

Minutes of the 14th Annual Meeting of the Continental Line, Inc.

Announcement by Joe Lessman welcoming the membership to the 14th Annual Meeting. Knox Artillery makes a meeting to order, 2nd MA 2nded

Chairman went over the proposed agenda & made sure all that needed it. : see Agenda Appendix A

Adjutant called the roll. 47 Members Represented & 2 Proxy

Motion by 1st NH Reg't, 2nd MA Reg't 2nd Motion to Accept Minutes from the 13th Annual Meeting Vote: unanimous.

Chairman's report

asked for feedback from 225th?

asked for feedback from Patriot?

225th tasks

Is forming a research committee

Mission Statement

Event Guidelines Handbook

Adjutant report:

state of the Continental Soldier

continental line web site items

general housekeeping

Treasurers report: gave thanks for the opportunity to serve

See Treasurers Report Appendix B

Other items of note:

Loss of \$500

Soldier

T- Shirts

Contributions \$1200

Liaison Report:

see Appendix C

Other items of note:

2 Big Meetings of note:

- Met in Albany in November for Liaison Meeting

No safety issues

- British Brigade Meeting in January

Vote to support the Whippain Township Event

Vote to support the White Plains Event

Thank you to the organizations for their cooperation

Medical Department:

see Appendix D:

items of note:

1 new member for the year.

Authenticity guidelines

Mortise & Pestle

Announced an event School of the Surgeon April 13 & 14, 2002

Guidelines for Safety Guidelines & Standards Committee

Items of note:

Very Good Record

It is a work in progress & not a concrete law

Amendment process...

Dragoon proposal

Artillery Proposal

Safety Officer Form

Continental Line Event Guidelines

Web Site:

Itemized Roster who have not got an email list

Web Ring

Site development

Guests Comments

Don Beale- BB

Paul Ackermann BAR

Dale Bulger Colonial PA Plantation

Rich Walling Monmouth Battlefield Park

Terry Glasier- BVMA

Saintonge Reg't made a Motion for Recess for Department Meetings, Knox's Artillery Reg't 2nd the Motion.

Department Reports

Southern Dept:

items of note:

premier of Guildford Courthouse multimedia presentation is scheduled for July 4, 2001
Liberty on the Mall (will defer to Chuck Wallace)

Mid-Atlantic Dept:

items of note

Batsto Village

Monmouth

Brandywine

Germantown

Washington Crossing, Trenton & Princeton

Northern Dept:

items of note:

ND Events Crown Point; Fort #4; White Plains

Tacticals

New & Applicant Unit Reports

Motion to take up from the table the Dragoon Proposal by 1st NH Reg't, 2nd MA Reg't 2nd Motion

See Appendix E

Bob Allegretto reviewed the back ground on the proposal.

Wants to Withdraw the Proposal Explained Why.

Remove the responsibility of the CL to appoint or monitor the law.

Tallmadge's Troop Withdraws the Proposal

Motion to take up from the table the Bill of Rights Tallmadge's Troop, Fauntleroy Troop 2nd Motion

See Appendix F

1st NH withdraws the Proposal

Jim Hayden & Dwight Dixon have worked to incorporate many of the points into the Event Guidelines Handbook.

Review Candidates for Election of Adjutant & Treasurer

Motion to change the order of agenda to move up Rotation of Meeting Proposal by 3rd PA, 1st Continentals 2nd the Motion. Vote is unanimous.

Rotation of Annual Meeting Proposal

See Appendix G

Jeff Lambert on behalf of the 1st VA Reg't

Thanked Joe Lessman for his work at having it at the Warrington.

Overview of the attendance & area of the southern department

Pointed out that the locale can correlate with a locally proposed event.

Have an opportunity to check different area's of the country out.

Q: Where would it occur?

Threw out possible idea's for sites. Pique OH, Baltimore, MD; Boston, MA

Mt. Vernon, VA

2nd PA suggested a committee be formed to discuss where the meeting. Identify costs. Chair took into consideration.

Comments from the floor:

Joe Lessman outlined what he & the Warrington does to make the meeting happen.

Mark Magiera spoke of misunderstanding in among members of the discussion from 4 or 5 years back at an Annual

Meeting where the idea to rotate the Annual Meetings was mentioned. It was never brought to a vote as a proposal before the membership, yet the belief that the meeting would start to rotate with the Chairmanship began. Pointed out it is better to be proactive than reactive.

Sheldon's asked about teleconferencing?

2nd SC asked about the demographics & pointed out that the south doesn't attend meetings (historically).

1st NH motioned to close discussion Wayne's 2nd motion, vote: unanimous

Knox's Motioned to Table Vote Until After Lunch, Tallmadge's 2nd Motion, Vote: unanimous

1st VA Motion to adjourn session for lunch, 2nd MA 2nd Motion. Vote: unanimous

Lunch Session discussed the 2000 Events.

1st NH Reg't Motion to reconvening the meeting. 1st Continental Reg't 2nd Motion

1st VA Reg't Motion to take the Proposal from the table "Rotation of Annual Meeting", UTA 2nd Motion

Vote: unanimous

1st VA Reg't withdraws the proposal.

Saintonge Reg't makes Motion to change agenda order to move up the election of Adjutant & Treasurer.

Tallmadge's Troop 2nd Motion. Vote: unanimous

Candidates: for Adjutant: John Mills of Mott's Artillery

Mark Magiera of Knox's Artillery (incumbent)

Candidates for Treasurer: Glen Garwood of 4th Continental Dragoons

William Myers of Coren's Artillery

Richard Manley of Knox's Artillery

2nd MA Reg't made Motion for Nominations to be closed. Tallmadge's Troop 2nd Motion. Vote: unanimous.

Election Results: Mark Magiera of Knox's Artillery re-elected as Adjutant.
William Myers of Coren's Artillery elected as Treasurer.

New Units

UTA presents Buckland's Artillery commanded by Dave Middleton. No Vote taken.

Coren's Artillery presents Proctor's Artillery commanded by Jim Stinson for Full Member Status

Knox's Artillery made motion to accept Proctor's to Full Member of The CL. UTA 2nd Motion. Vote: Unanimous

Saintonge Reg't presents Royal Du Pont commanded by Phil Handrick & Terry Wellman 8 members & music for Full Member Status. 1st NH Reg't 2nd Motion. Vote: OUII (Unanimous)

1st Ulster present the 2nd Albany Militia fielding as militia, commanded by John Oszinski for Full Member Status. 3rd NY DeWitt's 2nd Motion. Vote: Unanimous.

Events 2001

George Radesky 6th PA presented Whipain Township May 21 & 22
1000 reenactors

Horse Trails & made a Motion to accept as a CL Sanctioned Show

1st NJ 2nd Motion Vote: Roll call Results 42 Yea, 1 Nea, 3 Obstain

Bob Allegretto presents White Plains October 26th - 28th

BAR Show open to the British Brigade (sanctioned) & the Continental Line

2nd NH made a motion to accept as a CL Sanctioned Show, UTA 2nd Motion. Vote: Unanimous

Liberty On The Mall presented by Chuck Wallace

points on note

Can't Camp on the Mall

House us in Air Conditioned Comfort

Demos thru the day

located in front of the capital building

permit for cannon powder

food is being worked on & has not yet resolved.

responsible for our own breakfast & supper

NPS has stipulated that the powder is to be

Eric Williams is Black Powder Safety Officer

It is not run by DC. It is run by the various NPS Superintendants.

next to the fireworks display

NOT TO BE PROPOSED AS A CL EVENT

Chuck Wallace & the 2nd SC as for your Support.

Washington's Crossing, Trenton & Princeton

- Jim Stinson covered Washington's Crossing

4 Durham Boats to Cross the River

for those hardy enough they will proceed to Scenario

Predawn Crossing.

Take the Canal & Tow Path along an old rail bed. To take 4 to 4 1/2 hours.

Supported by DEP NJ & PA State Parks

- Rich Patterson presented Trenton

Presented a map of the town of what it should look

Some early arrivals will be allowed to billet from Thursday

have three different locations to sleep

working to have the cars in the State House Garage.

cannonade.

- Princeton presented by John Mills

Brits would take the Princeton Pike

Americans would have a mile march in thru the back woods.

Bring lots of powder

registration is requested that the names will be listed on the registration form

web site may be up in the Spring

All will be converged at a set time

1st NH made a Motion to accept as a CL Sanctioned Show. Knox's Artillery 2nd Motion. Vote: Unanimous

Larry Gorecki passed a message from Scott Stanton for Head of Elk requesting support for the event.

225th Report by Sean Kelleher

points of note

Help on running events - let Sean or department coordinator know

Independent events vs. blow out or big three events (i.e. Quebec)

Leesburg list is the focus for hosting an event.

Events coming - Saratoga, Valley Forge and Yorktown (up and coming icons)

Goal of 225th Coordinator is to get line groups to work on events together.

These icons are our opportunity to reach a broader audience.

Heritage tourism is the second biggest in the travel industry.

Bottom line is if you do not plan something than nothing will happen.

Set out to do positive things in the community

Forum for evaluating a 225th event -Focus on authenticity, preserve and protect historic resources, make the site come alive, find the right fit between the event and the community, collaborate and build partnerships (this is the most important)

2002: Trenton, Morristown, Hubbardton, Ft Stanwix, Bennington, Saratoga, Ft Clinton/Ft Montgomery BAR, Kingston, Ft Mifflin & Brandywine

2003: Valley Forge week long event 2nd NJ, Monmouth 2nd NJ, Siege of Rhode Island, Cherry Valley, Pique Springfield, OH Illinois Reg't

2004: Vincennes, Raid on the Connecticut Coast, New Town 3rd NY DeWitt's, Savannah 2nd SC

Proposal for forming the Western Department

Jeff Lambert presented the idea of forming the department due to the increase in organizations in the Midwest.

1st VA Reg't mad a Motion to Form a Western Department in the Continental Line, Inc. 1st NH Reg't 2nd Motion.

Discussion:

insurance policy would be expanded to include the Western Department Coordinator

1st NH Reg't Motioned to Move the Question. 2nd MA Reg't 2nd Motion

Vote: Unanimous Tom Edwards has agreed to serve pro tem as Western Department Coordinator

Artillery Proposal presented by John Mills

See Appendix I

Mott's Motion, 24th CT 2nd Motion

Discussion:

Is it a direction we want to go in the CL? Pros & Cons discussed at length leaning more toward contrary direction of the CL.

Knox's Artillery called question Wayne's Lights 2nd Motion

Mott's Withdraws

Proposal from the floor that the chairman appoint a 15th anniversary committee. Chairman would look into the idea.

Mike Good's outgoing Treasurer comments

Thank you to his wife Jennifer Good

Thanks to the Line for entrusting the finances to a Principal.

Thank you to Mrs. Magiera of Knox's Artillery for the timely & organized reimbursement requests for the publishing of the Continental Soldier.

Bill Myers in coming Treasurer comments

thank you

Mark Magiera comments out going & reelection. Thank You & Thank You.

General Comments

1st VA made a Motion to Adjourn 1st Continental Regiment 2nd motion. Vote: Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned 5 PM

**Appendix A AGENDA FOR THE 14th ANNUAL
MEETING OF THE CONTINENTAL LINE
FEB 3, 2001**

9 AM	Registration opens (Raffle Tickets go on Sale)	Lunch
10 AM	Call to Order	2:45 PM
-- Welcome - Chairman		Second Session (New Business)
-- House Keeping and Unit Roll Call — Adjutant		New Units - Discussion and Votes
-- Acceptance of the 2000 Meeting Minutes		-- Buckland's Artillery (U.T.A.)
		-- Proctor's Artillery (Coren's Artil).
		-- Royal Deux Ponts (Saintonge)
10:15 AM	First Session (Old Business)	3:15 PM
-- Chairman's report	<i>Dwight</i>	2001 Event Presentations
-- Adjutant's report	<i>Mark</i>	-- Whitpain Pa. Rick Rehrig
-- Treasurer's Report	<i>Mike</i>	-- White Plains NY Bob Allegretto
-- Liaison Officer's Report		-- Others?
	<i>Brad/Andy</i>	
-- Medical Dept. Report		
	<i>Marjy</i>	
-- Engineering Dept. Report		3:45 PM
-- Safety Guideline Status Report	<i>Jim</i>	225th Coordinator Report
<i>G</i>		-- '02 events
-- Event Planning Guidebook Status		-- '03 events
	<i>Dwight</i>	-- '04 events
-- Web Site Status Report	<i>Kim</i>	-- '05 events
<i>& Keith</i>		-- '06 events
-- BAR and BR Representatives Comments		
-- Comments from other guests		4:00 PM
		New Proposals
		(Southern Dept.) <i>Jeff L.</i>
11:15 AM	Department Meetings	-- Creation of Western Dept. <i>Suggest they meet afterwards to elect Dept. Coord. & Name</i>
11:45 AM	Dept. Coordinators Reports	-- Rotation of Annual Meeting
-- Announcements of '01 Dept. Shows		-- Others?
12:15 PM	Review of Old Business	4:15 PM
-- Review of tabled Proposals, discussion and vote. <i>Dragoon, Bill of Rights</i>		Election of New Adjutant and Treasurer
12:45 PM	Review of 2000 Events	4:30 PM
-- BR2K	<i>Mark N.</i>	New Business!
-- Kinderhook	<i>Andy E.</i>	Announcements
-- French Alliance Days	<i>Paul H.</i>	from the Floor. etc. <i>Mike</i>
-- School of Instruction	<i>John T.</i>	<i>Count the votes</i>
-- Williamsburg [So Dept]	<i>Jeff L.</i>	
-- Newtown	<i>Mitch</i>	4:45 PM
-- Germantown	<i>Paul H.</i>	Remarks by Outgoing and Incoming Adjutant & Treasurer
-- Endview	<i>Jeff L.</i>	
-- Great Bridge	<i>Jeff L.</i>	5:00 PM
		Raffle
1:15 PM	Adjourn First Session	5:15 PM
		Meeting Adjourns

Appendix B

**Continental Line Accounts
2000**

Subscription income	-	880.00
Contributions income*	-	1,200.00
T shirt income	-	1,215.00
Meeting 2000	-	<u>4414.00</u>
Total income		7,709.00
Soldier expense	-	3,640.40
T-shirt expense	-	1,214.10
Meeting 2000	-	2,268.50
Insurance expense	-	1,250.00
Miscellaneous expense**	-	<u>93.75</u>
Total expense		8,466.75
Loss 2000	-	(757.75)
Balance forward	-	<u>5,538.37</u>
Total Account	-	4,780.62

*** Contributions**

2 nd Pa	200.00
3 rd Pa	200.00
11th Pa	50.00
2 nd Ma	200.00
Kingsbury's Art.	40.00
Ross Common — 1 st Cont.	500.00
Bob Boer	<u>10.00</u>
Total	1,200.00

**** Miscellaneous**

Website	70.00
Checks	<u>23.75</u>
Total	93.75

Appendix C

LIAISON MEETING November 11, 2000 Minutes

Present:

CL: Brad Chetwynd (Liaison Officer), Andy Esterbooks (ND Coordinator), Sean Kelleher (225th Coordinator)

BB: Don Beale (Brigadier, Commanding), Neil Sorenson (Liaison Officer)

BAR: Paul Ackerman (Commander), Peter Shaapock (Inspector)

The meeting opened at 2 PM at the home of Sean Kelleher in Albany, NY.

The first order of business was a review of the 2000 campaign season. Sean Kelleher led a discussion of the Battleroad 2000 event. He talked about the plusses and minuses of running such a large event over an extended area. Although some minor problems occurred, overall the event was a tremendous success. Lessons learned include the need for strategic locations for water whenever the troops are asked to march a long distance and the need for every unit to police themselves so that "interlopers" are not able to enter the event. The PR for the event was exceptional with lots of newsprint, radio and TV coverage. This led to large numbers of spectators who appeared to thoroughly enjoy our performances.

Paul Ackerman then reviewed the BAR encampment at Ft Ticonderoga. He noted that, although the event went well in general and the troops enjoyed themselves, unfortunately the reenactors unwittingly upstaged some of the site's planned activities and he stressed the importance of everyone being aware of a site's activities to avoid this problem in the future. He also noted that communication within the army in the field needs to be improved. The system of using first sergeants to communicate the daily orders, etc., did not work well at Ti because it was new to many of the units present. This should get better with practice.

The Newtown, NY event was then reviewed. This event featured an excellent sutlers row and lots of tactical action for the troops. It was noted that, no matter where you were marching in the Newtown State Park, you were going uphill. Lots of fun and well worth repeating in the future.

Don Beale then led a review of the Kingston, NY event. He noted that, with approximately 80 men on a side this event worked very well. Past experience with trying to make this a "major" event has demonstrated that a smaller show works better for this particular venue. He did raise the issue of having seen some blunderbusses being used at this event. It was noted that these short barreled weapons are not allowed at BB/CL/BAR shows.

The group then discussed the upcoming 2001 season. The major events for the year will be:

May 19-20 – Blue Bell/Whitpain, Pennsylvania. This will be a joint BB/CL show with the host units being the 64th Foot and the 6th PA Regt.

June 2-3 – Crown Point Tactical Weekend. This is being put together by Christian Cameron and Sean Kelleher and will feature a full tactical weekend. This will probably be a CL Northern Dept show with the northern units of the BB participating. Expected numbers are 125 to 150 per side. Paul Ackermann noted that, unfortunately, the BAR will be running their annual Wethersfield, CT event on that same weekend and reported that the conflict was unintentional.

Sept 27-28 – White Plains NY at Pound Ridge. This will be a BAR show with the CL and BB participating as invited guests. The BAR has formed a planning committee and has asked for the BB and the CL to appoint members to that committee. Bob Allegretto and his 2nd CLD will be the CL host unit and Bob will serve on the committee along with another representative to be appointed by the Chairman of the CL. The BB will also appoint committee members to assist in the planning. This will be a major event marking the 225th anniversary of the Battle of White Plains and it is hoped to gain full support from all three of the major umbrella organizations. (BAR/CL/BB).

Brad Chetwynd then noted that the Bunker Hill in Amesbury, MA event, which was planned for August of 2001, has been cancelled due to the inability of the local committee to pull it together. Don Beale then made inquiry about a proposed Bunker Hill event being advertised by the Newmarket, NH Militia. No one in the room really knew much about this event and it is expected that individual units may attend but that it will not be sanctioned by the three organizations represented at this meeting.

Neil Sorenson then noted that the Quebec Company of the King's Rangers, under the command of Horst Dressler, may be putting together a small show in Montreal next year and that he will be looking for some interested units.

The discussion then shifted to the 2002 Campaign Season

Sean Kelleher noted that he is planning a small event to commemorate the 225th of the Battle of Saratoga. With a target date of Sept 20-22, 2002, the plan would call for a limited number of units to camp in the Park and to perform a number of ceremonies and TWDs for the public. There exists the possibility of an off-site tactical as well. More information will follow at a later date.

Paul Ackermann then noted that the BAR is planning their 40th Grand Encampment to be held at West Point in 2002.

Other possibilities for 2002 included the following:

- Fort Montgomery
- The Brandywine Campaign
- Elk Point
- Fort Mifflin
- Ft Ticonderoga
- Mt. Independence
- Crown Point

Tom Nesbitt, veteran reenactor and current curator at Crown Point, has raised the possibility of a major BAR/BB/CL show at that site in June of 2002. There is some concern that the site may be unable to support a large body of troops and so, some field exploration work will need to be done prior to accepting any invitation.

Don Beale then mentioned that he had been contacted about the possibility of the BB/CL doing a show for one of the major eastern Rendezvous. The question of how this would be financed was raised and the subject was tabled to await more information.

The next subject discussed was that of "3rd party" invites at BAR or CL or BB shows. The BB feels that any unit participating needs to be a member of one of the major umbrella organizations. This subject was briefly discussed but no conclusion was reached.

Don Beale then raised the subject of the wood at the Boone Homestead event. Apparently the BB camp was very short of wood while some young people were "wasting" wood in the CL camp with bonfires. It was agreed that host units need to insure that there are separate wood and hay piles for each camp.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting and the assembly then adjourned to a local eatery to enjoy a hearty dinner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Chetwynd
CL Liaison Officer
November 26, 2000

LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT
BRITISH BRIGADE MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2001

The meeting was opened by Brigadier Don Beale in Rosendale, NY at 11 AM.

After welcoming the assembly Mr. Beale noted that the Adjutant's minutes of the previous meeting (2000) were available for review for those interested.

A unit roll call was then held.

Brigadier Beale then talked about areas for general improvement within the BB.

He specifically focused upon the area of authenticity. He noted the need to "tighten up" the camp. He asked for a concerted effort to improve the BB's camp impression.

Next, Dick Amsterdam, Paymaster, read the financial report. Mr. Amsterdam noted that the BB had recently purchased an appropriate tent for the "Grand Sutler". He then reminded the units present that dues were due.

Brigadier Beale then circulated the BB's mailing list and solicited updates from the units present.

The QM, Mr. James Corbett, then delivered the QM's annual report. Following his report he stressed the need to clean up the BB's cookline by eliminating wall tents in the line. He noted that a "sutlering" area would be provided behind the cookline and that it would be the appropriate place for wall tents...not in the cookline. He noted that the Grand Sutler's tent would be used to enhance the camp.

The Judge Advocate then delivered his annual report. He reminded units that they must purchase unit liability insurance.

The Army Sgt Major then read his report to the assembly. He thanked everyone for their support of Battleroad 2000. He also expressed his thanks to the QM for his support at that event. He then reviewed the problems encountered at Battleroad 2000 such as the lack of water on Saturday morning. Overall he thought that the event went splendidly. Following his report the SM announced that he would be stepping down as he had recently been raised to commissioned rank in his home regiment. He then nominated Bill Desmond to fill his vacated post for the 2001 campaign season.

Drum Major Charles Emond then took the floor and delivered his annual report.

The next order of business was the election of officers for the 2001 campaign season. This election, conducted by Brigadier Beale took approximately 29 seconds and all officers were returned for another term with Mr. Desmond filling the position of ASM. It was then suggested that the BB set up a separate civilian camp for their distaff at events. Due to an obvious lack of support from the units present this proposal was tabled.

QM Corbett then announced that Lt. Wheeler was to be appointed assistant QM. Lt. Wheeler then presented a proposal for the Grand Suttler's area to the rear of the camp. The intention is to include a variety of recreational activities in this area of the camp to include a tavern, gaming, dancing, etc.

Brigadier Beale then warned everyone to be on the lookout for "interlopers" in the BB camp.

A discussion then followed relative to "coordinating" campfollowers in camp. It was suggested that a campfollowers' call be set up similar to first Sgts' call in order to get schedule info etc. to the campfollowers. This item was tabled.

There then followed a discussion of "freelance" music in camp. The Drum Major asked that all musicians clear their intentions with him prior to commencing any musical activities.

The next topic of discussion was the problem of cars in camp. Also discussed was the problem of 20th c clothes in camp during the weekend. It was agreed that no modern clothing would be allowed from 10 AM on Saturday until camp was struck on Sunday.

It was next stressed that women who choose to portray soldiers in ranks must look like soldiers under the 10 yard rule.

Brigadier Beale then raised the subject of applicant units wishing to join the BB. The following actions then followed:

- 1) Accepted - 7th Royal Fusiliers, 24th Foot, Company of Select Marksmen, Regiment Von Nyphausen
- 2) Rejected for various reasons - 4th Coy, Foot Guards, Lamb's Artillery.

It was then suggested that any applicant unit be required to send a representative to the meeting at which their application is to be voted upon.

Brigadier Beale then noted that representatives of the CL (Brad Chetwynd, Mark Magiera) and the BAR (Paul Ackerman, Richard Patterson) were present.

Under new business it was noted that a new internet chat group exists for BB officers only.

There then followed a rather lengthy discussion of wall tents in general and whether or not they can be documented.

A review of campaign 2000 events then followed after which a one hour lunch break was called.

After reconvening, the assembly opened the subject of events for the 2001 campaign season. A number of events were proposed following which it was voted to support, Whitpain (Blue Bell), PA and White Plains, NY.

There then followed a general presentation of proposed events beyond the 2001 campaign season. Included were:

- 2002 - Brandywine, PA
- 2002 - Monmouth, NJ
- 2002 - Somerset, NJ
- 2002 - Montreal, Canada
- 2003 - Bordentown, NJ
- 2004 - Newtown, NY

The next topic of discussion was the sponsorship of the evening soirees for the 2001 campaign.

Brigadier Beale closed the meeting at 2:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Brad Chetwynd

Liaison Officer

Appendix D.

MEDICAL DEPT OF THE CONTINENTAL LINE
Report for 2001 Continental Line Meeting

- The Medical Dept has only gotten one new official member, but I have received email through the RevList from all over the country from individuals asking for Authenticity Guidelines and help with 18th century medical impressions. A number of these people are *not* with CL units and appeared not to know much about the CL, but are now interested in the organization because of this contact.
- The **Authenticity Guidelines** have been updated and a couple of corrections have been made, due to new information having been found.
- The Medical Dept now has a newsletter called the **Mortar& Pestle**. As the Medical Dept has no treasury, members do not automatically receive it, but must subscribe because I can no longer foot the bill for this myself. Interested persons should contact Marjy Wienkop (name and address is in the *Soldier*, email is MarjyArts@aol.com) or see me after the meeting. Subscription rate is currently \$8.00 a year for four issues.
- The Medical Dept will hold a **School of the Surgeon** at Washington Crossing Historic Park, PA on April 13& 14, 2002. It will be hosted by Marjy Wienkop of the 1st NJ Reg't. This is a great place for those wanting to start a medical impression or tweak an old one. We will go into different aspects of 18th c. medicine, putting together a kit, and doing a medical impression at reenactments. Despite the title, it is not for the surgeons only. Those doing surgeon's mates, nurses, midwives, etc. are also welcome, however, it will mostly focus on the regimental surgeon.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Marjy Wienkop
Surgeon, 1st NJ Regiment
Coordinator, Medical Department of the Continental Line

Appendix E Dragoon Proposal Withdrawn

Mounted Regulations for the Continental Line

The following is a set of Standing Orders for mounted troops at Continental Line events. Mounted Troops include, but are not limited to: Dragoons, Mounted Officers, Mounted Scouts and Mounted Civilians. These Standing Orders should be adopted by the Continental Line Board of Directors and the membership and should be used at all CL events.

1. Mounted Safety Officers.

The Continental Line board will appoint a Mounted Safety Officer (MSO) for a one year term. He or an assistant appointed by him, must be present at all events where horses are used to coordinate with mounted personnel from both sides.

Responsibilities of the MSO or his appointee would be:

- To ensure that each mounted Line member is aware of safety rules.
- To attend any meetings to ensure the scenarios suggested are safe and practical.
- To be involved in arranging scenarios and advise and suggest ways to use dragoons and mounted re-enactors to their fullest abilities.
- To be a mediator in any discussion or problems between mounted units and other branches of the Army.
- To have the final say if there is a question with a scenario on whether it may or may not be used.
- To be aware of the activities of all the horse when possible, advise on any problems that may come up and de-brief afterwards to find ways of avoiding any problems in the future.
- To ensure that a Coggins Test has been performed within 6 months prior to the event on all horse attending.
- To ensure those horses attending comply with any additional state required tests (i.e. Rabies).
- To maintain a list of all Mounted Line members for distribution of information

The person appointed to this position would not necessarily be the senior dragoon officer but should be a person with experience in all aspects of horsemanship as they relate to re-enacting. He must be able to communicate with all the mounted personnel using complete impartiality. He must be very aware of the ongoing and changing situations that can occur while on the field and be able to act swiftly to solve any problems.

2. Unit Commanders.

Unit Commanders are ultimately responsible for inspecting horses and mounted troopers. This is not the responsibility of the MSO. It is the C.O. (Commanding Officer) who should know his men, their horses and their abilities and it is the C.O. who bears the responsibility of what his men should and should not do.

When a new rider joins a unit or a current member brings a new horse to an event, the C.O. must ensure that he is ready to go on the field. It is suggested that at his first event, the new rider or rider with a new horse should stay on the perimeter, be given simple duties, and be assigned to his own C.O. or another experienced horseman from his unit. Units will police themselves when they ride together and the C.O. will make the MSO aware of any issues his unit may have. This method should increase the standards of horsemanship within units and therefore increase safety standards. Unit Commanders should also make the MSO and the event organizers aware of any scenarios they have practiced, which may enhance the battles, so they may be incorporated into the day's events.

DUTIES OF UNIT COMMANDERS:

- 1) Insure that all his mounted members are correctly uniformed and accoutered.
- 2) Insure that all mounted members are well versed in their appropriate drills both on horseback and on foot.
- 3) Insure that all mounted members are well versed in the safe use of their weapons.
- 4) Insure that each mounted member is qualified to participate on horseback on the field.
- 5) Insure that only calm and tractable horses are brought to events.

3. Horse and Rider

It is suggested that riders own their own horses. However, continued leasing or training with an un-owned horse is acceptable if the rider and horse can prove their abilities to the MSO. Unless the rider is very familiar with a horse, that animal should not be allowed to participate. A strong rapport between horse and rider is the most important factor to ensure safety on the field with a horse.

All riders must be able to walk, trot, canter, stop and turn their mounts maintaining complete control. All riders participating in field maneuvers and tactical weapons demonstrations must be able to ride without stirrups and be able to control their horses with one hand using neck-reining and/or leg aids.

RESTRICTIONS:

- Riders must not ride over or near casualties.
- Riders must not charge between enemy troops that are formed close together.
- Riders must remove themselves from the field if the horse gets uneasy and retire to a safe area.
- Riders must travel at a walk when passing through crowds.

HORSES:

Horses brought to events should be calm and tractable animals, and must not panic when exposed to gunfire, military music, flags, flashing sabers, etc.

It is essential that only horses fit for service will be used at events. Horses that are lame, sore, sick, undernourished or exhausted will be determined unfit for service. The MSO, or his appointee, in conjunction with the owner of the animal in question will make this decision. If agreement cannot be reached, a veterinarian can be called to resolve the issue. The MSO or his appointee will examine all animals at the beginning of each event/day to be sure of observable soundness and general fitness for service.

Levels of Riders:

A Committee will be formed by the MSO and would be responsible for determining the riding and performance abilities of each mounted member on a 'three stage' level.

All riders who have performed at events in the past will be placed at a level based upon prior performance. The rider will be allowed verbal input on the placement as well as being able to show his abilities at an upcoming event.

All new members to the Line would start at Level 1. However, a member showing an unacceptable level of control at an event will be asked to remove the horse from the field or encampment area until it can be shown that the horse and rider can perform. Rider level records will be kept by the MSO and copied to the Adjutant.

Level 1

A new rider will start at this level until he can show higher abilities and control. At this level, the rider must show control of his mount at an event with all aspects of event activities going on around him and the mount. These activities should include, but are not limited to, drumming, music, musket firing, cannon firing, flags flapping, smoke, crowds etc. The rider will be restricted to perimeter activities during the tactical engagement. The rider will be able to perform courier duties as long as they are away from the engaging troops and the public. The rider must always be in an area where he can easily get back to a safe place off the field.

Level 2

Rider must be at Level 1, plus show the ability to mingle well with other horses. The rider must be able to control his mount near the encampment area. The rider must be able to ride onto the battlefield and maintain control of his horse. A rider at this level would be able to use pistols and carbine.

Level 3

Rider must be at Level 2 plus show the ability to control his mount using a sword against another rider. A rider with these abilities can perform close order maneuvers using his sword in prearranged engagements. A level 3 rider would be able to perform all aspects of battlefield engagements.

4. Demonstrating the use of carbines (or other firearms)

The use of carbines on horse will be demonstrated only by those who have the experience to control their horse while firing from the horse (Level 2 and 3). A maximum load of 70 grains will be used. Minimum carbine range is 30 yards. Extra caution will be taken while using carbines on horse due to the fact that the carbine, while hanging, can swing and injure the rider, the horse or someone else.

5. Demonstrating the use of Pistols

The use of pistols on horse will be demonstrated only by those who have the experience to control their horse while firing from the horse (Level 2 and 3). A maximum load of 50 grains will be used. Minimum pistol range is 20 yards. Pistols will not be fitted with a flash guard since the flash guard can get hung up in the pistol buckets.

6. Demonstrating the use of Hand to Hand Combat (saber to saber)

This is the area of demonstrations, which will involve the most serious considerations for safety. It is imperative to have a meeting on the morning of the first day of the event and before any engagement. All mounted troops from both sides should ride together, practice and rehearse any scenarios that they will be engaged in. This gives both sides an opportunity to evaluate their opponents' horses and riders, solve any foreseeable problems and ensure that everyone is aware of the safety rules. The MSO and the appointed British Mounted liaison should coordinate this meeting and drill. If someone for any reason misses this meeting and drill, it will be up to the MSO to decide whether or not that person can participate in the day's activities. The MSO has the final say in this decision. Any appeals may be brought to the Event Coordinator or the Continental Line Board.

All opposed horsemen must be paired off in advance of any engagement. You may be paired off with more than one opposed horseman, but you may only engage one at a time. If you have not paired off with a particular horseman, you must not engage him.

The approach for a saber clashes can be done at a charge, but the riders will bring their horses to a controlled walk or slow trot at a safe distance from the opposing rider before making any contact.

Any contact with sabers will be done 'flat of blade, to flat of blade'.

There should be a maximum of 12 mounted troopers doing hand to hand in any particular closed group.

The amount of contacts will be limited to 3 at each passing.

7. CAMPS:

As with the infantry and artillery, mounted Cavalrymen will have two options for camping: 18th C. & Modern. The 18th C. Camps will be living history exhibits and based on period methods of castrametation for horse troops.

Horsemen electing to camp & keep their horses in the 18th C. Camp must be sure that all their horse keeping equipment (brushes, picks, buckets, feed bags etc.) are authentic to the period. Modern horse keeping equipment must be kept out of site at all times.

Riders are responsible for their own feed and hay. Do not rely on the event sponsor for items unless previously arranged.

Hay bales are to be broken up.

The Modern Camp will be set up to allow for vehicles with trailers and for the use of modern horse care equipment. It should have room for erecting pens.

At no time will horses be left unattended in any camp!

Shade must be available in both the 18th C. & Modern Camps. It is also essential that all horses have resting places that are cool and reasonably insect free.

At the end of an event, the camp will be cleaned, policed and inspected to assure the site is left in a condition agreeable with the site management.

8. SITE SPONSOR OR COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide ample room for horse camps based on troop returns.
- Horse camps must have shaded areas.
- Horse camps must have a few trees with the underbrush cut back so that tether lines can be strung from tree to tree. In general, 1 or 2 horses per tether line between trees.
- Ample amounts of potable water must be available at a rate of about 15 gallons per horse per day.
- Any site rules that are more stringent than C-Line rules must be forwarded to the C-Line Board and MSO for review before the C-Line approves the event.

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Appendix F Unit Bill of Rights Proposal

1. It is the intent of the CL is to have a strong base of individual units, all with unique strengths and weaknesses.
2. Any procedures which are warranted by any parties within the CL to be important enough to be made working or operational procedures of the Line **MUST** be proposed, discussed and voted on by the membership at a regular (annual) membership meeting.
3. I propose that all other **SUGGESTED** procedures (not necessarily discussed and/or voted on) be:
 - a) Published in the Continental Soldier.
 - b) Be included in a manual of suggested event procedures to be created as a work in progress by the CL and made available to all member units.
4. All meetings of the CL Board of Directors should be opened to the membership, except when voted to enter executive session. Executive Sessions should only be conducted when discussing potentially sensitive and/or slanderous matters, such as preliminary disciplinary hearings, etc. and should only have the Board members, witnesses and the involved parties in attendance. However a report of all Board meetings and their conclusions must be given to the membership, and entered into the minutes at the next regular annual meeting of the CL.
5. Any unit may propose an event for consideration by the Line. Although a unit should work through it's department coordinator, or any other special coordinator approved by the Line, this is not mandatory prior to presentation at the CL meeting.
6. It is the duty of the membership to ask any questions of the potential hosts regarding the logistics, administration, schedule, etc. of an event and then to decide on their unit's participation. In other words, the host unit and command staff for the event will be responsible to the membership for the event, rather than the CL being responsible for administering the event.
7. The Continental Line does not sponsor, sanction, run, administer, etc. ANY event, other than the Annual Meeting. Host units handle this responsibility, along with any involved sponsoring groups. The Individual units vote to attend or not.
8. The appointment of individuals to any committee, position, etc. by the Chairman, Board Member or Department Coordinator must be agreed to by a simple majority vote of the membership of the line attending an annual meeting. In the case of an appointment by a coordinator, a majority vote by the membership of that department at an annual meeting must be conducted. Each appointment must be renewed each year by the above method.

Appendix G Rotation of Annual Meeting Proposal

(This proposal is not intended to be accusatory or a condemnation of anyone or any group. Its sole purpose is to achieve a greater level of participation by member unit in the Continental Line)

Currently the policy of holding the annual meeting of the Continental Line in Warrington, PA the first weekend in February has caused folks to travel great distances each and every year. In some cases prevents them from even attending. The current policy is based in part on being cost effective for the use of the conference and eating facilities. This has been beneficial in the past, yet I suggest that it may be time to revisit the current policy and examine the opportunities that a "change of scene" might bring. No professional or trade group holds conventions or annual meetings in the same place time and time again. There are reasons for that and I think it would be wise to examine some of those reasons as they apply to us in this hobby.

Inspirational:

A change of location for the Annual meeting would allow the opportunity to visit other historic sites. The Colonial seaboard is strewn with locations of historic significance that can accommodate the modest demands of a Continental Line annual meeting. This assumes that the current attendance to the annual meeting is roughly 200 individuals (made up of unit reps being a part of the Continental Line, British Brigade, Brigade of the American Revolution and guest). Being from the Southern Department I can attest that there are many sites in our Department alone that would not only accommodate a meeting, but also provide historical inspiration to what we are convening for. Off the top of my head I can list:

- Mount Vernon,
- Yorktown (State AND NPS site),
- Guilford Court House,
- Customs House in Charleston, SC
- Many more...

Other sites in New England and the Mid-Atlantic States are available that would charge little if any fee for the use of their facilities. A raffle or modest fee for attendance can take care of these fees. Boston, Monmouth, Princeton are all sights that we'd love to see, without the buzz of an event to distract me, yes be a tourist.

Event examination:

Another benefit of such travels would not only be inspirational, but if there are sites close by being considered for an event, this allows one to travel there, examine it firsthand and provide a field report to the members of their respective units. This promotes the event as well as allows for the opportunity to get a real feel for the site. The Internet has provided a wonderful new opportunity to explore sites, but it does not replace the hands-on benefits of being there.

Lighten the burden:

No doubt the set up for the CL meeting is semi-automatic at this point, yet it would allow for the folks of the First Continental Regt to take a well deserved breather and permit others to take up the ball. Moving the meetings about also grant us a change as it relates to the local flavor, say fried shrimp 'n grits, Carolina pork BBQ, Cheerwine or sweet tea is like no other. Lobster rolls with Narragansett beer or REAL clam chowder would rarely be found south of Connecticut.

Greater attendance:

The most compelling reason for moving the meeting to various departments is that it would allow for more people over time to attend more meetings. Therefore greater input and larger participation by the stakeholders would be realized. Not only would this afford us the opportunity for a more representative organization, it would prevent some of the isolation that has been felt by folks for various reasons.

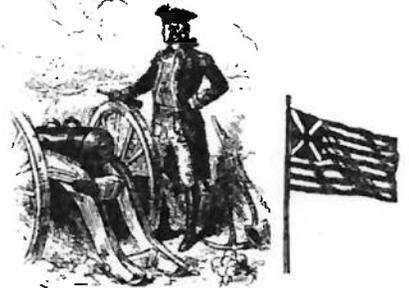
Proposal:

Therefore, I propose that the Continental Line annual meetings move to different locations to coincide with the Department from which the Chairman is a member of. There has been a 2-year cycle that has rotated the Chairmanship between the various Departments. Why not let the Chairman "host" the meeting as well. The benefits present a win-win situation as put forth above.

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**Appendix H Artillery Proposal
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Membership of the Continental Line:

I am writing to propose the organization of an Artillery Association within the Continental Line. It could take the name of Department of Artillery, the Artillery Committee, or the Artillery Association, etc. Artillery shares many of the same interests and concerns of the infantry and mounted troops, but it also has many aspects that are unique to this branch an 18th century military force, touching upon field, garrison, and naval use of artillery. Several of the member artillery units including United Train of Artillery and Mott's Artillery have discussed this idea. An organization within the Continental Line could greatly assist in improving communication among artillery units and working with infantry units, both within and without the Continental Line.

An Artillery Association will allow units to:

- Share and disseminate research information and sources of supply through the Continental Soldier and through regional departments.
- Develop and recommend, to the appropriate Continental Line committee, acceptable safety guidelines for artillery.
- Create and recommend standards including universal signals for safe, loaded, or misfired guns during tacticals.
- Research and develop coordinated tactical training with infantry units for more accurate portrayals of regimental cannon and artillery batteries in tacticals.
- Organize more weekend training programs, both nationally and regionally, for both artillerist and non-artillery personnel.
- Work with new artillery units.
- Work with other umbrella organizations on artillery issues.

I am asking the Continental Line Annual Meeting to please consider approving creation of this "association". This would not involve any changes in either current Continental Line or unit command structures. Any recommendations for organization-wide artillery safety standards will be done through any committees appointed by the Continental Line for that purpose.

Sincerely,

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