



The Company Informer

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January 3, 2005

The Board Propo<e< Change to By-Law<
Please take the time to review these carefully on pages 2 and 3
These will be voted on at the Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting - Saturday, January 22, 2005
Place: Newtown Library, 25 Main Street, Newtown, CT
Time: 1:00 to 5:00

DIRECTIONS: From I-84: Take Exit 10 off of Interstate 84. Turn right at exit ramp if coming westbound, or turn left at exit ramp if coming eastbound. Follow Church Hill Road (also known as Route 6) into Newtown. Go straight at two traffic lights until you come to the flagpole in the middle of the road. This is the intersection of Church Hill Road and Main Street. Turn left at the flagpole. The library is the second building on the right. There is street parking as well as parking in the back of the building.

5CR Clothing Workshop with Henry Cooke
Saturday, January 29, 2005 from 10:00 to 5:00

Portland Public Library, 20 Freestone Avenue, Portland, CT
860-342-6770

DIRECTIONS

Via Route 72 Eastbound from New Britain: At Exit 22, turn on to Route 9 South. ** Turn right at traffic light in Middletown beneath the Arrigoni Bridge. At the traffic light, turn right on to Route 66. Cross bridge to Portland. Turn right at the second traffic light on to Freestone Avenue. Turn left in to Library's drive.

Via Route 66 Eastbound from Meriden: After crossing the Arrigoni Bridge, Turn right at the second traffic light on to Freestone Avenue. Turn left in to Library's drive.

Via Route 2 Westbound from Norwich: In Colchester, take Route 16 West to Route 66 in Cobalt. After you cross the railroad tracks in Portland, turn right on to Cross Street. Go one block. Turn Left on to Freestone Avenue. The library is three blocks on the right.

Via I-91 Southbound from Hartford: In Cromwell, take left exit (22S) on to Route 9. Follow directions from ** above.

Via Route 9 Northbound from Old Saybrook: Turn left at traffic light in Middletown beneath the Arrigoni Bridge. At the traffic light, turn right on to Route 66. Cross bridge to Portland. Turn right at the second traffic light on to Freestone Avenue. Turn left in to Library's drive.

During the September 21st board meeting held in Meriden, the following proposal to change the make-up of the 5CR Executive Board was discussed. The proposal was posted on our website on September 23rd and further comments were solicited. At our on December 8, 2004 meeting, it was decided that this proposal had sufficient merit and should be submitted to the general membership. As this would require a change to Sections IV of our current bylaws, it is scheduled to be voted upon by the general membership at the next our annual meeting in January

PROPOSAL FOR THE NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD.

[Note: All changes from the existing by-laws are in BOLD print.]

Article IV: Section A

DELETE make-up of the executive committee.
REPLACE with new section A as follows.

- A. Make-up: The Executive Committee shall consist of at least eight [8] regular members.
1. Commander/Captain
 2. Adjutant/Lieutenant
 3. Quartermaster
 4. Paymaster
 5. Deputy Quartermaster
 6. Deputy Adjutant
 7. Distaff/Family Coordinator
 8. Former Commander/Member[s]-at-large

[Note: Business Manager & Recording Secretary have been deleted]

Article IV: Section D

Part 1

CHANGE title to Commander/Captain

Part 2

DELETE title & function of Deputy Commander

In order to reflect the move of the Adjutant to a new and more historically accurate role as 'second in command', REPLACE with the following:

2. Adjutant/Lieutenant

- a. will perform the duties of the Commander in his absence or at his request and will perform all duties usually pertaining to the office of Vice President
- b. Field responsibilities are covered in Article IV, Section C.
- c. Shall manage and coordinate with Deputy Adjutant in order to fulfill all the tasks assigned to both positions.
- d. Except for functions specifically assigned to other board members, the adjutant shall answer all letters of inquiry, maintain contact and solicit information from groups and companies that are pertinent to the health and welfare of the regiment.
- e. The adjutant will be responsible to keep the membership informed of activities, events and other action set before the organization.
- f. Shall manage the indoctrination of new recruits into the regiment and assign experienced members as 'Mentors' to each new recruit as warranted

[note: subpart b regarding event planning, formerly assigned the Deputy Commander, has been moved in more elaborate detail to Deputy Adjutant under part 4 below]

Part 3

ADD subpart c to reflect duties transferred to the Paymaster from the Adjutant.

- c. Shall maintain the muster rolls of the regiment and coordinate periodic filing of same with the BAR and other organizations as authorized by the executive board.

Part 4

CHANGE title from 'Adjutant' to 'Deputy Adjutant'

DELETE all functions and ADD the following:

- a. Shall be responsible for the proper and timely registering of the regiment for all events officially sanctioned by the group
- b. Shall be responsible for assigning a member to act as an Event Coordinator for all officially sanctioned events.
- c. Shall maintain and submit to the Adjutant on a timely basis, a calendar of sanctioned and unsanctioned events for regular dissemination to the general membership.
- d. Shall be responsible for gathering all invitations received by the regiment, whether formally received by the organization, or as received by individual members, in order that the general membership is informed as much as possible of all available activities in the reenacting community.
- e. Shall gather and solicit information or invitations to events, which the board or the individual membership may have interest in attending.
- f. Shall promptly submit to the board event proposals so they may be voted upon on a timely basis

Part 5

DELETE 'Recording Secretary' from title

REPLACE with DISTAFF/FAMILY COORDINATOR together with following description of responsibilities

- a. Shall act as a spokesperson for all members who are not men-at-arms with specific emphasis on the need to include an effective portrayal of civilian and family aspects of 18th century life during the time of the American Revolution.
- b. Shall act as an ombudsman to the board assuring that the concerns of families and family member are addressed.

Part 6

Whereas an additional board position of Deputy Quartermaster will be formally added, DELETE the last line from sub section c regarding the executive's option to appoint a Deputy Quartermaster.

Part 7

DELETE 'Commissary' from the title

REPLACE with 'DEPUTY QUARTERMASTER' together with the following description of responsibilities

Shall assist the Quartermaster to fulfill all the duties assigned to that board position.

Part 8 to be ADDED

FORMER COMMANDR / MEMBER[S]-AT-LARGE

At the executive board's discretion, up to 2 additional members may added to the board to act as members at large. The board will first offer one of these positions to the FORMER COMMANDER. These board members can only added and voted upon by the general membership in the same manner as all other positions.

Any person who accepts a member-at-large position must be willing to accept specific tasks assigned to him/her by the Commander. Such tasks may include, but are not limited to, Recording Secretary, maintenance & upkeep of the 5CR Website or acting to assist other board members.

Paymaster's Report

In this edition of the Informer, you will find a copy of the Paymaster's annual report as submitted to the board at our December 9th meeting. The final touches to this accounting cannot be made until December 31st, but this report fairly reflects the financial condition of our group and the results of our activities in 2004. The final year-end report will be available at the annual meeting in January.

A few comments about the format. First, we implemented a system of accruals so there is no overlap of expenses and revenues from one year into the next. In the past, this may have resulted in an unclear understanding of just how well, or poorly, we did financially in any particular year. In addition, we are describing the revenues and expenses in a way that allows members to see clearly where the money comes from....and where it goes.

In the **Events** section, you can see the essential value of PAID SHOWS and how they cover the costs of the NON-revenue making, activities we all enjoy. For all of you who diligently participated in one or more paid shows... THANK YOU. For those who could not contribute in 2004 we ask that you please do your best to lend a hand next year.

In 2005 and 2006, the 225th commemorative will begin to move south. We already are looking forward to Charlestown in May '05 and Yorktown in '06. It is hoped we can reprise the great bus 'road trip' experience of Quebec...but this cannot be done without a hefty subsidy from the regiment. In the case of Quebec this was nearly \$1,000. We must assume at least this amount of funding will be required for any of the longer trips down south. Only PAID SHOWS allow us to do this.

Contributions: A special thanks also to all who contributed cash and services to the group. In any instance where we can "give credit where credit is due", we will continue to do so. It is impossible however to spell out all those small but important contributions of postage, time, homes for meetings, food, drink and a myriad of other gifts people have donated to us this year. A special thanks to all those who 'didn't bother' to send in an expense tab in 2004.

Dues: In 2005, the 5CR will need to revamp our dues collection protocols. As you can see from the report we cleared less than \$200 after meeting our BAR obligations. The primary reason for this shortage is an inadequate coordination of the 5CR dues policy with that of the BAR. Since the lion's share of your 5CR dues are simply transferred over the BAR this is a major problem.

New rules for 2005 regarding family memberships and 'late-in-the-year' enrollments will assure that our dues more effectively contribute to the bottom line.

Overhead: It is very important that the group understand the scope of our overhead expenses. As you can see our 2004 expenses were in excess of \$2,300. Like everything else they will increase in 2005. Even with the tighter rules mentioned above, your dues will cover no more than 20-25% of our overhead expenses! So your dues do not cover even the most basic financial needs to run the 5CR. We need people to support the **\$\$\$\$PAID SHOWS\$\$\$\$** There is a line in the report called **Net Operating Income/loss**. This reflects how well we succeeded in keeping revenues and expenses in balance. As you can see, before paying out monies for long term projects, we cleared a little over \$800. I think it is important that we always keep an eye on this line and make sure it stays in the black. However..... we did have to make major '**Capital**' Expenditures in 2004. Due to the good graces of our founding members, the 5CR was able to dip into our saving and pay \$10,000 cash for a new van. This is a benefit not many other groups enjoy. We badly needed new transportation and thanks again to those old timers who generously looked to the future needs of the regiment.

In addition to the van, we purchased 2 new tents to support our growing membership. New descriptive baskets were also purchased to help the distaff in their portrayals. Next year the Quartermaster department will need funds to upgrade equipment for general use and maintain our ability to loan equipment to new members.

Note we were able to offset some capital expenses with over \$450 in earned interest. The board has taken steps in 2004 to tighten up our interest bearing accounts to, at no financial risk, increase income. I would suspect that we can increase this return by 50% in 2005.

So, not counting the van purchase we more or less broke even for the year.....all while having a ton of fun. So thanks to all the members for all you did to help.

Paymasters report December 8, 2004

ACCOUNTS

EVENTS

	Receipts	Expenses	Net
Simsbury	\$3,000.00	(\$1,727.78)	\$1,272.22
Plainfield School Show	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Newtown School Show	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Mead School Show	\$1,000.00	(\$26.03)	\$973.97
Groton 4th of July	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Ridgefield	\$500.00	(\$166.00)	\$334.00
Groton Christmas Parade	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
American Legion Mem Day	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Live Fire at Black Rock	\$0.00	(\$46.85)	(\$46.85)
Washington's Ball	\$1,050.00	(\$1,100.00)	(\$50.00)
Cooke Clothing Seminar	\$0.00	(\$150.00)	(\$150.00)
Southcoast Historical Soc.	\$0.00	(\$301.50)	(\$301.50)
Stony Point	\$0.00	(\$341.04)	(\$341.04)
30 th Anniversary Banquet*	\$0.00	(\$500.00)	(\$500.00)
Quebec	\$3,574.45	(\$4,485.00)	(\$910.55)
TOTALS	\$11,824.45	(\$8,844.20)	\$2,980.25

* Final cost on banquet is pending

DUES

Paid	\$1,345.00	(\$35.00)	\$1,310.00
BAR	x	(\$1,130.00)	(\$1,130.00)
TOTALS	\$1,345.00	(\$1,165.00)	\$180.00

CONTRIBUTIONS

Tony Bruno	\$50.00	x	\$50.00
TOTALS	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00

OVERHEAD

Van Upkeep, Taxes & Ins.	x	(\$1,729.16)	(\$1,729.16)
Insurance	x	(\$425.00)	(\$425.00)
Bank Fees	x	(\$106.00)	(\$106.00)
Gifts	x	(\$101.75)	(\$101.75)
Communications/Newsletter	x	(\$37.00)	(\$37.00)
Powder	\$326.00	(\$272.00)	\$54.00
TOTALS	\$326.00	(\$2,670.91)	(\$2,344.91)

NET OPERATING INCOME/ LOSS*	\$13,545.45	(\$12,680.11)	\$865.34
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CAPITAL EXPENSE & GAIN

Van Acquisition	\$0.00	(\$10,000.00)	(\$10,000.00)
Tents	\$272.09	(\$816.27)	(\$544.18)
Baskets	\$0.00	(\$520.68)	(\$520.68)
Investment Earnings Offset	\$423.93	\$0.00	\$423.93
TOTALS	\$696.02	(\$11,336.95)	(\$10,640.93)

TOTAL YEAR TO DATE GAIN/ LOSS*	\$14,241.47	(\$24,017.06)	(\$9,775.59)
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2005 Membership Dues

According to the by-laws, all dues must be **paid in full prior** to the general membership meeting. That meeting is scheduled for January 22nd. As mentioned in the annual Paymaster's report, the 5CR has gained very modest financial support from dues payments because of a lack of coordination between our rules and those of the BAR. In order to correct this, the 2005 dues policy will change. To wit:

§ There will be a basic membership fee of \$40 plus \$5 for each additional family member over the age of 16. All applicants under the age of 16 are free.

As always, 5CR dues include BOTH your BAR and 5CR membership. Do NOT submit any dues membership direct to the BAR.

§ Any member joining the 5CR must pay a one-time initiation fee along with their initial dues payment.

§ Any new member joining the regiment after September 1st of any year will be given two options regarding entry on to the BAR muster rolls.

1. If they wish to delay posting with the BAR until the start of the next calendar year, then their initial payment will cover all dues obligations through to the end of the following year

2. If they wish immediate posting on the BAR roles then they must pay their dues in full again when due in January in order to cover the following years memberships.

Please submit your dues payment to the following address:

Thomas Castrovinci
Paymaster, Fifth Connecticut Regiment
9 Hidden Meadow Lane
New Canaan, CT 06840

If you have any questions you may email to tcast@amsyn.com or call during the day 203 329-6500 x 103 or evenings 203 966-7651.



December 25. Christmas. ...Today our baker, who supplies us with bread, instead of brown bread, sent us white, and our butcher, instead of beef, gave us mutton, and instead of cabbage we had turnips; and the butcher's wife gave us oatmeal to thicken our broth, and salt to salt it; so that on the whole, we had not so hungry a Christmas as the last. I must confess I have a very agreeable expectation, if my life is spared and the Lord pleases to permit me, to sit down at my father's table next Christmas."

Quote from [A Relic of the Revolution](#) written by Charles Herbert. Herbert served aboard the US Frigate, Alliance, and was captured and spent several years at the Old Mill prison in Plymouth until he was exchanged.

While patriot soldiers were suffering in city prisons and on the water many captives were beginning years of confinement in Old Mill prison near Plymouth, England, and at Forton Gaol, outside Portsmouth. Usually they fared reasonably well, although forty days in a black hole, with half-rations and no resting-place but the damp stones, seems a severe penalty for attempting to escape, or for commenting unfavorably on the quality of the meat. 27 Isolated cases of barbarity were condemned in London newspapers, and the frequent visits of Mr. Hartley, M.P., and Rev. Thomas Wren, of Portsmouth, to American prisoners, kept punishment within proper bounds. The people of London in December, 1777, subscribed £3,815 17s. 6d. to provide clothing and other necessities.

Quartermaster's Report

It has been a pleasure serving as the 5CR Quarter Master these last four years. Many changes took place along the way in order to meet the needs of our growing unit. Not only keeping an inventory and purchasing items needed for the unit but developing A PC inventory log and a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) guideline for the QM Corps to follow to ensure the best for the 5CR at the least cost and keeping with authenticity, safety, security and fairness.

In addition, I have taken steps to stream line the QM duties and responsibilities in order to keep the QM job from becoming over burdensome to those who take on this job. I would not have accomplished these tasks without the help from my QM Sergeants over the years and other fellow 5th members. I would like to thank John Ahrens, Artificer and powder keg master, Jesse Effros QM Sjt Assistant and Tony Bruno as the QM Sjt. Many others have also been a part of helping the QM Corps and this is what keep us working together as a unit.

The Qm Corps in the past years made some major purchases to include muskets, tentage, and recently a new Wagon. We have one last task to complete before I resign my commission and that is keeping with the 5CR tradition of offering to the membership the excess items. We will do this by holding an Open Auction for all to have fair chance at all items. It is for this, I ask that everyone turn in their loaned 5CR items at the Annual meeting. If you need to know what you have please contact me as I have it on record. If you cannot make it to the Annual meeting then please make arrangements with Tony Bruno or me so we can have the items in time for the Auction. The 5CR QM Corps will be keeping a working amount of items to fulfill our needs to meet our mission. In addition the Auction is open to all members to auction off item's they have as well. This should be fun and hopefully allow the membership to obtain the items they make need at a very reasonable price.

AS your Quarter Master I bid you all Adieu.

Your Most Humble Servant,

Joseph Hukill, 5th Connecticut Regimental Quarter Master Officer and Gentlemen.

NOTICE

All loaned items need to be returned to the QM at the Annual meeting no exceptions.



**2005
Proposed Events**

Jan. 22 Annual Meeting
Jan. 29 Clothing Workshop
Portland Public Library
Feb. 19 Washington's Ball
May 13-15 Charleston, N.C.

May Simsbury, CT
May 20 School Show
Wooster Middle Stratford, CT
June 25-26 225th Battle of Springfield, N.J.
Oct. 8-10 225th Carleton Raids Lake George Battlefield park

SLATE OF EXECUTIVE BOARD to be voted on at Annual Meeting.

Slate according to existing By-Laws
Commander: Paul Carmen

Slate according to new By-Laws:
Captain Commander– Vote for one-
1.) Paul Carmen
2.) Joe Hukill

Dept. Com. - Joe Hukill
Paymaster-Tom Castrovinci
Adjutant-Mike Filler
Quartermaster-Tony Bruno
At Large (3)- Open

Adjutant- Mike Filler
Paymaster- Tom Castrovinci
Dept. Adjutant- Keith Jones
Quartermaster- Tony Bruno
Dept. Quartermaster- Jesse Effros
Distaff Coordinator-Trish Angels
At Large (2)

According to the 5th's By Laws, *“Additional nominations from the general membership will be accepted if the nominee is set forth in a letter which must be received the Nominating Committee prior to the annual meeting; it must be accompanied by a statement from the nominee that if elected they will serve.”* Please send nominations to Tom Angels. <angels12560@sbcglobal.net>

The Slate of Board Members voted on at the Annual Meeting will depend on the acceptance or rejection of the proposed By-Law changes.

**When other Sin's grow old by Time,
Then Avarice is in its prime,
Yet feed the Poor at Christmas time.
--Poor Richard's Almanac, December 1757**