



From the President

by **Carter Bertone**

Members of the GWA:

I can't believe the Fall 2019 event is almost upon us. From my perspective, the future of the GWA is brighter than ever. Our numbers have consistently grown, our finances are healthier than they have ever been, and the quality of our impressions is improving with each event. Over my past two years as President, I have seen numerous units and individuals go to great lengths and personal expense to make our hobby better. They have rebuilt their unit positions, built new bunkers, constructed field kitchens, bought period vehicles, accurately reproduced replica weapons systems, and taken on research projects bringing a greater understanding of period material culture, the military units, and the men and women we represent.

Our membership is what makes our the GWA the world's premier WWI Living History Organization. I simply could not be any prouder of this organization. Thank you for all your confidence and support over the past



two years. I ask for your support as I seek a second term. Please see my statement later in this newsletter. See you in the Field!

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Carter J. Bertone
President, GWA

Vice President's Corner

by **Mike Landree**



Ladies and Gentlemen of the GWA,

A few updates that you may be interested in:

S a f e t y Regulations. The GWA Safety Regulations have been completely overhauled. This was my number one

goal as the Vice President and I am proud of the work the Safety Committee performed in completely revamping this regulation. It has been over 20 years since it was revised. Please look through it as it is a major rewrite. I will like to enumerate on certain aspects, though: Annex B has been added to reflect certain specialties that must be addressed as our hobby grows in functions: artillery, tanks, aircraft, cavalry and motor vehicles, etc.. Annex C is included as a tool for unit commanders to track and provide proof of members who have read the safety regulations (a long time requirement of the safety regulations). These are a few of the revisions made and every GWA member is required to read and abide by these regulations this November.

Speaking of safety procedures, the Safety Committee will again set up a station to inspect pyrotechnics on Friday. This worked very well in the spring and we will continue this procedure into the future. We are always looking for common sense actions as we grow our hobby so, if you have recommendations, please bring them up to the Safety Committee members. Please see the event schedule for particulars on times and place for this inspection.

Parking Plan

Event parking is becoming less of an issue as we all get used to the parking

plan. I appreciate all who are following the instructions and parking in your designated parking areas. With limited areas for modern camping, trailers, vendor parking, etc., it's important for each of us to be considerate of others as we set up these areas. There's nothing more frustrating than to drive around the parking lot unable to park because of another's bad parking habits. Please help us by following these instructions; another reenactor will appreciate it. Signs will be in place for your convenience.

Safety

I would like to personally give a Bravo Zulu to Jay Callaham, Keith Thompson, and all the members of the Safety Committee upon whom this organization relies each event to protect its members from injury. They are very important positions with little to no recognition. Thank you, gentlemen, from the bottom of my heart!

Lastly, it has been a pleasure serving this organization as the Vice President over the past 2 years. I think we are doing a very good job of preserving and reliving history. One of the aspects of living history and reenacting is the intense knowledge one gains from combining research and recreating these experiences. I would consider members of our organization some of the most knowledgeable people on the Earth when it comes to WWI and the soldiers' experiences in it. Never stop researching and never stop sharing that knowledge. For the soldiers of the world who fought in the Great War, we are the ones who are keeping their memories alive. Thank you for your support over the past two years! I congratulate the new VP, once elected, to this position and throw my support to him over the next 2 years.

Semper Fidelis!

Mike Landree, GWA VP

From the Treasurer

by **Chris Garcia**

As we approach the fall event, I predict another great event and as always registration smoother with each event. A few things to ensure your registration gets through without any hiccups: 1. If registering online, ensure your e-mail address matches the paypal e-mail address. If I can't match a registration to payment you get put on hold. 2. Online registration MUST be paid for by paypal (sorry you can't register online and mail a check) 3. You can paypal direct to gwatreas@gmail.com and skip the online form as long as your information is in the comments box. 4. If you are recruiting new members for your unit, make sure your unit commander updates the roster before they register. 5. Remember if you attended the spring 2019 event you only pay the \$25 event fee, if you didn't you pay your annual dues and the event fee (\$50 total).

As always if you have questions, feel free to ask, my door is always open

Chris Garcia,
GWA Treasurer



Secretary's Thoughts

by **Marsh Wise**

Well, this is it. My last event and my last OtW. Over the last almost 30 years I've had some good times and some bad. I said in 2007 that my last event would be the end of the Centennial, but ended up promising Chris Garcia that I'd stay to the end of my term. This is it. I'll miss many of you and a few not one bit. Sadly, for me, a few people have just spoiled it all and it's time to go.

I know that Jon Bracken will do a good job and has the excitement and comittment to do a good job. I wish him all the best and the same for my friends remaining in the GWA.

Goodbye and good luck.

Mit Kameradschaft, **Marsh**



From the Allied Representative

by **Matt Murphy**
Allied Representative

Here we are, in our natural cycle as GWA members: Summer's drawing to a close and with the realization that the Fall event is only two months away, we begin thinking more



about our organization, our units, and our property. At the very least, we should be prepping our kits, registering for the event, procuring blanks, and finishing unit-specific site projects including defoliating. But, everyone should be making plans for living history activities, especially those that are small-scale and unit-specific.

In August I wrote to all allied unit contacts and asked that they and their members generate some ideas for site improvement and event scenarios. I've received very little response so hope that this reminder reaches more GWA members. Please discuss and send me your ideas so the Allied staff and/or G8 can consider feasibility and implementation. No realistic idea, small or large, should be kept secret.

It would appear as if the unit information we have for some groups on the GWA website could use updating. Please review your unit's mission statement and contact information as shown on the GWA website. Updates must be sent to the webmaster, Randall Chapman (webmaster@great-war-assoc.org)

See you in November.

Sincerely,

Matt Murphy (aka Mathieu Picard)
Allied Representative

From the CP Representative

by **Joe Murray**
CP Representative

Election Candidates Statements

President:

Carter Bertone

As I look back on the accomplishments over the past 20 months I am truly amazed with the productivity of this last G8 Board. During the past 20 months we have expanded the area the CP side has to build on, we have almost tripled the amount porta-johns on site, revised and updated the GWA safety regulations, revised the GWA parking plan, made numerous site improvements, drastically cut the time it takes to register and inspect pyrotechnics, and to top it off, we hosted three of the best and largest GWA events in recent memory. All of this was done in an open and transparent manner with meeting minutes posted on the "GWA Members Forum" open to all who care to read them. Additionally, we hosted two filming projects on site earning an additional \$6K for the organization without incident or damage to the site.

As most of you know when I was elected to the office of the GWA presidency I came in with a robust agenda. During my tenure, I have charged the current G8 team with many projects and initiatives and to date, they have met every challenge and in most cases, exceeded expectations. I would like to take a few lines and call out the members of the GWA who served on this G8 Board. All have gone that extra mile and spent countless hours working issues in service to the membership to make our organization and our hobby better.

Mike Landree: One could not have asked for a better Vice President. Mike has selflessly supported the G8 and provided me with wise council over the past 20 months. He led the GWA safety committee, revising and staffing our new safety regulations, and personally revised and enforced the new GWA parking plan enabling the GWA to accommodate our two biggest events ever.

Chris Garcia: Chris is by far the hardest working man in the GWA.

Chris has an absolutely thankless job and does it exceptionally well. Over the past 20 months Chris has had to deal with numbers never seen before in GWA history. Over the past three events Chris has run an almost flawless registration process and added several new SOPs that will serve the organization well into the future.

Bret Werner and James Harter: I personally want to thank the GWA Allied and CP Commanders for planning and executing three absolutely fantastic events. At the beginning of my term I emphasized that I wanted maximum effort put into the planning of tactical events. When I was the Allied Representative I was continuously told by numerous GWA members that the organization had grown stale and the events were boring and predictable. When I was elected President, I tasked the Commanders to develop new, coordinated, historically based scenarios that would bring the organization out of the "same old trench routine". Bret and James did not disappoint. They quickly went to work and developed challenging scenarios and pulled off probably the three best events at least in my 20 years with the GWA. There were "hiccups" but our Commanders quickly analyzed the disconnects, adjusted, and incorporated "Lessons Learned" making each event better than the one before.

Joe Murray and Matt Murphy: Joe and Matt did an exceptional job as the CP and the Allied Representatives. They kept their ears to the ground, listening to the concerns of the membership and actively worked to make members concerns known to the Board so we could address problems quickly and implement good ideas that "came up from the ranks".

Marsh Wise: Marsh did a fantastic job in keeping all our communications systems (Facebook, GWA Forum, Yahoo groups, On The Wire) updated and running keeping the GWA membership informed of what the G8 was doing and where the GWA was going.

Most importantly, none of our efforts would have been successful if it wasn't for the support of the GWA membership. Because of your commitment, maturity, and desire to "do it right" we have had a relatively "incident free" two years. There have been some individual missteps but we have not had to deal with any serious injuries, fires, gross safety violations, etc. The hobby is the best it has ever been and as an organization, the GWA is stronger than ever. While other living history periods are dying on the vine, ours just keeps getting better. Keep it up! We all have a responsibility in growing and making this hobby better.

Joe Murray

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I ask for your support as I seek a second term as GWA President. My priorities remain simple; open communications, authenticity, site improvements, and challenging tactical events.

Open Communications: The GWA is OUR organization. It does not belong to the President or the G8. I will maintain open communications and transparency in everything the G8 does. New initiatives will be presented to the membership and we will listen to member input like we have over the past two years. The G8 is not the wellspring of "good ideas". We all have to work to make our hobby better.

Authenticity: It just keeps getting better. I will continue to foster an environment in which units are encouraged to innovate and develop those facets of the hobby that make our event more immersive and enjoyable.

Site Improvements: I am committed to continuous improvement of the site. We are going to continue to make improvements on the battlefield and make funds available to units who seek to improve their lines as well as seek more opportunities to units to design portions of the battlefield to enhance the tactical reenacting experience.

Thank you all for your support over the past two years. I know this upcoming WWI season will be fantastic and we continue to "Get Better Together". Thank you for your support.

Vice-President

Uncontested: **J.D. Boswell**

Fellow members of the GWA,

I'd like to introduce myself, I'm Jim Boswell and I'm running for Vice President of the GWA. I'm a retired Naval Officer and now a Department of Defense Civilian. I have been reenacting since 1993 and joined the GWA in 1999 (ish) with the 107th infantry division, the unit who I'm now the second in command. Over the past 20 years in the GWA I've seen our organization grow to the premiere reenacting organization in the world. I have also seen units teeter on the brink of extinction and other genres of reenacting come and go with the latest Hollywood movie. We've just past the Great War Centennial and we need to work on keeping that spirit going. My goals as Vice President are to mitigate safety risks, make the hobby better, and work with my fellow GWA to keep this organization thriving and honoring those who fought in the Great War.

1. Safety is Paramount! Together we need to stay focused on safety. One only has to look at the loss of reenacting at Ft. Indiantown Gap due to poor safety practices to realize how tentative our situation can be. Vigilance is our watch word.
2. Safety is just not a concern during tacticals. Our trenches and bunkers must be safe and in good repair. I know firsthand the amount of maintenance these structures require and will work with units to help them maintain their structures in a safe and period correct manor.
3. I look forward to working with the G8 as we continue to improve our hobby. Over the past 20 years we've seen a great influx of well researched impressions. The one thing I've learned over the years is that best way to improve the overall hobby is to improve your own impression while you help others hone their impression. If you have ideas on how to improve

the hobby and safely raise the level of authenticity, I'm open for discussions.

4. Site Improvements. The GWA is one of the only reenacting organizations that actually own their site. With that in mind, we need to find the best way to work our site to the advantages of all our members. We are the stewards of this great property and our goal should be constant focus on how to make permanent improvements to the site that will provide a safe, authentic experience to our GWA members.

In closing I would like to thank those GWA officers and members who have dedicated their time and effort to help maintain Great War reenacting as the pinnacle of living history.

Your Most Humble Servant,

Sgt. J.D. Boswell

107th Regiment, 27th Division A.E.F.
(Reenacted)

Treasurer

Chris Garcia

We have an election coming up. Do I want to be treasurer forever, absolutely not! I do this out of love for the hobby and the GWA. I will be more than happy to step down, when a suitable person steps up. If someone seriously wants to be treasurer please contact me and we can re-establish the position of Registrar, as was done by the previous treasurer and I will groom you to the position. I would be leery about anyone who has not been involved in registration. While registration is a huge part of the job (and with the huge expansion of the GWA in the last 6 years, at times a part time job during registration season), there are many other responsibilities that are continuous year-round. Among the many things that have to be done are annual insurance review and renewal, ensuring maintenance, services and tax bills get paid, ordering trench supplies, renewing and maintaining non-profit registration and being the local POC when the local authorities when issues arise.

The treasurer is also the first line of defense of the GWA. Unlike most other re-enacting organizations, we own property. Thus, we have the potential to lose everything if things go wrong. At the start of the Centennial I instituted a policy with the approval of the G-8 to institute rigid checks of all registrations against official unit rosters. This closed a vital loophole and have kept unauthorized people off of our site. I have received flak from some who preferred a looser registration standard inline with what we had when we had a membership of 2-300 members. It is a new reality now and with a few minor exceptions it has worked out well.

Bryn Blackburn

Ladies and Gentlemen of the GWA. My name is Bryn Blackburn and I have been nominated to run for the position of GWA Treasurer.

I have been a member of the GWA for over 10 years and I am one of the founding members of Fusilier Regt. 90

Our current Treasurer says in his statement that after serving 4 terms on the G8, that he doesn't want to be the Treasurer forever and will be more than happy to step down, when a suitable person steps up. Ladies and Gentlemen I feel that I am more than suitable to step up and have the knowledge and experience to be the next GWA Treasurer. I am greatly aware of the requirements and demands of a Treasurer having performed the following positions over both reenacting and professional career.

- a) I served for several years on the board of The World War 2 Historical Preservation Group a 501c3 educational organization. I started on the board as the events coordinator, where part of my responsibilities was to work with other board members in planning, organizing and the running of events hosted by W2HPG Inc. A recurring event that W2HPG Inc, hosted was the Gap 2 event held at Ft. Indiantown Gap. This event included over 600 reenactors and dozens of WW2 era military vehicles. The event committee not only had to coordinate registration of 600 plus reenactors, we were tasked with working with the military staff and base Police in order to provide housing for the reenactors in barracks, go through the military's safety training, coordinate period vehicle escorts to the battle area and arranging rental buses to transport the ground troops to the battle area. We also had to develop a plan to collect, store and redistribute all of the reenactor's blank

ammunition prior to the battle in order to be in compliance with base regulations. After serving as Events Coordinator, I became the Secretary of the organization where besides being tasked with the normal Secretary's duties, I was responsible for preparing and submitting the organizations tax returns.

- b) I am currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Baltimore Police Emerald Society a 501c3 charitable organization as the 2nd Vice President. Prior to serving as the 2nd VP. I served as the Treasurer and was responsible for the keeping of all financial records, paying of all expenses, presenting a detailed Treasurer's report at the organization's monthly membership meetings and the filing of the organization's tax returns. When I started with the Police Emerald Society it was a 501c7 designated organization, the organization is now a designated 501c3 charitable non profit organization. I along with several other board members working in a committee designated by the organization's President, revised all of the organization's By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation and banking procedures in order for the I.R.S. to change our status from a 501c7 to a 501c3 non profit charity. I have also served on committees that organized and ran fund raising events the organization hosts each year in order to raise funds for its charity obligations, several of these events have over 500 guests in attendance. The committee is currently in the early stages of planning for the organization to host the Emerald Society's National Convention in 2021 with an expected attendance of over 1,000 members from across the country.
- c) I am currently serving as 1st Vice President of the German Law Enforcement Association of Maryland which is also a 501c3 non profit charity. I along with the organizations President founded

this organization and was tasked with developing the organizational By-Laws and Article of Incorporation.

One of my main goals as the GWA Treasurer will be to have a detailed Bi-annual Treasurer's report available at the spring and fall events for the membership to review. This report will detail how many members registered for the prior event how many members checked into registration for the event, the total amount of all money taken in for the event, how much was spent on expenses and a detailed breakdown of what those expenses were. The report will also contain and other money made by the GWA in between events and all monies spent on expenses and what those expenses were. I would also make a motion at my first G8 meeting to hire a tax professional to look over our finances and to prepare the GWA's tax returns. As our current Treasurer stated in his campaign statement "We own property. Thus, we have the potential to lose everything if things go wrong." That is why a professional should be preparing the GWA's tax returns. I would like to also work with the G8 and membership to go through all of the GWA's past records in order to make sure all of our By-Laws are up to date and to have any unpublished By-Laws added to our web site along with the Articles of Incorporation for our members.

As you can see I have a fair amount of experience that would allow me to be the Treasurer of the GWA. I am very serious in my want to serve as Treasurer of the GWA and with my knowledge and experience I do not feel I need to be "groomed" by our current Treasurer or start off as "Registrar" a position that's not even mentioned in the GWA By-Laws nor is a prerequisite for the Treasurer's position.

I apologize if this seems long winded but I know many of you do not know me or what qualifications I have to be a good Treasurer for the GWA. I hope to have your support and vote and will see you in the Trenches in November

Bryn Blackburn

Candidate for GWA Treasurer.

Secretary (uncontested)

Jon Bracken

Members of the Great War Association:

My name is Johnathan Bracken and I am honored to have been nominated for the position of Secretary. Many of you may know me through my capacity as the unit commander of the 151e Regiment d'Infanterie and Sergent-Major of the French Company, where I go by the nom de guerre of Jean Contamine. I would like to take a moment to tell you briefly about myself and what I would like to do as Secretary.

I lived in New York City for 20 years, currently residing in Brooklyn. In my professional life, I have largely worked in the legal and finance industries in various Information Technology roles. Currently I work as an information governance analyst at a large top-tier law firm in Manhattan. While maintaining my career jobs, I have remained a dedicated student of history and in 2018 I published my first book, ***The Verdun Regiment - Into the Furnace: The 151st Infantry Regiment in the Battle of Verdun 1916.***

I have been a member of the GWA for 20 years, attending my first Great War event at Newville in 1999. I am proud and not a little astonished to say that in that time, I have only missed one spring/fall event. It is remarkable to witness the growth in participation in Great War reenacting and development of the Newville site over this period, and I remain optimistic about the future of the hobby.

My approach to the hobby has always been one that values authenticity, commitment and remembrance over everything else. I see this as not only the optimal way to experience a small piece of the past but also as a display of respect for those we seek to portray and honor. But inclusion is also important and I have come to believe that this hobby belongs to everyone. We each have our own ways that we enjoy our events, so I believe respect and cooperation are equally important.

What I would like to do as Secretary can be summed up in three mission-statement words: communication, progress, and transparency. Strong and consistent communication is key to any organization, especially for one as large as ours with the various levels of hierarchy we have in place. I believe the GWA could benefit from clear, consolidated communications with an emphasis on constructiveness in order to achieve our objectives, civility to foster an environment of respect, and cordiality to promote a sense of community.

As moderator for GWA communication tools I would strive to keep discussions pertinent and respectful. I feel that discussions on GWA communication channels should be comprised of messages and images related to Great War reenacting or Great War history, posted with the intention of advancing GWA objectives or contributing to the GWA community.

I am fully supportive of the G8s current vision for the GWA and their goals of continued development of the Newville site, creating more opportunities to engage in living history and immersive scenarios. Developing and changing the battlefield and rear areas helps to keep our events interesting and avoid the repetitively that can easily sink into our hobby where there is a fixed topography and set of entrenchments. This objective also provides more opportunities for units to explore facets of the living history side of the hobby.

Finally, as Secretary, I will also strive to ensure that there is transparency in the organization, so that members are fully informed of the G8s decisions and actions. I believe shedding light here can help lead to a more actively engaged membership while also serving to dispel the rumor mill.

Respectfully,

Johnathan Bracken

(Sgt.-Mjr. Jean Contamine -
151e Regiment d'Infanterie)

Candidate for Central Powers Combat Commander

Mike Landree

Männer des Westfront,

I currently serve as the GWA Vice President. Like most of you, I enjoy being a low grade reenactor with little to no rank. But if you believe, like I do, that we need a change in direction for the Central Powers, then please support me as your next combat commander.

We need to shake things up and revamp many of the things we do organizationally, otherwise there's no reason to trade one commander for another. I have been reenacting since 1983, so I understand the hobby well. I also retired from the Marine Corps after 28 years, 4+ combat tours, and plenty of real combat leadership experience, including commanding a battery during OIF I. I know what right looks like and I want to impart that into the hobby. My goal is to make our hobby better than when I got into it - we've come a long way, but we've got a long way to go. We need to get rid of many "reenactorisms" that are just plain wrong - and we need to operate more realistically by performing the functions of the German Army (and Austrians as well) as they did it. We need to become more professional! My plan would focus on three main functions: organization, planning, and leadership. Of course, the highest professional standards are essential to all these functions.

So what does this all mean to you? We need an organization that functions like the German Army did. I think the newer organization is better than the last one, but we need reserves and more flexibility. We need more communications and actually USE them - and we need our communications to feed into a central command position where decisions are made and commands are disseminated and acted on. Command and control can only be effective if we have the organization to perform it. Operations should be carefully pre-planned BEFORE the event, disseminated

to the leaders PRIOR to combat starting, and rehearsals conducted by the key units prior to conducting them. How many times have we conducted a major attack and everyone finds out 10 minutes beforehand and 50% of the units are either eating chow or doing their own thing in no man's land because there was no notice of anything? This needs to change. The Germans were better than this and so should we.

We need a dedicated assault platoon designed to only conduct Stoßtrupp and Angreifstrupp activities (offensive and counterattack operations). These units would not hold areas of the line, but would rather be in reserve - rehearsing attacks and counterattacks and ready to conduct these operations at will. In the case of attacks, these would be well orchestrated before the attack and the assigned unit would know well in advance. Counterattacks would be well planned and executed when the Allies attack our positions - but all defensive actions would be synchronized to defeat the enemy by drawing them into kill sacks and counterattacking into their flanks or rear areas. I've spoken to the Allied Combat Commander about different scenarios we can create that will keep us all very active throughout the events and keep everyone on their toes.

Also speaking of organization, we only need one Hauptmann - and that is the Kompaniechef. We need to reduce the number of officers and expand the roles of the enlisted ranks. The German (and Austrian/Hungarian) Armies had a wealth of very complicated rank structures and we should use them - isn't this a realistic part of the reenacting/living history experience? We aren't all Prussians - so we shouldn't be squeezing people out of their parent unit impressions. Württembergers are Württembergers. Bavarians are Bavarians...etc.. We also need to focus on leadership development, find our best leaders and develop and then empower them, and develop our successive

generations of leaders who will grow into those positions. I don't believe in tenure for rank - I believe in individual capabilities. I also don't believe in nepotism. The best leader gets the rank and he will work hard to serve his men - just like the real German Army of WWI.

Jim Harter

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Lastly, I do not intend to be a lifetime commander - I wish to set us up for success - show what right looks like, develop our future leaders, and then turn our hobby over to younger reenactors who know what right looks like. We need energetic leaders who are historically correct for these roles. We also need our older reenactors, but let's be real. Many of us are getting beyond the Frontkämpfer age and we need to empower those of us to perform roles which still use us for the benefit of the hobby. What are you interested in and how can we mobilize you to help you continue your positive role? There's a role for us all; let's find it and I'll empower you! We need more than Frontkämpfer and we need specialty impressions so that our experiences are more realistic.

I wish to serve you, not be served. I am excited to lead the Central Powers for the next two years and it's going to be a great era that the newer generation of reenactors will see, as they look back, as the time when we truly started the change in the hobby to a much better experience for us all. Are you ready to stand with me and turn this hobby around? It's going to be GREAT!

Mike Landree

Uffz. Otto Landrik, IR 124)

Candidate for Central Powers Combat
Commander

Event Schedule Fall 2019

THURSDAY

7 P.M. GWA "SOCIAL" first floor of the farm house???

FRIDAY

10 A.M. - Registration Opens

12:00 - 4:00 P.M. Pyro Inspection. All unit supplied pyrotechnics must be inspected (mortar rounds, gas, hand bombs, rifle bombs etc) during this time. Location near the Ceaser Kraus Memorial.

1:00 P.M. - Living History begins on Allied and CP side of the line. All event participants are encouraged to be in uniform if they are in the Allied and CP area starting at this time.

3:30 - 4:30 - Mandatory New Recruit Training at the Fusilier crater in No Man's Land.

4:30 P.M. - Gate closes. ALL cars need to be removed from the GWA combat area! NO one is allowed inside the gate after this time not in full uniform with helmet and gas mask.

4:30 P.M. - Registration Closes. All those wishing to participate in Friday night combat, but do not arrive prior to 4:30 P.M. MUST be pre registered, these late arrivals will check in at the MP station for the Allies, or the CP Battalion Sgt. Maj. Freed Diehl (FR 73's Bunker -look for the signs on the road) for sign in and issuance of trench pass. Walk-on's (New Recruits) will not be allowed to participate in Friday night combat unless they attend the New Recruit Safety Meeting or check in after the event has started.

5:00 P.M. -Mandatory GWA Friday Safety meeting at the Memorial - all units/ participants wishing to "play" on Friday or Saturday must attend. Trench passes will be checked. This meeting is an insurance requirement. If you are on site you must be at this formation! No exceptions.

6:00 P.M. - Full combat/full play no restrictions

10: 00 P.M. - Combat ends

SATURDAY

7 A.M. Stand To (Allied Battalion)

7:15 A.M. (Allied Battalion) Individual Company Formations, Routines and reliefs will be announced by the Company CO's

8 A.M.- CP Battalion Formation and safety meeting.

8:30 A.M. - Allied Battalion Formation in the training area for combat preparation and mobilization.

*Note: Make up new member safety training for those who missed the Friday meeting will be with each sides perspective safety officer immediately following the CP formation and prior to the allied battalion formation.

9 A.M. - Combat resumes.

9:30 P.M. Combat Ends

Sunday

Clean up.

8A.M. GWA Town Hall Meeting with the President, Allied and CP reps.

Why?

Why does *On the Wire* look so primitive and different now? Because I, the secretary Marsh, now have to do it, due to Editor Mark Graef starting a new job and pressing real-life commitments. Also, because it's a newsletter - I like to make newsletters look like newsletters and not something they're not. It has pix and whitespace because we don't actually have to pay for printing and postage, so we can have longer articles and colour. Yay. If you have an