



# The Company Informer

Rebellion to Tyrants is Obedience to God

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## Commander's Message

I am pleased to announce that the Town of Ridgefield was extremely happy with the effort of the Brigade and the 5CR. Although the rains came Sunday, the crowds came by the 1000's. We managed to get some good volleys and pull off a respectable "Battle of the Barricade" tactical. Thanks to the oratory of George Neumann, the public was pumped up when we arrived. There were a number of groups that were going to go on Sunday but the weather kept them away. Days later, Rich Jenkins and myself received letters of apology from some groups and some that regretted not coming. As we all have read, weather conditions in the 18<sup>th</sup> Cent. were anything but ideal so chalk this up to a living history experience.

Let me talk about Saturday for a moment. Because of all your efforts in the Saturday demonstrations, the encampment became THE major stop for the town. Demonstrations of 18<sup>th</sup> Cent. crafts and life in general is the backbone of the 5CR. Yes this is a Regiment and yes a soldiers life is our main portrayal (and we do that very well) but without the cooking, spinning, Sandie's yarns on a hayfork?, the surgeon, the whitesmith, etc. this hobby would not have the appeal it now has. Thank you also for pitching in when needed and helping with the Registration table. Thanks also to our wagon master, Tony Bruno for packing up wet canvas and volunteering to dry it all!! I hope everyone that participated had an enjoyable weekend. To the rank and file of the 5CR, thanks for your patients with me as your sometimes befuddled Lieutenant. I know how important it is to have a very capable Sergeant.

One last thing about the Ridgefield event. In Ballard Park, Keith Jones (who is now an honorary 5CR member) was giving his speech for the dedication of the "Battle of Ridgefield" Plaque when, just as he was finishing, 10 men of the 5CR appeared and gave a firing salute irregardless of the rain. He and the assembled public were very grateful to us for that. Oh, and one more thing, we picked up a few new members that weekend.....HUZZAH!!!!

## Campaign 2002

- May 27 Bristol Memorial Day Parade 11:00[Tom A]
- June 7 School Show Ansonia [Tom T]
- June 9 Hurd House [Sandie T]
- June 22-23 Crown Point (CLND) [Joe]
- July 4 Groton Parade and 5CR Party [Steve Johnson]
- July 5-7 Hubbardton VT (CL)
- 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 (CL)
- Oct 19-20 Burning of Kingston NY (CL)



Now that our webbed feet are becoming normal again, I need your help in the next few weeks. First, the Memorial Day Parade in Bristol and on the same day and time, a memorial service in New Hartford. We need a good turnout for Bristol and a few for N.Hartford(4/5). Memorial Day is part of why we do this hobby so let's have a good turnout.

Next, the Ansonia School show ( the same one we did last year). I need a commitment from you if you're interested. It's on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 2. This is our big school show of the year and it pays the bills in a big way. Call me at 203-237-9764 or email [ttraue@snet.net](mailto:ttraue@snet.net).

On Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> is the Hurd House show. This is also a paid event and we are in need of volunteers. This is a terrific place for our demonstrations and the staff is wonderful especially the wild one they call Sandie Tarbox. Sandie has asked us to come. How can you refuse?

Crown Point NY, June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. Joe Hukill is the contact for this event. It's a big British Brigade show so if you like to see a lot of red, this is for you. The ground at CP is beautiful and worth the trip.

We have a healthy organization and good membership. One of our strengths is in the new members that join us each year. If you've been with us for more than a year, please consider becoming a board member. Sure the pay is in late war continentals, but it's all part of helping out the 5CR.

Your Humble Servant,  
Tom Traue



### From the Adjutant's Desk

Some odds and ends....

Since the Ridgefield event some citizens have been leaving flowers and a wreath at the site where General Wooster was fatally wounded. Its on Route 116. It was a surprise to many and it goes to show that the public does care.

To see photos of the Battle of Ridgefield go to [www.ridgefieldct.org](http://www.ridgefieldct.org)

In an effort to increase attendance, the Board has decided that to receive your free can of powder for 2003 individuals must attend two paid shows in 2002. The paid shows are more important this year than the past few years because of the effect the economy has on the 5<sup>th</sup>'s current savings. So please, do your best to turnout when at all possible so we can meet our attendance commitments.

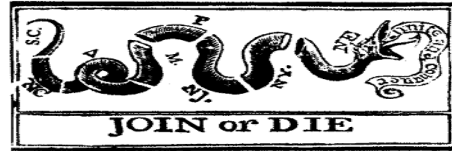
At Newgate, not only will there be CPTV, Channel 30, an escape and a wedding, but Tom Traue will be holding a burning of the Commander's hat Saturday evening. Its time to retire this relic with dignity.

Saratoga in October is THE show of the year with fantastic attendance and even Hessians traveling from Europe to attend.

Your Board Members this year are:

- Commander Tom Traue
- Deputy Commander Steve Johnson
- Paymaster Paul Carmen
- Adjutant Tom Angels
- Quartermaster Joe Hukill
- Members at Large
  - April Carmen
  - Sandie Tarbox
  - Jesse Effros

If you need to contact any of these folks and need their number call me at 860-314-1936.



### New Members

Jennifer – this new member joined us Friday night at Ridgefield. She previously attended a business meeting in 2001 and the Washington Ball in 2002 and made her initial clothing purchases at the White Plains event. She is as prepared as any to join the ranks of the 5<sup>th</sup> CT with a full kit of clothing, a smile on her face and a spring in her step! (Oh yeah, Rob was there too!)

Laura Ferreri – This young lady brings unmatched enthusiasm to the unit and some crafters talents as well. She was a volunteer at Ridgefield and is very excited to be a part of re-enacting. I believe she joined the right group and as the 5<sup>th</sup> continues to display military and civilian camp portrayals. We welcome her to a long stay.

Mike Zap – Mike was also a Ridgefield committee volunteer and did a great job. His quote to me was, "what a great bunch of guys, friendly and accomodating." His wife Kathy and sons, Mike and Jim, look to join the group as well. Mike says there's no challenge that Kathy won't accept when it comes to sewing. We welcome another family who sees the 5CR as an opportunity to do things together as a family.



### Profile of a Soldier

Thomas Ouellette (#6)

Born to descendants of the crew of the HMS Bounty, his first attempts at munitions was fashioning grenades out of coconuts. As a youngster, he was fascinated by the Rev War period and now he gets to take his enthusiasm to the hobby and the public. He found us on the web site and first met us at the Stratford show. He says the unit is a "BLAST" and can't wait until his clothing loses its 'newbie' look. He plans on being a firefighter in Hartford and has passed the exam for this position. We had the privilege of meeting his lovely fiancée, Martha at Ridgefield. Tom put in three full days at this event and his efforts were greatly appreciated.



YOU MUST JOIN THE 5<sup>TH</sup> CR WEBSITE

There are already 17 5CR households online. Go to the [www.5CR.org](http://www.5CR.org) Discussion link.

# Upcoming Event Information

## Memorial Day Parade

Monday May 27, 2002 9:30 am

This is a paid show where we will be marching with the Bristol Historical Society and over 30 children in patriotic dress. They are the winners of the "What Memorial Day means to me" essay contest coordinated by Tom Angels. The 5CR will be the honorary unit in this very easy to walk parade. Men will need 20 rounds as there are two brief Veteran's ceremonies during the walk. The crowds are great, the route is flat and only 50 minutes long. Bristol is known throughout Connecticut for its remembrance of Veterans. And the 5th and these young writers are the highlight of the parade. Directions: From 84 East or West take Route 72 West until the expressway ends. Go straight across the light at the intersection and at the second light take a right onto Pine Street. After a short distance, on your right will be the Stop & Shop and a movie theater plaza. Pull in and park, this is where the parade divisions form. Ask for the honor guard in the first division.

## School Show

Friday June 7, 2002 8:00 am

This show will buy a lot of potatoes! Heading North on Rt.8 Take Exit 16 (Ansonia Business District). Go to 3rd light. Take a right at Burger King. Go over tracks, past Stop & Shop and McDonald's and over the bridge. At the 2nd light go straight. This is Elm Street. It is an "S" shaped street. At the top of the "S", bear right. The Ansonia Police Station will be on your left. Go to the top of the hill bearing left at the top. This is Prindle Avenue. Go past the stop sign then take the 1st right onto Ford St. Proceed on Ford St. approx. 1/2 mile. Mead School is on the left. It is recessed somewhat, but clearly visible from the road. Meet around back in the school yard. Heading South on Rt.8 Use Exit 20 and take a left. Go over Rt. 8 past Rapp's Paradise Inn Restaurant. You will come to a stop sign by Nolan Field (softball fields, etc.). Continue straight. This is Wakelee Ave. At the 2nd light you will

take a left and quickly bear right. This is Division St. Go straight to the stop sign (Griffin Hospital will be on your right). Bear left down the hill. At the 2nd light go straight past Burger King.

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## The Hurd House

Sunday June 9, 2002 12:00 pm

The Hurd House Museum is extremely pleased to have the members of the Fifth Connecticut be the cornerstone of their opening day celebration. This is a paid event and all members are encouraged to attend. The day will begin promptly at 1:00 with a Greeting from Esq.; Nathan Hurd to the troops. Following this the 5<sup>th</sup> shall show visitors a revolutionary camp, training and social life of the Solider and Camp Followers.

The public has been invited to bring a picnic lunch and join in the Colonial Atmosphere. Senior and junior docents will be on hand to give house tours, playing games, doing laundry, cooking at the hearth and visiting with the public and the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Your attendance in this event will be very much appreciated by your fellow member Sandra Tarbox, the Hurd House Museum and the Woodbury Historical Society. The event closes at 4:00 and all are invited to stay for dinner on the lawn or in the barn if the weather is poor.

Please bring your eating utensils and a cup.



## From the Quarter Master's Tent:

Dear 5th Conn. Regt.

We had a grand time this past event. The battle turned out well, even in the rain! We had fun and the crowds had fun and got an education too. There were more than 2000+ spectators in the rain at the battle. This sight made me feel great to be there. I hope all of you had as much fun and enjoyment. I would also like to thank everyone for helping with the camp chores. It made it a lot easier with everyone pitching in.

Per our unit regulations and with the Captains blessings, Corporal Jesse Effros is our Assistant QM. He did a fine job in setting up the camp Friday and assisting me with Quarter Master duties. Also hats off to Tom Angels for getting the new wood fly poles and all his help. A special thanks from us to PVT. Tony Bruno for taking home the van and airing out the wet tents! And special thanks from us to Sandie Tarbox for taking the camp iron pots which must be cleaned and re-seasoned after each event. Also Sandie was appointed to organize the camp followers. If you are a camp follower and wish to do something of interest then she is your contact with the exception of working in the kitchen, then your contact is the Commissar Toni Johnson. (By the way, she's a good cook too!)

The new kitchen set up is for kitchen staff only. All troops are to eat in the troop area. The troop fly will have the blue table and will be roped off separately.

I handed out the powder rations on Sunday afternoon. If you missed your ration you will need to contact me to make special arrangements. I will not be carrying a keg of powder around to every event.

Please get those returns in if you have something borrowed. I don't want to send you a bill for it. Some changes have been made to the loan out items. As it stands only Jesse, the Captain and I are authorized to loan out equipment or clothing items. I purchased with my own funds three additional books from Keith Jones for anyone who missed getting one. The costs is \$13 each. Please contact me ASAP if you want one.

Lastly, if anyone sees a safety or better way of doing something, I am all ears. Also your in-put on needed unit equipment or current equipment condition is always welcome.

The best fun I had at the show was sharing time and good conversation with all of you. See you at the next show.

Your Most Humble Servant,

Joseph Hukill 5CR QM Sjt

### Camp Kitchen Regulations Campaign Season 2002

- Please do not congregate under the Kitchen Fly while meals are being served, prepared or cleaned up – Unless of course you expect to be put to work.



- Please be on time to meals. Food will be served to all members in attendance before seconds are offered. If you must be away from camp, please ask a buddy to save you a portion.
- You must bring your own eating implements (bowl and utensils, fingers count). As many members have similar utensils and bowls, I suggest you inscribe or mark yours to differentiate.
- Hot water and soap will be provided. Please wash your bowl after the meal, and put it away.
- Please be sure to keep any anachronisms as inconspicuous as possible. Ex. Put the cover back on the garbage, take your cup into the supply tent to pour a beverage from a modern container....Etc.
- If you volunteer for a duty, please make sure that you fulfill your commitment. Others are counting on you.
- Please don't hesitate to make suggestions or requests.

Thanks for all your help in making this a great year for all.  
Toni Johnson

