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HEADQUARTERS, MEDICH'S BATTALION,
April 12, 2005.

The battalion will assemble for its annual spring drill at Saline, Michigan on the weekend of April 23-24. The bivouac area will be garrison-style and the commissary-sergeant is working on providing rations for those reporting for duty.

This year's drill will be held in conjunction with "The Thunder on the Water" event. These headquarters have been informed that a flock of geese has taken over the original site of the event, which has created unhealthy conditions there. This has necessitated moving the site to a farm two miles east of the original site, Mill Pond Park. The address of the farm is 10400 Morreville Road, Saline, Michigan 48176. It is understood that a map quest inquiry will provide guidance on finding the new site. All that is required is that a person inserts his address and the address of the farm and a plan of march will be produced.

A recent dispatch from the event organizers reports that those who will be approaching Saline by traveling north on US 23 will find that the off ramp to US 12 has been closed for construction. By following the posted detour at the interchange, US 12 can still be accessed. It is also possible to use the Willis Road exit from US 23 and go west until the intersection of the Milan/Ann Arbor Road. Saline is located north of that intersection. Once in town, turn right onto Michigan Road (US 12) and follow the signs to Macon Road. Turn left onto Macon Road and travel about two miles to a dirt road named Mooreville Road. Go to 10400 Mooreville Road and look for a sign the reads "The Battle of Santure Farm." Registration for the event will be there.

The sponsors of the event are providing water, straw and firewood. Everyone is asked to fill their canteens with water before reporting for duty at camp. There will be a water buffalo from the Michigan National Guard and a source of well water, but the event organizers want to put as little pressure on the property owner's water resource as possible.

The battalion commissary-sergeant wants to know how many men want to participate in a ration draw. Those interested should contact Comm.-Sgt. Michael Rich with the number of men from their company they anticipate reporting for duty on April 23-24, as soon as possible. He needs at least a week to secure the needed rations. Sgt. Rich can be contacted by telephone at (810) 790-6767 or by email at rufuskingfelder@yahoo.com.

There will be plank wood and fence rails to build breastworks to enhance the battle scenarios. We should anticipate that tactical situations might occur over the course of the weekend.

By order of Colonel Nicholas A. Medich, commanding.

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