

Volta – Defiance

As always, winter is a dark time in Volta. But this winter seems particularly dark. Since the turning of the new year, it as if the nights are darker, the winter colder. It is as if a great shining light that lit and warmed the land had been abruptly blown out. In that darkness, things move slowly but with purpose, peering out from the dark paths that had previously been their domains.

But even in the absence of that great light, in the face of the overwhelming darkness, there is light. Azure Flames, defiant, burning in the darkness, keeping the darkness at bay.

The remnants of the Wolf Nation stand with Redpath in the north, threatening still to fall upon the people. The forces of Ian Gerling, fallen former Baron of Cathym has taken his forces north, slamming into Redpath's forces with his own army of abominations. As an unexpected favor to the Volta he has always professed to love, Gerling holds Redpath back, defiant.

The heart of Volta has seen sporadic attacks in the various Baronies by the undead abominations that call Volta their own. But in no place have these attacks been more vicious, more blood thirsty, than in the Barony of Zarkym.

Barnae and his Knight, along with their revenant army, have passed the same ultimatum to each and every city in Zarkym; “I made this Barony. I raised it up from the earth. You who dwell here now defy my right to rule, you refuse to bow to my will. Hear this now, defiant ones, hear this, cities and castles of Zarkym. You will either bend knee to my rule again, or I will return you to the ground I built you from.”

Even in the face of the threat of devastation, in the face of a hopeless ultimatum, the people of Zarkym stand, defiant, strong voices in the face of an army.

Even in the cold of winter, before sinister laughter, the people of the Bear Nation stand resolute, defiant, strong in the face of evil.

The voice in the north says, “Yield.”

The voice in the darkness says, “Bend.”

The voice in the wind says, “Eat.”

The voice in the alders says, "Give."

The voice of war itself says, “Kneel.”

The people of Volta say, simply, proudly, heroically, “No.”

Even in these dark times, the people of Volta stand.

Defiant.

Out of Game Announcements

It is our pleasure to announce the Volta event at Camp Clara Barton for February 19-21, 2010!

1. The cost for the event will be \$80 PC (free to NPC).
2. The price of a New Player Pack is currently \$50 and this includes a 1-year NERO membership, a NERO rulebook, and one free event.
3. While there is no additional fee for payments received at door, such payments must be made in cash and we would greatly appreciate it if you would pre-register at <http://nerovolta.com/preregister.htm> so that we know you are coming.
4. Anyone taking an NPC shift will receive grab-bag equipment as additional compensation. There is no food service at Camp Barton so please plan accordingly.
5. Camp Barton quiet hours are from 10 PM to 8 AM. Conversational combat must be used during quiet hours in all areas except the barn/module building and the fields/trails across the street.
6. Players are welcome to arrive at Camp Barton any time after 5 PM. We will start the event at 10 PM with in-game opening ceremonies occurring around 11 PM.
7. Camp Barton is a SMOKE FREE camp. Smoking is not allowed on camp grounds. If you must smoke, please do so on the road alongside the camp grounds by the dumpster, across the street from Tarpey cabin.
8. Please come to monster camp in White House cabin to get your cabin assignment for the weekend. Please keep all areas as clean as possible to minimize event clean-up. A map of Camp Barton is available at <http://nerovolta.com/images/Campus%20Map.jpg>.

Please feel free to contact me at aelbirt@nac.net with any questions and please contact all of Volta staff at Volta_Staff@yahoo.com to indicate specific storylines that your character would like to pursue. The staff and I are looking forward to entertaining you!

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February 19-21, 2010 Event Information

1. All players may turn in up to 100 goblin stamps for 400 production points.
2. Please email Adam Elbirt at aelbirt@nac.net no later than February 17, 2010, with requests for new player equipment and production.
3. Please see Adam Elbirt when arriving at Camp Barton so that you can check in, pay for the event (if necessary), receive your tags and character card, and drop off any donations for goblin stamps. Character cards will be provided when checking in for characters in either the NERO Boston or International databases. If your character is in another database, please bring your character card.
4. The event takes place at the Ducal estate of Unity, the Capital of Volta, located in Zarkym and all in attendance are enjoying the hospitality of Lord Anton Valence, Regent of Volta.
5. Please see the newly published NERO 8th Edition Rules Errata available at <http://nerovolta.com/NERO8thEditionOfficialErrata.pdf>.
6. NERO Playtests in Use:
 - NERO Formal Cantrips v4.1
 - Base 5 Damage/Healing v1.2
 - One Handed Block v1
 - Critical Parry Modification v1
 - Critical Slay/Assassinate Modification v1
 - Stop Thrust v1
 - Meditate v1.1
 - Additional Spells (Volume 1) v1
 - Magic Item Slots v2.0 (5 Item Slots)
 - Resurrection Modification v1.1
 - Racial Skills v1
 - Archery Aura v1
 - Base 5 Alchemy/Harmonics v1.2
 - Blade Fury v1
 - Carrier Attacks v1.1
 - Damage Types v1.1
 - Formal Magic Logistics v1.1
 - Master Craftsmen v1.0
 - Modified Detect Magic Spell v1
 - New Character Rebuild v1.1
 - Return <type> v1.2
 - New Player Deaths v1
 - Physical Attacks v1
 - Spell Crossover v1
 - Staff Thrust v1.0
 - Storage Locker v1.0
 - Limited Reset v1.0
 - Magic Skills Playtest
 - Magic Spells Volume 2
 - Smithing Playtest

Getting to Camp Clara Barton

From Boston: Take the Mass Pike West to the AUBURN exit (#10).

**After the tollbooths, take the ramp on the right marked Route 12 South. Follow Route 12 South through three sets of traffic lights. Bear left at the fourth set of lights (by Wal-Mart and Cumberland Farms).

++ Proceed 1.2 miles. You will pass St. Ann's Church on your left. Shortly after St. Ann's, CLARA BARTON ROAD will be on your right. Turn right onto Clara Barton Road and proceed .7 miles. The George and Marie Chabot Health and Education Center parking lot will be on your right (approximately 1 hour from Boston with no traffic).

From Springfield and West: Take Mass Pike East to the AUBURN exit (#10), and follow directions above, from the asterisk (**) (approximately 50 minutes from Springfield with no traffic).

From Hartford: Take Route 84 East into Massachusetts. Take exit for Route 20 East (Worcester). Proceed on Route 20 through eight traffic lights (you will be on Route 20 for about 10.5 miles). At the ninth light, (next to a Shell gas station) turn right onto Route 56 South. Bear right onto ENNIS RD. At the first stop sign, turn left. The George and Marie Chabot Health and Education Center is on your left (approximately 1 hour from Hartford with no traffic).

From New York City: Take Route 95 North to Route 91 North to Route 84 East. Follow directions from Hartford.

From Westchester/Putnam County Area: Take Route 684 North to Route 84 East. Follow directions from Hartford (approximately 2.5 to 3 hours from NYC area with no traffic).

From Worcester: Take Route 290 West to Route 20 West (the first exit after the Mass Pike). Take Route 20 through four traffic lights. At the fifth light, take a left onto Route 12 South (by Wal-Mart and Cumberland Farms). Follow directions from Boston, beginning with the plus signs (++) (approximately 20 minutes from Worcester with no traffic).

From Providence: Take Route 146 North. Take exit marked Central Turnpike. At the end of the ramp, turn left. Proceed for approximately 10 minutes crossing over Route 395 to Oxford Center. At the first traffic light, take a right. This is Route 12 North; proceed for approximately 3 miles. Take a left onto CLARA BARTON ROAD (watch for the sign for Clara Barton Birthplace and North Oxford Carpet Mills). Proceed 0.7 miles to the top of the hill. The Health and Education Center will be on your right (approximately 50 minutes from Providence with no traffic).