

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Continental Line, Inc.**

Crown Plaza Valley Forge Hotel  
260 Mall Rd, King of Prussia, PA

**Meeting Minutes**

January 12, 2013

Call to order was made by Chairman Bob Allegretto of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragoons, Tallmadge's Troop (8:41 AM)

Jim Casco of Whitcomb's Rangers gave the opening prayer (8:42 AM)

Dave Middleton of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Massachusetts administered the Pledge of Allegiance (8:43 AM)

Adjutant Bob Healey of the 4th Legionary Corps administered unit roll call. Fifty-four units were present, and a quorum was declared. (8:44 AM)

A motion to accept the previous 2012 Annual Meeting minutes was made and seconded from the floor. The Vote was unanimous (8:52 AM)

The Treasurer's Report was given by Janie Ritchie of the United Train of Artillery and the 1<sup>st</sup> New Hampshire Regiment (see appendix B) (8:53 AM). Janie mentioned that she would be stepping down as treasurer this year and thanked the Line for all the good work that it does. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made and seconded from the floor. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Allegretto of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragoons, Tallmadge's Troop introduced the Department coordinators (8:56 AM). The coordinators are as follows:

- Barry Greene of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Massachusetts – Northern Department
- Jim Stinson of the Proctor's Artillery – Mid-Atlantic Department
- Bert Puckett of the 2<sup>nd</sup> South Carolina/3<sup>rd</sup> Dragoons – Southern Department

***Department Coordinator Reports*** were then presented (8:57 AM)

Northern Department Coordinator Barry Greene of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Massachusetts submitted the northern department report (see appendix C)(8:57 AM)

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Mid-Atlantic Department Coordinator Jim Stinson of the Proctor's Artillery submitted the Mid-Atlantic Report orally. The Mid-Atlantic Department is alive and strong. Jim mentioned that the department was very well represented at the Mt. Harmon private tactical event this past year, and that many units were pleased with the activities during the event. The Germantown event is also growing. The Mid-Atlantic is trying to expand the hobby into new venues for both regional and national events. (8:59 AM)

Southern Department Coordinator Bert Puckett of the 2<sup>nd</sup> South Carolina/3<sup>rd</sup> Dragoons submitted the Southern Department report orally. The units of the Southern Department are growing steadily. Camden, which has always been a challenging site to effect change, has finally done so through the advisement of several units in the Southern Department. The event, which has been declining in numbers over the years, is now growing once again. Guilford Courthouse will take place this year in its same location, but the Southern Department is working with the City of Greensboro to move it to a better location. (9:02 AM).

#### ***Election of Officers*** (9:07 AM)

Adjutant Healey of the 4<sup>th</sup> Legionary Corps was nominated and seconded to continue in the office of Adjutant. The vote was unanimous. (9:08 AM)

Janie Ritchie of the United Train of Artillery/2<sup>nd</sup> New Hampshire stepped down as Treasurer. A nomination of Mitch Landin from Proctor's Artillery was made from the floor and seconded. Mitch Landon was elected unanimously as treasurer. (9:09 AM)

#### ***Old Business*** (9:10 AM)

Adjutant Healey of the 4<sup>th</sup> Legionary Corps reported that all member units have complied with the Line's DBA ("Doing Business As") policy. He thanked all of the units for their prompt attention to this matter. (9:14 AM)

#### ***New Business*** (9:29 AM)

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Adjutant Healey of the 4<sup>th</sup> Legionary Corps reminded all units that according to the by-laws of the Line, member units must hand in their proof of insurance no later than 30 days after its expiration. Adjutant Healey mentioned that in the past (and currently) many units do not comply with this bylaw, some going several months without filing their proof of insurance, even after repeated contact from department coordinators. He suggested that units who do not file their insurance within the time allotted by the by-laws be suspended until the problem is rectified. There was a question from the floor as to whether or not the Line could create such a policy. Adjutant Healey made a motion to create a committee chaired by himself and Thad Weaver of the German Regiment to present a policy for units with expired insurance at next year's Continental Line annual meeting. The motion was seconded from the floor and passed. (9:16 AM)

Chairman Allegretto of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragoons, Tallmadge's Troop talked about cleaning up several of the documents on the line website to bring them more in line with the by-laws. He asked that everyone who is eligible (unit commanders and seconds) join the Officer's Mess yahoo group so that they know what is going on within the Line. He also mentioned that links to member unit's website's on the Continental Line website need to be cleaned up. Bob made a motion to form a committee chaired by himself to organize the documents on the Line website to bring them in line with the by-laws. The motion was seconded from the floor and passed. (9:30 AM)

Chairman Allegretto of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragoons, Tallmadge's Troop talked about the lack of 2014 national events in the pipeline. Mike Cecere of the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment mentioned that he and Jim McGaughey of the British Marines would be running a regional event at Gunston Hall, VA this year with the hopes of turning it into a national event in 2014. Southern Coordinator Puckett of the 2<sup>nd</sup> South Carolina/3<sup>rd</sup> Dragoons talked about the "Southern Vedette" event at Allison Woods, NC in 2013. This event will be a tactical scenario under the auspices of the "Race to the Dan". He would hope to eventually bring the event in front of the Line for national consideration. Adjutant Healey of the 4<sup>th</sup> Legionary Corps stated that if a smaller unit has a good site, but they do not think

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they have the experience to run a National event, they should let a bigger more experienced unit and the board of the Line know. The Line is always happy to assist in the planning of events. Ross Kenny of the 6<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Regiment talked about Treat Farm in Bolton Connecticut. It is a private site with 100+ acres of fields and woods. The farmer who owns the site seems open to events. (9:36 AM)

Chairman Allegretto of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragoons, Tallmadge's Troop announced that Eric Nason of the 2<sup>nd</sup> South Carolina has stepped down as editor of the Line's newsletter. The Line is looking for a new editor. (9:45 AM)  
(Note: Kathy Pasko volunteered later in the meeting and is now the new editor)

Adjutant Healey of the 4<sup>th</sup> Legionary Corps announced that the Line is looking for a new website person, but that the current one will continue on until a replacement is found. All those interested should contact him at bob.healey@4thlegionarycorps.com. (9:47 AM)

### ***A recess was taken at 9:48 AM***

***Joint National Event Presentations*** by the Continental Line and the British Brigade were made in the ballroom (10:15 AM)

The 2013 events presented were:

The Battle of Monmouth in Freehold, NJ on June 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. (Sponsors: 2<sup>nd</sup> New Jersey & the 43<sup>rd</sup> of Foot). The new visitor's center will be reopened and Continental Line/British brigade safety rules will apply. (10:16 AM)

Battle of the Hook in Gloucester, VA on October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. (Sponsors: 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia and the 64<sup>th</sup> of Foot). The site contains a historic manor and a large amount of land. Continental Line/British Brigade safety rules will apply. The event looks to include the storming of earthworks and opposed water landings (there are currently 6 boats signed up). (10:28 AM)

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Both events were voted on and approved as national events. (10:40 AM)

The 2014 events presented were:

Gunston Hall in Lorton, VA in early May (Sponsors: 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia, (2<sup>nd</sup>) Coldstream Guards). New management is allowing for a regional event this year and a possible 2014 national event. The site is just South of Mt. Vernon with lots of amenities in the Fairfax County area. A great amount of support was showing for pursuing the event as a national event in 2014. (10:42 AM)

Tom Vogeley of the 1<sup>st</sup> New Jersey Regiment and Jim McGauhy of the British Marines talked about possibly returning to Mt. Harmon in Maryland in 2015 for a national event. A large amount of support from the floor was shown for the site. (10:48 AM)

Michael Grenier of the 64<sup>th</sup> of Foot talked about the possibility of Ft. Niagara in New York in August of 2015 as a national event. (10:49 AM)

Southern Coordinator Puckett of the 2<sup>nd</sup> South Carolina/3<sup>rd</sup> Dragoons gave a short presentation about Allison Woods, NC as a possible national event for either 2014 or 2015 (10:51 AM)

Harry Stevens of the 24<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Militia mentioned that the Battle of Wyoming could be done as a national event for 2014. There was a strong show of support from the floor for this event. (10:56 AM)

***Department meetings took place at 11:00 AM***

***Lunch (12:30 PM)***

***New Business continued...***

The following units were presented to the membership and recognized as Applicant Units:

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3<sup>RD</sup> DRAGOONS was presented by their sponsor, the 4<sup>th</sup> Legionary Corps.  
(1:28 PM)

9<sup>TH</sup> PENNSYLVANIA LIGHT INFANTRY was presented by their sponsor,  
the Pennsylvania State Regiment. (1:35 PM)

WEST JERSEY ARTILLERY was presented by their sponsor, Mott's  
Artillery (1:38 PM)

VON HEER'S PROVOST was presented by their sponsor, Belsunce  
Dragoons (1:47 PM)

The following Applicant Units were presented to the membership to be  
voted on for full membership:

OAKS INDEPENDENT COMPANY OF ARTIFICERS was presented by their  
sponsor, the 11<sup>th</sup> PA. (1:52 PM)

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE GEOGRAPHERS OF THE ARMY were  
presented by their sponsor, the 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia Regiment. (1:58 PM)

4<sup>TH</sup> COMPANY, HERRICKS RANGERS were presented by their sponsor,  
Whitcomb's Rangers (2:00 PM)

The members of the previously mentioned three units left the room. A  
motion was made and seconded from the floor to vote OAKS  
INDEPENDENT COMPANY OF ARTIFICERS into the Line as a member  
unit. The motion passed. (2:06 PM)

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to vote THE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE GEOGRAPHERS OF THE ARMY into the Line as a  
member unit. The motion passed. (2:07 PM)

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to vote 4<sup>TH</sup> COMPANY,  
HERRICK'S RANGERS into the Line as a member unit. The motion  
passed. (2:09 PM)

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***Miscellaneous Business*** (2:10 PM)

Mike Cecere of the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment talked about the fact that there are many state park sites throughout the country with prohibitive artillery rules. He was curious if there was any move throughout the artillery member units to boycott those sites. Billy Myers of Coren's Artillery said that there is no coordinated effort, but by virtue of such prohibitive rules most artillery units do not go to events that take place at those sites. Mike suggested that perhaps infantry and cavalry units should start to boycott those sites as well. Chairman Allegretto of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragoons, Tallmadge's Troop said that it is for reasons such as this that national events are presented and voted on. He did not wish to see the Line as an organization associated with any boycott. (2:10 PM)

Chairman Allegretto of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dragoons, Tallmadge's Troop suggested that two unofficial lists be created; one containing units that have sponsored national events and another containing people who have staffed those events, so that people and units new to sponsoring or running national events might have people to draw upon for advice. Adjutant Healey of the 4<sup>th</sup> Legionary Corps advised that the Line should be careful with such a list, lest it be misconstrued as being official and creating a "good old boys club" of battalion commanders. Chairman Allegretto assured it would not be used in such a manner. (2:16 PM)

A motion to adjourn the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Continental Line, Inc. was made and seconded from the floor. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote (2:19 PM).

**Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Healey  
Adjutant  
The Continental Line, Inc.**

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**APPENDIX A**

**2013 Annual Meeting of the Continental Line, Inc.**

**Agenda**

**Friday - January 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00 – 7:30 PM      CL Dept. & Board Dinner Meeting, **Hotel Restaurant**
- 7:30 – 9:00 PM      Round Table Meeting - Review of Rock Ford Plantation and  
Oriskany & The Future of the Hobby, **Freedom 1 & 2**

**Saturday - January 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 – 8:30      Registration, Raffle Ticket Sales, **Front Door/Lobby**
- 8:30 – 9:15      Call to Order, **Freedom Ballroom**
- Opening Prayer (optional)
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Unit Roll Call (hand out voting cards)
- Treasurers Report
- 2012 Minutes
- 9:15 – 10:00      Presentation of New Coordinators, **Freedom Ballroom**
- Committee and Department Reports
- Election of CL Officers (Adjutant & Treasurer)

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10:00 – 11:00 Joint CL – BB National Event Presentations, **Freedom Ballroom**

11:00 – 12:00 Regional Department Meetings, **Independence & Freedom Ballrooms, Freedom V**

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch (CL/BB Department Meetings working lunch), **Freedom Ballroom**

CL and BB working Board Lunch, **Freedom V**

1:30 – 3:00 Old Business

- Insurance “Doing Business As” (DBAs) additions

New Business

- Insurance
- Safety
- Lack of 2014 national events
- Newsletter

Applicant Unit Presentation

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Continental Light Dragoons
- 9<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Light Infantry
- West Jersey Artillery

New Unit Presentations & Voting

- Oaks Independent Company of Artificers
- Department of the Geographer to the Army
- 4<sup>th</sup> Company, Herrick Ranger’s (John Warner’s Company)

Misc. Business

Raffle

3:00 Meeting Adjourned

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**Joint Continental Line/British Brigade National Events**

**2013**

**235<sup>th</sup> Battle of Monmouth** - June 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

Monmouth Battlefield State Park  
350 Freehold-Englishtown Rd.  
Freehold Township, NJ

Sponsoring Units: 2<sup>nd</sup> New Jersey & 43<sup>rd</sup> of Foot

**Battle of the Hook** – October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

The Inn at Warner Hall  
4750 Warner Hall Rd.  
Gloucester, VA

Sponsoring Units: 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia & 64<sup>th</sup> of Foot

**Proposed Joint Continental Line/British Brigade National Events**

**2014**

**Gunston Hall** – May 2014

10709 Gunston Rd.  
Lorton, VA 22079

Sponsoring Units: 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia, Coldstream (2<sup>nd</sup>) Guards, & Royal Marines

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**APPENDIX B**

<b>The Continental Line Treasurer's Report - December 31, 2012</b>	
<b>1. Beginning Balance JAN. 1, 2012</b>	<b>\$14,636.32</b>
<b>2. Income</b>	
Annual Meeting Registration money 2012	\$6,980.00
Raffle proceeds - 2012 Annual Meeting	\$1,100.00
Donation money 2nd MA & 2nd PA	\$450.00
Adjustment on Posting	\$0.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$8,530.50</b>
<b>3. Expenses</b>	
Meeting Expenses Annual Meeting 2012	\$4,763.53
Rockford Plantation CL event cost	\$386.56
PA Corporation Filing (every 10 years)	\$70.00
Website Hosting Charges	\$107.40
BOD Liability Insurance 2013	\$724.00
Gelston Castle CL event cost	\$569.92
Domain Name annual fee	\$12.99
Misc Adjutant cost (Corporate Book)	\$42.80
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,677.20</b>
<b>4. Ending Balance</b>	
December 31st 2012	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$16,489.62</b>

Money for the 2013 meeting is not reflected on this report.

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## **APPENDIX C**

### **Northern Department Report**

Northern Department Report to the Continental Line

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The Northern Department of the CL started 2012 with thirty-seven active units and five applicant units. At the CL meeting last year we had one unit transfer to the Mid Atlantic Department and two units successfully join the line – Simon Hunt’s Company of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Middlesex and The Belsunce Dragoons. This increased the number of active units to thirty-eight. Of the three remaining applicant units two decided not to pursue membership at this time and one, Capt. John Warner’s company, Colonel Herrick’s Regiment (commonly known as 4<sup>th</sup> Co’y Herrick’s Rangers), should be present today to be voted upon for membership into the Line and would bring the number of units in the Northern Department to thirty nine

It was an active year in the Northern Department with several large local events and a National CL Event in the Department. Dighton, Millbury, Hubbardton and the Fort at No. 4 were all very well attended. The Continental Line event – Oriskany – was well attended and a great event. Thanks to Mitch Lee and his staff for organizing the event. A number of Northern Department Units traveled to the CL event – Rockford Plantation – and again had a wonderful time at a well-attended and well-planned event. There were many more local events than I can list here and the units of the Northern Department had very full schedules.

The Northern Department Newsletter is one of the communication avenues we employ and thanks to Bernie Taber and all her State Contributors the newsletter is a wealth of knowledge about the hobby, local history and events.

The Northern Department Meeting was held at Old Sturbridge Village this year. Twenty-seven of the thirty-eight active units participated and we had over eighty attendees. The discussion during the meeting was very productive. We discussed new events for 2013 and possible events for 2014. We also discussed past events reviewing safety guidelines and event logistics.

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In closing the Northern Department is in good order and the member units of the Department are in good spirits and condition. They are communicating openly and cooperating in scheduling and attending local events. The coming year should be one filled with fun, camaraderie and adventure. I look forward to another year as the Department Coordinator.

YHS,

Barry Greene – Captain Col. Bailey's 2<sup>nd</sup> MAs Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Co'y