



The Company Informer

Rebellion to Tyrants is Obedience to God

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Commander's Message

Greetings to all members and their families. The campaign season is halfway over with some excellent shows behind us and some important ones on the horizon. Some thoughts on the year to date... A BAR Board Member recently relayed this quote to us: that is "the small groups in reenacting get smaller and the large groups get bigger." Where do we fall in this equation? I believe we're the latter, but could go backwards if we stop growing and planning for the regiment's future. While a hobby to us all, as an organization we have responsibilities. To attend shows to support the unit, to return phone tree calls, to educate the public and plant the seeds for future membership. While all our shows this year have been successful, some quite highly, the work has fallen on too few shoulders. DO NOT WAIT for other members to fill the ranks. The Nathan Hale show is a great site with members attending on Sunday. (Tom T., Tom L. and Jesse are doing Saturday at Staten Island... call to carpool) Newgate must be well attended a much PR has gone out including (Thanks Tom A.) a spot on WTIC 1080 radio on August 3rd with Diane Smith. Please make a good effort to assist in this, our best recruiting show of the year. New photos are up in the reception area and our 5th brochures are displayed there. Trish will shoot photographs on Saturday for our future use. To continue our recruiting efforts think of and ask any historical home or site that puts out historical tourist brochures to display ours. The Connecticut Historical society will accept them and there are others IF WE JUST ASK during our travels. Call me for 5CR brochures. This is a great year of public demonstrations for us with terrific press. Let's finish the year with a big push and our best foot forward for we will be at the Washington Ball before you know it.

Thank You,
Tom Traue, Commander

Campaign 2001

- July 28-29 British Occupation of Staten Island
Historic Richmond Town, Staten Island NY
- Aug 4-5 Old Newgate Prison, E. Granby CT
- Sept 9 Stratford Historical Society, Stratford 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



New Members

Our youngest member, Sarah Lindsey Carmen, born 8:05 am on July 2, 2001 at Charlotte Hungerford weighing in at 7 pounds 5 oz, and 20.5" long. Mother and baby are doing great. Mom started contractions at 5:00am labor lasted only 3 hours total! Congratulations to April and Paul, may Providence always watch over your little angel.

Jackie Lebel. Jackie joins us from Bristol CT. She visited us at two events and using the 5th vast resources of lending clothes, she will be dressed and doing a children's presentation at Newgate. In the future she also plans to portray a schoolmistress. The enthusiasm she brings to our group is second to none. We also hope to meet her husband Paul that first weekend in August at Newgate. Thank you Jackie for your interest in our group and providing another facet of history to the public.

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### Stooges Flashback

- Larry – "Where is this guy's address?"
- Curly – "I think it's 1776."
- Moe – "Ah, that's the spirit."



## From the Adjutant's Desk

Some items to bring to your attention....

*Do you have one?* We are currently seeking to archive all 5CR artifacts currently in the membership's safekeeping. It was a conversation with Tom Pearson (Commander of the modern 5<sup>th</sup>) that jarred our memories. If you have any of these artifacts from the old 5<sup>th</sup> please call Tom T. so that we can maintain an updated list for future reference.

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She passes muster. In June I represented the 5th at the annual friends of Newgate meeting. There I met the new state historical commissioner, Karen Peterson. She knows all about us and the program that we provide onsite. She had many questions and showed tremendous interest in our group. Through this conversation we now have a 40% increase in our monetary donation starting this year. She shows enthusiasm and respect that this site desperately needs, not a bureaucrat. As the walls continue to crumble at Newgate, she and the Friends of Newgate, are the best hope for restoration.

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*Pronounced dead at the scene.* Francine wishes to publish the unexpected passing of the company pitcher. Destroyed by an oxcart, crushed under the wheels of the careless, she will be replaced (but not forgotten) by a Williamsburg style vessel. Goodbye old friend.

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Huzzah to Debbie Hukill. Our thanks to Debbie for her efforts to wash all the ladies clothes in our inventory. There's a stream behind their Burlington homestead.

Why do school shows? Here are two good reasons why as individuals we should hold these during the off season.

"Dear Mr. Traue,

Thank you for coming to our class on Thursday. I really enjoyed all the interesting parts of the war. It helps me picture it better.

From
Nicky"

Continued...

"Dear Mr. Traue,

Thank you for coming last Thursday. You were so fun to watch unlike boring old social studies. Learning about the war was so fun. I wish you could come every time we do social studies. My favorite part was when you did the fire with flint and steel.

From
Monica"

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*Announcing the 5CR enters the newsprint business.*

This project is to take place over the winter months and we will try to emanate the Hurd house newspaper. It's large two-sided sheet on a parchment colored paper and fun to read. The newspaper will sell for 25 cents (\$\$\$) at all shows and include a schedule, timely and not so timely articles, recruiting items, etc. We'll publish it in March and use it throughout the year. Volunteers are needed after the holidays. More to follow.

Yours in Colonial Spirit,  
Tom Angels, Adjutant



A popular Government without popular information or the means of acquiring it is but the prologue to a farce or tragedy, or perhaps both.

-James Madison

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A crushing blow... Howe meanwhile decided to avoid the southern end of Manhattan in favor of landing where his enemy was not so heavily concentrated and, in effect, to outflank Washington once more. To be successful the landing at Kip's Bay depended on more than bayonets. Admiral Howe put five ships up the East River about 200 yards offshore. Around eleven in the morning, they opened up with broadsides to – in Washington's phrase – "scour the grounds and cover the landing of their troops." Scour the ground they did, battering down the thin line of earth works – hardly more than a few ditches - and causing the militia, which had not come under heavy fire before, to take to its heels. Barges carried the troops from Long Island and they landed unopposed. The opposition had been broken and Washington himself who had ridden from Harlem to Kip's Bay, hearing the ship's guns, had almost been captured. As he approached the Bay, he ran into the flight of the militia. Most of them from a CT brigade commanded by Capt. Wm. Douglas. Appalled, Washington lost that firm control of himself that everyone admired and took to flogging officers and men with his riding cane. In his rage he threw his hat to the ground and was heedless of the approaching British. An aide finally grabbed the bridle of his horse and led him out of danger. - from the Glorious Cause (the Oxford History of the United States) by Robert Middlekauff