

Soldiers of the Great War:

I have been working on a new project and would like some feedback.

First, we have been having a Christmas Truce Dinner at the German Restaurant in Independence for the last several years and it has been a very good time. It is a chance to gather without arms, with our spouses...

Now this just came up! – The National WW1 Museum's Christmas Truce December 10-11 -- They will be showing the movie *Joyeux Noel* and would like a reenactment of this unique event in history on the museum's grounds. I am in the planning stages with the museum folks.

Participants need to be in Dec. 1914 era Western Front garb, preferably British and German. There will be no where to camp, no trenches and no shots fired. We would mingle, kick the football, share food, drink and pictures from home and no doubt, sing. It is a unique opportunity to really grab the public's attention of the human side of the war and solidify the role of reenactor at the museum.

Those of us locally can easily participate. There may be a bit of loaner gear... Anyone thinking of expanding their impression to accommodate early war, or to put together a new impression, this could be the time to do it. Really, all any of us need to come up with is the basic clothing. Since historically the day was spent socializing, arms are not necessary. If a fellow wants to do German but does not have a Pickelhaube, he can just wear the Mutze, as in the pictures. British don't need to have the SD cap, they can wear the cap comforter, etc. If the weather holds, no need for the overcoat. IF it is cold, double-up the long handles....



Does anyone have a period soccer ball? We will also need the little items like cigars, cakes, chocolate tins, rum, beer and wine bottles.

Let me know if you think you can make it. --John