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Sept 10-13 Calico Rock Voo James Ross 870-746-4030

Sept 17-20 Soggy Bottoms Voo @ Washington, AR Teresa Lafferty/Misshattie 501-247-6466/255-5801

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The program is free to all paying the park admission fee. For more information please contact Audubon State Historic Site in St. Francisville, La. at 1-225-635-3739. OR William Hardage at

Oct. 1-4 Critter's Voo @ Foulke, AR Bobby Cooper 903-908-5088 Lori Bennett 903-949-8842

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Nov. 6-8 Civil War Days @Washington State Park Charlene Pippin
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Nov. 26-29 Petit Jean Voo @ Petit Jean State Park Glenn Cook
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Dec. 6 Christmas at HAM (Little Rock) Ed Williams 501-944-0736
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2016 Events

Saturday, January 31st. Colonial Days at Cadron contact Ed Williams 501-944-0736 and William Hardage at 501-527-6313 or Britishofficer@yahoo.com

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BOOK REPORTS FROM THE EARA LIBRARY

This summer I am like "Brer Rabbit" thrown into the briar patch with all the great books from the EARA library available at my place. So, I'll give you some book reports on some of them I've read.

Deaths of the Bravos by John Meyers is one of my favorites. It gives the history of our country and the Bravos who died building it. It is about the settling of the West from earliest times up to after the Civil War. It details the trappers and all the names we are familiar with, the long hunters, the city builders, the out-laws, the gold and silver miners, the station builders, and the heroes, and is a page

turner for sure. It covers the Alamo and Texas' republic and state hood, the Indian wars, I never wanted to put it down and it kept me up past my bedtime many nights! One of the most interesting thing about it was the portrayal of James Beckworth. I had just finished reading the *Autobiography of James Beckworth*, where he was obviously a great exaggerator of his own feats and abilities. This book claimed that Beckworth was "the biggest liar in the west." I think from reading both books I think that statement is probably right on. A GREAT READ!

Along the same line, only highlighting details the history of the "west" and the settlement of the country from the east coast up to the Mississippi River, the *Men of the Western Waters, The taking of America's first West 1781-1794* by Dale Van Every is another great read. Of course it covers Daniel Boone and many others of the pioneers who settled these lands and the stories of how they lived. Since my husband's family came from Eastern Kentucky and my mother's ancestors came from North Carolina into Tennessee when there were still frequent attacks by the Native Americans I'm pretty familiar with much of the history of this era, but none the less, this was a very interesting and well written book.

If you are interested in reading any of these books, please let me know at joyce@heifercreek.com or give me a call at 501-581-7279 or cell 551-7556 and we'll arrange to get them to you. If you see anything you'd like to read in the last Shinnin Times list of the library books, let me know and I will bring them to the picnic or to the ice cream social at Carol's. Or I can arrange to mail them to you if you'll pick up the postage to and from.

Our EARA library is a GREAT RESOURCE for our group and I really would like to see it utilized. The books are no benefit to anyone just packed away in boxes and taking up room in the trailer.

LETTER TO HIS BROTHER FROM LUM, ABOUT THE BATTLE AT LITTLE ROCK WITH THE DANGED TORIES AND THE RED COATS

July 4, 2015 At Arkansaw

Deer Bruther,

Am writing you a letter to tell you about the battle we was in today. I swear I kan not belive the filthy red coats have still not give up yet. Today a few of us boys was out huntin and even tho we had whooped them soundly in the past to win our indepence from their unfair taxatin an all that, they cum at us agin today. Marchin in them red coats, but them coats made them fair targets. They just marched out there in a row, but weuns we just hid in the trees an picked off their offisers one by one.

They sent them filthy injuns into the woods to hunt us but we's too smart even fur them savages. There was even a Scots guy out there wearing his skirt, can you believe it? Yea, some of the nebors hurd the shootin and cum to hep us out an in the end we whooped' em agin.

A hole lot of folks cum out to watch the battle an seemed to think it was som kind of show, but fer now, we got the filthy red coats on the run, but you never no when they will attack agin.

Huntin is not so good round Little Rock now, too many folks moved in and driv the deer and bar away, but weuns is goin on a big hunt up in the mountins close to Leslie in October, I hopes you can make it, we alwas has a good time. Them folks up there sure are hospitabl an nice an they cums out and joins us round the camp far. I magine ole glen Cook will be thar to tell us sum of his great lies. He can alwas make us laff. So far nuna them pesky red coats have ben up that way.

Wes also got some hunts planned for September that is alwas fun, I sent ya a list of um with his letter, so look it over and plan to m ake as many of them as ya can and get yer larder stocked up fer the winter.

I remain, Your brother, Lum

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**After Action Report (From a British Standpoint)
Saturday July 4th 2015**

July 4, 2015 marked the 240th Anniversary of the unruly American Colonies fought for their independence. Just writing the words makes me quiver and distrust these so called "Americans." I was ordered to take my small force of elite British Regulars from the 16th Regiment of Foote and once again try to smash this party of rebels in Little Rock, Arkansas. These so called "Americans" say they just want their independence from Great Britain because they are being taxed without their permission. The nature of these people is unbearable.



On the march to Little Rock, I was able to recruit some native warriors and some loyal Scottish people to join our crusade to crush the Rebellion in Arkansas with one big smashing battle. When we arrived in Little Rock we found only a small rebel force camped out near the Historic Arkansas Museum.

Immediately, I sent the Scottish and natives forward to scout and to pursue this small force. A short time had passed and I was given word that the forward troops had pushed the small Rebel force back but were need of support. I gathered my 16th Regiment of Foote and had them drive back these rebels with true British courage.

My men, eager to see the end of these pesky rebels kept charging forward until the small rebel force disappeared into the woods. Then finally a much larger force of Rebels appeared which soon overwhelmed my 16th Foote. I told my men to fall back, and I order multiple volleys into the advancing rebels. My men were able to defeat the Rebel counterattack, but it seemed as though more rebels had appeared.



I finally, ordered the 16th Foote to advance one more time to drive them back. At first it seemed to work, but then some rifleman appeared and started picking off my men. Unsporting, they started picking off my NCOs and then finally I was hit. I gave the word to the 16th Foote to retreat from the field. The rebel commander ordered his men to advance and drive the Redcoats to the sea. From a distance my men and I could hear the Rebels cheering for their victory. Later one I reflected that you cannot conquer an idea with an Army.

We had over 20 Reenactors for the event and had over 500 visitors watch the public battle. Thank you to all who came out. Our next colonial event in Arkansas will be January 31st at Cadron Blockhouse in Conway, AR.

William Hardage
16th Regiment of Foote Commander
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