

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Continental Line Meeting

January 6, 2018 Crowne Plaza Hotel, King of Prussia, PA

Meeting called to order at 8:45 by Chairman Bert Puckett

- Opening Prayer – Jimmy Casco
- Pledge of Allegiance – Erick Nason
- Unit Roll Call – 51 units, 2 proxies
- 2017 Minutes - posted on website February 2017 – motion to accept, seconded, voted to accept - unanimous
- Treasurer's report – Mitch Landin (see attached) – motion to accept, seconded, voted to accept - unanimous

9:00 - 10:00 Committee and Department Reports, Freedom Ballroom

- Compliance Committee – Thad Weaver
 - History of committee and members , Thad Weaver and three dept. coordinators (See attached) Motioned to accept, seconded, votes to accept - unanimous
- Presentation from Department Coordinators
 - Northern Department Report - Dave Bernier – last year was very busy with numerous events, attended Brandywine. Sponsoring 4th, new Light Dragoons. Knox's Artillery will be dropped. School of the officer was held at Fort #4 event.
 - Mid Atlantic Department Report - Steve Santucci – Began at Washington Crossing Park, also had school of officer (combination of field and classroom) Morristown, Jockey Hollow, Mount Vernon (huge public turnout at Mount Vernon) Short Hills (BAR/BB/CL) site was very pleased, 245th is in the works. June – Monmouth, Brandywine in Sept. was very hot. Very good feedback and was part of the original battlefield. Mr Jack Asher has passed away at 93, big supporter of Germantown. Many other local and regional events. Rounded out year with the Washington Crossing event in spite of issues. Ended year with Trenton event.
 - Southern Department Report - Erick Nason – have an event every month coming up. We start our year early after Charlestown digs out from storm. Gets warmer during the year. Latta Plantation had a great turnout, best in 25 years. Had a school of artillery in September. Working with the park in Camden and had a good turnout. Preservation Trust is working with southern units to identify revolutionary war battlefields that need to be preserved.
- Election of CL Chairman
 - Candidate - Dave Bernier – NDC currently, from 3rd MA has been reeanacting for over 40 years. First event was in Dalton, MA. Communication is key to keeping the hobby strong. Need to align the safety rules with the British Brigade.
 - Candidate - Ellie Hutchinson – currently adjutant of CL, ordinary person, wants to serve the hobby because she loves it.

- Bob Healey – explanation of voting process, will be done by secret ballot. Question from the floor – what will happen to their positions? The positions will be filled from the membership. Candidates have been asked ahead of time to fill the spots, but they still need to be voted on and nominations can be accepted from the floor.
- Nominations from the Floor – Bob Healy, he declined.
- Ellie Hutchinson is the new chairman.
- Election of Adjutant to fill the position vacated by Ellie Hutchinson
 - Steve Santucci – nominated, seconded and accepted. Unanimously voted.

New Units Presentation

- South Carolina Militia – Sponsored by 2nd South Carolina
 - Erick Nason, Steve Hickman – good support of Erick Nason. Has been reenacting since he was a kid. Wants to portray a militia unit in the south during the revolutionary war. They have 20 active members, ages 40 and under and 5 camp followers. They’ve been getting good reports from the people who they work with and the public.
- 1st Light Dragoons – Sponsored by 2nd Light Dragoons, Tallmadge’s
 - Bob Allegretto, They have been riding with Tallmadges for a while, working on the insurance policy and will have it for the season. Chris Trical, Gary O’Brien they have been split off from 1st VA and feel they are ready to create an independent unit. They have 8 mounted riders. Would like to thank 1st VA for their mentoring.

10:00 - 10:30 Event Tables Session - Separate Room (Freedom 5&6) - Organizers to represent events and hand out information at the event tables.

10:30 - 11:30 Regional Department Meetings

11:30 - 12:30 Joint CL - BB National Event Presentations, Freedom Ballroom

- 2018 **(Vote to sanction two events as CL/BB events – 1 vote per unit)**
 - Monmouth – 240th, June 15,16,17, 2018, Monmouth NJ. Modern amenities w/minimum intrusion. Mike Timparanro Good terrain, reenact select parts of the battle. New scenarios. Sponsore 3rd PA, Royal Marines. We need to use this site or lose the sites. Site loves this event. Jim M. – (boards will align how we votes)–British is already supporting. Friends of Monmouth.org Question from the floor on alcohol – if they don’t see it, they don’t know about it. It needs to be in period containers. Question on bathrooms – portajohns will be cleaned out regularly and communication between vendor and site personnel. Comment – don’t be stupid about using alcohol.
 - Fort Ti, July 21 and 22, 2018 - Bob Allegretto, Paul Novotny – Fort Ti is Defiance and Mount Independence. Capturing of Mount Independence. This is a repeat event Redoubt can be used. All private as Fort Ti is a private non-profit site. Fort Staff commentary– based around 1777 of British siege of the Fort. Week-long siege.

Regulars and Militia inside the fort fighting off the British. American forces must get away before getting captured. Mount Hope American retreat in face of British Advance force. Add more artillery. Will also use the lower point of the peninsula. More information can be at CL Website and ReenactorINFO.org which contain links to the fort website. Fort will take care of all the logistics. Weather has been pretty good in July. The Americans get the fort. Crown forces in wooded area which has been cleared. Shuttle service runs from British camp to the fort.

- Mount Harmon – Sept 15,16. 2018- Tom Vogeley, Jim McGaughey, Ken Gavin, Malcolm McWilliams – Site staff is good to work with. Site is surrounded on three sides by water. Plantation home on site available for tours. The site has recently added a tobacco farm. It is not available to be burned. Trails all over. Very active event. Redoubts and earthworks with 3 gun emplacements will be built. Will be able to sign up for different patrols through the woods. Boat landings and we will be able to have boat landings. We will be sending units out on missions, can lay ambushes, etc. Friday school tours about 5 classes who will be coming through. Would like to have a garden party in the boxwood garden. Questions – road going in? Only a single lane road in and out – there are pullovers on the way. French and Spanish troops are welcome. Question: Reenactor parking? There are shuttles from the lot to the camps. Question: Does this site have enough room to correctly portray distances? Site has plenty of space so there is no need to be on top of each other. Question: Where are the horses? Not yet determined? Question: Will we be able to use the site kitchen again? Yes. Question: Is there modern camping as well: Yes there is a spot for it. Question: Can people arrive in the morning as long as the cars are out of the site by the designated time. Question: Is this a Sept event? Yes , this is a September event, not October. No Fed or State authority on site. Run by BB/CL rules

2018	CL - Yes	CL - NO	CL - Abstain
Monmouth	37		14
Fort TI	26		25
Mount Harmon	31		20

TWO EVENTS SANCTIONED AS NATIONAL EVENTS - MONMOUTH AND MOUNT HARMON

2019 Events Presentation

- Mount Vernon – May 4 & 5, 2019 Jim McGaughey, Roy Young , Rob Schenck – They are very grateful to the CL for past participation. They get a very large turnout of spectators. This has become a destination event for Mount Vernon. Doing two actions per day. Great chance to be at the actual house of George Washington. Not just to

have fun, but this is really important and Mount Vernon treats it seriously. Mount Vernon also has a great marketing to promote event. (will still have 2018 event) Mountvernon.org/revwarweekend Stipend is offered. \$26 muskets, \$50 horse, \$125 for 5 man artillery crew. Hay and water need to be ordered ahead of time 8 weeks ahead of event. Question: 2nd of April is the sign up deadline. Survey Demo? Geographers will do this. Stipend for women demo? They are open to the idea. Extended hours and discounts for reenactors. Tom Cruise and Dan Snyder came to the event – Rumored to be true.

- Battle of the Hook – Marshall – not anytime soon. Site is up for sale, looking for a new site 2021 possible time frame.
- Prelude to Yorktown – Jamestown Beach Park, Williamsburg, VA 9/21/22 2019 Reenactment of Spencer's. Right on the river. Play by BB/CL rules. Mike Cecere 7th VA and Jim McGaughey Question: can we use boats? This will be looked into.

12:30 - 1:30 - Joint Lunch for both CL/BB - Freedom Ballroom

1:30 - 4:00 - CL Meeting, PM Session, Freedom Ballroom

Past Commanders Presentation – Jim Garner, Brad Chetwynd

Applicant Units up for Full Membership:

- 4th Connecticut, Bacon's Coy - sponsored by First NY McCracken's Co. Nick Salrymple- have had a good year with the group, they have met all the requirements.
 - No discussion, moved, seconded, unanimous approval
- 5th MA Impression be adopted by the 13th Continentals – Eric Trevail – would like to add 5th MA as their second impression so they can participate in later war events.
 - No vote needed (
- 6th North Carolina - Sponsored by 2nd South Carolina - have found their impressions to be accurate and safe, travel, active in regional, step up when something needs to be done.
 - Safety issues have been fixed, recommended they be voted in. Moved, seconded, voted unanimous approval
- NJ Lights – Sponsored by 2nd South Carolina– Erick Nason – have found their impressions to be accurate and are safe, travel, active in regional , step up when something needs to be done.
 - Moved, seconded, voted unanimous approval

Old Business

Website is being updated by Dana Rock -

New Business

- Camden, SC and Savannah, GA 240th - Erick Nason
 - 240th Camden – will be on the original, no longer owned by NPS, owned by Historic Camden. Will be close to the original condition for the 240th. There will be a night action. Few spectators, designed for the reenactors. Would like to see a good turnout.
 - Cowpens – 240th – land owner has passed, but there is a lot of interest
 - Savannah, GA 240th – the city of Savannah will support this.
- 2027 - Saratoga 250th - Mitch Lee designee, Steve Santucci, - property has been secured by Mitch Lee. Working with locals and setting things in motion.

- Safety proposal – Mike Barbieri, Whitcomb’s Rangers
 - Proposed Amendment to Safety Regulations

“Whenever a unit is closing with, or being closed with by opposing forces, for any reasons, once the opposing force is within 10 yards, all the units’ weapons shall be brought to the vertical and shall remain there until either the opposing force is passed through, passed through, or, if an error has been made, there is resolution.”

Context: One of the most frustrating experiences is when a superior force has to stop its advance because a very small number of the opposing force refuses to move. For the public, it is a foolish-looking occurrence, especially when the superior force has to withdraw.

DISCUSSION: This was a major problem with a British unit blocking a couple of units from passing according to the current British Regulations. There is a joint summer meeting and this will be discussed with the British at this time and we will try to bring a resolution to this. This is just information right now. Motion made to put this into committee. Seconded and motion passed unanimously.

- 250th Events – Steve Santucci -
 - Steve is on 250th committee for the State of NJ, NJ Historical Commission. We need to be part of the planning of the celebrations and 250th reenactments. Department coordinators to make their members aware of the possibilities.
- Upcoming CL 35th Birthday Celebration Planning – Steve Santucci – we should start talking about an anniversary for the 35th CL Birthday planning. Locate a suitable site that is centrally located. If there are any ideas or suggestions from the membership, the board will be listening.

Misc. Business

- Revolutionary War Artillery Conference in American Museum Revolution in Yorktown, January 13, 14, 2018 – hotel rates, demos, classroom instruction, private tours

- New Impression – Mike Barbieri, Whitcomb’s Ranger
 - Proposed impression – The Corps of Invalids and Associated Exempts –
 - What am I going to do when I get too old to get on the field? There are many of us who are too old to carry a musket onto the field, but would still like to be part of the hobby. They can still come to an event and participate in camp activities. This is for those who want to participate in the hobby and who want to retain their military impression. This would give them an opportunity to attend events and still be useful. This would only be informal, command can be determined at the event. Event organizers should be aware this group might exist. When the troops go out to the field, the Corps would form together as a separate company as camp guards, assist camp followers, crowd control, answer questions, talk to the crowds, narrate, etc. If anyone is interested get in touch with Mike Barbieri. The email is Ottercreek@vermontel.net

- Samantha Vogeley – President of 2nd NJ. Has created a CL Laundry and Women’s Activities club. Promote an inclusive and safe environment for women’s activities. Nurses, soap making, shirt making, laundresses, cooking, crafts, candle making. This has been very successful in the past at Mount Harmon. This will provide ladies an outlet to teach the public about the roles of the ladies in the Revolutionary War. Please contact them to come to your events. There is a Facebook page. Contact Samantha Vogeley by email at pickle42986@hotmail.com

- Bert Puckett’s Farewell address
- Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 PM (60 minutes ahead of time)
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