**Militia Calendar 2014**

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| **Serial** | **Date** | **Event** | **Venue** | **Status** | **Organiser** | **Notes** |
| 1 | 25 Jan | NA Winter Party (Burns Night) | Harpenden House Hotel, Harpenden, Herts. | Nap Soc **Confirmed** | Own arrangements | *SK Nantwich weekend.*  ***NOTE****: The Militia policy on a clash of events with other societies you may be a member of is that you make your own decision on attendance* |
| 2 | 3-7 April | Tinquex Fete Napoleon (Bicenttenaire De La Bataille De Reims) | Reims (NE France) –Calais A26 to Reims (a straight run)  **Transport plan**: As Reims is so close to Calais this will be an ‘own run’ in our cars | International 200th Anniversary event  **Confirmed** | Max P  Coxy (let ‘em know if you are attending) | The emphasis for 2014 will be on working with our European partners. If you can book the time off to attend this muster we will be exceptionally grateful.  Payment for attendees:  Soldier/combatant: 50 Euros  Camp followers/lagerbande: 15 Euros  All get a bottle of champers and 3 x photos (1 x of you in kit, 1 x of the group and 1 x of the whole lot of re-enactors)  **Website:** <http://www.tinqueuxfetenapoleon.com/> |
| 3 | 11-13 April | Road to Waterloo Event | Ickworth House (NT)  Newmarket | Nap Soc  **Confirmed** | Coxy | We’ve done this before – as the NA are ‘revving up’ for Waterloo 2015 Ickworth will become a major NA event this year.  ***NOTE:*** *You will notice that the lion’s share of events are Napoleonic Association sponsored – remember that the Militia policy is that it is expected that all members should obtain NA membership.* |
| 4 | 1-5 May  Bank Holiday | Hoogstraten | Hoogstraten, Belgium  (on the coast...not far from the ferry)  Potentially an ‘own car run’ | International 200th Anniversary event  **Confirmed** | Lockers (let him know if you are attending) | Again – another **very** important European event. There will be payment for attendees (tbc).  **Website** :  <http://www.slagvanhoogstraten.be/Home-English.html>  ***NOTE****: This event is being organised by Ron van Dyk who is one of the main bods organising Waterloo 2015; it is also being attended by the Prussian officers who we fought under at Leipzig (key members of the Prussian Army structure) – thus we need to maintain our high ‘visibility’ with them.* |
| 5 | 23-26 May  Bank Holiday | Battle of the Nations | Maidstone Kent | Major Nap Soc event of the season  **Confirmed** | Smithy | *An SK Major is potentially taking place during this weekend.*  This event (BoN) is now the largest NA event in the UK. *“Remember them Ladz!”* |
| 6 | 30 May- 1 June | Moonfleet Smuggling Festival | Weymouth  Dorset | PASTE  Redcoat/RN Bluecoat Event  **tbc** | Smithy | Jury’s still out on this one...watch this space. This is not a Landwehr event. |
| 7 | 27 to 29 June | Chalke Valley History Festival | Chalke Valley nr to Salisbury | PASTE  **Confirmed** | Smithy | *Clash with the SK Mini at Cheriton*  Traditionally the CVHF has been the major Landwehr event of the season. Although not NA sponsored, there will be a high level of attendance by NA units |
| 9 | 12 July (Sat) | Battle Prom (Road to Waterloo) | Blenheim Palace | NapSoc  **Confirmed** | Personal attendance – contact NA | This is a ‘personal preference’ thing...contact the NA for details (look on their website). |
| 10 | 18-20 July | Festival of History (EH) | Kelmarsh Hall, Northants (between N’ton & Mkt Harboorough) | English Heritage  **Confirmed** | Smithy | Landwehr training event – living history encampment and drills. There’s no Landwehr battle but this doesn’t stop you from engaging in another unit’s display but you can’t do it in Landwehr kit & the Landwehr do not provide any black powder. |
| 10 | 15-17 Aug | Worcester Re-enactor Weekend | Spetchley Park, Worcester | Worcester Reenactors &  NapSoc  **Confirmed** | Declan | This is the main NA pre-Waterloo (2015) practice/training event. A strong Landwehr turnout will keep us visible to the UKNA organisers (to make sure that we don’t get missed off the UK’s ‘Waterloo Attendance List’) |
| 11 | Dec (date tbc) | British Military Tournament | Birmingham Indoor Arena | NapSoc  **tbc** | Smithy | Date to be confirmed. |

There will be a Militia Ladies Mess Night event...watch this space, details will be published soon.

No news (as yet) of the Howard Giles’s *“You’re History”* multi-period event at Broadlands.

Leipzig proved to be a massive ‘eye-opener’ for us in terms of the sheer size/scope of European Napoleonic re-enactment and the fundamental meaning of recreating and commemorating 1813-1815 in terms of German national identity and culture. The ‘Leipzig Ladz’ are currently (mid-Nov) writing down their thoughts, feelings and ideas (these will be communicated to you soon) gleaned during their incredible few days on the Continent. Our drill has now changed – in order to fit in with the requirements of our European counterparts and to create a more authentic facsimile of the original Prussian drill book. The German groups who met with us were awed that British re-enactors (us!) wanted to portray Prussians – as a result we’ve got a lot of responsibility in (a) supporting our German friends (b) respecting their history and culture during this time of national ‘liberation’ (c) trying to get as many of us over there as possible to take part in European events in 2014 (Reims & Hoogstraten to name but two major events...book your ferry now!) and (d) making sure that we now develop and then maintain a very pro-active and highly visible presence at home and on the continent

Finally, the 3/1st Silesian Landwehr have been on a ‘roller-coaster’ ride in terms of its creation and development. The whole concept ‘took off’ faster than we ever dreamt of. The period of ‘forming-and-storming’ is done with and now we are on the verge of the ‘third stage’- where we move out of the UK and firmly establish ourselves as a pro-active and high-profile group able to successfully muster with our European colleagues...this will conclude with our attendance at Waterloo in 2015.

Fur Gott, Mit Koenig und Faterland!

Von Schmidt (aka ‘The Chair’...and sometimes an occasional table when the mood takes him)