

Winter Hill Journal

**The Newsletter of the First New Hampshire Regiment
December 2004**

Your Captain's Post

Thank you to everyone who made it to the Candlelight Stroll at Strawberry Banke. I know some of you attended the holiday gathering offered by the Loyalist commander who continues to reside in New Hampshire. In the spirit of the holiday season, I appreciate the peace and kindness extended by Major Sorenson.

At the Northern Continental Line meeting, we recently learned of many events coming up during the coming campaign season. The full Continental Line meeting, in January, will give us even more information on Southern events, and perhaps another shot at Whitpain, Pennsylvania, although this event may be in conflict with a Northern event. At any case, we will be busy in 1780/2005. The invitations are already coming in, and there has been talk of finding somewhere to have another Regimental event this coming season. Also, we're looking at returning to Fort #4 along with some invited guests this time.

To that end, your commanding officer has been asked to be the overall commander at an event scheduled this coming May in Newbury, Massachusetts. Details can be found at: www.battlefornewbury.org. Bruce Batten and I have been to the Little Farm site and walked the ground in preparation for the event to come. I'm currently in the process of figuring out who my supporting officers will be. It looks like this could be a fine Northern Department show. While we haven't voted on this yet as one of our events, I'm sure we will.

For those of you unfamiliar with what has transpired in recent history with the group formally known as Dearborn's Company, they have changed their name to the Third New Hampshire Regiment and broken their affiliation with the First New Market Colonial Militia. It is my understanding that they too have selected the brown and red lottery coats as their uniform. Once ours are completed, along with Cherry's Light Infantry Company, the New Hampshire Brigade will finally have a unified front. It's been many years in the making, but it will be worth it.

While we are in winter quarters, let us not forget that we will have a Regimental meeting the second Sunday in January, at the Nashua YMCA. The election winners will be announced at that time, and they will immediately take on their new responsibilities. 2004 has certainly been a transition year, with both ups and downs. One thing I learned from my prospective, as your

commanding officer, is that everyone has the best interest of the Regiment at heart. Sometimes we just see things differently, but we continue to move forward. I know I'm excited about our next season together, and I hope you are as well.

Known Event Listing for 2005

Some where an event at Whitpain, PA will be scheduled, but quite possibly it will be in conflict with one of the Northern events already on the list.

Since we are not a BAR member organization, the BAR events are listed for your information only. Additional information can be found on the BAR web site.

January

**9th = Regimental meeting, 6:30 pm @ Nashua Y
22nd = Continental Line meeting, Annapolis, MD**

February

13th = Regimental meeting, 6:30 pm @ Nashua Y

February/March

?? = Washington's Birthday Regimental Dinner

March

5th & 6th = Champlain Maritime Museum, Whitcomb's

Rangers

20th = Manchester, NH St. Patrick's Day Parade (ACCEPTED - details to follow)

April

**?? = Bedford, MA Liberty Pole Capping, Bedford Minutemen
16th = Battle Road @ Hartwell Tavern, 2nd Mass.
17th = Fife & Drum Muster, MMNP
19th (Tuesday) = Medford, MA Patriot's Day Ceremony
23rd & 24th = BAR School of the Soldier, New Windsor, NY**

May

**?? = Bedford, NH Memorial Day Parade
?? = Danville, NH Memorial Day Parade
13th, 14th & 15th = Charleston, SC (225th)
21st & 22nd = Little Farm, Newbury, MA, Danvers Alarm & Tallmages Light Dragoons (Northern Dept. CL Sanctioned Event)
21st & 22nd = Seven Years War College, Fort Ticonderoga
30th = Memorial Day Parades (Andover, MA & Medford, MA)**

June

**4th & 5th = Fort #4 Rev War Weekend
18th = Jamestown, RI (small event 20 participants or so, preliminary for future event)**

25th & 26th = BAR, Battle of Springfield, NJ (225th)
25th & 26th = F & I Grand Encampment, Fort Ticonderoga

July

4th (Monday) = Amherst, NH Parade & Strawberry Banke (?)
9th & 10th = Upper Canada Village, Chrysler Farm, Ontario, Canada (Northern Dept. CL Sanctioned Event)
9th & 10th – Battle of Hubbardton, VT, LHA
9th & 10th = Fort Adams, RI, Landing of Rochambeau (225th)
23rd & 24th = Mount Independence Tactical & Encampment, Whitcomb's Rangers
30th & 31st = Billerica, MA 350th Celebration

August

?? = Battle of Bennington, LHA
6th & 7th = Fort #4, F & I 250th Event
20th = Londonderry, NH Old Home Day Parade
27th & 28th = Champlain Maritime Museum, Smuggling on the Lake, Whitcomb's Rangers

September

3rd & 4th = BAR, Eastfield Village (??)
10th & 11th = Fort Ticonderoga Rev War Weekend
24th & 25th = Rehoboth, MA Tactical & Encampment, 13th Continentals (Northern Dept. CL Sanctioned Event)
24th & 25th = Fort Ticonderoga, Seminar on the American Revolution

October

1st & 2nd = BAR, Arnold/Andre Affair, Hudson Highlands (?)
1st & 2nd = BAR, Lebanon, CT (??)
8th & 9th = Chelmsford, MA, 350th Celebration, Tactical & Encampment, Knox's Artillery (Northern Dept. CL Sanctioned Event)
8th & 9th = Old Stone Fort, Schoharie, NY, (Johnson's Raid 225th)
8th & 9th = Fort George, NY, Carleton's Raid (225th)
29th & 30th = BAR, Brookhaven, RI (??)

Additional events will be added for your consideration after the Continental Line meeting or when they come in. Once we vote on our calendar, we will then look for openings to schedule other Regimental weekends or recruiting events at Fort #4 and/or other locations.

For Your Information

Below is a copy of a letter I recently sent to Fort Ticonderoga, along with our long overdue \$100.00 donation. As I note at the end of the letter, I hope we can continue to add our small financial support to the fort in the future. We often discuss ways in which the Regiment can contribute to educational scholarships or some other "favorite" issue we might have. Other than the Methuen World War II vets, I can't think of anywhere else we have actually made such a contribution. I truly believe, that no matter how small, such donations are a good idea, and I hope the Regiment can continue with donations such as these in the future.

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Greetings Fort Ticonderoga,

Well, this check is long overdue. It was promised as a donation back during the Revolutionary War event in September. Please accept this check with our gratitude for all that you do to preserve a fine piece of American history. For those of us who have been reenacting now for thirty years or more, we look forward to returning each year. There is always that special sense of walking on sacred ground when one returns to For Ti. For those who came to the hobby shortly before or during the 225th anniversary events, they bring a new generation of enthusiastic historians who are always looking to learn more, and Fort Ticonderoga continues to offer that opportunity. For those who are new to the hobby of reenacting, once they see Fort Ticonderoga, they quickly begin to understand how what they do not only illuminates the past, but it also preserves our future heritage as well. We can't build our future without knowing our past. For your contribution to that end, this check is so small, but I hope there will be more in the future.

Thank you again for all that you do.

Yours in History,

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