



Camp Dispatch

In Memory

Roy Dayton Wolfe, age 88, of Edwardsville, Ill., born March 3, 1916, in Honey Point Township, Macoupin County, Ill., died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005 at St. Luke's Hospital, Chesterfield, Mo. Everyone at the site would like to express to the Wolfe family our deepest sympathy. Roy was a board member of the Lewis & Clark Society of America and was the first volunteer to sign up and assist at the Interpretive Center. Together with his wife Edna, Roy helped with special event programming. His enthusiasm, friendliness, and recounting narratives of WW II will greatly be missed.

Mr. Wolfe graduated from Gillespie High School in 1934. He has lived in Edwardsville since 1939, when he established Taylor's Taxi. Later he worked at Western Cartridge, now Olin Corp. In January 1942 he joined the U.S. Army. He trained at Camp Polk, La., Camp Cooke, Calif.; and maneuvered in the California desert before joining the 3rd Armored Division, as it went overseas, finishing training in England. He served in the European Theatre, landing on Utah Beach in July 1944, serving with General George Patton for the duration of the war as a combat infantryman in the 9th Armored Division. He saw action in Normandy, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge, the Rhineland and Central Europe until they met the, Russian army. His platoon participated in the liberation of Buchenwald Concentration Camp. He has spoken to many groups about his wartime experiences. Mr. Wolfe received five campaign stars on the European Theatre Ribbon, and the Silver and Bronze Stars. Returning home, he went to work for Shell Oil until he retired.

He was a member of St. Johns Methodist Church; a 50 year member and past president of the Kiwanis Club; Democratic committeeman of Precinct 9 for 50 years and an Edwardsville Township trustee for 20 years; a member of the Munny Band Board; Edwardsville Community Foundation; Edwardsville YMCA Century Club; St. Louis Gateway Chapter Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge; VFW Post 1299 and American Legion Post 199; and a member of 6th Armored Division Association, 7th Armored Division Association, Madison County Democratic Executive Board, Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation Inc., Township Officials of Illinois, Shell Recreation Association, Friends of St. Louis Zoo Association, and Madison County Mental Health Clinic Board. He loved children, and one of his greatest joys for many years was being Mr. Santa Claus for children.

The Bosses Corner!!!

By Brad Winn

Well we are emerging from the winter snows (Thank you Ruthie!) and a slow January and February months to prepare for our spring school season. We are already beginning to see the sign of spring (not Robins) that being the hundreds of school children invading our Interpretive Center. Pam has let me know that April is filling out and I am particularly excited to see their return and bring the center to life.

Volunteer Training

April 30, Saturday

9:30 am to 1 pm

**All volunteers are
invited to attend.**

Special Event's Corner
By Michael Stout



This year's event commemorated the 201st anniversary of the Lewis & Clark Expedition's arrival at Camp River Dubois. Michael Haynes and Bob Moore commented on Michael's painting of the "Christmas at Camp River Dubois." Don Hastings spoke of Lewis & Clark in Illinois, and the members of "The Detachment" recreated the living history of the men of the camp. "The Detachment" also recreated both of Michael's paintings so visitors could photograph these settings. To cap the night off, the staff and volunteers set lanterns along the sidewalk and path for a candle light walk-through of the camp.

I have to admit I was very disappointed with the visitor and volunteer turnout for the event. I know it was two weeks before Christmas and that is tough to compete with, but we need every one's support.

To give you an idea of what the visitation was like: no one but the staff, volunteers working that morning, and family members of the Colonial Fife & Drum saw the opening ceremonies. Don Hastings had a great presentation and I'm sure the seven folks learned a lot. Michael Haynes and Bob Moore did an excellent job and lectured to about 25 visitors, and authors Tim Raymer and John Dunphy did sign several of their books. We did have a good response to "The Detachments" recreations of Michael Haynes' paintings, but we only had 8 people attend the candle light walk through of the camp.

I do wish to thank the staff, volunteers who attended and volunteers who provided help, support, and participation for the **Arrival at Camp River Dubois** special event. **You all deserve a "job well done."**

Please mark your calendars for 2005

5/30/2002	Memorial Day	Site open
7/4/2005	Independence Day	Site open
9/5/2005	Labor Day	Site open
10/10/2005	Columbus Day	Site closed
11/11/2005	Veterans' Day	Sites closed
11/24/2005	Thanksgiving	Sites closed
11/25/2005	Day after 11/24/05	Site open
12/25/2005	Christmas	Site closed
12/26/2005	Day after 12/25/05	Site closed
1/1/2006	News Year Day	Site closed
1/2/2005	Day after 1/1/2005	Site closed

Calendar Events

March 19 - 20 Garrison Weekend – Visit the men of the Corps of Discovery as they spend their winter and early spring months training and preparing for their voyage to the Pacific Ocean. Experience what life was like for the men of the expedition as they wintered over at Camp River Dubois.

TIMES: 10:00 – 4:00

May 14 – 15 Camp River Dubois: "Point of Departure"

– Come and enjoy a glimpse of life while the Lewis and Clark Expedition gets ready for their departure. History will come alive as you see costumed re-enactors demonstrate blacksmithing, coopering, candle making, cooking, weaving, spinning and many other activities. You'll be able to watch the Detachment as they prepare for their departure from Camp River Dubois.

TIMES: 10:00 – 4:00

June 11 – 12 Kids of Discovery – Wanted!! Junior volunteers sought after to join the Corps of Discovery. All volunteers and their parents should report to Lewis and Clark State Historic Site to enlist in the Expedition to the Western Ocean. Volunteers will be mustered into service based on their knowledge and skill in frontier ways. Junior Corps mates will get their own journal to log their adventure at Camp River Dubois.

TIMES: 10:00 – 4:00

Announcements

Help Needed...

Volunteers are needed to commit themselves to the VIG program. This is not a new program, but it is in continual development; hence the code name of VIG. The program is designed to train people as Volunteer Interpretive Guides (VIGs) at Camp River Dubois (CRD). VIGs will be dressed in historically accurate period clothing which the Lewis & Clark State Historic Site (LCSHS) is willing to provide to all VIGs at the start of their training and development. These are only on loan while VIGs are working in the camp and until they can provide their own clothing.

VIG Qualities:

1. A **strong commitment** to historical accuracy which provides visitors with a wonderful and educational experience.
2. Willing to give up years of misconceptions concerning history. No buck skinning, rendezvous, flint-knapping, knife or hatchet throwing, etc. occurred at CRD.
3. A mind-set that **VIGs don't settle for mediocrity**.
 - A. An example is when a VIG purchased an article of clothing and was informed that their purchased was flawed due to style, material, and/or colors. Instead of wearing this flawed garment they seek out garments with historical accuracy or volunteer in modern clothing until their outfits are up to standards. When one VIG wears inaccurate garments it reflects on the professionalism of the Lewis & Clark staff and VIGs who are trying to maintain historical accuracy. Another example of mediocrity is when historical clothing is being worn and the VIG is wearing a wrist watch or insisting on wearing their favorite modern coat or hat.
 - B. The staff at LCSHS will provide a basic soldier's uniform and/or civilian outfit. We also have purchased coats for VIGs' use. Furthermore, the staff has the knowledge to brief VIGs on accurate clothing for CRD historical period and VIGs are encouraged to pursue their own garments with the guidance of staff. In addition we have purchased material for those VIGs who wish to sew their own garments.
4. VIGs must be **life-long-learners**. It is the staff's hope and intention that each VIG will want to create their own persona after a member of the L&C "Detachment" or a civilian living in the area and/or a civilian (European or Native American) that visited CRD.
5. VIGs must respect everyone, but they also have to be protective of CRD. The materials purchased for outfitting CRD are finite.
6. A willingness to endure the heat, cold, and rain. I (Mike Stout) always tell the truth and VIGs will always work in an air conditioned and/or heated environment. It is cold in the winter and hot in the summer. LOLs
7. Must be 17 years or older.

If you feel you would like to be a part of the VIG program, please contact Mike Stout (Lead Historic Site Interpreter) at 618-251-5811. Incidentally, if you know of any college students working a part-time job over the summer and would like to volunteer as an Interpretive Guide, it would be my pleasure to attach additional recommendations to their resume. All I would ask of them is to volunteer at least 4 hours a week in the camp.

Traveling Exhibit by Cindy Upchurch

I hope you have all enjoyed and read the traveling exhibit in the lobby. I would appreciate it if you would fill out a survey for me. The Southern Partnership Project is interested in the public's opinion. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Special Projects Volunteers Needed

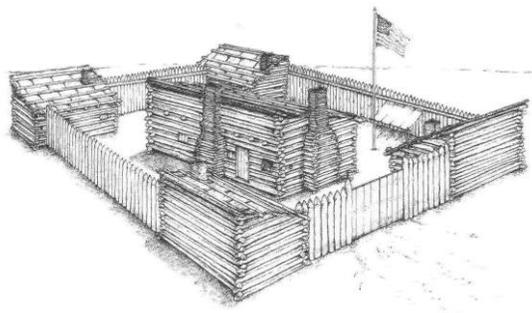
At the site there are numerous projects that could use a helping hand.

- A. The site has new picnic tables that need to be assembled. It is a two man job. If anyone would be interested in donating some tool-time, let Dennis and/or Mike know.
- B. This spring Pam will be busy with flowers, herbs and gardening. If you can help with tilling, planting, watering or weeding, please give Pam your name. A new project will be planting an historical garden. If you are interested in your own patch of ground to care and tend, again please see Pam.
- C. Brandon Paul and his mother have taken on the scrapbook project. It will be very nice to have the items organized into chronological order and subject.
- D. Mike Stout would like help striping the bark off the logs at the camp. After striping the bark, the cabins need to be chinked. If you like to play in the mud, see Mike.

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LCSHS Premier:

On March 16, 2005, at the LCSHS, Solstice Production presented their two year project on Lewis & Clark. The premier of "Camp River Dubois" centers on the construction of this military camp (Fort) and the everyday routine of the men of "The Detachment." Producers Amanda Aschinger, Oleg Passer, and Bill Fox captured the present day construction of Camp River Dubois while maintaining historical accuracies of Captain Clark's notes concerning the "The Detachment's" 154 day encampment in Illinois.



Notice:

volunteers, if you
are planning to be
a part of the May
Departure Special
Event...Call
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at
618-251-5811.