

Sudbury Companies of Militia and Minute

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Folks,

Hope that you folks all had a great summer! Though we were on break, there were/are meetings for the Faire and the Battle of Red Horse Tavern with a few wedding gigs sprinkled in. We also had a couple of (really good!) Bylaws meetings as well. More on the meetings a little later in the newsletter. Thanks to everyone who took time out of their busy summer to attend these meetings as well as dedicate their time to make the Sudbury Companies a success!

The September Muster will be held on September 11th at the Wayside Inn. The Faire meeting will be at 7:00 and at 8:00 we will have our general business and Faire preparation meeting. The later start at 8:00 will give the Faire Committee time to go over their progress and actions for the next coming weeks. Col. Peter Hoover will report on the progress of the Faire to date and what needs to be accomplished leading up to the Faire.

After the presentation of the Faire progress, we will also have our annual election for our new Quartermaster! The candidate that I know of will do a great job with the SCMM! I look forward to working with the future officer and the current officer Corp as a retired Colonel :-)

The Faire Committee will meet the remaining Mondays, September 11, 18, and 25. There are also Faire setup days the next few Saturdays – 9 September (inventory check) and 23 September (field setup) as well as the Friday before the Faire to put up twine and canvas. Please help since many hands make for light work ;-). Many thanks (again!!) to Col. Peter Hoover for being our Faire Chairman this year!

We held a bylaws meeting on Tuesday 11 July – I'll have the synopsis in a future post. We did have a great meeting where a lot was discussed, more than just the two positions of treasurer and clerk. Suffice it to say, we ran out of time to propose any changes to the bylaws in this cycle – most due to my lack of schedule. More work remains, which will continue past my tenure as Colonel, but the work will continue. Again, plan to continue this work through John Kelly's Colonelcy.

Dates for you to know:

- **11 September 2017 – Muster and QM Election – 7:00** Faire Meeting (Officers attend), **8:00** General Muster and Quartermaster Election – Old Ball Room.

Col. Peter Hoover will report on the progress of the Faire to date and what needs to be accomplished leading up to the Faire. After, we will have the election for a new Quartermaster!

- **30 September 2017** – Sudbury Faire and Muster of Fyfes and Drums
- 2 October 2017 – Muster
- 7 October 2017 – October Drill (drill practice for Battle of Red Horse Tavern)
- 21 October 2017 – Wedding Gig – 5:30 Wayside Inn
- 4 November – Battle of Red Horse Tavern
- 6 November – Muster

Speaking of schedule, there is an event on 16 September that Larry brought up at our last muster before the summer break. The event is Hebron Colonial Day. This one day event runs from 10 am to 4 pm at County Carpenters, 326 Gilead Street, Hebron CT. Best news – it's free! Better news, there are a number of period activities including; blacksmithing, furniture making, wood carving, candle making, and (I'm better) a tin smith as well (I wonder who ;-)). There will also be shooting demos as well.

I just wanted to say how honored I have been to be your Colonel this year. Starting when I was young fifer to more recent times, I have always looked up to the Colonel in the SCMM. I'm proud to be considered one of leaders of this group. Though I was "fast tracked" by a year with the departure of Chris Wolfe, there has been more than enough work to keep me busy ;-). When I first started this journey, I only just had a fife and drum company and Saintonge/4th Middlesex as my activities – funny what a year can do. A more complex job/task came, an opportunity to get a Master's on the company's dime, and Anna joined William Diamond Juniors – all things I couldn't say no to. All of you helped me tremendously as things got busy and through my tenure as an officer and finally as your Colonel. There are a few of you that without your help, especially behind the scenes, my Colonelcy would have been harder or impossible. To all thank you very much for putting up with me (including my forgetfulness) and please select and support the next slate of folks coming up through the ranks.

Some folks have asked what I'm going to be doing once I retire as Colonel – well, I'm not going far :-). My plan is to still continue with the military aspect of the SCMM and continue training the rank and file and officers on the drill and maneuvers. This is something that I very much enjoy and plan to continue doing. I also will continue with the meetings to update the Bylaws – this is something that we started, but never finished. I still have one more year of school to finish, but when there is time, I plan to do what I can with the Bylaws and other SCMM projects.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Again, I cannot say enough for all your support during this year and look forward to seeing you all very soon.

For Massachusetts and Congress!

Steven

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