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The Captain's Marquee

And the war continues....

The campaign season is well under way with some good events coming up. By the time you read this it should be Fort 4's Rev War Weekend, always a good site. I didn't see enough interest to do Southbury, Connecticut so we are canceled it. Sorry, but it just didn't get promoted well by those running it (politics, too much to explain here) and a lot of other units dropped it too. The next event is Hubbardton Vermont, an event we all know about. I don't really need to sell that one: Great Site, Great Site, Great Site. As always it is the weekend following Independence Day, and quite often you can see the fireworks off in the distance on Saturday night if Castleton's fireworks fall on that weekend. An eerie warlike backdrop to the wilderness setting of Hubbardton. It's encampments like these that make the events worth it all, from the boom and flash far off in the distance at Hubbardton to the Indian drums Saturday nights at Fort 4 and waking up to the valley fog enshrouding the fort, the ambience at these events beat the carnival-like irony of the dog-and-pony shows we used to do anytime.

DUES. You must pay your dues. \$10 for Individual Memberships and \$15 for Family Memberships. Make checks out to the "3rd New Hampshire Regiment" and send to Sanford Walker, 681 Washington Road, Rye NH 03870.

As the summer heats up you must now remember to watch for heat exhaustion and heat stroke, and drink plenty of fluids. This is why our canteen rule is mandatory, no matter how much you drink during the day the soldiers must fall into formation for battle with FULL canteens. It is remarkable how some people will agonize over every detail of a thousand dollar musket and not think twice about a canteen purchase until they find water leaking out of the canteen. *And remember the bug spray and sunblock!* Part of re-enacting is learning and applying one's experience to upgrading equipment and clothing. Your kit should never be finished, meaning that you should never be satisfied with your clothing and accoutrements to the point of never upgrading. That's how you get trapped into the Bicentennial Time Warp, this ain't the 1970's; coonskin caps and fringed rifle bags just won't cut it anymore. From canteens to shoes to breeches to hats you should always strive for improvement. You don't need to spend yourself into bankruptcy, but you shouldn't be standing still either. We are a progressive unit, we set the examples and let you move up at your own pace but you are expected to make those upgrades eventually. We chose to allow some individuality among our persona impressions to reflect the historical variances in the uniforms such as varied small clothes, but there were also many things common among New Hampshire Continentals. For example:

Neck stocks. In 1779 the New Hampshire troops receive a very large shipment of black neck stocks. I see very few of us wearing them.

Hats: A lot of you could use a new and better hat.

Breeches and gaiters; Still far too many breeches and gaiters out there are too loose. The 18th century man wore skin-tight clothing from the thighs down, think spandex or a wet suit and you get the idea. A dandy once was ordering breeches and wanted them so tight he said: "If I can put them on I don't want them". The breeches are baggy at the seat but get progressively tighter down the thigh and knee band. And the gaiters should be well contoured to fit the calf and ankle. You just cannot wear breeches and gaiters right off the shelf, you must custom fit them to your contours. Wash them to shrink them first then buy some heavy thread and needles and start taking in those seams. *And then paint those gaiters!* Black semi-gloss Rustoleum works good, keep the paint away from the button holes. *And do not let any canvas item painted with an oil paint dry in the sun! It will burst into flames! (Spontaneous Combustion).*

We have been considering making backpacks for the unit; I would like to hear how many of you would be interested.

We need to come up with some ideas for the cooking gear in camp. We might need one or two small storage chests, and someone to carry them to events. Just big enough to carry the cooking oil, paper towels, etc. I know we decided on no company equipment, but we do need some things. We are not looking to have a camp setup as elaborate as we had years ago, far too cumbersome, but you would be surprised at how far we can go on just one little storage chest. We have added a company coffee pot, it's big and stainless steel and welded so there is no fear of it melting in the fire, but we don't need much more. I envision a very small camp equipment set up, which we divide up

among members to take home and which takes up very little space.

Oh and now is the time to start talking about the actual COOKING. You can go ahead and start talking with others on your own, no need to wait for a "higher" authority. The Lunch Menu doesn't exactly fall under the Executive Committee's set of responsibilities, and the captain is a little busy fending off bayonet charges. We don't do things anymore like we did with NewMarket; if you want an elaborate meal you will just have to take the bull by the horns and work it out yourself. Take the initiative. *Carpe Diem!*

And one more note on Yorktown: Talking with the 1st and 2nd New Hampshire regiments we decided a while ago that we will be renting a cargo van for the flies and tents and we will carpool in some of our own mini-vans down to Virginia. Now that means space is limited; so SOLDIERS ONLY for the carpool (we did a similar arrangement for Trenton in 2001), if you want family members to go you should make your own arrangements to get there. I know some already have their own plans for Yorktown and plan on driving themselves. I am working on us leaving on Thursday morning and arriving Thursday night. This gives us Friday free, and you would have the choice of joining a group of us going to Williamsburg for the day or joining the BAR on some Friday activities. The whole event is really going to be four days long, and I suspect us returning on Monday.

And finally let us welcome our newest members: Michelle Duve, John Barrett, Richard White, Gib Zea, Carson Hubbard, Alec Franzoni. Welcome Aboard, and may your new friends be true and your bayonets bloody.

Don't Frag the Captain,
YHS
Capt Dave Hannon

From The Editor

I would like to firstly apologize that this is so late. I meant to send it off before we left for our two and a half week vacation but it slipped my mind and I didn't remember until we were half-way through New York. Anyway better late than never...right?

Since the last gazette came out we have had two events, the Hollis parade and the Fort at #4 Rev War Days.

In Hollis we provided the color guard to lead off the Memorial Day Parade and also fired a salute during the ceremony afterward. Thank you to everyone who showed up to this, though paid events aren't always a lot of fun, they're necessary for the unit. Hopefully, no one has had any serious hearing damage from the unceasing air-horns of the Hollis Fire Department.

For our first encampment of the year, the Rev War Days at Fort #4, we had typical reenacting weather. It rained throughout the weekend. The tactical was cancelled on Saturday due to the weather. Thankfully, there was a respite on Sunday and we were able to have the tactical and pack up mostly-dry canvas. Despite the rain, I believe that the few who did attend had a good time.

I'd like to welcome the new recruits to the unit. It's good to have you with us and I look forward to fielding with you all.

At the same time we are also losing one of our soldiers. My brother Stephen is reporting to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy on the 3rd of July and will no longer be able to come to events.

Though my computer is now working again not all of the fonts have been re-installed, therefore, I am still using this temporary format.

Well, Hubbardton is the next event on the schedule and it's always fun. I look forward to being there.

Your most humble servant,

Brian P. Hills, Editor

Upcoming Events

Battle Of Hubbardton

This is a popular event at a great site. Arrival is on Friday the 7th of July and the camp breaks down on Sunday.

The battlefield is located just off Route 4 West from Rutland. Take exit 5 towards Castleton and you can follow the signs to the battlefield.

Below is the schedule which I found on the website for the battlefield. It differs slightly from the schedule on the LHA website so consider it tentative.

Saturday, July 8, 2006

9:30 a.m. Historic Site opens to the public
10:00 a.m. Camps open to the public
10:30 a.m. American court martial
11:30 a.m. Unit drills in camps
2:30 p.m. Prisoner exchange
3:30 p.m. Tactical demonstration
5:00 p.m. Camps closed to the public
5:30 p.m. Visitor Center closes
7:00 p.m. Guided camp candlelight tours
8:00 p.m. Memorial Service

Sunday, July 9, 2006

8:00 a.m. Battle of Hubbardton Reenactment
9:00 a.m. Camps open to public
10:30 a.m. Artillery demonstration
11:30 a.m. British Court martial
1:00 p.m. Tactical demonstration
2:00 p.m. Camps close
5:30 p.m. Visitor Center closes

Uniform: Mixed Dress

Gazette Contributions

would be greatly appreciated. Any members of the 3rd New Hampshire are welcome to any news or articles for publication in this newsletter. Please send submissions to nhhills@metrocast.net or mail to 265 Middle Road, Deerfield, New Hampshire, 03037. All submissions must be received by the 28th of the month preceding publication.

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Schedule of Events

Event	Date
Battle of Hubbardton, Hubbardton, Vt.	8/9 July 2006
Londonderry, N.H., Old Home Days and Encampment	19 August 2006
Fort Ticonderoga Revolutionary War Weekend	9/10 September 2006
3 rd New Hampshire Regimental Dinner, Londonderry or Deerfield, NH	September/November
Battle of Yorktown 225 th Anniversary, Yorktown, Virginia	21/22 October, 2006