

# **The Continental Line, Inc.**

## **Annual Meeting**

**Warrington, PA**

**February 6, 1999**

### **Welcoming Remarks — Joe Lessman (ICons)**

Joe welcomed us all to the Warrington Motor Lodge. He polled the attendees and discovered that there were about 12 people there who had also been at the first Continental Line meeting 12 years ago.

### **Meeting called to order at 10:00am by Tom Vogeley (1st NJ), Chairman**

### **Housekeeping—Kim Newell (1st NJ), Adjutant**

Last year's minutes were approved unanimously as written.

Kim called the roll. There were Forty-two [42] Full Member Organizations & Three [3] Provisional Member Organizations Represented.

### **Tom's Six Goals from Last Year...and How We're Doing—Tom Vogeley**

#### **1. Our first goal was to work toward the 225th.**

To this end, Tom appointed Sean Kelleher (2nd Mass.) as coordinator for the 225th. His report follows later in the minutes. Basically, we needed to get our agenda set now so we have a clear idea of what the big shows will be and ensure that they will occur with the quality and amenities the Line has become accustomed to.

#### **2. Let the Line serve as a big tent.**

Every unit needs to feel like this is a worthwhile organization. Departments need to be comfortable. The different branches need to be comfortable with it. In order for this to occur, we need to continue having an open dialogue between all of the members of the units and the officers to discuss what is and what is not working in the Line. In the past, the Southern units often felt left out. However, things have been getting better over the past couple of years, and Tom is making more of an effort to attend events down there and keep the lines of communication open.

The result is that we need to be united in the field, working as a single whole even though we're 60 sovereign entities.

#### **3. We need to work with the other umbrella organizations.**

This past year saw a great opportunity to make ties with other umbrella organizations through working together at Quebec City. Here, we found that it a worthy and enjoyable challenge to work with BAR and the NWTA. Of course, we also continued to work well with the British Brigade.

#### **4. We should maintain constant improvement of our field administration, organization, and tactics.**

Wood call, water call, and camp duties—we've made real progress in this direction. Mike Thompson (2nd Mass.) is the current authenticity chairman. Over the past year, he has been working hard to make sure that things are running smoothly as an army, on the field and off.

However, we should keep in mind that Mike and the rest of the committee and valuable resources for folks running events to help them get ideas for programs and other details to add to the program.

**5. We need to work on training, especially NCO and officer training.**

Tom's really big on training and education -- being a former Army officer and currently a teacher. Train in the spring with your unit, with your department. The Mid-Atlantic Department is starting out the year with a training weekend. The artillery will also be getting together for a School of the Artillery in the north in June. Tom says that training cures everything. It's also the best way to guarantee the sovereignty of the individual units. If the units are well trained, we won't need to create rules.

**6. We need to continue to work on authenticity.**

Since we don't have any dictates in this area, the responsibility for authenticity rests on the shoulders of each individual unit. Tom noted that every unit has something they need to fix. Look at uniforms and camps. He added that he could hear people sawing away in their basements as we spoke. We need to stay wary of excesses, and the officers need to keep their eyes open and respond to anomalies in camp. He also acknowledged the 2nd South Carolina for having the integrity to carry everything in on their backs and live in the bushes.

**SAFETY CONCERN—Kids on the Field**

Tom pointed out that there appear to be more and more kids out on the battlefield. He cited Staunton as an example, when Tom and Jeff Lambert (1st VA) were standing out in the field and two small girls with pails of water were very excited and enthusiastic, but that's just wrong. The battlefield is no place for kids, since we're using guns and canons.

**Adjutant's Report—Kim Newell**

The last newsletter was late, due in part to a computer problem, where the newsletter ended up sitting in Kim's apartment while her Mac held the mailing list hostage. The main concern was that everyone get their registration materials in for the meeting, and we ended up having an 80% pre-registration, so it ended up turning out well.

If roles and responsibilities have changed around in your regiment, you should send in a new Safety Officer Form.

The web page is also still under construction, however, new changes were added and the finalized form should be in place by March. Kim's been working with Keith Schenk (2nd NJ) and Mike Meals (2nd CT), and Mark Magiera (Knox's), and this web page by committee will continue with the help of Mark Magiera. If anyone has any suggestions, they should let Kim or Mark know.

Kim noted that, since this was her last term, she hoped that everyone would treat the incoming adjutant as well as they've treated her. Additionally, she thanked everyone for their help and support over the past four years, as well as acknowledging the group as a whole for allowing her to be the "Vice President of a bunch of Gun-Toting Middle-Aged White Guys."

**Treasurer's Report—Joe Lessman**

Joe acknowledged that the pre-registration statistics and noted that it's imperative to get good numbers, especially with the working lunch.

We are doing well from a fiscal standpoint and have gotten several large donations from member units, including the 2nd Mass., the 2nd PA, the First Continentals, and the German Regiment. This was a record year for units contributing to the Line. Much of the operating expenses for the Line come from the registration and fees and raffle income. For the record, the raffle income last

year was \$533. The tally at that point in the meeting for the raffle (being run by incoming treasurer, Mike Goode) was \$825. That's a good sign. Joe suggested that we just combine the \$10 registration fee and the \$15 for lunch, since it's often a working lunch.

Joe went over the expenses (see the Treasurer's Report). One large expense, the newsletter, was addressed. It was noted that not all units are playing for their newsletters. Units need to step up and pay for their subscriptions. We need to concentrate on the fact that we'll need money as we head into the 225th.

Stepping down as treasurer, Joe thanked the officers; he never received a bill for telephone expense, postage or anything. That's a testament to the officers of the Line that they absorb those costs. Joe also noted that he had been in Quebec the week after the event, and the town was still waxing poetic about the event. While Joe will be giving up the job of Treasurer, he'll continue to organize the meeting and added that this was actually his 12th year of elected office (fourth as Treasurer).

Jim Garner (1st VA) moved that we accept the treasurer's report. Jim Hayden (1st NH) seconded. All approved.

### **Elections**

Tom Vogeley asked for nominations for adjutant.

Kim Newell nominated Mark Magiera. Jim Hayden seconded. All approved.

Tom Vogeley asked for nominations for treasurer.

Joe nominated Mike Goode (3rd PA), and George Radesky (6th PA) seconded. All approved. Mike Goode then questioned our sanity in replacing a CPA with a history teacher.

At this point, Tom gave Joe and Kim a certificate of appreciation and a book. I don't know what Joe's was, but mine was the writings of George Washington. Very cool. Thanks again.

### **Liaison Officer's Report—Brad Chetwynd (2nd Mass.)**

Our first goal was to work well with the British Brigade. Issues at events were easily dealt with, and problems are continuing to be easily resolved.

1998 was a milestone. For the first time, we could work with the BB, BAR, and NWTa to put a major show together. As the 225th comes together, we're going to get deluged with offers for invitations to events. Quebec gave us the opportunity to get ourselves—at minimum—on equal footing, and, perhaps we could even lend our expertise to the other umbrella organizations.

Quebec: Incorporating the other umbrellas was profitable for the Line, since it provided a broader spectrum of activities and impressions—especially civilian and children's activities—in camp. We need to build on that going into the 225th. While we'll continue to foster ties with these units, not all of the events are going to involve the other organizations.

Another result of the BB/CL Liaison Officer meeting was the initiation of talks about creating a joint review board to serve as a clearinghouse to ascertain whether the event has the capacity to support our two organizations and provide the amenities we've become accustomed to.

Drummond Ball (7th VA) suggested that we put together an organizer's packet to give to units and sites that are interested in hosting events. Brad added that this project was already in the works.

**Authenticity Report—Mike Thompson**

Mike noted that the main objective that Tom gave him was to look at the organizational structure on the field. A big thing is amalgamation.

Quebec really proved that we could do this well. Three strong infantry battalions, 34 men per company with two officers. This was a plus for running larger events is the administration side -- all the behind the scenes paperwork. Distributing information through Adjutants and First Sergeants without having officer meetings upon officer meeting. Mike added that we had 12 activities happening at any given time, thanks to having the preplanning in place and the structure to carry it out.

The amalgamated organizational structure really facilitated making the tactics work in the field—making events more than just bang bang shoot-em-ups. We look forward to integrating all this stuff in the 225th.

Once again, Mike pointed out that authenticity is the role of the individual units. There's no dictate from the Line. On paper, the committee listing looks impressive, but it's up to all of us to take advantage of these resources and make it work.

**Words from the BAR Representative—Ed Moderacki**

Ed sent greetings from Main and Northwest departments of the Brigade. They're looking forward to cooperative events and wishing us a good campaign for 1999. He also noted that they enjoyed Quebec.

**Words from the British Brigade Representative—Neil Sorensen**

On behalf of the BB and the King's Rangers, Neil thanked everyone for their participation and cooperation at Quebec. He added that BB does vote on things. Authenticity problems in camp are dealt with differently that we do in the Line, but the project is going forward.

The British Brigade only has one fully sanctioned show this year, however, other events are in the works, with more information should follow.

**Memorial**

Tom Vogeley noted that the 3rd PA Lights had lost two men in the past year and passed along his condolences.

**Northern Department Report—Andy Estabrooks (Saintonge)**

Andy began by pointing out that there is quite a bit going on up North.

There is a new Massachusetts Firearm Law that impacts this year's Battle Road and the future of re-enactments in Mass. Mark Magiera added that the gun law required a Firearms ID Card, trigger locks, and some other restrictions. There were exemptions made for re-enactors, however, the wording isn't clear, and it is easily misinterpreted. The British gave the government an ultimatum that if things didn't change by Feb. 15, then Battle Road would be cancelled. John Newell and other re-enactors have been working diligently to get the wording changed so things will run smoothly, especially for out-of-state re-enactors.

Andy added that he didn't think Battle Road would be cancelled and noted that it's a sanctioned Northern Department event, and anyone from a Line unit willing to come up and dress the part is welcomed to participate.

A garrison weekend has been scheduled for Saratoga. It should be a good event. Also, the UTA is having an artillery weekend for NCOs and officers, especially those interested in getting hands-on training. Both of these and other events and drilling will continue with the Line's focus on training programs for officers and NCOs. Nelia Newell (Saintonge) is working on children's safety in camp.

In terms of this past year, we're quite proud of Quebec. Andy acknowledged the 2nd Mass., Brad, and the King's Rangers. Another thing that they're gloating about is winning back the Strawberry Banke Bowl. It was noted that Saintonge is planning to keep it and not send it back with the pork rind eaters (2nd NJ) again.

#### **Mid-Atlantic Department Report—Paul Hutchins (2nd NJ)**

Paul said that his department is pretty strong, and there are no major problems (that anyone's telling him about, anyway). There are two prospective MAD units, Erskine's Militia and Cresap's Rifles. There are three sanctioned Mid-Atlantic Department events: Head of Elk, Sept. 4-5, Brandywine Sept. 18-19, and the MAD Department Training, April 17-18. A large Princeton event will be held in January (but if he tells us the date, it'll rain, so more information will follow). He then congratulated the folks who put their efforts into events within the last year, helping to make The Continental Line strong, and Paul really proud to be a part of it all.

#### **Southern Department Report—Jim Garner**

Unfortunately, Jim jokingly announced, he had been re-elected again to serve another term or so as Southern Department Coordinator.

To put things in perspective regarding his department, Jim noted that Jay Callaham (British) said that 43 events were held in the Southern Department in 1998, so there's a lot of activity going on in the South. Plus, there was a good southern contingent at Rock Ford, and a few vanloads even went to Quebec. They also held a full CL/BB event at Staunton.

So, the department is alive and well, healthy, and geographically large. We were going to divide the department into two battalions, Chesapeake and Carolina, but if it's not broken, they decided not to fix it. They rarely see the deep south boys in VA and vice versa, but they still work well together when they do.

Leo Brennan (2nd CT) asked why the northern and Mid-Atlantic troops never hear about the southern events. Jim responded that they're not really big joiners -- they don't say anything bad about the Line, but they just look at the hobby differently. Jeff Lambert noted that he was going to encourage the Southern host units to invite the Mid-Atlantic troops, at minimum, to some of their regular shows. He added that it took nine hours for him to get to Warrington—that was a haul, and there are plenty of troops south of him.

#### **Safety Standard Update—Jim Garner**

Jim pointed out that we created the safety standards in 1990. We've been using those standards for 10 years. Jim asked for changes at the last meeting and suggested that people get in touch with him about it. There were no suggestions for changes, so it was deemed a valid document.

#### **Medical Department—Marjy Weinkop (6th MD)**

There was a medical seminar going on in Trenton concurrently with the Line meeting, so she was understandably absent, however she sent a letter explaining the goals of organizing the folks interested in portraying medical positions in camp and on the field. Basically, the group was formed last year and serves as a clearinghouse for folks to share knowledge and resources, as well as to help interested people get started.

She encouraged host units to use the medical corps in scenarios and remember that they're there: have morning sick call, administer small pox vaccinations, and have them work on wound types after battles. Additionally, Marjy is looking for a surgeon's mate—16 years old or older.

Ron Puza (Von Heer's) noted that he wanted to go on record for thanking her for her participation in the execution at Rock Ford. She was on hand to confirm that the executed individual was, in fact, dead.

#### **Event Guideline Book Status— Andy Estabrooks**

In the Northern Department, they had started with education committee to work on guidelines (not "rules") for a handbook. These discussions led to the need for a good resource for event planning, from host units to umbrellas we haven't worked with before interested in putting on a quality show worthy of the Line. This year the goal is to get input, especially from senior people who've put on good events in the past. Site requirements, participant requirements, logistics and pre-planning, how to set up a camp, alternative activities in camp that folks have tried, etc., are all valid topics. Contact Andy if you have any ideas for what to include.

#### **Gun Shortage Announcement—Bob Allegretto (2CLD, Tallmadge's Troop)**

Bob noted that Dixie Gun Works and Navy Arms are both out of Charleys. The Italian boys are putting together prototypes, but they probably won't be good until late spring, plus their costs are high—\$150 duty on each piece just to get it in the county. We need to look into U.S. manufacturers of Springfields and other things to see if we can get them to backdate their guns to something that we use. Tom Vogeley noted that recruitment is going pretty well and will only get bigger as we head into the 225th, so securing guns economically will definitely be a factor.

Jim Garner added that the 1st VA keeps every application from members past and current. They're planning to send letters to all of the inactive members on the old rosters to see if they want to donate or sell their muskets back to the regiment.

#### **Wrap Up Before Lunch—Joe Lessman**

Joe wanted to quickly recognize units that have been very generous over the past year they he had forgotten to mention earlier. They include: Danvers Alarm List Company, Von Heer's Provost Corps, the 3rd PA, and the 2nd PA.

At this point, we were up to \$845 in raffle earnings. We adjourned for lunch at 12:30.

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The meeting reconvened at 2:15.

#### **Review of 1998 Events**

##### **Rock Ford Plantation—Gary Myers (German Regt.)**

Gary introduced himself as the former commander of the German Regiment and the good guy/bad guy that ran Rock Ford. He noted that there were over 500 British, wondered how to plan around a freak heat wave after 35 straight days of rain, and added that hills can be a nice change from fighting on baseball fields. He mentioned that some of the adversities couldn't have been helped, and that the German regiment had put over a year and a half of work, as well as a good chunk of volunteer time and personal sacrifice, into the event. With all that in mind, Gary asked that people be careful what they put into e-mail, because the first thing out of the box is almost always what people didn't like about an event.

The site made out well, and they'd like to do something again in the future. Unfortunately, it'll still be uphill both ways, but should still be a great time. Gary thanked Tom Vogeley for

acting as commander of the American Forces, as well as thanking the British Brigade and Jim McGahey for being worthy adversaries. Despite the weather, everyone cooperated wonderfully and had a great time.

### **Quebec City—Brad Chetwynd**

Brad began by reiterating Gary's feelings about e-mail, adding that people tend to say things over the e-mail that they wouldn't say face to face or even over the telephone. He's asking everyone in the Line to think a little bit before sending out poison pen letters. We have to keep in mind what's going through the minds of the receivers. He is also very glad that e-mail wasn't as popular during the time of Ft. Plain, because he probably would have left the hobby. Use discretion.

Quebec went well. They were pleased with the turnout, the weather, and Parcs Canada (who were more than gracious in providing everything that we needed. Those involved in planning events know now or need to learn that the event doesn't start when you arrive on the side. Months of communications, organization, etc. that go into it. E-Mail does help in that area, however, it still takes well over a year to get everything situated and under control.

Brad thanked Mike Thompson for working diligently to organize the battalions and get a proper administrative structure in place. Also, he thanked Sean Kelleher for doing a great job—efficient and diplomatic—as quartermaster. He also acknowledged the battalion commanders: John Tabor (United Train of Artillery), Jim Hayden, Paul Ackerman (deputy commander of the BAR), and Eric Chetwynd for doing a fine, professional job. He was also pleased about the ladies who did civilian and children's activities in camp and is looking forward to seeing more of that at future events. At this point, he also thanked Terry Mansur (2nd Mass.) for putting together the Friday night soiree that brought together the people from the different umbrellas and help to improve and encourage communication among the umbrellas.

In closing, Brad reiterated that a show like that Quebec doesn't happen overnight. You really have to think about it in terms of a project and get folks on your team with the right resources to get things done. Think about it. Plan it. Delegate. And you'll have successful events. During the 225th, Brad hopes that we can get together and do more good shows like Quebec.

**Plug:** A 48-minute film taken at Quebec will be shown after the meeting. Order forms are on the table. Brad added that he had nothing to do with this other than presenting it; a professional organization put it together, but it's a good video, and show a lot of good things in battle and in camp. It's \$30 (\$4320 Canadian).

## **1999 Event Presentations and Updates**

### **Boone Homestead—May 19-20, 1999—Paul Loane (2nd PA/43rd) and Jim Gibson (ICons)**

Paul noted that if you've been to Boone, you'll be glad to hear that it's every bit as wonderful and large as before. We're even going to have wonderful weather again. Last time, the battles were adjusted at the last minute to accommodate from some boarded horses, however, they're moving the horses this year, so we'll be able to use more of the land. This means that over half of the battle will be out of public sight. The campsites will be flopped, and the sutlers will still be in the middle. Ken Tidy (1st MD) will be the sutler coordinator for the event. You can arrive Friday and stay through Monday.

Jim Gibson then encouraged folks to get your returns by March 25. They're going to start getting the officer corps together and need an accurate head count to plan.

Paul Loane noted that there's a chance that this will be the largest event of the 1990s, the biggest one since Yorktown, and the British Brigade can't wait to whip our butts, but they promise that they'll only do it once. On a safety note, the state of PA has been revisiting their black powder rules and the ramrod rule may even be settled in re-enactors favor by then. All favors gotten for the 95-event still apply. This also means that the only bayonet assaults will be done at the end of the battles for the public.

#### **Mount Vernon—Oct. 17-18, 1999—Jeff Lambert**

Tom Vogeley prefaced this by noting that this event was going to be a little different, because there will be no opposing forces. This is a unique opportunity for us to explore camp duties and military protocol. Plus, you can't beat the location.

Jeff noted that Mt. Vernon is honoring the 200th anniversary of Washington's passing this year. This event is George Washington's Citizen Soldier. There is currently a house resolution that makes this an official event. There's a lot of support from the area, and various historical celebrations, including the anniversary of Alexandria, VA, are working together promotionally. We'll have the usual wood, water, straw, loos, sutlers, with the addition of VIPs, and all sorts of great stuff.

For the events, we'll be depicting three different areas: early war period 1775 (Eric Chetwynd commanding) so we can understand what a militia impression is, 2nd Camp is Camp Monmouth (Vogeley) with the idea of the middle war coast out of Valley Forge impression, the last camp will be the Yorktown Impression (headed by Chuck Wallance of 2nd SC). Also, Dwight Dixon (Saintonge) will be heading up the French, also in the 3rd camp. Bob Allegretto will be in charge of the mounted. There will be a detached hospital. Ernie Dean (1st VA) will head up the artillery. Mike Thompson agreed to head up administration and camp organization.

Parking is tight, so please carpool. There will be a filming that will be a fundraiser for the site probably primarily shot Saturday evening for anyone who would like to participate. There will also be a dance, massed music concerts, a cannonade over the Potomac, naval ships, fly-bys. Also, Williamsburg will be sending the 2nd RI and the Royal Ethiopians to give the camp a little more diversity. One potential problem is that they want us there until 5:30pm on Sunday. We're going to strike camp to The General, and they have oxen and a 19th century wagon, so all effort will be made to get people to their busses, because they can appreciate the long drive.

A mailing from the 1st VA will follow soon regarding registration and logistics. We are going to try to keep the three camps evenly sized, however each unit will have the option to choose their preference on the registration papers. Please get your returns in early so these arrangements can be made.

Voageley added that this has huge possibilities as a publicity thing, if nothing else. Talk to the guys in your unit that may be discouraged if they can't shoot at redcoats. This is a good time to work on organization and administration. It should be phenomenal.

#### **Head of Elk, MD—Labor Day Weekend, 1999—Scott Stauton (Cresap's Rifles/MD Loyalists)**

Scott recognized that there are standing conflicting events for Labor Day weekend, like Williamsburg. However, the site is putting up some significant funds and chose the date. They'll have all of the usual amenities, plus food Saturday night. The site is flat, and the soccer goals will be removed for the event.

There is a real concern about safety. The Honorary Chair for the event is the local congressman. Real concern, and we can't have any accidents in front of a congressman. It is really important to register your members when they show up, because walk-ons will be asked to leave. That will ensure that everyone gets a meal ticket.

Vogeley will be the commander of the rebel forces. Dave Snyder of 64th has tentatively accepted command of the Brits. The location is three miles off of Route 95, two miles south of the Delaware line in Maryland. It's a good opportunity for us and the area to get their feet wet, because in 2002, they'll be having an event at the original site, which is a couple miles south.

#### **Events for 2000—Tom Vogeley**

Before he began, he again stressed that people should get their troop returns in early to give the event sponsor a break.

As the year 2000 and the 225th approaches, we are less firm about what's out there and what we're going to do. Next year appears to include Battle Road, although probably not a formal Continental Line event (due to strict uniform requirements), however it will be one of the biggest events of the year. Jeff Lambert added that the Southern Department would probably be holding a regional event in Newport News, VA, at the site where Washington slept before Yorktown. The site is like a bowling alley, however, there are some earthworks. The 64th (British) are working on getting something together for that event. Mike Barbieri (Whitcomb's Rangers) added that there is the possibility of an event at Fort Ti. Brad added that they are looking into a potential event covering Bunker Hill; it would be another early war impression.

Vogeley encouraged the guys who are mulling over sites that next fall would be the time to host an event. Otherwise, you'll probably have to wait six years before we get back to your site. a

#### **225th ANNIVERSARY—Sean Kelleher**

Sean began by pointing out that we're a cheap date for a site. All we require are wood, water, hay, straw, loos, and security. There were 130,000 spectators at Quebec. If we put in an economic multiplier, that's over \$1 million (granted it's Canadian money). When we can have that type of economic impact on a community, that is also a good way to sell us.

The way to get it working is PUBLICITY. Parcs Canada knows how to do promotion. There are fliers and posters in all of the tourist places already for an event in Louisbourg in July. We should build on their model for our events here in the states.

Sean suggested that we tie our events into heritage tourism. As America gets older, we provide that link to the past. We need to rely on the people in the Line, along with the British Brigade to make things happen. If we don't lead it, nothing is going to happen for the 225th.

We also have several units who have been sponsoring show after show after show. We need new units to pick up the ball and work on putting shows together or we'll burn out units and people, which was an issue after the Bicentennial.

#### **Potential 225th Events**

To help us get an idea of what we need to try to organize for the next few years, Sean created a timeline of events and how they fit into our modern schedule, using a reference as well as taking suggestions from the floor.

Sean mentioned that the Park Service had started a 225th Committee. Eric Chetwynd added that the 225th Committee is in its very early stages and holds meetings at Minuteman National Park.

They don't have a clear direction, however, that means that re-enactors may have the opportunity to guide them.

Jim Hayden runs the bookstore at Minuteman. He added that the park rangers that you deal with can not fudge the NPS mandates, because they are laws. A lot of the rules are the result of past transgressions from the Centennial of the Civil War in the 1960s—older men sitting in Washington with a bad view of reenactors. At Minuteman, they've bent the law as much as they can and have people at the park that go to bat for re-enactors. Don't push it, and don't use Minuteman as an example. They had some problems with people coming in from Washington with telescopes waiting for a transgression. Change is slow. Work with each site on an individual basis.

## **2000/1775**

LEXINGTON/CONCORD: since there was no large field for this almost 20 mile battle (the first Boston Marathon), it is very difficult to plan—significantly more work than a Quebec event. Offered by Battle Road Committee. The Lexington Minutemen, 2nd Mass, and Saintonge are leading the coordination efforts for the American side. The Brits are being organized by the 1st Foot Guards and the 10th of Foot.

We will be able to arrive Thursday or Friday. The camp will be 18th Century, but not an interpretive area (since there was no army camp originally). If you're a Ramada Warrior, you should call now and make registrations.

This will be the first time that we do the battle chronologically. We're going to hike to Battle Road, bringing community people with us. They'll go to a spectator area; we'll go to battlefields. It may be likely that people will only be at one of the battle sites because of the logistics and limited roads, but we'll be on the actual location. Sunday will feature a larger battle near Boston, and Monday features an optional parade in Lexington, where they're inviting dignitaries.

Uniform restrictions: NO HUNTING SHIRTS. Smocks are allowed. Civilian coats are encouraged, but optional. You MUST wear something over your shirt.

BUNKER HILL: Brad and Ken Siegal are starting to look into that.

INVASION OF CANADA

CHARLESTOWN

FT. FI: Mike Barbieri announced that Whitcomb's was looking into this.

GREAT BRIDGE, VA

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

## **2001/1776**

NEW YORK

TRENTONPRINCETON: The BAR is planning a big show at Trenton. John Mills (Mott's) from Princeton Battlefield is trying to determine logistics for that, whether we can incorporate the two sites in one event or have two weekend events in a row. More information will follow.

**BORDENTOWN:** Drew Smith (King's Rangers) noted that there will be another Bordentown event in September of 2001. Paul Hutchins said the 2nd NJ would be willing to be the American host. The town already has \$10,000 set aside for this event.

#### LAKE CHAMPLAIN

**POUND RIDGE:** This event will probably be in October; Don Beale (British Brigade) is getting started on that. Sean added that we're going to need a Continental Line unit to follow through with this and make it work. Tom Vogeley added that he heard that the BAR wasn't interested in pursuing this site for a 225th event. This is one of those times that we need people to step up and host an event.

**MEDFORD, MA:** Steve Taskovics (Saintonge) noted that there will be an event honoring the 350th anniversary of Medford. The date is already set for sometime in October, and the town has money already set aside.

#### **2002/1777**

**HUBBERTON/BENNINGTON:** Mike Barbieri announced that Whitcomb's Rangers are talking with the state of VT regarding Hubberton, however the numbers will be limited to about 250. For the Bicentennial, they had 700 on the field and that pretty much maxed it out.

#### MOWHAWK VALLEY

#### HUDSON HIGHLANDS

#### PHILADELPHIA

**HEAD OF ELK:** Scott Stauton noted that an event on the original site is in the works.

#### BRANDYWINE

**GERMANTOWN:** Contacts will be 2nd PA (Paul Loane) and The First Continentals (Jim Gibson). Logistics are already in the works for a Peter Wentz/Germantown event in 2002.

#### **2003/1778**

**MONMOUTH:** Paul Hutchins and the 2nd NJ is planning to host the 225th event here. Control at the park is kind of in flux, but that should be worked out by then and everything will be fine. The 3rd MD offered to help with this event.

**VALLEY FORGE:** Paul Loane offered to look into this.

**CHARLETON RAID:** Mike Barbieri noted that they will probably be doing this event. 350-400 Brits come out of Canada to fight the battle now. There are several places there that would allow opportunity, and this could be a big event for the 225th.

#### **2004/1779**

#### CANADA:

**BATTLE OF NEWTOWN:** Terry Glasier (6th Mass.) is working with Corbett (contact at the site) there this year, so they'll also look into it for the 225th.

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SHIFT TO SOUTH: Jim Garner noted that Camden would be a definite, since it's privately owned, but GUNSTON, COWPENS, YORKTOWN are all National Park Service, which poses some concerns about not allowing opposing forces. However, they will begin organizing some off-site things in the area.

YORKTOWN: There is a large area near here called New Quarter Park, which has hosted events in the past and may be a site able to accommodate a large 225th event.

Vogeley summarized that the key to this is to get people thinking. It's not going to happen spontaneously. Sean added that we need to think forward and see what happened. We need to have individuals and units work together to put on shows. Make it a team effort between a couple of units. Quebec was largely a 2nd Mass. show, but they spread the work throughout several units in the North.

#### **New Units/Unit Transfers—Kim Newell**

##### **2nd NJ, Lawrie's Company**

This unit basically folded. Many of the members have joined the 1st NJ and other regiments in the area. They have not been to events over the past couple years and didn't have a representative at the meeting, so they have been dropped from the roster.

##### **1st Ulster County Militia**

Andy Estabrooks noted that Ulster's would like to stay at their current status and be considered for vote next year. Andy moved that they stay provisional. Leo Brennan seconded. It was unanimously approved.

##### **Danvers Alarm List Company, sponsored by the 2nd Mass.**

Eric Chetwynd explained that Danvers had attended both Rock Ford and Quebec. They've been around since the Bicentennial, put on a good impression and are connected with the Rebecca Nurse Homestead. He recommended that they be approved as full members of the Line. Jim Hayden moved they be accepted as full members of the Line, Steve Taskovics seconded. It was unanimously approved.

##### **Cresap's Rifles, sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Regiment**

This is a new impression being done by the Maryland Loyalists, they haven't been to any events, however, this gives us the opportunity to get an idea about their intentions. Larry Gorecki from the PA State Regt. noted that the group has been around since 1992 and have about 25 members. They are planning to do an early rifle impression with a mix of civilian clothing from their area in Maryland. Larry has a nine-page packet on their impression. Paul Loane noted that they are in good standing with the British Brigade and work well with other regiments. Since they haven't been to any events on the side of liberty, they were tabled for vote until next year.

##### **Robert Erskines Militia, sponsored by 2nd NJ, Helm's Company**

Paul Hutchins mentioned that they have expunged a couple of members from the Rockford Event. They are a new unit. They need some work, but Paul feels confident that they will continue working on their impression. He suggested that they be voted into the organization. Bob Allegretto noted that he has worked with Erskine's at BAR events, and they worked well with him. Eric Chander (2CLD, Sheldon's Company) moved they be accepted. John Tabor seconded. It passed unanimously.

## **New Business/For the Good of the Line**

### **Merchandising—Tom Vogeley**

We have fancy new logo, so we're going to look into T-shirts, hats, polo shirts, a full line of beauty products to put it on. There should be shirts and such available at Boone.

### **Lyme Vaccinations—Bruce Duty (2nd NJ)**

Bruce noted that you can be inoculated against Lyme Disease. Mark Magiera added that we've seen stuff in the CL Soldier about Lyme. He'll have something in the newsletter by summer regarding this.

### **Quebec Story—Ron Puza**

An elderly lady asked Ron whether any one at the event was from Maine. Ron didn't know. She had been in Maine in 1975 and taken several pictures. She wanted to give the pictures to re-enactors before she died. Ron took the pictures, found the people in them, and forwarded the pictures. We clearly do have an impact.

### **Show on TLC featuring the Line—Jim Hayden**

The Learning Channel show "War and Civilization" features lots of footage shot at the North Andover event.

### **The raffle brought in over \$1000.**

**Paul Loane moved that we adjourn. John Tabor seconded. It was unanimously approved.**  
The meeting adjourned around 3:30ish.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Newell  
Past Adjutant