



Commander's Message

To the Membership:

I have been talking to the contact person from the *Mead School* in Ansonia. The 5CR School Show will be Friday, June 15th. **Please make every effort to attend. This is an important event for us.**

For the past few years, Phyllis has done this show and she gave them our name to fill in for her. The faculty and children do this every year and they are familiar with Colonial Demo's, so they expect a first class show. I know the 5th can deliver! They're looking for a lot of civilian demonstrations. We'll work with them but I made it clear that our schedule for demo's is what we're comfortable with and will be the best one they've ever seen.

There are about 250 children, 5th graders only, and it will be an all day event. They would like to have in the demonstration:

- A Whitesmith Jim F
- A Surgeon Ed
- Clothing Demo Tom A.
- A toy Demo (Phyllis can do)
- 18th Cent. Cooking
- A Blacksmith (scratch that)

I told them not to worry, we'll do a good job. Please let me know if you can attend by contacting me via email or call 203-237-9764. The phone tree will be going out soon on this event and the PA event in May.

Thank You
Tom

Sayings of Poor Richard:
Sell no virtue to purchase wealth,
nor liberty to purchase power.

Campaign 2001

- April 21-22 Brigade School, New Windsor
Cantonment Vails Gate NY
- May 19-20 Whitpain Township – 300th
- May 28 Memorial Day Parade, Ridgefield CT
- June 2-3 BAR Encampment, Wethersfield CT
- June 15 School Show – Mead School, Ansonia
- June 24 Bristol CT, Recruitment Show/Camp
- July 21-22 Fort No. 4, Charlestown NH
- July 28-29 British Occupation of Staten Island
Historic Richmond Town, Staten Island NY
- July 28-29 Nathan Hale Homestead, Coventry CT
- Aug 4-5 Old Newgate Prison, E. Granby CT
- Sept 9 Stratford Historical Society, Stratford CT
- Sept ? Battle of Fairfield, Fairfield CT
- Oct 27-28 BAR Battle of White Plains, Pound
Ridge Reservation, Lewisboro NY
- Nov 17-18 Fort Lee NY
- Dec 29-30 Trenton NJ



In 1741, Andrew Bradford of Pennsylvania published the first American magazine. It was titled "The American Magazine, or A Monthly View of the Political State of the British Colonies," and lasted three issues.

The 64th Regiment and the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment are pleased to present: Whitpain, PA Township 300th Anniversary Encampment May 19 & 20, 2001

The Event

Whitpain Township is celebrating its 300th anniversary this year. The Whitpain Township Revolutionary War Reenactment is the crowning event of the year long celebration. The event will be very public friendly and the township is hoping to draw a large audience from the local community. It is our hope that the event will be both educational and entertaining.

The Location

Prophecy Creek Park is the site of one of Whitpain Township's original homesteads. The site was recently purchased by the community and features a large mansion on 90 acres of land. Most of the property consists of open farm fields, tree breaks, ponds, and large lawns. Prophecy Creek Park is very easy to reach, as it is only 15 minutes from the Fort Washington exit of the PA Turnpike and 20 minutes from the Norristown exit. From Whitpain Township it takes about 45 minutes to reach center city Philadelphia or the mall at King of Prussia. There are numerous historic sites within a short drive (15 minutes) of the site including; Hope Lodge, Militia Hill, and Peter Wentz Farm. The site also boasts accessibility to the many other Philadelphia area historical attractions.

Site features:

- Army camps at opposite sides of the park. Both over 600' by 400.' There is also space available for "irregular" or picket camps.
- Sutlers camp located between the two army camps.
- On-site parking for participant vehicles.
- A 1000' by 1200' battlefield.
- Over 60 acres of horse trails available for cavalry units.

Township Resources

Whitpain Township has already contracted for the following:

- 10 portable toilets in each camp and 20 between the camps. Each will be cleaned daily.
- 20' dumpsters for each camp and one between the camps.
- 500-gallon water "buffaloes" in each camp and one between the camps. Each will be refilled daily. There is also well water available between the camps.
- Dry straw and seasoned cordwood. There is also an extensive amount of scrap and brushwood available on site.
- Police, Fire Police, EMT, and Fire Department personnel.

Public Interaction! Demonstrations

In addition to the "main event" of the battle, the township wants to encourage units to perform educational demonstrations for the public. These could include unit drill, weapon demonstrations, crafts, cooking, dance, medicine, or other aspect of 18th century life. Whitpain Township has allotted several thousand dollars which it wishes to contribute to units that put on an educational demonstration (note-the final amount is awaiting the results of corporate sponsorship requests). Part of the park has been set aside for these public demonstrations. However, there will be a limited number of time slots available for units that wish to use the public demonstration area.

The Battle

The battlefield is a rectangular field that used to be used for farming. A broad wood line runs down the length of the field and divides it in half. The field has not been planted for several years (it has been brush hogged and will be again before the event,). Whitpain Township will use a bulldozer to build entrenchments if we wish.

The battle is intended to be an educational event for the public. The scenarios are designed to be long battles that demonstrate the development of a battle through its various stages. The battles will develop slowly and neither army will deploy all of their forces at the onset of the battle.

The Schedule (tentative)

Friday, May 18th - 12 Noon Registration Opens

Saturday, May 19th - 7:00 AM Morning Gun

9:30 AM Camps authentic and open to the public. No vehicles permitted in historic area.

10:00 AM Craft and military demonstrations.

11:00 AM First Battle begins.

1:00 PM First Battle ends. Craft and military demonstrations restart.

3:30 PM Second Battle begins.

5:30 PM Second Battle ends. Units dismissed.

7:30 PM Evening entertainment.

Sunday, May 20th - 8:00 AM Morning Gun

9:30 AM Camps open to the public.

10:00 AM Craft and military demonstrations.

Noon Third Battle begins.

2:30 PM Third Battle ends.



From the Adjutant's Desk

Some thoughts on recruiting for educational portrayal. After talking to other re-enacting groups and viewing their portrayals last year, it is apparent that there is some room for improvement in our camp. While our military display is unequaled we are currently lacking artisans. The military life we portray excites many of our visitors, especially adult males and boys, however there is a world of education to be had from period crafts. Two to four people working at their stations would better complete the picture of life in the 1700's. While certain artisans were probably not in the military camps, if our goal is to educate the public on this state's colonial history, civilian life should be demonstrated...because if not here, where else? We now offer cooking, which is a terrific draw for women of all ages. While in the past we have had ladies demonstrating candle making, spinning, carding, etc., those ladies have moved on. We need to replace them. Like our revolution it will not take big numbers to excel in this area. Two to four ladies or men working their art is all it will take. The difficulty as I see it is two fold. Finding interested people and teaching them their chosen craft. As far as ladies, our newest member, Sandra Tarbox, will add greatly to our presentations. Francine in the kitchen does a fantastic job, but she can use a break and our newest ladies may choose to help her. But how to recruit outside of our unit, notify me with some of your thoughts. Here are mine. Soon I will be sending out an invitation to all of this state's historical societies. Joe Hukill will be instrumental in the actual delivery to these groups. Upon choosing a 5th CR show that will give us a central location I will send out a "meet the 5CR" invitation. This I will ask all historical society's to publish in their newsletter. Why would they do that, you ask? Because I will publish one of their events in ours as space permits. I will sell it as a promo that will reach many of our members and will appear on our now FAMOUS website! We can turn on our natural charm and glean names to network and open our arms to any who have been reluctant to actually

inquire about re-enacting or miss us at various shows. Many of these historical groups contain older ladies who have maintained skills that can be used in our portrayals, ie. lace making, needle work, soap making, etc., over the years. I believe Bristol with it's five thousand visitor turn out and it's central location with a wood park setting is currently the preferred choice. As far as the men, we can also bring our skills to start this effort. Jim Freebairn & Ed do a great job and many of us watch and admire. But surely some of us can demonstrate fire-starting skills, leather-working, clothes mending, among other things.

There are other avenues to pursue and you are welcome to take them. The board will assist you in any attempts to bring in a handful of interested artisans. With the interest in 225th anniversary dates and slow but steady growth in the hobby we must strike and take advantage now. The new recruiting package, thanks to Tom Linsky, will help all who sign but they must make their mark first.

Our commander has stressed at board meetings the importance of recruiting. It is the board's belief that we will succeed in this endeavor as we have in all others in our groups' rich history.

Your's in colonial spirit,
Tom Angels, Adjutant



Germantown October 4th:

A British Regiment charging the patriots "On our charging they gave way on all sides (Lieutenant Martin Hunter wrote) but again and again renewed the attack with fresh troops and greater force. We charged them twice till the battalion was so reduced by killed and wounded, that the bugle was sounded to retreat...This was the first time we had retreated before the Americans, and it was with great difficulty to get our men to obey our orders. By this time General Howe had come up, and seeing the battalion retreating, all broken, he got into a passion and exclaimed 'For shame, light infantry ! I never saw you retreat before. Form! Form! It's only a scouting party.' However he was soon convinced it was more than a scouting, as the heads of the enemy's columns soon appeared. One, with three pieces of cannon in their front, immediately fired at the crowd that was standing with General Howe under a large chestnut tree. I think I never saw people enjoy a charge of grape before, but we really all felt pleased to see the enemy make such an appearance and to hear the grape rattle about the commander- in -chief's ears, after he had accused us of running away from a scouting party. He rode off immediately full speed. (the big baby)