

Saturday, January 4, 2025

## Annual Continental Line Meeting - 2025

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Crowne Plaza Hotel, 250 Mall BLVD, King of Prussia PA, 19406

- Call to Order by the Chairman - 9:10 AM - Bernier
- Opening Prayer - Myers
- Pledge of Allegiance - Bernier
- Chairman's Opening Remarks, Year in Review & In Memoriam - Bernier
- Roll Call - Adjutant - 55 units in attendance - Bowen
- Adjutant's Report - Requesting all Units submit Valid Insurance & File CL Census in order for the CL to have correct unit POC; 4th Legionary Corp removed from the CL for failure to submit valid insurance, per the by-laws & legal counsel; 2024 CL Minutes submitted & accepted - Bowen
- Treasurer's Report - See Submitted Treasurer's Report - Landin
- Northern Department Report - See Submitted ND Report - Chetwynd
- Mid-Atlantic Department Report - See Submitted MAD Report - White
- Southern Department Report - See Submitted SD Report; Passing of Jim Hamilton & newly elected SD Coordinator Luis Cruz - Cruz
- Compliance Committee Report - See Submitted CC Report - Weaver; Discussion & update about our Tax Filings & fixes made to that end by Mitch Landin, Treasurer
- Old Business:
- 2025 National Events: Previously Approved
  - Bunker Hill 2025: Highlights included site location, boats, possible limits on number of participants, modern camping & amenities, status of rifle participation, general questions asked from the floor & answered.

- Fort Saint John's 2025: Highlights included original battlefield, Quebec's Military College, site provided amenities, general questions asked from the floor & answered.
- Applicant Unit Membership Vote:
  - 2nd Canadian Regiment; 3rd Mass Sponsoring
    - Valid Insurance
    - Motion to accept: 3rd Mass; 2nded: 10th Mass. Motion passed
  - 4th Dragoons, Moylan's Horse: 1st Dragoons Sponsoring
    - Valid Insurance
    - Motion to accept: 1st Dragoons; 2nded: 2nd Dragoons, Tallmadge's Horse. Motion passed
  - Grayson's Additional Continental Regiment: 1st VA Sponsoring
    - Valid Insurance
    - Much discussion on unit history, unit size, & authenticity
    - Motion to accept: 1st VA; 2nded: 7th VA. Motion passed
  - Berkeley County Rifles & Northampton County Militia applicant status extended another year
- 250th of the American Revolution Proposal
  - Resolved, given its national importance to the United States of America, in accordance with the organization's by-laws, the Continental Line shall prioritize the commemoration of actual historical events of the American War of Independence through the 250th Anniversary of American Revolution, from 2025 - 2031.
    - Motion to Extend through 2033: Spencer's; 2nded Sheldon's Horse: Motion passed.

- Revised:
  - Resolved, given its national importance to the United States of America, in accordance with the organization's by-laws, the Continental Line shall prioritize the commemoration of actual historical events of the American War of Independence through the 250th Anniversary of American Revolution, from 2025 - 2033.
    - Motion to Accept: 2nd NJ; 2nded: Spencer's: Motion passed.
- New Business
  - Department Breakout Sessions - 11:10 - 11:45
  - New Applicant Unit Presentations
    - Willet's Company of Levies; 2nd Mass Sponsoring
      - Unit history, membership, & philosophy discussed. General questions asked from the floor & answered.
- Lunch Break: 12:00 - 1:00 pm
- New Business (Continued)
  - 2025 Election of Adjutant & Treasurer (2 Year Terms)
    - Adjutant - Kenneth Gavin, Spencer's; 2nded: 1st RI
      - Unopposed: Single Vote cast by the Adjutant
    - Treasurer - Mitch Landin, 5th PA; 2nded 24th CT
      - Unopposed: Single Vote cast by the Adjutant
  - 2026 National Event Proposal
    - No Audio/Visual Equipment available
      - Led to Discussion of Purchasing AV Equipment for the CL (Hysteria Ensues)

- Motion to purchase AV Equipment, up to \$100
  - Motion: 2nd Mass; 2nded West Jersey
- Call for Amendment: Danvers: \$300
  - Discussion about the use of our own equipment @ Crowne Plaza: Yes
- Call for Amendment: Board to Investigate the Cost & Purchase of AV Equipment for the CL; Whitcomb's; 2nded: Lexington
- Delaware Regiment offers the use of Regiment's AV equipment to the CL, free of charge.
  - Whitcomb's withdraws amendment
  - 2nd Mass withdraws motion
  - Crisis Averted
- 2026 National Event Proposals Begin:
  - White Plains 250th - BAR - Big 3 Event - Santucci, BAR Liaison, Presents
    - 8th PA: CL Host
    - Ward Pound Ridge, Westchester NY
    - Wood, water, straw, ice, portajohns provided; modern camping questions; answers to be provided
      - Motion to Accept Event: 2nd NJ; 2nded: 5th PA. Motion passed
  - Battle of Long Island 250th - in the works - BAR lead - Santucci
    - August 2026, Old Bethpage Village, Bethpage, NY (Long Island)
  - Fort Lee & New Bridge Landing - in the works - BAR lead - Santucci
    - November 2026, North Jersey

- New Business from the Floor: 1:26 pm
  - Arnold Expedition 2025 - Maine; Cecere
    - Weeks Long Events - Multiple Locations
  - Introduction of D. Tierney & S. McGinty, Colonial Williamsburg Military Program & Crockett's Western Battalion - Weaver
  - INSURANCE - 3rd Continental Artillery
    - Request for Unit Insurance Advise & Feasibility of Purchasing Insurance for the Entire CL
      - Legal Counsel spoke:
        - Currently: Insurance for Board of Directors
        - No Liability Insurance for the CL
      - Further Discussion from the Floor
        - Dues would be required to cover entire CL Insurance
        - Would CL Insurance cover ALL CL Units & ALL their respective events, not just CL Events?
        - Need for Endorsement
        - Potential Risk Factor to CL, Individual Units, & Sites
        - How do we pay? By Unit or by Unit Size?
        - Speak to BAR about their new insurance policy
          - Already emailed; no response as of meeting
        - What type/how comprehensive of Insurance
          - Potential Exclusions

- Volunteers Act of 1990
  - Sued for negligence as volunteer; You are protected.
- Proposal: The Board to investigate the possibility of purchasing liability insurance for the Entire Continental Line
  - Motion to Accept: 8th VA; 2nded: NJ Lights. Motion passed
- By-Law Proposal: Size of Applicant Units
  - Units seeking applications to join the Continental Line, starting in 2026, have a minimum number of five rank and file participants (on the field) present at the National Continental Line event of that year (not just "on paper"). Participation must be noted by the CL secretary or a CL Ranking Member at said event.
  - Long Discussion Ensued
  - Motion to Accept the Proposed By-Law Amendment for Discussion & Passage at the 2026 Meeting: Tew's Company & Lexington MM; 2nded: 8th VA. Motion failed.
- Question upon Shaving Policy/No Beards at events
  - Members of the 2nd NJ & Spencer's elaborated upon:
    - Site Expectations & Requirements for Participation
    - Philosophical Point of View & Respect in Representing the Past & those Who Served
- Adjournment: 2:20 pm
  - Motion: 3rd Mass; 2nded: 9th PA
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