



# The Company Informer

Rebellion to Tyrants is Obedience to God

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## Commander's Message

When I was at the White Plains Event this past Oct., Sgt. Johnson and myself had assembled early as the "troop to assembly" was being played. Steve told me to turn around and look up the hill. There we saw about 14 men at arms heading our way. They were all 5CR members!

This has been a big year for new members into the 5CR. I know the veteran members will help them in this hobby as best as they can. That's what our organization is all about, teaching the people that come to see us and guiding the ones that want to be part of us.

I look forward in serving the 5CR next year and would like to see the membership grow even more. Coupled with our growing membership is our strong financial base. I want to thank all the members that participated in shows this year, especially the paid shows. That's what keeps us going every year.

2002 is going to be a very busy year for re-enactors. I'm asking all of you to make every effort to attend the Ridgefield show (April 27-28). This is the start of the 5CR once again sponsoring large events as we have in the past. I also ask for your attendance at our yearly school show and Memorial Parade.

One final note, Tom Linskey has invited Henry Cook to talk in detail about 18<sup>th</sup> Cent. Clothing. This is free to the membership and definitely worth the trip to Portland CT in Jan.

Have a wonderful Christmas Holiday and A Happy and Safe New Year!

God Bless

Tom Traue

## Campaign 2002

- Jan 12 Henry Cook Lecture  
10-2pm Portland Library
- Jan 20 Annual Meeting  
Newtown, Cryus Booth Library
- Feb 23 **\*\*NEW DATE\*\***  
General Washington Ball
- April 7 Solomon Goff House Drill Day 12-4pm
- April 27-28 Battle of Ridgefield\* 5CR/BAR
- May/June School Show (tbd)
- May Memorial Day Parade (tbd)
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Groton Parade & Summer Picnic
- Aug 3-4 Newgate Prison
- Oct 5-6 West Point/ Fort Montgomery
- Oct 19-20 Burning of Kingston NY (CL)

**\*Ridgefield Event – We are the coordinators of this event.**



*Excerpt from Thomas Paine's "The American Crisis"*

THESE are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated.

**Check out the Fifth's new message board at [www.5cr.org](http://www.5cr.org) to participate in cyber discussion with fellow members.**

Jesse Effros will be filming the 5<sup>th</sup> during the year to compile footage to produce a promotional video. It will be used to “sell” the 5<sup>th</sup> and is a valuable tool. The director has enlisted a friend for editing purposes, and the finished product will be ready for fall. LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

The 5CR library will be open for lending March 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a self-serve arrangement with ALL books to be picked up and returned to the home of Tom Angels in Bristol. Call for directions. He will meet you in his palatial estate. A reference list will be published containing over 300 books. Many were donated back in the years 1974-1985.

WE are currently looking for a site to deposit for public viewing, all 5CR artifacts. A secure historical society or museum is desired. Ask around and submit possible locations to Commander Traue. Also, please return any artifacts at the annual meeting or its running the gauntlet for you poor fellow!!

From the adjutants desk:

The 5CR newspaper will be published in time for the George Washington Ball. I will need some assistance with its layout. If you have any experience to lend call Tom Angels for a mid January meeting at his west wing office in the Angels Estate. Food and drink provided. It will be two-sided and about 20”x40” size. All articles are gathered and ready for layout.

## Member Profile ...

Donna Corio

Our newest member, who’s not named Thomas, is Donna, who attended and wrote out a check at the December general meeting. She is a member of the Lebanon town militia and the Stanley Whitman house in Farmington. She is a museum teacher and researcher at the Webster house and transcribes journals, (someone has to do it). She grows flax and has helped in, are you ready.... Silk worm production. While January and February are her busy season she can answer or help you with a pattern purchase when time allows. Her husband Tom, (gotcha) Sal may attend the G.W. ball. We welcome and look forward to her thoughts and experiences she can lend to our unit. Welcome to the ever growing 5CR family.

An aside: Ladies can order “Back to Basics” to assist with 18<sup>th</sup> Century home skills for \$26.95 from Reader’s Digest publications.

**Quartermaster Reports** – 50 pounds of powder will be ordered for the upcoming campaign. All soldiers will receive one can free when you attend your first show. For those who did not receive one in 2001 and participated, call John Ahrens. Additional cans are sold at cost to you, courtesy of the 5<sup>th</sup> CR. This is just one reminder of the benefits the unit offers due to its past and currently hard working staff and you the member. Powder in King George’s world is \$16 to \$22 a pound!!

Also, John has a regimental coat and a wooden lantern for sale. Call him for more info.

**Greetings from the Paymasters desk.** Financially we have had a pretty good year; we have been able to meet all of our operating expenses and have a bit left over. As I mentioned at the last meeting, one of the big changes I made this year was to implement a more detailed expense accounting system. Really it is nothing more than a few spreadsheets, tied to a report page, but it does allow me to identify exactly where our money is going and where it is coming from. I plan to continue this practice, and pass it on to future paymasters. As always if you have any questions or concerns about “the books” feel free to contact me.

On the subject of our web page: We continue to get positive responses to our web presence. In the spirit of continuous improvement I am re-designing the web page over the winter. If you have a suggestion or idea please let me know.

The future looks great for the 5<sup>th</sup>, I am excited to see all of the new faces this year, and look forward to spending more time with you all in the new season. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a very happy New Year.

~Paul Carmen

Where's the party, by George?

This year's ball promises to be memorable. We have music by our own Linda Stevens and Peter Liebert will lead in Contra Dancing (no experience necessary.) There will be expanded award ceremonies. Our host is most gracious and you can check out the restaurant on their website,

[www.hideawayroadhouse.com](http://www.hideawayroadhouse.com) There is much history at this location...

"Sometime in the mid 1800's, J.B.Merrow opened a country store. ☼ His son Joseph M. Merrow in 1863 at the age of 15, was serving as a pharmacist compounding prescriptions, ⚖ and was the local postmaster, 📧 with an appointment from Abraham Lincoln! That country store, and eventually the post office 📧 - were located in the building eventually to be (are you ready

for this...) -- The Hideaway Roadhouse!"

This is a dressy affair, whether in 18<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> century clothing. Cocktails start at 5:30 p.m. Please arrive early to enjoy shared company in the first floor tavern. Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. sharp. The 5<sup>th</sup> is buying dessert.

Directions: Merrow Rd is off of Rte 32 just south of a residential mobil park if heading east on Rte 195, which is the Uconn exit off I-84. When arriving at the restaurant park in the upper lot on the right. (there is also a lot across the street with sufficient lighting) Enter the dining entrance through the large wooden door and take a left down the stairs to the tavern room while our hosts prepare the dining area.

Menu choices:

Prime Rib 14oz \$18.95

Choice of baked Potato or Garlic Mashed Red Potato & Baby Carrots

Hideaway Filet of Sole \$18.95

Topped with an exquisite Lobster Newburg Sauce

Veal Piccata \$17.95

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# NOTICE

This is a date change from the 24<sup>th</sup> (a Sunday) to a Saturday evening dinner on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Please RSVP by February 1<sup>st</sup> with the number attending and meal selections.

Call Tom Angels 860-314-1936 (do not call the restaurant)

**Minutes from the December Meeting:**

New members welcomed including Donna Corio.

Much loaned gear returned to inventory.

TENT MARKINGS: who's on first

INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO: film at 11:00 (page 2).

NEW DATABASE: we welcome big brother into our ranks.

5CR NEWSPAPER: read all about it (page 2).

BYLAWS ON THE WEB: boring.....

NEW EARLY REGIMENTALS: now that's exciting. getting closer while gathering info

HENRY COOK LECTURE: a must attend!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

DUES INCREASE: thanks BAR! Will be discussed at annual meeting.

MOVE THE PO BOX: any suggestions?

NEW INFO SHARING ON WEB SITE: see this under DISCUSSION Link on our web page.

This is a great idea that we can ALL use to share thoughts and questions.

**Henry Cooke Lecture:**

Date: Saturday January 12, 2002 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Portland Library

Directions: From Middletown cross over the Arragoni Bridge to Portland. Main Street begins at the foot of the bridge. Take the second right at the brownstone Liberty Bank on to Freestone Ave. The library is one block up on the left.

Event: 18<sup>th</sup> Century clothing workshop presented exclusively for the Fifth Connecticut Regiment by Henry Cooke. Men's, women's and children's clothing to be discussed.

Outline: For those that may not be familiar with Henry Cooke, he is a professional historical clothier and a member of the 10<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment. He has worked for numerous historical societies including our own in Hartford, the National Park Service and has consulted for the Smithsonian. Many of us have attended his clothing programs at events over the years. This workshop should have a broad appeal to all members both old and new. Henry will discuss fabric types, tailoring details, patterns, sewing and many other aspects of 18<sup>th</sup> century civilian and military clothing. Members are encouraged to bring any tailoring projects they may have in progress for advice and assistance. This program promises to be both educational and entertaining while going a long way toward improving our individual and unit appearance.

We must have a minimum head count in order for the Fifth to subsidize Mr. Cooke's fee. Please RSVP by January 5<sup>th</sup> at my number, 860-342-2289.

Hope to see you all there.

Humbly,

Thomas R. Linskey

Clothing Inspector

