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General Sherman needs you! from James DuMond

Pre-registration of \$15 for the Atlanta campaign in mid-September is due on July 1. If you plan on attending this event please send me a check for that amount paid to 19th Indiana, Co. A I will take names of individuals who are going but be advised that I will hold such people accountable for the registration fees since it will be paid for out of the company treasury to make the registration transaction easier.

Please mail your checks made out to the aforementioned 19th Indiana, Co.

A to me

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An Announcement

Bill and Jane Hemmick

proudly announce the Graduation of

Aaron Daniel Hemmick

Class of 2004

Eastbrook High School .

You are invited to attend the
Commencement Exercises

at Eastbrook High School Gymnasium

on Friday, June 4, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

An Open House will be held at our home
on Saturday, June 5, 2004

from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at 406 S. Third
Street, Van Buren.

Miller Award

By James DuMond

Pards,

Upon returning from the NSSA spring nationals I have decided to commit myself (with much encouragement from Bob Hubbard) to taking a shot at winning the Miller Award next year. For those on this list who are

unfamiliar with this, the Miller Award is given to the shooter who has the most authentic uniform. I have been told it is among the highest awards they have in the NSSA since it is something you may only win once

in your lifetime, but if that were truly so I reckon there may be more interest in it than there is. Seems to me this thing is barely noticed by most. Having witnessed

the judging last weekend I am now quite certain most of the gear I presently use in re-enacting would not measure up to their scrutiny. To the credit of my teammates in the 7th Wisconsin who have encouraged me to do this I will commit myself to a more academic study of my uniform and accoutrements that I am quite certain I would not have done if I had not joined the NSSA. The end result of this will undoubtedly elevate my living history impression in the 19th Indiana.

Here is what I think I will have to do to win this thing. I will need to document and photograph as many original items I can. This will involve many trips to the state archives and a road trip to Madison and Milwaukee, Wisconsin to examine original uniforms and to take note of the stitching of the seams as well as button holes so I may produce these items myself. I may have to travel to Harrisburg, PA to visit the civil war museum there and obtain permission by the curator to personally examine relics there. I may have to return to Washington DC to attempt to gain access to relics held in the non-display collections of the Smithsonian. Then once I have obtained enough evidence I will stitch by hand my own frock coat, white stitches (underwear), federal issue shirt and a home spun shirt. I will see what modifications (if any) I will have to make to my leathers, knapsack and haversack to make them more closely resemble the original relics. Then once everything is assembled I will need to write a report of my findings to prove to the judges that

what I will wear before them is as close to the original article as I can make it. Its going to be a lot of work, but that's my strategy. I have a year to do it and I intend to begin shortly.

Wish me luck

yer pard

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NSSA

Billie Creek

When: June 12 & 13

Where: Billie Creek Village, Rockville, IN

Camping: Dog tents

Uniform: 1863 19th Indiana uniform

Other: We will be joined by Cadet Brad Hemmick from the USMA and both Nick Walz and Aaron Hemmick who are soon bound for the USMC.