, but we want to clean up even the smallest safety problems before they become larger ones. Use and help your officials who are working during events to keep you safe and the GWA healthy.

Jim Kidd
VP, GWA

Message from the Allied Combat Commander

To the officers, NCOs and men of the 1st Battalion:

During the last tour of the Neuville-Pronville sub-sector, the Commonwealth Platoon of the BEF Company launched a successful pre-dawn raid in the vicinity of the Duck's Bill Salient. Enemy outposts were driven in, and valuable identifications were made.

The French/Russe Company carried out a model daylight raid on the morning of November 5 with tremendous *élan*. The trench mortar and rifle grenade support provided for this operation was so effective that one could observe the enemy in Bremen Redoubt running for shelter as he was deluged with a profusion of accurate projectiles.

Preparations for a large trench raid on the evening of November 5 occurred throughout the afternoon. After dark, complete surprise was achieved against the Munich Trench defenses by elements of the BEF & AEF companies. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the *Boche* during the savage melee that followed. On the right, the French/Russe Company launched a diversionary attack in support of this operation.

Throughout the tour, the companies of the 1st Battalion displayed a spirit of mutual cooperation that was a credit to the Allied cause. As we prepare to return to the frontline, I know that I can continue to count on the discipline and dedication of all ranks in the further implementation of new standing trench orders. These orders will address operational guidelines, inter-company liaison, telephonic communications, and anti-gas measures.

Go on improving your wire obstacles, look carefully to your rifles, machine guns and ammunition, exercise vigilance every moment of the day, to see that every yard of your front is watched and can be shot into. We can then beat off any German attack.

We must also be aggressive. Every frontline company must send out patrols every night to look for opportunities for engaging and capturing enemy patrols. Identifications are of great importance, but more important still is the object of making ourselves masters of no man's land.

Capt. M. S. Lowe
O.C. 1st Battalion

World War 1 Pilots to Visit During Spring Event

My Fellow Reenactors:

I am proud to say that at our spring event this April the Great War Association will be having as our guests some of the pilots and maybe the ground crews of The Great War Aeroplane Association. (www.gwaero.org)

Their organization consists of approximately 60 reproduction full and 7/8ths scale German, French, English, Belgium and American World War 1 fighter planes. If any of you have attended the Dayton World War 1 Air show, you would have remembered how impressive they are on the ground as well as in flight.

I personally have been in contact with the pilots in arranging their becoming a part of our events. The pilots that I have talked with are very enthusiastic about attending the spring event and becoming involved with our reenactments in the future. They will be staying with the command structure of their respective country allegiance. As of yet I do not know how many will be attending this spring.

Their organization president, Fred Murrin, who flies a full scale Fokker DR1 and Richard Bennett (their newsletter editor) who flies a Nieuport 23, contacted me and will be attending. I have made a formal invitation in their newsletter that will be going out this March. On a personal matter I invited Howard Whyte, the pilot who flew the Nieuport 28 at the Dayton air show that crashed, to our event. Two comrades and myself of JR92 and two fellow 5th Marines from Wisconsin were instrumental in removing Howard from the wreckage at Dayton last October. He has not rebuilt his plane yet but told me that he will be working on her soon. He is presently working on a museum plane in New Jersey.

I know that not only for myself but also for a lot of you this is something we have only dreamed about happening. If we play our cards right it will happen! must show the pilots not only a good time but also the same respect for them as we show for each other. They have expressed to me that they want to be involved with us at our events because we have supported them quite a bit at theirs.

As a last thought, think about this: as we are attacking each other, we are suddenly strafed from above by a Fokker that is being chased by a Nieuport.

Keith A. Thompson
JR92 Braunschweiges

Announcements

Member Robert Laplander has just published *Finding the Lost Battalion: Beyond the Rumors, Myths and Legends of America's Famous WW1 Epic*. Members can find more information and order on www.Lulu.com, a website dedicated to self-publishing.

The Western Front Association, United States Branch is organizing a tour to the battlefields for May 2007. It will include visits to Mons, the Meuse-Argonne, St. Mihiel and a few other spots. Tour guides will be Andrew Tonge and Randy Gaulke. For more information, visit Flanders Tours website, www.flanderstours.co.uk, or email Randy at lavarennas@patmedia.net.



90th Anniversary of The Battle of the Somme

“Heartbreak in the Mud: The Winter Battle of the Somme”

By Max Stiebritz

I would like to extend an invitation to you and your unit to participate in our first ever Great War Living History Weekend; the 90th Anniversary of the “Heartbreak in the Mud: The Winter Battle of Somme.”

This event is being sponsored by the 151ème Régiment d’Infanterie de Ligne and 8 Kompanie, Infanterie- Regiment Nr. 459 and will be held at the Caesar Krauss Great War Memorial Site near Newville, PA. on **October 6–8, 2006.**

Event Rules and Regulations:

All units must adhere to the Great War Association’s “Individual and Safety” Rules and Regulations. BEF, French and Central Powers Uniform Rules and Regs are posted on our website at:

www.IR459.org/Somme_Living_History.htm

Registration and event fees are \$ 35.00 per person. This will cover rations on Friday night and Dinner Saturday night.

Overall Combat Commanders for this event will be:

BEF and French: Mike LoCicero

Central Powers: Lou Brown

- 1) This event will be based upon “The Battle of the Somme,” ca. October 1916. All impressions will be 1916 only (see the Uniform Requirements, below). Only British, French and German troops may participate. There will be a stringent authenticity inspection; individuals who fail and cannot make on the spot corrections will not be allowed to participate.
- 2) This is an immersion event and individuals should expect to be treated like soldiers. Actual military practice will be followed as closely as possible in the performance of all duties. Individuals will be under the control of officers and NCOs and will stay in the battle area and perform functions as directed. Units and individual participants will enter and exit the battle area only as ordered. Individuals should attempt to remain in first person throughout the period of play. Individuals and units who do not agree to this, or who do not believe they are capable of complying, should not attend this event.
- 3) All Combat Units must belong to the GWA. Since GWA dues will not be collected, units may wish to use this event as a “check out the hobby” opportunity; all participants must, however, pass the authenticity inspection. Units are likewise strongly advised to consider any potential candidate’s knowledge and reenacting experience before inviting them to this event—this may not be the ideal first event for some reenactors.
- 4) Position occupation will begin at 8:00 PM Friday evening and will last until a pre-determined time Saturday. Individuals who arrive after the beginning of

the action will report to a central location and be escorted into the lines. Individuals will not be allowed to move forward on their own.

- 5) The battlefield will be condensed; only the amount of space necessary for the forces present will be used.
- 6) Units will be grouped into authentic-sized elements. While every effort will be made to keep units of 5 or more under their own leadership, the final organization will be based on the number of individuals who attend.
- 7) Individuals will initially deploy from a central point and march into the battle area, carrying all necessary items with them. Machine-gunners and support units (i.e., Combat Commanders and their staffs, and mortar teams) may require a vehicle to deliver gear to their position. They will be allowed to unload but must be completed within one hour and park the vehicle outside the gate. Everyone is required to march into the battle area with their unit; exceptions will be granted only on an individual basis.
- 8) Complete rations will be provided. Units are asked to bring squad-sized mess-kits or dixies to aid in ration receipt. It is requested that individuals do not bring food into the trenches; the intent is to replicate the soldiers’ existence in subsisting only on what was provided, when it is provided.
- 9) The battlefield will be littered with assorted debris to add to the authenticity. Please bring extra helmets, used equipment, etc. that you might have. Please, no plastic Halloween props.
- 10) At the completion of the event, all participants are invited to attend an evening “social” put on by the event sponsors. Dinner and a bonfire social will be provided.
- 11) A feedback questionnaire will be provided with the purpose of improving the event for 2007.
- 12) For information concerning BEF impressions please contact Mike LoCicero at: thirdypres@netzero.com
For information concerning Central Powers impressions please contact Lou Brown at: Stiefeln@comcast.net
- 13) For more information concerning this event contact Max Stiebritz at IR63geftr@aol.com or check out our website at: http://www.IR459.org/Somme_Living_History.htm

COMING EVENTS

at the Great War Site near Newville, PA

April 21-23, 2006

GWA Spring Tactical and Living History event

October 6-8, 2006

**Great War Living History weekend
Heartbreak in the Mud: The Winter Battle of Somme**

November 3-5, 2006

GWA Fall Tactical and Living History event



Notes From the GWA Treasurer

- 1) Because Rob Z. was unable to find a volunteer to be Treasurer following the resignation of Randall Chapman, I have RELUCTANTLY stepped back into the position. While I will strive to get things done in a timely manner, it must be understood that I have a lot of non-GWA demands on my time in 2006 and 2007! If I don't get at something right away, give me another call or send me an email. If you don't like the service level, get someone in here who has not already served the GWA for six years!
- 2) I want to thank Randall Chapman for helping me and the G-8 during this transition period! He has been more than patient with me.
- 3) I can be reached at: Randy Gaulke, GWA Treasurer, 584 Valley Road, Gillette, NJ 07933. lavarennnes@patmedia.net. 908-626-1345 (Please call after 8:00pm or on weekends.)
- 4) I do not have a Paypal account for the Spring 2006 event. I will have one set up before the Fall 2006 event.
- 5) One good bit of news: THE JANUARY 2006 MORTGAGE PAYMENT REPRESENTED THE END OF YEAR 5 OF A 10-YEAR MORTGAGE. AS OF 1/31/06, WE OWE \$47,500 ON THE PROPERTY FROM THE ORIGINAL \$100,000 MORTGAGE.

—Randy Gaulke

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2006–2007 term

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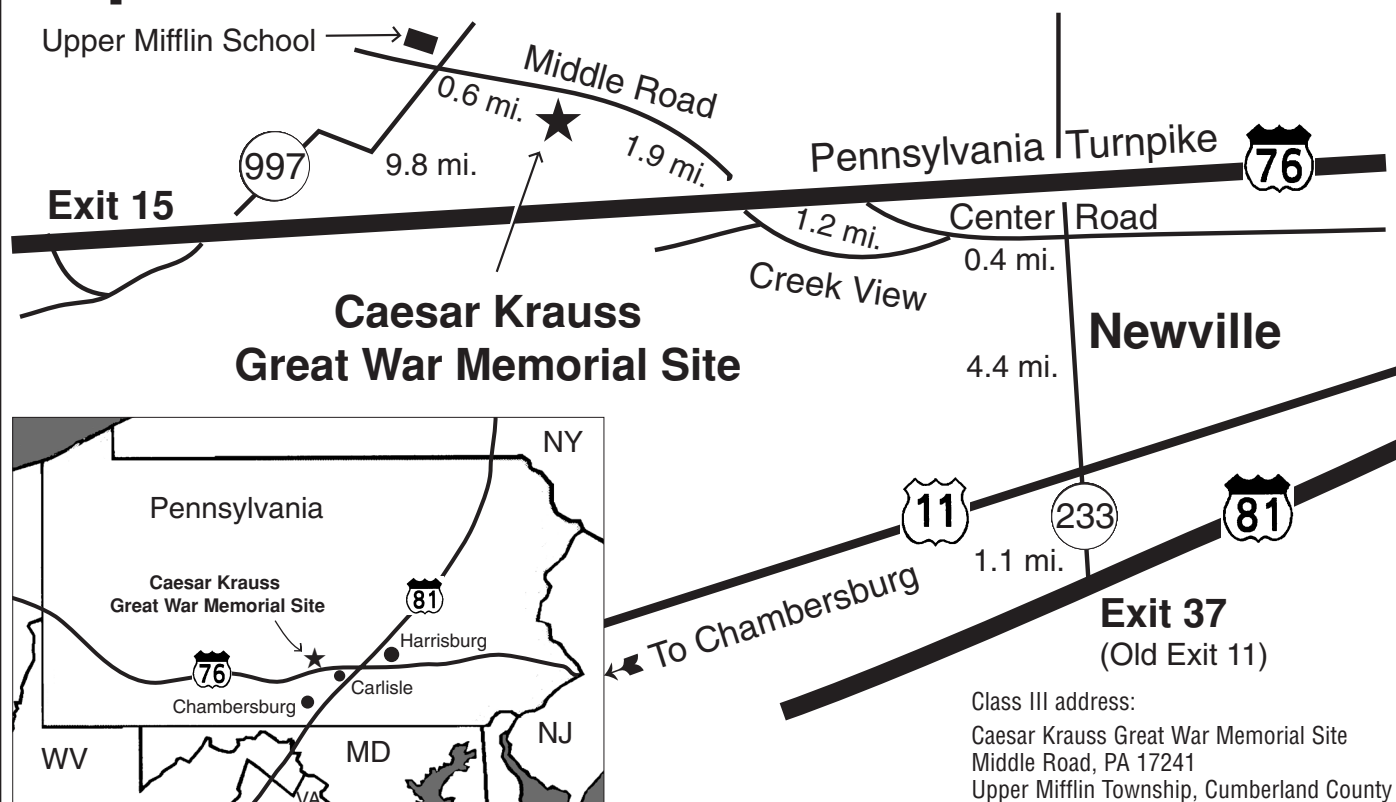
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Map to Event Site





GWA Opinion Survey 2006

The G-8's effort and intention is to represent YOU, the membership. This survey is designed to solicit your feedback and to allow everyone in our hobby to have a voice, not just a select vocal few.

Your input is important to help us determine what you expect from us as an administrative board and organization. As a result of this effort, we ask that you take a few moments to provide information that will help us achieve a collective purpose.

Questions listed here are not G-8 "gospel" or any indication of any G-8 preferences; they are only listed to provide thoughts and guidance from you the membership on many different subjects.

Please take the time to fill out this survey and bring it to the April 2006 event. At registration, please turn it in at the registration hut. Absentee surveys may be sent to:

Jon Kulaga, Allied Rep.
9 McCartney Road
New Freedom PA 17349

Results of this survey will be compiled and published to the membership. Special thanks to Jon Kulaga, Allied Rep and Merlin Hanson, Central Powers Rep, for creating this comprehensive survey.

Rob Zienta
GWA President

A. Please indicate the best response, one per question

1. What is your age?

- ☐ 18-30
- ☐ 31-45
- ☐ 46-55
- ☐ 56-65
- ☐ over 65

2. My educational background is

- ☐ High school
- ☐ Some College
- ☐ College Grad
- ☐ Some Post Grad Work
- ☐ Masters Degree
- ☐ Doctorate

3. The amount of time it takes me to travel for an event is

- ☐ 0-2 hours
- ☐ 2-4 hours
- ☐ 6-8 hours
- ☐ more than 8 hours

4. I normally arrive at an event

- ☐ Thursday
- ☐ Friday morning
- ☐ Friday Afternoon
- ☐ Friday Night
- ☐ Saturday Morning
- ☐ Saturday Afternoon/Night

5. I normally participate in the planned combat event

- ☐ Friday Night only
- ☐ Friday Night and Saturday (day) only
- ☐ Friday Night, Saturday, & Saturday Night
- ☐ Saturday & Saturday Night
- ☐ Saturday Night only

6. I normally spend (per year) the following dollar amount on reenacting WWI (to include travel, event fees, lodging, uniforms, weapons, ammunition, reenacting materials, collectibles for reenactment use)

- ☐ under \$200
- ☐ \$200 - \$500
- ☐ \$500 - \$1000
- ☐ \$1000 - \$2000
- ☐ over \$2000

7. I normally journey to the site for work on my unit's position or the general GWA area (outside of events)

- ☐ I do not work on developing the site
- ☐ once per year
- ☐ twice per year
- ☐ three- four times per year
- ☐ more than four times per year

8. I normally reenact an impression from the following side

- ☐ Central Powers (German, Austrian-Hungarian)
- ☐ Allied (Britain, Australia, Canada, Scotland, US, Russia, French)

9. What is your primary source of information about the GWA, G-8 decisions, etc?

- ☐ *On the Wire*
- ☐ Website
- ☐ Phone contact from _____
- ☐ Email lists such as "The Trench Line"
- ☐ Unit commander
- ☐ Other (please indicate) _____



B. Please circle the appropriate answer to each question

1. I would participate in a tactical event on a Sunday Morning if offered

Yes No

2. I would participate in a tactical event all night on Friday if offered

Yes No

3. I would participate in a tactical event on Friday Morning if offered

Yes No

4. I would participate in a tactical event on Friday Afternoon if offered

Yes No

5. I would participate in a tactical event on Thursday Afternoon if offered

Yes No

6. I would like an early war event

Yes No

7. I would like more tactical open field (late 1918) operations

Yes No

8. I like my event to be in the trenches, in my unit's position

Yes No

9. I would like more tactical structure at events (scripted combat at known times)

Yes No

10. I would participate in a third or fourth event if it could fit my schedule

Yes No

11. I would favor a third or fourth event in:

Summer (June-Aug) Fall (Sept-Oct) Winter (Jan-March)

12. It would be OK to spend more GWA funds on getting more special effects for combat (ground charges, air bursts, paying for aircraft fly-in's)

Yes No

13. It would be OK to spend GWA funds on getting and/or providing incentive to have more period transportation throughout the event (wagons, period trucks, period autos)

Yes No

14. It would be OK to spend GWA funds on providing a subsidy to those owners of automatic weapons to assist in paying for machine gun ammunition

Yes No

15. The GWA should subsidize the making of grenade simulators & mortar bombs by giving units funds to do so

Yes No

16. I would participate in an event if it were scheduled over a national holiday (Memorial Day, Labor day, etc.)

Yes No

17. I spend more time socializing at an event than participating in combat

Yes No

18. Drinking alcohol and partying is a major part of an event for me

Yes No

19. We need to recruit more members outside of word of mouth

Yes No

20. If you answered yes to the above question, please check all of the following answers that you think apply

We need to recruit new members by:

_____ Spending GWA funds for advertising in Military related magazines ("popular press")

_____ Getting all of our suppliers to specifically highlight the GWA

_____ Developing and participating in WWI public "living history" events by providing GWA funds to those participating (ie. "car fare", ammo subsidy, ration allowance, etc)

_____ Spending GWA funds to advertise living history appearances in local newspapers (however small the appearance may be)

_____ Spending GWA funds to facilitate travel of GWA members to other time period reenactment events for recruiting purposes

_____ Other (please list your idea):



C. Circle what best describes your opinion

1. I feel the historical accuracy in the uniforms that members wear is very important
strongly disagree somewhat disagree don't know
somewhat agree strongly agree
2. I feel that the authenticity/historical accuracy of the battlefield is very important
strongly disagree somewhat disagree don't know
somewhat agree strongly agree
3. I participate in combat activities at Newville at every opportunity
strongly disagree somewhat disagree don't know
somewhat agree strongly agree
4. I value the socialization aspects of events more than the combat opportunities
strongly disagree somewhat disagree don't know
somewhat agree strongly agree
5. I would be upset if alcohol use would be limited or eliminated from GWA sponsored events
strongly disagree somewhat disagree don't know
somewhat agree strongly agree
6. I like the way we recruit new members now and don't want to change the worth of mouth tradition
strongly disagree somewhat disagree don't know
somewhat agree strongly agree
7. The GWA needs to be more in control of how units develop and maintain their assigned trench positions
strongly disagree somewhat disagree don't know
somewhat agree strongly agree
8. Having fun is more important than historical accuracy
strongly disagree somewhat disagree don't know
somewhat agree strongly agree
9. I wish our events could last longer than Friday night to Saturday Night
strongly disagree somewhat disagree don't know
somewhat agree strongly agree
10. I prefer the tactical events as they are currently structured and don't want to see them changed
strongly disagree somewhat disagree don't know
somewhat agree strongly agree
11. I wish a more hardcore WWI tactical event could be developed
strongly disagree somewhat disagree don't know
somewhat agree strongly agree
13. All GWA members should vote on a long term G-8 created site development plan that would be followed by successive GWA administrations:
strongly disagree somewhat disagree don't know
somewhat agree strongly agree
14. I trust the G-8 to execute a thoughtful site development plan that will be in the best interest of the GWA and don't need to be involved in this level of detail
strongly disagree somewhat disagree don't know
somewhat agree strongly agree
15. Units should be able to develop their general areas (areas bordering their assigned trench areas) as they see fit as long as the units think they meet general WWI authenticity.
strongly disagree somewhat disagree don't know
somewhat agree strongly agree
16. I think we should commit more GWA funds to general site maintenance (port-a-potty purging during events, defoliation, better roads, etc.)
strongly disagree somewhat disagree don't know
somewhat agree strongly agree
17. I think units need to take more responsibility for the upkeep of their positions/areas otherwise face more severe consequences than what is currently the case (loss of trench assignment, placement under probation, unit expulsion)
strongly disagree somewhat disagree don't know
somewhat agree strongly agree
18. The bylaws should be reviewed and an updated version provided to the membership for a vote
strongly disagree somewhat disagree don't know
somewhat agree strongly agree
19. List the one aspect of the hobby you would change if you could

20. List the one aspect of the hobby you never would change if you could

21. Did this survey ask for information that you think the G-8 may find useful? Yes No
Thank you for your response.
Optional: if you want to give your name or provide your email contact:

☐ Check this box if you have changed your address since the last event or this is your first event

Print first letter of your last name in this box

☐ Check this box if you are a unit commander

☐ Check here if you want to stop receiving a paper copy of *On the Wire* via regular mail and instead download the newsletter and registration forms from the GWA Web site (www.great-war-assoc.org)

GWA Membership Update and Registration Form for the Spring Combat Event at the Caesar Krauss Great War Memorial Site, Newville, PA, April 21–23, 2006
Pre-Register and save \$15 — see below!

Part I — Member Information — Please Print Legibly

Last Name: _____ First Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Unit Commander: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

I certify that I am 18 years of age or older _____
(sign here)

Part II — Unit Affiliation

This box must be filled out, using the units and abbreviations on the back of this form. If you do not belong to one of these units, you are an independent.

Part III — Dues and Event Fees

A. 2006 dues

(Annual dues are due at the Spring Event each year)

\$25.00

B. Spring 2006 Event fee if pre-registered

\$25.00

C. Optional site development donation

\$

D. Pre-registration subtotal (A+B+C as applicable)

\$

E. Gate registration fee

\$15.00

F. Gate registration total (D+E)

\$

*Pre-registration: Members are encouraged to pre-register to save the gate fee. If you pre-register but are unable to attend, your event fee (only) will be returned within two weeks. All pre-registrations must be received by the Treasurer on or before **April 17, 2006**. If your pre-registration is not received by this date, you must pay at the event — including the \$15 gate fee. Your original mail pre-registration will be returned unopened.*

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GWA Unit List (use abbreviations only when filling out registration form)

American

26AEF 26th Div. (Yankee Div.), AEF
27AEF 27th Div., AEF
L109AEF 28 Div., 109th Inf. Co. L., AEF
BTTYC 28th Div., 107th Field Arty. Btty. C (*probationary*)
116AEF 29th Div., 116th Inf., Hdqtrs. Co., AEF
33AEF 33rd Div. (Prairie Div.), AEF
80AEF 80th ID, AEF
372AEF 93rd Div., 372nd Inf, AEF
49CO 5th Marines, 49th Co., AEF
67CO 5th Marines, 67th Co., AEF

British

6BWBEF 6th Btn., Black Watch, BEF
BRBEF The Border Regiment, BEF
BUFF 6th Buffs Rgt., BEF
IRISHGD Irish Guards No. 3 Co., 1st Btn.
ROYENG Royal Engineers
RWF Royal Welsh Fusiliers

Commonwealth

5AIF 5th Btn. Australia/New Zealand Army Corps
PPCLI Princess Pat's Canadian Light Infantry

Russian

RL Legion Russe

French

8BCP 8 Btn. Chasseurs a Pied
151RL 151er Regiment d'Infanterie

Austrian

63KUK 63rd KuK

German

1LR Königliche Bayerische Leib Regiment
5SB 5. Sturm Battalion (Rohr)
8KUR 3. Feldesk., Kürassier Regt. Nr 8
12MWK 12. Minenwerfer Komp. 12 Division
20MG 20. MG Scharfschützen Komp.
63JR J.R. 63 (4. Oberschlesisches)
73FR F.R. 73
90FR F.R. 90
92JR J.R. 92 (1. Braunschweigisches)
111JR J.R. 111 (3. Badisches)
120JR J.R. 120 (2. Württembergisches)
124JR J.R. 124 (Württembergisches)
459JR J.R. 459 (Rhein. Westf.)

Non-Military

DRK Deutsches Rotes Kreuz
INDP Independent (non-combat only)
SA Salvation Army

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