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Greetings All,

Now that most of the snow has melted and the warm days become more frequent we start to think about the next event season. For some of us our events started in February here in the MidAtlantic and I know the Southern Department never really stops. We have three Line events this season and I hope to see a good showing from all the Departments as two of them are central to all the Divisions and the one in South is in a great location. Boone Homestead is in PA and Monmouth is in NJ. With Gloucester in the Yorktown VA area that gives us all a good reason to travel a distance. We all know the price of fuel will make some of these events a little more costly and it will take a bit more planning on our part to arrive without having to second mortgage the house to get there and home again

For those who were not at last year's meeting we have made a few changes for the next one. It will be held at the Crown Plaza in Valley Forge PA on January 10- 2009 and Our friends from the British Brigade will also be holding their meeting at the same time at the Crown Plaza and this will allow us all to better coordinate events and support the same ones so as to have a larger turn out on both sides. In this matter we will be asking for larger sponsored shows to be presented a bit earlier at the next meeting so that at a working lunch for the officers there will enough time to discuss the shows and for the members to be able to vote in a more timely manner on which ones to support. We also need to have anyone who wishes to do a power point to please bring their own unit as the rental for the presentation last year cost us all \$600.00 that was a real shocker. The British Brigade will also be coordinating the Sutlers, who we will once again try out at the meeting to see if there is enough interest from the membership to make it profitable for them to set up. We will also be having a real sit down lunch which will not be in the same room as the meeting. A chance to move about and be more social with those we haven't seen in awhile. That was all the good parts, now we will need our members to be more attentive to the registration process and there will be a cutoff date. After that there will be a penalty for our

forgetfulness. This will all be posted when all the final information is entered on the website.

Now for those who like airing our dirty laundry on the RevList . We still have a tendency to think a good practical joke is a great idea at 2AM . But when it's not very well received the next morning , because someone's Colors have been relocated or the loaf of bread in the artillery tube seemed so much fun at the time , all this does is create animosity and hurt that is always creating more strife than necessary. There was an event early this year that the joke turned into vandalism and the police ended up involved and a number of people ended getting home 6 hours later than they wanted. And for the nice people who drove many hours that evening and again in the following days to bring back to the event site the missing items to correct the rest of the problem you have all our best for making the wrong a better situation. We all have to remember that all the equipment that is in the camps and parking lots are someones personal property and we should not have to worry about our own people and public at the same time. Please take care or we will have an ever escalating problem at our events for we all know the practical joke means no harm until you're the brunt of it.

On another not so happy note I have given the Department Coordinators the go ahead to start contacting the none compliant units with registered letters notifying them of loss of membership in The CL. We have very few requirements to maintain membership and with our numbers as small as they are we all know who belongs to what unit or someone in a group so there is no reason to not to be able to do a census form or produce an insurance certificate in a reasonable and timely fashion to the Department Coordinator. You all must remember that it is the Departments that present a unit for membership and so the power to correct a unit lies in each of the regions and as such the correction is up to them. The Floor as a whole only votes in support of a Motion made by a Sponsor Unit to allow entrance to the Line.

A note to all the Sutlers, please remove the flea market items and the various array of items that have nothing to do with our time period of the 18th

century. Walking the Suttlers has always been a large part of the big events and it has been a long time in coming that we now need to jury you all because you have not been able to do it yourselves. The plastic cap guns and wooded cap locks might sell well to the visitors and I've heard it all about having to make a living, but please do it with more period correct items. A few good Merchants are far better than many with just stuff. Yes you pay for the Privilege to set up at an event but you also take up space and services that could also be used in the camps. Enough said for now.

In closing I hope that our 21st year is as successful as all our previous years and we are the mouse that roared. Monmouth Battlefield will be kept open until after the event but once again we will lose another part of our Nations Heritage as of July 1st 2008 as the State of NJ closes the park and once again shows lack of respect for the men who died on that ground to preserve a New Nation . Please make every effort to attend at what will most likely be the last display of Living Historians on that site.

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