

Fort Ridgely Military Encampment and Golf Course Dedication

Date: June 28th & 29th (Saturday and Sunday)

Time: Each day begins at 12 noon

During the two day Military Encampment, the 5th MN of Albert Lea will be at the Fort Ridgely Historic Site as a living history group. Join the costumed soldiers and civilian interpreters and participate in day-to-day activities that were necessary during the mid 19th century. Be ready to follow drill instructions from the Civil War era Sergeant or help the women wash clothes and make meals for the group.

Doug Anderson, MN State Archeologist, will conduct a tour of the dig sites that were done prior to the Golf Course rehabilitation. Doug will lead the tours starting from the Historic Site on Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. each day.

On Saturday the renovated Fort Ridgely Golf Course will be dedicated. After the dedication the band, 2nd Notion will perform at the amphitheater from 4:00 p.m. 8:00 pm.

On Sunday the Military Encampment will continue on the Historic site grounds. At 2:00 p.m. a program – From the Inside Out – A Celebration of MN Pioneer Women in Fashion and Song will be presented in the commissary AV room. Barb Schmidt of Vesta will share her knowledge of mid-19th century clothing and sing popular songs of the period. Barb will display original garments of the era.

The program is co-sponsored by a grant from the MN Sesquicentennial committee and the Nicollet County Historical Society.

- For more information contact the Fort Ridgely Historic Site, 507-426-7888; State Park Office, 507-426-7840 or Nicollet County Historical Society, 507-934-2160.