

Dear Sir,

I would like to bring to your attention and consideration that a School of Instruction is being planned for the weekend of April 23-25, 2021 in Mesopotamia, Ohio. This will have the potential to be unique as the concept will include schools for Infantry, Artillery, Medical, Musicians; and any other arms of the military that show interest in attending in large enough numbers. We will also provide activities/talks for civilians to attend during the school. In addition, there is planning for a Saturday evening period dance. Also, for an additional fee, there will be a Saturday evening meal. The fee to attend this school/event will be \$10 per attendee, to cover the cost of amenities and entertainment.

In very broad strokes, subject to tweaking, the weekend will be as follows. Friday will be setting up of camps, registration, and an evening organizational meeting. Saturday will consist of the various schools being held at designated locations. In the later part of Saturday there will be the meal and period dance. On Sunday morning, all those wishing to participate will take part in a morning tactical. Infantry, Artillery and Cavalry will be utilized if participating. At the conclusion of the tactical and the troops return to camp, tents may be struck, break camp and head for home.

It is important to understand that we are aware of umbrella organizational boundaries and are merely providing the site to exercise your tactics, and to showcase the Mesopotamia site for future events. Infantry Battalions will be provided with their own plot of the parade ground to exercise their tactics and drilled by their own command staff. The only exception to this is if they choose to practice a few of the evolutions that we use together during our regional events. We are also aware that artillery drill varies among the Artillery Reserve, NCWAA; and some follow a more purest drill strictly from sources such as Field Artillery Tactics 1864. We'll pair those artillery units up with those of the same umbrella. The other arms of service will follow the same format. When combined schools work best, we'll go with it; and when it doesn't, we'll respect your space. The theme should be to enjoy the experience, improve your drill and tactics, and to build and strengthen the relationships among the various organizations in our region.

I hope that you will bring this before your organization for consideration and strongly consider attending. This is a great first event for many that have not gotten into the wool for almost a year; and a great way to prepare for the upcoming campaign season. Please refer to <http://ohioregimentalmilitaryball.com/mesopotamia-reenactment/> for registration information in early 2021.

Signed,

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