

THE FIERY CROSS



Award-Winning Newsletter For Clan An Cu, The Highland Independent Company of Darien

THE LATEST NEWS

FEALTY CEREMONY SCHEDULED

Clan An Cu, The Highland Independent Company of Darien, will conduct its Fealty Ceremony on Saturday evening, August 28, 2004. The ceremony will be held at Fort King George at about 2100. The Fealty Ceremony, to swear in new clansmen, is a tradition in our clan that dates from 2001. Each man that has joined our clan has had the opportunity to swear fealty to our clan, just as the Highlanders of old did.



Clan An Cu swore in three new members (Cody Bennett, James Heldreth, and James Trentham) during the 2003 ceremony at Fort Frederica. [L-R Front row: Heldreth, Britt Brinson, and Mark Tippens Back Row: Larry Lynch, Bennett, Amos McCall, & Trentham]

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Clansmen who have not yet taken the oath include: **Ken Bloom, Ronald Brimer, Neal Fitzgibbons, Joseph Hackney, and Ed Lunderman.** All members of *Clan An Cu* are asked to attend & welcome our brothers into the clan.

BLACK POWDER CERTIFICATION CANCELLED

John Burpee of *Fort Frederica* called on July 28 to cancel the National Park Service Black Powder Certification course, which had been scheduled for **August 14, 2004.** The course was to have been held at Fort Frederica. Apparently a scheduling conflict arose that he was not aware of until now.

Thanks to **Cody Bennett, Philip Boyd, Britt Brinson, Neil Fitzgibbons, James Heldreth, Ed Lunderman, Larry Lynch, Skin Neal, and Mark Tippens** who had made the commitment to attend the course.

John has promised to reschedule the course for sometime in the future. With various commitments over the coming months, perhaps the park service will be amenable to offering the program about January, as that is usually a slack time of year for most reenactors.



Clan An Cu performs Bland's 1726 Musket Drill at Fort King George.

FREDERICA: THE MOVIE

Though it's probably not needed, this is to remind each of you about the movie shoot at Fort King George, Saturday-Sunday, **August 28-29.** FKG will be the stand-in for Fort Frederica, for whom the movie is being made. It will replace the 1950's film, *This Is Frederica*, currently shown at the national park.

Twelve of you have committed to be there, so you are the ones who will be paid: **Cody Bennett, Philip Boyd, Ron Brimer, Britt Brinson, Neil Fitzgibbons, James Heldreth, Collin King, Ed Lunderman, Larry Lynch, Amos McCall, Skin Neal, and Mark Tippens.**

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The movie company, **Great Divide Pictures**, originally wanted 8-10 Highlanders and has set aside \$3000 for *Clan An Cu*. **Britt Brinson** talked with the movie company and they are glad to have more than the original number, but the amount of money they have budgeted is set. With 12 members committed, that comes out to \$250 per man for two days work.

Should any of you not be able to attend, please notify Britt Brinson as soon as possible. If less than 10 men show up, each man will be paid \$300 for two days work. You should plan to be there for two FULL days. **Chris Wheeler**, of Great Divide Pictures, would like to meet with

us sometime on Friday night. He informs us that they will have a place set up with water and other amenities during filming. They may provide some meals for us.

If at all possible, try to be there early Friday afternoon, as we will take that opportunity to work on our drill before getting in front of the camera. Each of you is further reminded that you will need proper clothing and accoutrements. If you don't already have them, time is running out, so you need to quickly make arrangements to get them. If you don't have a musket, notify Britt Brinson so he can make arrangements for you to borrow one.

FOLKTALES OF THE RAILS

The Kennesaw Parks and Recreation Department will host a history timeline event called *Folktales of the Rails* on **October 9, 2004** in Kennesaw, Georgia. Clansman **Neil Fitzgibbons** has secured *Clan An Cu* an invitation. The program includes reenactors from various times in history, including Civil War, pirates, Rev. War, etc. The director, **Laurel Fleming**, was very enthusiastic about our

participation. They would provide hay, straw, and firewood and pay a stipend of **\$50 to \$75** per participant, depending on distance traveled. From the information received by The Fiery Cross, it looks like it will last from 1600 to 2100 (about 5 hours). Please notify Britt Brinson by September 1 if you wish to attend. You may be able to camp both Friday and Saturday nights.

LATEST FROM THE WEB

One of our brother clans in the *Army of King James*, *Clan Chattan*, has published photographs from *Culloden 2004* in Crown Point, New York. We have got to go up there. Reports have been that the place looks like the Highlands and these pictures bear that out. The pictures can be found at <http://jacobite1745.homestead.com/Culloden2004One.html>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NPS Black Powder Certification. August 14, 2004. Fort Frederica. **CANCELLED.**

Clan An Cu Fealty Ceremony. August 28, 2004. Fort King George. This ceremony is a Clan An Cu tradition to swear-in our newest members. It is hoped that each member of the clan will attend to officially welcome our new brothers into the clan. The ceremony will begin about 9:00 p. m.

Movie Shoot. August 28-29, 2004. Fort King George. A new movie is being created for Fort Frederica. It will include the Battles of Gully Hole Creek and Bloody Marsh.

March On London. September 4-5, 2004. Bedford, Pennsylvania. The Prince has requested our attendance.

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