interview at Rockford, VW reenactment, on Sunday, June 25, 1989

why do they do it its a lot of fun ovgoing out camping voer the weekend, learning a lot of history that you enver learned in shcool, actually reenacting a battle you get a much different feel of what actually happened. there was a case I read about in the actual civil war of one guy who panicked so much that he just kept on loading his when they finally undid his musket he had 23 lead balls in it and hadn't fired once he forgot to load his powder, just kept on putting bullets in skurkis, cHAD,

CHAD sKURKIS westmont Illinois

lisle ill, David pacanowski

have 12 in our unit

you want to join a unit already in excistence, I came in thru dave and his father, oterhwsie I wouldn't have known anything ive been doing it for 14 years now any times from 20-50 times a year

whole famioleis can come with a way to go camping, everyone goes out for it

the only war americans against americans

most amer casualties in the CVW than any otehr war I got in it thru dAve and his da,d theys tarted explaining things ot meosudned liek a lot of fun, so I came out and really enjoyed it m 4th year

all volunteer

pay our own expenses we bought muskets this weekend Ive always liked history

i learned a lot of things I never knew before it is amazaing,ive walked up to my colelge teachers and said what years were the cw and they coudint' answer, colelge teachers,once we went into a schoolw earing our uniton blues and they asked what side we were on teachers asked or osmeone said, here comes the confederates. it is amazaing how many epople don't know anythigna bout the cw all amer invovled they also don't undesrtand what it was about everyone thinks it was about slaves

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Mark Spurgeon my 8th year, Woodridge it fun, you learn so much you expericence the actual sites and smells what it was actually like to live then, swe live in a canvas tent, you don't realize

wht it is like until you do it. majroed in business, and an auto mechanic sat Gettysburg last year aobug 12,000 of us 180,000 soldiers originally at Gettysburg 20,000 mena t arms maybe in whole US, = all the rest of the peopel at GEttysburg, we had people from France, Germany, Asutralia,

they reenact things all over the world

I am going to England in aUGUST FOR 2 weeks, own expense, 500 in all, about 200 from the US CW is real big over in England, over there, theyreenact lots of things touring all voer england lots of people come out for ti military buff also, my dad was an

army man played war games as a kid, played guns

everyioen does it for a difference reasonBob is a hsitroianjoycedegree in hx they can fall back into their character

hx oriented

clerk at U of N. Ill. DeKalb

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in Illinois

in costume

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asked because of our invovlvement reenactments

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