

18th Annual Meeting of the Continental Line, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
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Call to Order was made by Chairman Jeff Lambert ~ 1st Virginia Regiment

Motion made to accept the Agenda for the 18th Annual Meeting (*see Appendix A*) by the 13th Continental Regiment & seconded by the 2nd New Jersey Regiment, Helm's Coy. Vote to accept, unanimous.

Roll Call made by Adjutant Mark Magiera ~ Col. Knox's Artillery Regiment, with 35 member organizations present.

Old Business

Motion made by the 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment & seconded by the Danver's Alarm List to accept the Minutes from the 17th Annual Meeting. Point raised by a delegate of the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment that the date listed of September 2005 for Whitpain Township was incorrect. The Adjutant pointed out that the month of September was the month stated by the Mid-Atlantic Dept. Coordinator & can be correlated with all the delegates present in their own notes taken at the meeting. The Chairman entertained the motion to accept the minutes with point noted. Vote to accept, unanimous.

The meeting then included comments from Chairman Jeff Lambert, Adjutant Mark Magiera of & a financial report from Treasurer William Myers ~ Coren's Independent Artillery Regiment (*see Appendix B*). Bradford Chetwynd ~ 2nd Massachusetts Regiment spoke briefly as the Liaison for the Continental Line to the BAR & British Brigade. It included introductions of Neil Sorenson as British Brigade Liaison Officer & Gene Frechette representing the Brigade of the American Revolution. Announcement that Bob Allegretto ~ 2nd Continental Dragoon Regiment, Talmadge's Troop has been appointed by the Chairman to serve as Liaison Officer for the Continental Line. Motion made by the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment & seconded by the 5th Connecticut Regiment to accept the Officer Reports. Vote to accept, unanimous.

Department Coordinator Reports were then presented:

- **Southern Department Report:** Herb Puckett ~ 2nd South Carolina Regiment (*see Appendix C*)

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- **Mid-Atlantic Department Report:** introduced by outgoing Coordinator George Radecsky ~ 6th Pennsylvania Regiment introduced Patrick Jordan ~ 3rd Pennsylvania Regiment, Light Company as the new Mid-Atlantic Department Coordinator (*see Appendix D*).
- **The Northern Department Report:** presented by the Adjutant Mark Magiera, who stood in for the Northern Department Coordinator Robert Balcius ~ 2nd New Hampshire Regiment, Cherry's Coy. (*see Appendix E*). The NDC could not make the meeting on account of weather conditions making travel difficult.
- **The Western Department Report:** was presented by Jim Garner ~ 1st Virginia Regiment, who stood in for Western Department Coordinator Tom Edwards ~ 10th Virginia Regiment (*see Appendix F*). The WDC could not make the meeting on account of weather conditions making travel difficult.

Motion made to accept the Reports of the Department Coordinators, by the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment & seconded by the 2nd South Carolina Regiment Reports of the Vote to accept, unanimous.

Committee Reports were then presented:

Medical Department: (shall be noted that this is a committee) submitted a report to the Chairman to be made available in the minutes to the membership (*see Appendix G*).

Website Report: site only reported as down for less than a 24 hour period on only one occasion in 2004. The Adjutant Mark Magiera also conveyed that the website's upload space has been expanded with out an increase in price.

Safety Guidelines Report: presented by Jim Garner. No changes to report.

Sons of the American Revolution Reenactor Committee Report: presented by Jim Garner. The Representative from the SAR could not attend the meeting. However it was conveyed that the resource book being assembled by the SAR for SAR & CL members is still being worked on.

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20th Anniversary Committee: The Chairman Jeff Lambert announced the appointment of the 20th Anniversary Committee to explore events commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Continental Line. Past Chairman Paul Hutchins ~ 2nd New Jersey Regiment, Helm's Coy has been appointed to head up the committee.

Motion made to accept the Committee Reports: by the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment & seconded by the Danver's Alarm List. Vote to accept, unanimous.

Report of 2004 Events (issues only)

Quebec: Brad Chetwynd conveyed that despite the rain out of the Saturday Battle, the Sunday Battle went off without issue with large spectator numbers. There is a possibility of a return to the Plains of Abraham in 2009 marking the 100th Anniversary of Parc's Canada.

Savannah: Herb Puckett conveyed that there were 1000 reenactors at the show. Point raised by Jim Stinson ~ Proctor's, 4th Continental Artillery Regiment regarding the Crown Forces Artillery Crew which had an improperly fired charge, ejected twice on the Saturday Battle. It was cited that the artillery crew was in attendance, composed of cannon from a private collection, whilst the crew was assembled of volunteers from the HM Sloop Falcon, experience with firing the ship's swivel guns. Immediate action on site at the event was the removal of the group from the field. Ultimately the group was asked to leave the event immediately after the Saturday Action.

Last Man Standing: The Chairman Jeff Lambert then recognized that Mike Bennett ~ 3rd Maryland Regiment, had attended every Annual Meeting of the Continental Line (18 years). Additionally the Chairman also recognized all the past Chairman of the Continental Line over these 18 years of the organizations existence.

New Business

The Chairman Jeff Lambert began the session presenting the Washington/ Rochembeau March program that commemorates the route of march from Rhode Island to Virginia. Kim Burdick could not make the meeting, however information on the program will be forthcoming in a future Continental e-Soldier. The SAR, DAR, SR & the Friends of Lafayette are all presently involved.

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New Units

- **Applicant: 13th Massachusetts Regiment, Smith's Company** (October 1779 depiction). Sponsors: 2nd Massachusetts Regiment & 10th Massachusetts Regiment. Brian Colonna commanding & John Hannigan as the groups' historian.

A motion to accept 13th Massachusetts Regiment, Smith's Company as a Full Member was made by the 1st New Hampshire Regiment, with the second motion made by the United Train of Artillery. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- **Applicant: Augusta County Militia** sponsored by the 2nd New Jersey Regiment, Helm's Company. Will Armstrong commanding.

A motion to accept the Augusta County Militia as a Full Member was made by the 2nd New Jersey, Helm's Company, with the second motion made by the 3rd Pennsylvania Regiment, Light Company. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- **Applicant: 6th North Carolina Regiment** sponsored by the 2nd South Carolina Regiment. Colin Carter commanding.

A motion to accept the 6th North Carolina Regiment as a Full Member was made by the 2nd South Carolina Regiment, with the second motion made by the 1st Virginia Regiment. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- **Applicant: 5th New York Regiment** co-sponsored by the 1st New York Regiment, McCracken's Company & 1st New York Regiment, Graham's Company. Rich Degridorio is the groups representative. The Adjutant Mark Magiera, standing in for the co-sponsors, who could not attend on account of the poor weather, went over the list of events that the 5th New York attended in 2004, along with the specific companies they were amalgamated with.

A motion to accept the 5th New York Regiment as a Full Member was made by the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment, with the second motion made by the 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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Election of Officers

Nominations for Treasurer opened with a motion made:

- by the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment for Brad Chetwynd of the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment to become Treasurer of the Continental Line.
- by Coren's Independent Artillery Regiment for George Radecky of the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment to become Treasurer of the Continental Line.
- by the 2nd New Jersey Regiment, Helm's Coy. for Glenn Garwood of the 4th Continental Light Dragoon Regiment, Fauntleroy's Troop to become Treasurer of the Continental Line.

A motion to close the nomination session was made by the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment, seconded by the 5th Connecticut Regiment.

Nominations for Adjutant opened with a motion made:

- by the 3rd Pennsylvania Regiment, Light Company for Sam Ricco of Proctor's 4th Continental Artillery Regiment to become Adjutant of the Continental Line.
- by Col. Knox's Artillery Regiment for Anne Henninger of the 1st Maryland Regiment to become Adjutant of the Continental Line.
- By Coren's for Mark Magiera of Knox's Artillery to remain as Adjutant of the Continental Line, respectfully declined by Mark Magiera.

A motion to close the nomination session was made by the Col. Knox's Artillery Regiment, seconded by 2nd Pennsylvania Regiment.

ELECTION RESULT:

- **Adjutant Sam Ricco of Proctor's 4th Continental Artillery Regiment**
- **Treasurer Brad Chetwynd of the 2nd Massachusetts Regiment**

Proposal brought from the Floor:

Authenticity Guidelines Proposal: as put forth by Chip Gnam ~ 1st Virginia Regiment (*see Appendix H*) regarding research & information regarding applicants to the Continental Line. Point raised that often the units brought forward for a vote are not seen by all the membership at events & delegates are asked to approve membership to groups they do not know or have seen. A goal of publishing such information would benefit in research sharing among members of the organization to improve overall impressions in the hobby.

(*see Appendix I*)

(*see Appendix J*)

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Introduction of Sponsored applicants

- **Eames Rangers.** Sponsors: 10th Massachusetts Regiment. Steve Eames commanding.
- **Singleton's Company,** 1st Continental Artillery Regiment. Sponsor: 2nd South Carolina Regiment

Proposals for 2005 Sanctioned Shows

225th Siege of Charleston: The Chairman Jeff Lambert fielded questions from the floor regarding the 225th Siege of Charleston, South Carolina program at Drayton Hall. The British Brigade & the Brigade of the American Revolution are sanctioning the program. The 2nd South Carolina Regiment was solicited to co-sponsor the program, which declined the offer. As there was no other Full Member of the Continental Line willing to sponsor the program, the program would not be proposed for Continental Line sanctioning.

Battle of Camden: A Proposal by the 2nd South Carolina Regiment for Full Continental Line Sanctioning was presented to the membership regarding the Battle of Camden, South Carolina on August 19th – 21st. American field Commander is Randy Blevins ~ 2nd North Carolina Regiment. Event sponsored by Historic Camden (*see Appendix K*). Motion to accept the 225th Commemoration of the Battle of Camden, South Carolina as a Full Continental Line Sanctioned Event was made by the 2nd South Carolina Regiment, with a second motion made by the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment. Vote Unanimous.

The Cowpens 2nd SC, 1st VA. Discussion of accepting as a 2005 show as the program would occur before the next annual meeting.

Department Meeting Results (*See Appendix C, D, E and F*)

Mid-Atlantic Department: the item to note was that Whitpain in October would be a Department Show (& friends...).

Membership Housekeeping

- Dearborne's Regiment in the Northern Department is to be listed as 3rd New Hampshire Regiment

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- Von Heer's Provost Corps is transferred from the Northern Department to the Mid-Atlantic Department

Raffle: Outgoing Treasurer William Myers reported that the meeting raffle brought in \$535.00. Bill thanked Tony Maxfield & Donah Crawford for selling raffle tickets & thank you to all that donated items.

Board and Committee Meeting: The Chairman Jeff Lambert announced that the meeting of the Board & Committee Members immediately after the Annual Meeting was cancelled on account that the weather was getting bad & people who had to travel needed to get on the road.

A motion to adjourn the 18th Annual Meeting of the Continental Line was made by the 2nd South Carolina Regiment, with the second motion made by the 2nd Rhode Island Regiment, Tew's Company. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Mark Magiera, Adjutant

The Continental Line

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Appendix A ~ Agenda
Annapolis, Maryland January 21 - 22, 2005

Friday evening

20:00 Meeting of the Board & invited guest

Saturday

08:00 Registration Opens, Continental Breakfast, Raffle Tickets go on Sale

10:00 Call to order

Welcome to Membership and Guest – Jeff Lambert

Opening Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Order of the Day (Agenda Approval) – Mark Magiera

House Keeping and Role Call - Mark Magiera

10:15 Old Business

Acceptance of the 2003 Meeting Minutes

Chairman's Report – Jeff Lambert

Adjutants' Report – Mark Magiera

Treasurer's Report – Billy Meyers

Liaison's Report – Brad Chetwynd

10:30 Department Coordinator's Report – 5 min each

Southern Dept – Herb Puckett 2nd SC Regt

Mid Atlantic Dept – George Radecsky 6th PA Regt

Northern Dept – Bob Balcius – 2nd NH, Cherry's Coy

Western Dept - Tom Edwards 10th VA Regt

10:55 Committee Reports – 5 min each

Medical Department – Marjy Wienkop

Web Site

Safety Guidelines – Jim Garner

SAR Re-enactment – Jim Garner

20th CL Anniversary - NEW

11:05 Reports of 2004 Events (issues only)

Full CL Sanctioned

• Quebec Brad Chetwynd 2nd MA

• Savannah Herb Puckett 2nd SC

Dept Sanctioned

11:45 New Business

Vote on Sponsored Applicants to Full Members

• 13th Mass Regt, Smith Coy (2nd & 10th Mass Sponsors)

Augusta County Militia (2nd NJ, Helm's Sponsor)

6th NC Regt (2nd SC Sponsor)

Herrick's Regt (Whitcomb's Rgrs Sponsor)

5th NY Regt (1st NY McCracken's & Graham's Coy Sponsors)

Nominations and Election of Officers

Treasurer

Adjutant

Introduction of Sponsored Applicants

Eames Rangers (10th Mass)

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Singleton's Coy 1st Cont'l Artillery (2nd SC)

12:15 Adjourn First Session

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 Proposed Events for 2005 (and beyond)

Full Sanctioned

Southern Department

Camden August 20-21 '05 2nd SC

Cowpens Jan'06 2nd SC Regt

Yorktown Oct'06 1st VA Regt

Mid Atlantic Dept

Northern Dept

Western Dept

Dept Sanctioned

Southern Department

Guilford Cths Mar'05 2nd NC

Waxhaws May'05 2nd SC

Mid Atlantic Dept

Whitpain, Oct'05 4th CLD/Queen's Rgrs

Crooked Billet April 30 – May 1

Medical Conf Washington's Crossing Apr

Morristown, NJ April 16 - 17

Monmouth June 25 - 26

Manahawkin Sept 10

Northern Dept

Little Farm, Newbury, MA May 21-22:

Chrysler's Farm, UCV, Ontario, CA July 9-10: BB Sanction

Rehobeth, MA Sept 23-25:

Chelmsford, MA Oct 8-9:

Western Dept

14:15 Department Meetings (30 minutes)

14:45 Introduction of New Business from the Floor

15:00 Raffle

15:15 Meeting Adjourns

15:30 Meeting of Board and Committee Members

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Appendix C ~ Southern Department Coordinators Report

Gentlemen,

As many of you are aware, my family recently suffered the loss of our Betsy. There is nothing in life that can prepare you for such a tragedy, and we wish to thank all of you who have been so very kind in showing your support in your cards, letters, & flowers. For this we are truly grateful and blessed. Your support is greatly appreciated. Betsy was a re-enactor during the Bicentennial and would have enjoyed getting to know all of you, as you would have enjoyed getting to know her. I am dedicating my efforts in this hobby to something we all loved for so many years.

We successfully put on an event at Savannah the likes they have not seen for many decades. Because of your efforts, the city of Savannah secured a \$6million grant to restore the Spring Hill Redoubt to its appearance in 1779. The weather did not dampen the spirits of those who travel to a land far, far away. Artillery reported shooting over 500 rounds that weekend and many a cartridge box ran out before the charge upon the redoubt. The City of Savannah, as well as the Georgia Historic Foundation wishes that I extend my most sincere thanks to all who helped and attended this event.

Cowpens is shaping up to be a real show in 2006, with the encampment on the original site. We also plan a small local event for the Beauford's Massacre in the Waxhaws with a ceremony on the original site at the original time with the 225-year offset. This is again a reasonably small event, but anyone whose unit was involved is certainly invited. The Guilford information is not firmed up yet, but I hope to be able to present it better at the meeting in Annapolis.

We also plan to present another Artillery unit for membership at the meeting. See you there, hopefully with another hospitality suite for the Southern Campaign.

For 2005 – 1780 we have some great events at the regional level for you to look for those who wish to join us in the fun:

March 12 Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, NC

May 28 Waxhaw – Buford's Defeat, Lancaster, SC

We are also looking forward to taking part in the filming in April – May at Yorktown /Williamsburg for the new film for Mount Vernon.

For 2006-1781 we have the finale of the Southern Campaign 225th

January ?? Cowpens, SC

March ?? Guilford Courthouse

October 16- Yorktown, VA

(Cowpens and Yorktown will be full Line events)

As for units to be voted in for full membership, we are proud to have the 6th NC who has been a constant source of support for shows and had over 30 muskets at Savannah, GA this past October.

We look forward to Y'all comin' down share to some of our events to broaden your geographic horizons and enjoy some Southern hospitality.

I remain, Ymh&os
Herb Puckett
Second South Carolina Regt
Southern Department Coordinator

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For all those who don't know me, my name is Patrick Jordan. I am a member of the 3rd Pennsylvania Light Infantry Company and various other regiments as well.

I would like to thank the membership for voting me into this position at Fort Mifflin this past November and I think we should all thank George Radecsky for the great job that he has done for the Mid-Atlantic Department and representing each and every one of us throughout his years of service.

Since I have been elected to this position, many people have asked what is my platform for the years ahead and three things come to mind, which are Safety, Authenticity and Having a Good Time.

On Safety, I already know that the Mid-Atlantic is one of the safest organizations out there but there is always room for improvement, On Authenticity I think we need to move ahead and raise the bar further than we have done in our past years. And last but not least, Having a Good Time speaks for itself and I would hope that we as living historians can bring out our best presentation to the public and return to our homes after events feeling satisfied.

I am looking forward to serving in the Mid-Atlantic Department. I will need all of your cooperation and request that all unit commanders please drop me an email with your information so that I may keep in constant communication with you. My email is p_jordan@webtv.net or you can call me at (908) 874-6749 and I will be able to answer all your comments, questions or concerns.

The Following is the list of events discussed at the Mid-Atlantic Meeting at the Continental Line Meeting:

April 1, 2,3 - Medical Conference at Washington's Crossing
April 9 Colonial Market Day - Hope Lodge
April 16, 17 Morristown NJ Hut Construction
April 23, 24 Bound Brook, NJ
April 23, 24 Fort Frederick Market Days
April 30/May 1 Crooked Billet
June 5 Old Wyck
June 4, 5 Brandywine Remember the Ladies
June 11, 12 Artillery School - WX, NJ Side
July 5 The Battle for Oldwick
July 8,9,10 "The March to Yorktown", Fort Adams, RI
Sep 10, 11 Manahawkin
Sept. 25 Brandywine
Oct 1 Germantown
Oct 8, 9 Whitpain
Oct 23 Fort Mercer
Nov 5, 6 Hope Lodge
Nov 12, 13 Fort Mifflin

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Your Humble and Obedient Servant,

Patrick J. Jordan
Mid-Atlantic Department Coordinator

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Appendix E ~ Northern Department Coordinators Report

The Northern Dept. meeting was held on Nov 6th at the Paper City Brewery (yes, a brewery!) in Holyoke, MA.

The Dept has sanctioned the following as Dept. Level events for the 05 season:

May 21-22: Little Farm, Newbury, MA

July 9-10: Chrysler's Farm, UCV, Ontario, CA

Sept 23-25: Rehobeth, MA

Oct 8-9: Chelmsford, MA

There was mention of potential CL events in Charlestown and Whitpain, but no definitive information was available.

The Dept. approved the name change of Dearborn's Company to Third NH Regt, pending receipt of new insurance - result of unit reorganization.

The following Units are recommended for advancement to full membership:

Herrick's Rangers, sponsored by Whitcomb's/UTA/Knox's

13th MA Regt, sponsored by 2nd/10th MA

5th NY Regt, sponsored by 3rd/1st NY

Eames' Rangers introduced for applicant status sponsored by 10th MA.

Yours truly was railroaded, uh, elected to another term as coordinator.

Onto Annapolis, YHOS,

Bob B, NDC

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Appendix F ~ Western Department Coordinators Report

I. Department Summary:

- A. It is my understanding that the Royal Du Pont Regiment has been dropped for having no proof of insurance.
- B. A number of Western units were represented at Savannah in October. The largest contingent was a composite platoon representing the Northwest Department of the BAR.

II Events:

- A. There is one Western 225th anniversary event in 2005, which is by invitation.
 - 1. Battle of Pickuwe, July 16-17, Clark Park, Springfield OH.
 - 2. Uniform format is Illinois State Regiment and KY Militia vs. Shawnee Indians, with a few British Indian Department types.
 - 3. Organizers include:
 - Ed Scheinfurth, Chair, 1183 Dry lane Rd La Rue OH 43332, edjs50@hotmail.com
 - Greg Schultz (Ill Reg't), wild.rose.acres@worldnet.att.net
 - 4. They are looking for 300 men at arms.

III Units for consideration.

- A. One unit is eligible as far as I know: The 7th PA from Fort Snelling MN.

IV Nominations: none

I remain ymh&os

Thomas Edwards 10th VA

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I would like to thank the hosts of the events for the past year for their cooperation in sending wounded to the hospital for demos. The new idea of each unit choosing one man as the designated wounded guy, like they would for other fatigue duties, has worked out well so far. Just asking for volunteers never seemed to work and men were reluctant to volunteer when asked. Hey, that's what sergeants are there for- to designate. Thanks, commanders, and I hope you'll continue to help. It makes the entire scenario more complete and it helps me and the other surgeons develop more realistic demos.

A medical conference for this coming April was announced at the Mid-Atlantic meeting. It is being put on by the 11th PA Reg't and not done in cooperation with anyone else in the Medical Committee of the Continental Line. The program is nearly all domestic in nature with talks on midwifery, kitchen medicine, home distilling of medicine, and the Philadelphia Lazaretto, to name a few. There is only one talk concerning the military on the hospitals at Valley Forge. However, there are no talks geared toward military surgeon's or nurse's issues. The Continental Line is a military organization and we do not have a civilian division as does the BAR. While a program on 18thc medicine put on by our department might include some non-military issues, its focus should be largely geared toward the military. I commend the 11th PA for their efforts, however, and wish them luck with the program.

I hear a lot of talk from the ladies at events that they are bored and are not interested in cooking and sewing, etc. at events. I propose to them that I would like to put together a nursing corp. (even though that term was not in use at the time) to work the hospitals at events, tend the wounded on the field, etc. I would like ladies that are truly interested in researching the portrayal and doing it properly. These people would be trained in safety on the field also, which would put the field commander's mind at ease and allow them to interact with the battle safely. Implementation of this would eliminate the many teens that use it as an excuse to wander out to help at the last minute and goof around on the field. Please pass this idea on to your people and have them contact me if they are interested.

Lastly, please encourage people in your unit who do not care to take up arms or who cannot field any longer to take an interest in military medicine and be your regimental surgeon, mate, or nurse. People in the medical department will be glad to give them guidance and information. We also have a swell newsletter chock full of good stuff! It is a very challenging and interesting portrayal and we need new folks with an interest. I can be reached at MarjyArts@aol.com.

Your Humble Servant,

Marjy Wienkop
Surgeon, 1st NJ Reg't
Coordinator, Medical Committee of the Continental Line

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Appendix H ~ Proposal ~ Authenticity Guidelines

While it's my understanding that the Continental Line has a policy of not endorsing authenticity "regulations," (which I agree with) I suggest that the Line provide some basic authenticity guidelines. The CL has some of the best units in the hobby, and it's natural that individuals, and new units, look to the Line for this kind of information. With the many talented individuals among the membership, I think the Line is missing an important opportunity to provide some real help to the hobby.

These guidelines would be intended to provide helpful research information to individuals, as well as new units, covering such re-enactor basics as original source documents, research suggestions, correct fabrics and patterns, etc. These guidelines should be put together and reviewed with the help of volunteers from the Line, including people like Henry Cooke, as well as outside "experts," so that the information can be considered relatively "state of the art." The material can be assembled and perhaps posted on the web site, or provided in printed form.

This would be something of an ongoing effort since our research is never really finished. Providing this kind of useful information will also go a long way toward improving the hobby and guaranteeing that authenticity "regulations" are generally not needed.

We can then discuss the scope of each effort, and how best to proceed. Interested individuals can contact me at: info@1va.org; or by telephone at home: 703-437-9409.

Your most humble & Obt Svt,
Carl Gnam
Captain
First Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line

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Appendix I ~ Proposal ~ Drill Guidelines

Similar to the authenticity guidelines, this idea is to find a group of interested volunteers to assemble a set of drill instructions for use of the Line at our events. The Line has done a great job of assembling all of our units into authentically sized battalions at large events. And we are all fairly well versed in the basic musket manual and platoon maneuvers, but we frequently struggle when we try any complicated battalion drill. These guidelines would be used to standardize and distribute the larger drill maneuvers to be used when we're assembled in large formations.

I have seen some printed material that's been put together by the Line, and I know that individuals like Paul Hutchins, and others, have done a great job of pushing this kind of drill. I'd like to see the effort taken a little further, and include more individuals in the effort, so that we can really begin to learn and use some of these more complicated maneuvers at our events. I also think this will require a commitment from most of the units in the Line to be willing to participate in this effort, but I also think that once we start to make this effort together, we'll wonder why we didn't do this before now.

We can then discuss the scope of each effort, and how best to proceed. Interested individuals can contact me at: info@1va.org; or by telephone at home: 703-437-9409

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Captain
First Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line

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Appendix J ~ Proposal ~ Flying Camp

Gentlemen:

We are sure that you all have seen over the past few years that small groups of individuals have been opting to forego the use of heavy camp equipment, tents and encamp along the wood lines. They sometimes will make brush huts, lean-tos and dig small field kitchens when allowed. We were wondering if there is a way that this could be done on a more organized / centralized way at events as a type of “flying camp?”

This camp would be used by interested individuals as an area to cook and sleep in while exchanging ideas and expanding their knowledge of the life of a continental soldier. The men would return to their individual units for all drill, tactical, and other unit activities. This group of individuals will not field as a unit, so manpower will not be taken away from the member units of the CL.

The camp could be located in such a place that would allow the public and other troops to visit and learn from. This camp is not meant to take away from the main camp only to add a new facet of the experience for our members and the public. The camp could also demonstrate how the army camped without the use of tents and such, which they had to do many times as the wagons were far to the rear for protection.

This would not be a requirement at an event, as many sites are very tight on space, rather it would only be a request for sponsoring units to set aside an area during their planning of the events if space allows. At events folks usually look for an area to use on their own, they also ask the host unit if it is ok to dig a smaller version of the field kitchen. If the host unit will allow this before the event then an area can be set aside for the “flying camp”, when people register they could be directed to this camp site if they are so inclined.

What do you think of this concept? How should this be presented to future event host units? Again the “flying camp” is already being done at events in different locations. We are only looking to organize a single area at events where like-minded individuals can go and exchange ideas to expand their knowledge for the benefit of all.

Please let us know your thoughts about the concept and how to proceed if you are supportive of this measure.

Thank you for your time,
Kevin Coyle
Matt Murphy

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Appendix K ~ Full CL Sanctioned Event ~ Camden, SC**