



The Company Informer

Rebellion to Tyrant < Obedience to God

February, 2004



Annual Meeting Held

Much Regiment business was quickly conducted at this years annual meeting. The participants should be commended for their civility. I hope that everyone in attendance felt that they were heard.

There was much debate concerned the “health” of the “old ox and cart”. Some members wanted to call in the surgeon to see if he could help while others plainly wanted to “put a bullet in its head”. We agreed to see what replacements might be available on the market. Mike Zap was off to check at “Vans-Vans-Vans”. I kid you not.

Next, there was talk about the need to have solid leadership at all our events. A solution was to increase the number of NCO’s from two to four. The much anticipated Trusted Private discussion was tabled as it might cause a change in the by-laws.

Finally the initial schedule was developed and the new officers elected. The newly elected officers are as follows:

Commander– Paul Carmen

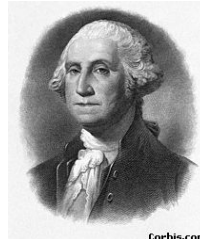
Deputy Commander– Tom Angles

Quartermaster - Joe Hukill

Paymaster– Tom Castrovinci

Adjutant—Mike Filler

Members at Large– Tom Traue, Tom Linskey,
Jesse Efross, Albin Weber, Keith Jones.



Washington’s Ball

Feb. 21, 2004

5:30



This year’s Washington’s Ball will be held at The Village Tavern in Olde Wethersfield. As always, music and dancing will be provided. All members are encouraged to attend. 18th century clothing is preferred but not required. We will feed on a buffet of beef, chicken, fish and vegetables. Cash bar.

COST: \$30.00 per person at the door

ADDRESS: 222 Main Street
Wethersfield, CT

RESERVATIONS: Please let Paul Lombardo - pv11@cox.net or (860) 529-3743 know of your intentions.

DEADLINE: Feb. 14th

Much more information on page 4

Huzzahs to All !

Clothing and Equipment Workshops

February 14th
10 am to 4 pm

Learn from the best. Henry Cooke will be back in town presenting information and sewing instructions for a "New England" Hunting Frock. This garment is different from the Southern style coat usually seen at shows and for sale by various sutlers.

Our own Tom Linskey will be showing off his newly created "Warner" backpack.

****Let Tom know you are attending so that materials can be made available****

ADDRESS: Portland Public Library
20 Freestone Avenue Portland, CT 06480

DIRECTIONS:

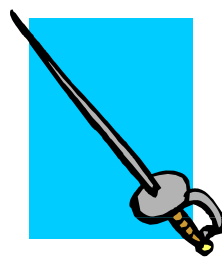
Via Route 66 Eastbound from Meriden: After crossing the Arrigoni Bridge, Turn right at the second traffic light on to Freestone Avenue. Turn left in to Library's drive.

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.

COORDINATOR: Tom Linskey
PHONE: (860) 342-2289

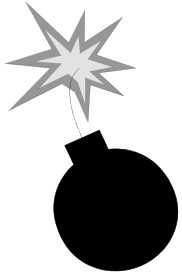


2004 Campaign

Feb. 14	Clothing Workshop
Feb. 21	Washington's Ball Olde Wethersfield, CT
April 3	Drill Day Haddam Neck, CT
April 10	Drill Day Rain Date
April 24	Colonial Days <PAID> Ridgefield, CT
May-June	School Show ? <PAID>
May 14-16	Simsbury, CT <PAID>
June 26-27	Burning of Norwalk ?
July 4	Groton Parade <PAID>
July 17-18	Stony Point 225th
July 31- Aug 1	Quebec
Sept.	30th Anniversary of the Regiment

The rhyme-schemes of New England poets in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries tell us that *glare* was pronounced *glar*; *hair* was *har*; *air* was *ar*; and *war* rhymed with *star*. Other common pronunciations were *hev* for *have*, *yistidy* for *yesterday*, *ginral* for *general*, *dafter* or *darter* for *daughter*, *drownd* for *drown*, *gownd* for *gown*, *Americur* for *America* and *kiver* for *cover*.

Source: Albion Seed, David Hackett Fisher



Message from the Quartermaster

Powder will be available for sale to the membership on the drill day. Please plan to buy enough powder to last you throughout the season. Each can is \$10 at our cost. I will not be carrying powder to the shows for safety and logistic reasons. So if you don't get it at the drill day then you'll need to make special arrangements. If you are entitled to a free can and you missed the annual meeting I will issue it to you at the drill day, after that you forfeit it unless you notify me ahead of time.

If you have loaned items and would like to purchase them please notify me of this and I will bring it up before the board. I am planning on selling off the excess of clothing stores to the membership and retain only a basic amount of clothing for new folks.

Please note that all loaned items will now be signed for, especially muskets and equipment.

QM Corps is taking volunteers from anyone who has skill in canvas repair and would like to help with the tentage repairs. Date and time TBA.

Your most faithful and humble Quarter
Master Officer, Joe Hukill

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WASHINGTON'S TOAST

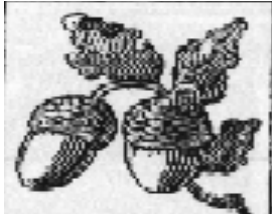
The toast became such a regular part of life, it soon became an art in itself, signaling the bravado and fearless self-reliance that would soon be known as the American character forged in freedom.

Benjamin Franklin schooled European diplomats in the tavern skills of the American heart and liver. While emissary to France during the Revolution, Franklin squared off against Europe's best toastmasters — men polished in the art of fine talking, courtly manners, and unctuous praise for those in power.

One evening, the British ambassador to Versailles led off. He, of course, toasted his king: "George the Third, who, like the sun in its meridian, spreads a luster throughout and enlightens the world."

The French minister, not to be outdone, toasted the French king: "The illustrious Louis the Sixteenth, who, like the moon, sheds his mild and benevolent rays on and influences the globe."

Without missing a beat, Franklin raised his glass and toasted, "George Washington, commander of the American armies, who, like Joshua of old, commanded the sun and the moon to stand still, and both obeyed."



WASHINGTON'S BALL



Village Tavern in Olde Wethersfield

February 21, 2004

This year the Fifth Conn] Regiment will once again honor
HIS EXCELLENCY with an evening of food, dance and toast.

**Seating is limited to 50 people so respond quickly and save your spot for this
memorable evening. Contact Paul Lombardo at pvl1@cox.net or (860) 529-3743**

As always, music and dancing will be provided. A sure cure for your "Cabin Fever" all members are encouraged to attend. *18th century clothing is preferred* but not required. The Village Tavern is going all out for us. They will be only using receipts from 18-century cookbooks.

The price per person is \$30 (\$7 corking fee)

The festivities will start at 5:30 in the bar and dining will commence at 6:30

**Roast of Beef with horseradish sauce
Roasted of chicken with Celery Sauce
Salmon with Rosemary Sauce
Roasted sweet potatoes, carrots, Parsnips
Steamed Asparagus
Salad**

At this time the Buffet table will be cleared away
Dancing and or Gaming will begin.

Indian Pudding and coffee or tea will round out the evening

DIRECTIONS From the North:

- * Take I-91 South to Exit 26
- * Turn Right off the exit ramp, then turn Left on Marsh Street
- * Follow Marsh Street to the stop sign at the intersection with Main Street
- * Restaurant is on the left corner

DIRECTIONS From the South:

- * Take I-91 North to Exit 26 ('Old Wethersfield')
- * Turn Left off the exit ramp onto Marsh Street
- * Turn Left at the stop sign, and go under I-91
- * Continue on Marsh Street and follow it to the stop sign at the intersection with Main Street