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The Arkansas Living History Association Loses Founding Member



Thomas Whitfield “Whit” Edwards, one of the founders of the Arkansas Living History Association, lost his battle with pancreatic cancer on Tuesday, September 24, 2013. He was 58 years old. In addition to ALHA, Whit was Director of Special Projects with the Oklahoma Historical Society and went on to help found the Texas Living History Association.

Whit’s obituary is available for viewing online at Dignitymemorial.com. Friends may leave comments and stories in remembrance of Whit on his [Facebook](#) page. He will be missed.

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July 4th 2013 Celebration at the Historic Arkansas Museum

American Patriots and visitors gathered at the Historic Arkansas Museum to celebrate the Declaration of Independence from the tyranny of King George and Great Britain. There were people making patriot balloons, kids making flags, live music, and American Militia Reenactors training young new patriots. Meanwhile, the British Government sent the 16th Regiment of Foote to come across the Mississippi River to occupy the Arkansas Capital in the name of King George. They setup inside the entrance of museum to greet all the visitors who came in the museum to show that King George was your rightful leader. The results of their success were very low, but one thing everyone wanted was their picture taken with these redcoats, especially the ladies! The 16th Foote learned that a party of rebels were in Little Rock and camped on the other side of the Historic Arkansas Museum. The 16th Foote decided to crush the rebels and to show the visitors who were the better choice. Around 2:30pm, the British began their search through the town, but finding no rebels.



16th Foote searching the buildings for Rebels!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 5, 2013 – 9 a.m.

Confederate History Weekend

Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park

History is in the air as in the days of the Civil War at Prairie Grove Battlefield. Activities during this weekend include camp life and other living history activities throughout the weekend at various times and locations. Visitors are encouraged to wander the grounds and talk with the re-enactors. Presented by volunteer re-enactors from the Prairie Grove Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) Thomas C. Hindman Camp #656.

Meeting place: Dogtrot House and Ozark Village Area

Admission: Free



October 12, 2013 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Harness and Driving Workshop

Historic Washington State Park

This course covers the basics of safe harnessing and driving mule teams. If you like hands-on learning opportunities and want to experience the fun of wagon and carriage transportation, this class is for you! Registration is required. Minimum age is 16 (accompanied by an adult). Class limited to 6, minimum of 3 participants. Advance registration required. Admission: \$50

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October 19, 2013 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Washington After Dark

Historic Washington State Park

Halloween at Historic Washington gives you a chance to indulge your imagination. After enjoying an evening meal at Williams Tavern, light your candle lanterns and accompany an interpretive guide through selected sites in Washington that have some “unexplained” happenings in their history. You can believe or not, but you’ll have a wonderful evening w Williams' Tavern Restaurant

Admission: \$25 adults, \$20 children under 14

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Finally a loyalist told them that the Rebels are camped on the outskirts of town. The 16th Foote and there loyalist ally approached a clearing and spotted a loan Spanish Militia man standing guard, the militia man took aim and fired at the approaching Redcoats. The Battle was on!



The American Patriots march out to do battle with the British

The Rebel forces were ordered to fall in and move up to fight these Redcoats. The 16th Foote commander, William Hardage, told his men to take cover behind the wooden Fence and fire down on those rebels. The Patriots decided to drive the British away, so they marched closer to the British line to about 25 yards and fired a volley that wounded a couple of redcoats. The Patriot Commander, Steve Shore, ordered his men to “take aim and fire on those lobsterbacks!” The 16th Foote then fired a deadly volley that dropped 2 patriots; the American line was stunned by this volley.



16th Foote at “PRESENT”

The Patriot commander ordered his men to fall back to their defensive position at their camp. The British seeing the Rebels falling back decided to make a final push to capture these rebels. The 16th Foote advanced to within 20 yards of the Americans, and fired one last volley. The British Commander, William Hardage, ordered his men to charge bayonets, and drive away the rebels.

The American line stunned by seeing redcoats charging with bayonets coming straight for them decided to fire one last volley to stop the British juggernaut. Steve Shore said “don’t fire till you see the whites of their eyes” and fired his musket at the British commander, which dropped him instantly. The rest of the militia line fired dropping another redcoat.

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October 26, November 2, 2013 3 - 5 p.m.

“Town in Conflict” a Living History Street Drama
Historic Washington State Park
1874 Courthouse Visitor Center

The Civil War was one of the most trying times in our nation’s history. During Civil War Weekend, visitors will walk the streets of a town touched by the hand of war. We will interpret the many conflicts of the area when Washington was Arkansas's Confederate Capitol. Reenactors from across the region will present living history demonstrations, including combat scenarios, throughout the weekend. Guided tours of the many historic homes and buildings of the town will be available, as well as as surrey rides. Contact the park for a detailed program schedule.

Admission: \$8 adults, \$4 children (ages 6-12)

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November 2 & 3, 2013 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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November 9, 2013 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Soap Workshop
Powhatan Historic State Park

Creating soap is not a difficult process – no more challenging than following a recipe for pastry and turning it into pie. Come join us in learning the art of making soap with the cold-process method. Participants will receive a booklet with soap recipes, several bars of home-made soap, and the knowledge of how to become squeaky clean! The registration fee covers the cost of materials. Please bring protective clothing, as some materials used are caustic and can burn. For more information, or to register, contact the park at

Ph: 870-878-6765 or email powhatan@arkansas.com.

Registration Fee: \$20



16th Foote Charging the Rebels

Then the Steve Shore said charge and the rest of the British forces were captured. A costly, but complete victory for the American Patriots for the 4th of July! The crowd up to almost 200 watched this tactical battle and cheered their heroes and the British for a good show. The combined British and American soldiers fired off a volley to celebration the 4 of July! After the battle, the Museum Director read the Declaration of Independence from a one of the Historical buildings; the British did try to stop him, but were unsuccessful due to numbers of American Patriots there.



The Patriot Line firing

The event was a success this year and I hope we can continue to grow this event. I think the official account of Colonial Reenactors was around 20. The next Colonial event is September 14th at the Caldron Blockhouse in Conway, public battle at 4pm. The next big Colonial event is the 234th 1779 Battle of Baton Rouge at the Audubon Historic Site October 5-6th. The 16th Foote will be going to both events. Hope to see you there.

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Contributed by William Hardage,
EARA member

November 16, 2013 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Dutch Oven Style--Holiday Sweets & Treats
Historic Washington State Park

The upcoming holidays present an opportunity for you to show off your outdoor cooking skills. Sugar cookies, gingerbread, and other holiday favorites can all be made with ease in a Dutch oven. This half-day workshop will be devoted to advanced recipes, so beginners are encouraged to take the basic skills class first. Class limit is 10. Reservations required.

Admission: \$25

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November 16 2013 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Civil War Living History Event
Old State House Museum

The Old State House Museum will be hosting a living history event on Saturday, November 16. The focus of the event will be Little Rock under Federal control during the fall and winter of 1863-1864. We are looking for participants who can supply civilian and Federal military impressions. More details on the event will be sent out in the coming weeks. Please let me know if you have any questions, and we hope to see you in November!

Contact: Ian Beard -(501) 324-8642

ian@arkansasheritage.org

December 7 & 13, 2013 1p.m.- 8p.m.

27th Annual Christmas and Candlelight
Historic Washington State Park

You and your family will be in awe of the natural beauty that our candlelit streets provide as you stroll through our historic village. The homes of yesterday are adorned with pine cones, grapevines, magnolia, and evergreens. Decorations, music, and more will set the mood for your historic holiday experience.

Daylight tours from 1-5 p.m. Candlelight tours begin at 5 p.m. when thousands of luminaries will be lit, and will continue until 8 p.m. Plan time in your schedule to visit William's Tavern, offering a Christmas buffet from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. You may also choose to enjoy a horse drawn surrey ride or shop the gift shops for that special holiday gift.

Admission: \$10 adults, \$5 children

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Put your articles or events in the ALHA Newsletter! Have your submissions for the Winter edition in no later than December 31, 2013

Membership Year 2013 Certification Updates

The ALHA certification committee is proud to recognize these new Apprentices and Journeymen. We have received a lot of great feedback about the certification process, and will soon have easy to use curriculum for the Apprentice workshop, an update to how Journeymen are certified, and clearer and more beneficial requirements to the Masters level. We look forward to sharing the next evolution of the certification program soon. Thank you to everyone who has participated so far!

New Apprentices:

Brown	Darrell
Browning	Debra
Henry	Bobbye
Holloway	Charles
Hulbert	Jessica
Lafferty	Teresa
Lambert	Leah
McCullah	Sheri
Mitchell	Robert
Robertson	Danielle
Slaymaker	Cris
Stumpf	Tyler
Torchia	Sondra
Ward	Barbara
Allen	Dennis
Baclawski	Chuck
Hutto	Jon
Keathley	Jane
Patrick	Leslie
Smith	Ryan
Tidwell	Leon
White	Lydia
Crowder	Betty

New Journeymen:

Browning	Debra
Beard	Ian
Hunter	Ocie
Terral	Mike
Lambert	Leah
Hartley	Debra

<http://www.arkansaslivinghistory.com/downloads/>

Arkansas River History Cruise October 26th



The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission are offering a history cruise on the Arkansas River. Participants will be traveling by education barge on the western end of the Arkansas River near Fort Smith. During the cruise enjoy the scenic beauty of the Arkansas River in autumn, watch for bald eagles, and marvel at migratory waterfowl.

While on the barge you will enjoy presentations of the early history of the Arkansas River, and gain an understanding of the significance of the resource both good and bad. The itinerary for this cruise will be determined by water level and weather.

Please dress appropriately for the weather, and wear non-slip shoes. Participants are required to wear a life jacket while on the water. Please be prepared to caravan to and from marina.

Date: Saturday October 26th
Location: Janet Huckabee Arkansas River Valley
Nature Center
8300 Wells Lake Road
Fort Smith, AR 72916
Start Time: 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Capacity: Maximum capacity of this workshop is
18. First come first served
RSVP: Steve Dunlap
479-409-5243
sedunlap@agfc.state.ar.us

Arkansas Living History Association 2013 Membership Registration

Name: _____
Institution: _____
Position: _____
Street: _____
City, State, ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
FAX: _____ Web site: _____

Type of Membership:

___ **Individual: \$12** Any adult, 18 yrs of age or older. The member shall have full voting privileges in the ALHA as a general member.

___ **Institutional: \$50** This includes 5 members with full voting privileges. \$10 per additional member over the first 5.
_____ Number of Additional Members X \$10 = _____

Please list the 5 members to receive the newsletter and their email addresses:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Help us learn more about you.

Periods of Interest: _____

Areas of Interest: _____

What you would like to receive from ALHA: (this will help us develop training opportunities, meetings, workshops, etc.)

Please make Checks Payable to: ALHA

Please send Registration along with Payment to:

Pody Gay, ALHA Secretary
Shiloh Museum of Ozark History
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Springdale, AR 72764

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