



# The Company Informer

Rebellion to Tyrants is Obedience to God

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## Summer Campaign

Old Newgate Prison (ONP)

Why Newgate? This site has been the "5th's show" since the late 80's. It is a public favorite and countless recruiting opportunities have presented themselves here. It is due in large part to our programs, then later followed by other special programs by other groups that have put ONP on the map. Until the latest budget debacle in our state capital ONP was on its way to being a first class one of a kind museum. With a change in historical commission personnel, the rebirth of the Friends of ONP and interest with state reps and the North Central Tourism Bureau the future has never been brighter. Despite the state politicians, there is still great excitement and your participation this year is most important for the following reasons.

1. To continue the momentum gained in the promotion of this site
2. An 18<sup>th</sup> Century wedding with the wedding party (including immediate family) dressed in period clothing. The 5<sup>th</sup> will be honor guard.
3. Fulfill the role as host unit and gain tremendous PR as Saturday will be filmed for a television special.
4. RECRUIT!

Many good dedicated people are working behind the scenes to create a private foundation to save ONP. Many of those in power agree with this effort.

On to our show.....

Due to advertising the gates open at 10:00 o'clock AND EXPECT THE PUBLIC TO BE THERE! We must be ready at 10:00 o'clock, no later. There are two changes this year for us and the public. First, the north parking lot will be closed to everyone. The re-enactors are being asked to park in the north end of the field across the street from the prison. Many of us park there anyway, but now we are asked to park further down so that we use a trail that's been cut for us which will shorten the walk and will put you on the street right across from the office and camp. You will be walking past the Viets gravestone, the flagpole and a soldiers tent. Secondly, all visitors enter the event through Viets Tavern to purchase and receive an all day sticker pass. They must wear the pass in a visible way so that the two posted guards (cont).....

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Aug. 3-4 Old Newgate Prison, Granby, CT (18c. Wedding) [Tom A]

Aug. 17-18 Bennington VT

Sept. 14 Stratford Historical Society [Jill B (?)]

Sept 27-29 Encampment at Saratoga (National Park) (CL)

Oct. 5-6 West Point/ Fort Montgomery (BAR)

Oct 12-13 Battle of Saratoga [Tom Castrovinci] (CL)

Oct 19-20 Burning of Kingston NY (CL)



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at the main courtyard gate can let them enter. If they don't have a sticker they haven't paid their entrance fee and should not be allowed in. Direct them to the nearest ONP staff member. You will need to sign up for one-hour blocks as was done at Ridgefield and camp followers are also welcome to participate. Guards are encouraged to question the public as you will be the first contact the public has to start their ONP experience. Have fun at the gate. All soldiers and available camp followers must meet at 1:30 at the lower guard house to go over the escape scenario. Those with specific roles will be notified of them next week. Some of those are Tom T., Steve Johnson, Jesse Effros, Frank Daley, Trish Soucy, Doug Angelia, Mike Alcott, and 2 to 3 others. All of this is for Saturday only and the basic schedule we've used in past weekends will be maintained for Saturday and Sunday. There will be a ladies tea and fashion show.

As an aside this will be my last year as ONP coordinator. There are others who love this site as much as I and their fresh ideas are most welcome. I will assist in a secondary role as needed. I plan to assist this site as a volunteer starting next year assuming it stays open. I have always enjoyed the opportunity given to me by the 5<sup>th</sup>, both current membership and past, in taking a leading role at this event. Thanks for all your help over the years. -Tom Angels