



# The Company Informer

The Fifth Connecticut Regiment of the Continental Line

**Si Recte Facies "Immortal Honor"**

*September 2005*

## You may be a Re-enactor....

If your morning cup of coffee involves an ax...you may be a re-enactor.

If you have ever said to your significant other, "Honey, did you borrow my stockings and garters?" . . .you may be a re-enactor.

If you have a fear of dropping your bayonet in a porta-loo. . .you may be a re-enactor.

If you have ever told someone at McDonald's that you are Amish. . . you may be a re-enactor.

If you have ever taken a shower with a fire arm . . .you may be a re-enactor.

If you have ever lit yourself on fire . . .you may be a re-enactor

If you have ever had to put on your shoes and light a candle to go to the bathroom in the middle of the night . . .you may be a re-enactor

If you've ever burned off your eyebrows . . . you may be a re-enactor.

If you have ever burned a piece of cloth in a fabric store . . . you may be a re-enactor.

If you have ever had 20 lbs. of black powder delivered to your front door by UPS. . .you may be a re-enactor.

If you have ever looked longingly at another man's coat . . .you may be a re-enactor.

If you have ever been accused of "spewing in the bowl" . . . you may be a re-enactor. "Slops !"

If you have ever spent time in New Jersey . . .on purpose . . . you may be a re-enactor.

If you come back from a weekend smelling of wood smoke, rotten eggs, WD 40 and B.O. . . .you may be a re-enactor.

If you have ever looked for a shady place to die . . .you may be a re-enactor.

## Si Recte Facies

I recently overheard a discussion about the Fifth's motto. Our motto is Si Recte Facies which translates roughly into "Immortal Honor". The motto and design for the Regimental Colours come from the following camp orders issued to the Connecticut Division on Sept 10, 1780:

"Regulation for regimental colours in the Connecticut Line. The ground of each to be different—each to bear the number of the Regt. In large character: - The device on one side, the Connecticut Arms—on the other, the device and motto of the 30 dollar Bills. If the ground of (any) two colours should be so alike as to not be distinguishable 3 or 400 yards, a small field of 13 stripes in the Lower Quarter of one of them may serve as a distinction."

The statement "Rebellion to Tyrants is Obedience to God" quoted on this document and other places comes from a sermon of the day.



## New Canaan Encampment

**Date: September 17<sup>th</sup> [Rain Date the 18<sup>th</sup>]**

**Location: New Canaan Historical Society**

**Time: 10:00 to 4:00—also we need people to set up and to attend Dinner/Cocktail Party on Friday night.**

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Fifth! Please join us all at a lively autumnal encampment in New Canaan.

We are sure to enjoy a large, engaging and inquisitive crowd all interested in experiencing 18<sup>th</sup> C history as only the Fifth Connecticut can show it. I am sure we will have great fun at the same time doing some recruiting and advertising for the exciting W3R events which will pass close by this region of Connecticut in 2006.

Attending along with the Fifth Connecticut will be our friends from Delancey's and the Wilton Militia. We will actually have TWO guns on the site as Tom Angels will be bringing his new field piece along side that of the Wilton folks. Bring cartridges as we will have a skirmish and/or some active drilling and live fire for the crowd.

We expect to set up a full camp Friday night and an overnight stay is available. The Historical Society grounds are located near the compact and busy town center. I can imagine nothing but fun strolling through the town engaging the folks and crawling the local taverns. I pray the Forlorn Hopes are in full voice!!

On Friday night the Historical Society will have a Taste Of History event. This will be a cocktail party followed by a full period dinner at the Roger Sherman Inn. We are still working out the details, but all reenactors are welcome to the cocktail party as we will post guard and mingle with the clientele; many of whom will also be in period attire. Afterwards a multi-course 18<sup>th</sup> century dinner will be served in the Inn's elegant dining room. There is a cost to attend the dinner but Mr. Tom Weilenmann, the owner of the Roger Sherman, has offered free seating for up to four reenactors willing to attend, disperse amongst the diners adding flavor and repartee. He has extending this initiation to dinner for BOTH Friday and Saturday nights. Anyone interested in filling this role on either evening should contact Tom '7' Castrovinci who is coordinating the event. Please note that Mr. Weilenmann is a delightful and generous man and true lover of history. He has donated significant funds to underwrite this entire show. I sincerely hope we can help him make these dinners a very special experience for his guests

During the day we hope to have children's drills and offer a variety of demonstrations and talks. We need as many craftspeople, musicians and specialists to attend as possible. Note we will also offer a vignette for the entertainment of the crowd. Most likely we will reprise the TRIAL which was so well received at Ridgefield and Wilton in the past. All/any actors, screenwriters or stage hands should contact Tom 7 and offer up their thespian services. This should be quite a bit of fun. So please advise Tom 7 at the contacts mentioned below and let us know of your availability.

We look forwarding to seeing as many of you as possible for what **will most likely your last chance to contribute to a paid event in 2005!!!!**

### **Directions:**

**From I-95 North or South**, turn left off exit 13 onto the Post Road and follow this to Darien. When you see the Darien Firehouse on your left, turn right at the light onto Route 124. Follow Route 124 into New Canaan. You will now be on South Avenue. As you enter the town center, turn right at the first traffic light onto Cherry Street, then immediately turn left at the next light onto Main Street.

Continue on Main Street, which becomes Oenoke Ridge, (Route 124) and go up the hill past the New Canaan Fire Company. At the top of the hill just past St. Michael's Lutheran Church, turn right into the driveway. The Historical Society's Town House entrance will be on your left as you proceed up the driveway.

You will find parking in the rear.

**From the Merritt Parkway (Route 15) North or South**, use exit 37 and turn left at the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp. You will now be on South Avenue. As you enter the town center, turn right at the first traffic light onto Cherry Street, then immediately turn left at the next light onto Main Street.

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Please let Tom 7 know if you are coming and what special services you can provide. Contact him at: Home 203 966-7651 Work 203 329-6500 x 103 Or email [tcast@amsyn.com](mailto:tcast@amsyn.com)

## Defense of Redway Plain Rehobeth, Mass.

**DATE: Sept. 23—25th**

**UNIFORM: Regimentals**

**COORDINATOR: Mike Filler**

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<http://www.2ndmass.org/redwayplain/>

***To Arms! To Arms!*** *The year is 1779 and the quiet of the New England countryside has been disturbed by the martial sound of British Regulars marching through the towns of southeastern New England. The recent withdrawal of American Forces from the town of Newport and the surrounding countryside has emboldened the British garrison stationed there. In an effort to follow up on his victory during that engagement and in order to gather supplies for the British garrison of Newport, Gen'l Pigot is leading an expedition into Massachusetts.*

The British column left Newport some 4 days past and has made significant progress in this latest incursion upon the liberties of New England. Local militia forces have rallied to the alarm while General Sullivan is marching with a force of his Continentals and even some of our recent acquired French allies. General Sullivan has called for all available forces to converge at Redway Plain just outside the small village of Rehoboth that the British column must pass on their march.

This will be a good opportunity to spar with some British Regulars, experience camp life and the tavern.

### **SCHEDULE:**

#### **Saturday**

7:30 AM	Reveille
8:00—10:00 AM	NCO's Tactical
9:00 AM	Cars out of Camp
10:30 AM	Morning Parade and Drill
(Safety)	
11:30-12:30 PM	Nooning
1:00 PM	Troops Formation
1:30—3:00 PM	Battle for Redway Plain
5:00 PM	Camps close to Public
5:00 PM	Evening meal
6:30 PM	Candlelight walk-thru for chosen public guests
7:30 PM	Contra Dance
11:00 PM	All Quiet

#### **Sunday**

8:00 AM	Reveille
9:30 AM	Church Call
11:00 AM	Ladies' Tea
12:00– 12:45 PM	Nooning
12:45 PM	Troop Formation
1:00—2:30 PM	2nd Battle for Redway Plain
2:30 PM	Break Camp

### **DIRECTIONS:**

1. East on I-95
2. Merge onto I-19 East US-6E via EXIT 20 towards East Providence/Cape Cod
3. Stay STRAIGHT to go onto US-44 E/ Taunton Ave.
4. Continue to follow US-44 E
5. End at 474 Winthrop Street, Rehobeth, MA



## Living History Encampment

**October 1-2**

**Lebanon, CT**

In the Winter of 1780-81 the French Cavalry, under the direction of the duc de Lauzun encamped in Lebanon to winter over and prepare to join the main army led by Rochambeau in the Spring. They served as the left flank for the combined French and American Army as it marched across Connecticut and eventually to Yorktown.

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<http://www.geocities.com/lcraigeweb/lebanon05.html>

### SCHEDULE: SATURDAY

10:30	Review of the French and American Troops by the Comt. de Rochambeau.
Noon	Unveiling of Commemorative Historic Marker. French Ambassador Jean-David Levitte will take part in the ceremony.
1:00	Fife and Drum performance
2:30	Military Drills, Artillery Demo.
3:30	Shake Hands with History-Meet Rochambeau, the duc de Lauzun and Lafayette.
4:00	"Hussars in Lebanon" - pre-sented by historian R. A. Selig and Peter

Moritz at the Lebanon Historical Society.

18th Century Dance

7:00

**SUNDAY**

9:30

Military Drills; Obstacle course for NCO training.

10:00

Church Services

11:30

Fashion Show

2:00

Historical Vignette featuring members of the cast of "A Brave Revenge" a historical drama troop.

### DIRECTIONS:

#### From I-95

1. Take ramp onto I-95 NORTH toward PROVIDENCE .
2. Take fork onto I-395 NORTH toward PLAIN FIELD/NORWICH - go 13.8 mi1.
3. Take exit #81W onto CT-32 NORTH toward HARTFORD - go 1.7 mi1.
4. Take exit #25/CT-32 NORTH onto WINDHAM TPKE[CT-32] toward WILLIMANTIC/FRANKLIN - go 0.7 mi1
5. Bear on LEBANON RD[CT-87] - go 4.0 mi14.Continue to follow CT-87 - go 2.4 mi1
6. Bear on W TOWN ST - go 0.1 mi1.
7. Arrive at the center of LEBANON, CT

#### From Route 84

1. I-84 EAST toward BOSTON
2. Take exit #59 onto I-384 EAST toward PROVIDENCE - go 8.5 mi
3. I-384 EAST becomes BOLTON RD[US-6] - go 0.3 mi
4. Bear to follow US-6 EAST - go 6.9 mi
5. Turn on CT-87 - go 10.1 mi
6. Turn on EXETER RD[CT-207] - go 0.1 mi
7. Turn on W TOWN ST - go < 0.1 mi
8. Arrive at the center of LEBANON, CT



**Sept. 3-4**  
**Sept. 17**

**Sept. 23-24**  
**Oct. 1-2**

**Oct. 9-10**  
**Oct. 29-30**

**Dec. 3**

### Remaining 2005 Campaign

**East Village, NY "Walk In"**

**Fifth Encampment, New Canaan, CT \$**  
**(Rain Date Sept. 18)**

**Battle of Redway Plain, Rehoboth, MA**  
**Lauzun's Legion, Lebanon, CT**

**Chelmsford, Ma <note the change>**

**Long Island Raids, Brookhaven, NY**

**Walk In, Putnam Park, Redding, CT**