

Press Release



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Fort Stevenson Frontier Military Days June 28-29

Spectators can view what life was like at an 1870s military fort during Fort Stevenson Frontier Military Days June 28-29th. The 16th annual event will be held from 1 until 4 p.m. each day at Ft. Stevenson State Park, located three miles south of Garrison.

Members of the Frontier Army of Dakota will set up authentic tents and gear in front of the Guardhouse Interpretive Center during the two-day encampment. A cannon will fire at 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, plus a candy cannon firing for the kids will conclude each day. Live demonstrations featuring old-time skills like tomahawk throwing, woodcarving, black powder gun demonstrations, a traders “store” and baking will be held each day. On both Saturday and Sunday afternoons, the public will have the opportunity to shoot a black powder rifle, under the supervision of Frontier Army of Dakota members.

A special feature at this year’s Frontier Military Days will be a presentation on Saturday, June 28th, at 2:30 p.m. by Steve Holmes, Garrison, on “Native American Spirituality”. The local Native American Sanish Culture Society will also have a display each day.

Military Life in Dakota, written by General de Trobriand, the first commander at the fort and one of the best first-hand accounts of military life in Dakota Territory, will be on sale.

Fort Stevenson Frontier Military Days is sponsored by the Fort Stevenson Foundation, a local volunteer organization that spearheaded the reconstruction of the original fort’s guardhouse. The guardhouse is used as a visitor center with displays and artifacts about military life in the Dakota Territory.