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Command Staff Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/98611005973?pwd=k72gzsZAXVD7OcclaEoBrqbQniQJfW.1

Attendees: Lt. Col. Michael Graves, Capt./Adjutant Dylan Potter, Col./QM Paul O'Shaughnessy, Col./Recruiting Officer Bob Falotico, Capt./QM Lenny Torto, Capt. Shaun Timberlake, Civilian Leader Tammy Bressler, Serjeant Major Ken Mental, Serjeant Jonathan DeRosa, Serjeant Khalid Antar, Fifer George Souza.

Meeting called to order 19:35 hrs.

- I. Opening Remarks: Michael Graves thanks everyone for their hard work over the last few weeks with back-to-back events at Fort Niagara and OSV.
- II. Meeting minutes, July 2, 2024: Approved
- III. Quartermaster Update (O'Shaughnessy/ Torto)
 - A. One tent is being sold to a member
 - B. We have 5 muskets in line to be fixed and sold to members who need them
 - C. Lenny Torto has communicated with recruits to arrange times for uniform fittings and equipment, and to train the new Grenadier recruit.
 - D. Jason Barton has expressed interest in learning leather work and will be heading to Michael Graves' house to learn.
 - E. Officers have cartridge pouches to offer back to the Regiment if new members need them
 - F. Quartermasters have explored a new source for shirts and breeches buckles
- IV. Paymaster Updates (Torto)
 - A. All insurance policies have been renewed
 - B. The Kitchen is our next biggest source of income after parades
 - C. Separate kitchen fund has about \$500. Most money goes to the general account

- V. Recruiting Updates (Falotico)
 - A. Spoke to a lot of people at OSV and handed a lot of cards. Expect several people to attend drill. At least 3, possibly up to 6
 - B. Bob to send dates for recruits for Return
 - C. Fathers of two recruits are also considering joining as soldiers

VI. Niagara and OSV De-brief

- A. Kitchen
 - 1. Everything seemed to go pretty well.
 - 2. Trouble getting people to pay early.
 - 3. Liz made soldiers fill canteen before in line for food.
 - 4. Duty Roster has been working. Didn't have to chase anybody for cleaning and duties. If there are suggestions/ comments, bring to Jonathan to help improve.
 - 5. Remind people to take down kitchen before their own tents.

VII. Companies

- A. Grenadiers (Torto/Murray)
 - 1. No Grenadiers at Niagara. Suggest sending out the survey list before events to see who said yes.
 - 2. Turnout was better at OSV and combined company with hats worked well on Sunday.
 - 3. Working on attendance overall.
- B. Battalion (Timberlake/ DeRosa)
 - 1. Niagara was well-attended and well-liked. Niagara was better with safety than OSV.
 - 2. OSV was not a liked event. Members were not happy unsafe scenarios. Weather was not good (hot, humid, and rain). The battles were constrained and restricted movement. Continental gun crew leveled muskets way too close.
- C. Lights (Potter/ Antar)
 - 1. Overall positive for both events.
 - 2. Moving the crowd to the lower field didn't work well. It restricted movement

D. Music

- 1. Fifer Wren Werner: Niagara went really well. It was fun to play in brigaded music.
- 2. Drummer from 5th to instruct our drummers for \$40/lesson.
- 3. Vote to see how it goes at the next drill. Approved

VIII. Miscellaneous

- A. We haven't scheduled post-OSV meeting. We will bring up the safety issues and discuss security issue at OSV. Other groups want to possibly take over as host units?
 - 1. We have for years asked for concessions to help reenactors. OSV management seem to be more interested in spectators.
- B. Look for place to drill. We have Depot through October 2024.
 - 1. Commercial real-estate for place to drill? New Monsignor might be open to us using the hall at St Brigids.

IX. Upcoming Events

- A. Worcester Historical Society Saturday, August 31st
- B. Somerville Powder Alarm Sunday, September 1st
- C. British Soldiers Memorial, Arlington Saturday, September 7th
- D. Fort Ti, NY September 13 15th
 - 1. Kitchen soldiers' mess? No means to haul the trailer
 - a) Find out by drill who is going to Ft Ti. 12 people between hats and Lights. Almost all are interested in soldier's mess.
 - b) We'll get answers for drill on who is going
- E. Fort 4, NH September 20 22nd
 - 1. Dylan getting update on Hastings and Farnsworth
 - a) Ask about guard house

X. 2025 Schedule

- A. Feb 25th Leslie's Retreat, Salem, MA
- B. Mar 16th St. Patrick's Day Parade, Boston, MA
- C. Mar 30th Battle Road Muster, MMNHP
- D. Apr 5/6th Green Rehearsal
- E. Apr 19th Green and Battle Road (and Parade?)
- F. Apr 20th Arlington (also double Easter)
- G. Apr 21st North Bridge Ceremony
- H. May 26th Memorial Day Parade
- I. Jun 20-22nd Bunker Hill, Gloucester, MA
- J. Jul 4th Independence Day Parade
- K. Jul ?? Fort St Jean, Canada August?
- L. Aug $1-3^{rd}$ OSV
- M. Ft Loudon, PA Aug 15-17
- N. Sep ?? Ft at No. 4
- O. Sep Paoli
- P. Oct 5 Bidwell House, Monterey, MA
- Q. Oct 10-12th Event hosted by 9th, CT

XI. Next Meeting:

A. Tuesday September 3rd

Meeting adjourned: 20:55 hrs.