

Continental Line Annual Meeting  
January 6, 2024  
Crown Plaza, King of Prussia, Pa

Board Members	Position	Attendance	X present
Erick Nason	Chairman	X	
Mitch Landon	Treasurer	X	
Tom Bowen	Adjutant	Absent	
Eric Chetwynd	Northern Dept. Co-ord.	X	
Mike White	Mid Atlantic Dept. Co-ord.	X	
Jim Hamilton	Southern Dept. Co-ord.	X	
Steve Santucci	Past Chairman (acting Adj.)	X	

Call to Order 9:12 am

Opening Remarks/Chairman's Report

Erik Nason addresses the group about recent 250<sup>th</sup> events current and near future. Collaborating with all levels of interested parties

Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Billy Meyers & Erick Nason

**Roll Call** Each department took attendance as each departments units were called by the acting Adjutant. Proxy votes were recorded at the beginning of the meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> V holds 8<sup>th</sup> Pa proxy  
Cranes holds UTA proxy  
NJ Lights holds 10<sup>th</sup> Va proxy

MAD 24  
SD 11  
ND 18

Total present 53 units

**Committee & Department Reports** Start: 9:25 am

**Northern Dept. report:** Erik Chetwynd provide a summary of the past year. Spoke briefly preview of planning for 250<sup>th</sup> and new events also clothing guidelines for specific events

**Mid Atlantic Dept. report**

Mike White present a review of the prior year's events. Also provide the names of applicant units coming into the pipeline in the MAD. Mention of the Battle of Monmouth National Event.

**Southern Dept. report**

Jim Hamilton Presents a review of the past year's department activities and events. Camden Battlefield reinterment service of Rev War Soldiers. A preview of the upcoming years events and the return of old events such as Colonial Williamsburg

**ADJ report** absent

**Meeting Minutes: Motion to forgo the reading and voting of said 2023 meeting minutes: Moved by 1st dragoons seconded PSR. The result: Unanimous vote**

### **Treasurer's report**

Mitch Landon provided the report, each unit received a copy at registration. A paper copy will be submitted to the ADJ

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> NJ seconded 9<sup>th</sup> pa, Unanimous vote

### **Compliance Committee report**

Thad Weaver Present compliance report digital copy provided to the board and in the hand of the ADJ Purpose of the Committee followed the topics of the Committees work the past year and preparation of the upcoming year. See attached. Thad expressed sentiments about the concerns of a unit members concerns of the Treasure's work, also that the past two years bank statements, money market report and the IRS Tax information is present and reviewable. Questions from the floor on specific points: The Rochambeau Washington Trail order stop black power at associated sites which had been walked back from the Par Service, Cease and desist Letter to a Company with same name as the line, a letter is drafted but he company is in NC and does not directly effect and concerns a of the line. Question about the Treasurer's concerns, have they been satisfied as per the individuals concerns. Given the absent  
Old Business

Motion to accept the compliance report: 10<sup>th</sup> mass seconded 2<sup>nd</sup> dragoons Unanimous vote

**break 10:01 to 10:18 am**

### **Old business**

**2024 National Events:** Already approved

**Old Fort Niagara July 27-28 2024** 1<sup>st</sup> NY: Present By Paul B and Dave Bernier. Amenities provided. Questions from the floor, barracks sleeping arrangements and before and after event camping

**Battle of Camden** November 9-10 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> SC

Erick Nason provides details of the event located on a private farm and allows for better interp. and is a growing event that is reenactor focused. Stipend may be available to defray travel expenses if Buses are used. Reenactor Friendly Sutlers are being sought for the event. Also Friday school event which in previous year had 2500 students attend

**Applicant Unit's Membership Vote: Note once presented members of applicant group are asked to leave while group discusses and concerns and address any questions then move to motion and vote for full membership**

**Spencer's Additional Continental Regiment- 2<sup>nd</sup> NJ sponsor**

Steve Santucci and Dave Skorka present them and the events attended

10<sup>th</sup> motions to accept 7<sup>th</sup> Va seconded. Unanimous vote

### **8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment- 7<sup>th</sup> Va sponsor**

Mike Cecere present the units and the events attended, Chris Anders speaks of his unit in the current time, members and impressions through research and hosted an event last year at Ft. Louden. Various drills and was asked to be a part of the Light Infantry formation at the National Event at Monmouth 2023. They strive to adapt their impression to the event attending.

Question from the floor, clean shaven, yes!

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> Pa seconded 2<sup>nd</sup> NJ Unanimous vote

### **Barber's Company, NJ Light Infantry- Sponsor NJ Light Infantry**

Jim Hamilton presents the of NJ light presents the applicant, Applicant unit represented briefly discusses the history had attended 12 events last year including a few in the MAD, have 25 members and 4 followers and many are experienced to the hobby.

Questions from the Floor

Motion Witcombs 2<sup>nd</sup> seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> MD Unanimous vote

**Old Business** : any from the floor. None

### **New Business**

#### **Event Table Breakout Session**

30 mins. 11:25 returned to the meeting of the whole

#### **Election of the Next Chairman**

Northern Department - Dave Bernier 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass

Nomination of the next chairman, On the Floor: Dave Bernier

Nomination to the Chair Motion by Tews, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass seconded

Dave addresses the body of the whole as the nominee

Speaks to the upcoming 2 years and the 250ths in the Northern Department in particular

Unanimous vote: Dave Bernier elected the Next Chairman

### **2025 National Event Proposals 11:28 am**

#### **Battle of Bunker Hill, June 21-22, 2025- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass**

Proposals Presented by Eric Chetwynd Co-Hosts 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass, 10<sup>th</sup> Mass and a British unit

Location and details such as guidelines similar to Battle Road, linen clothing acceptable

Fort Stage Park. Boats welcomed on the water

10<sup>th</sup> mass motions to accept it as a national, Lexington seconded. Unanimous vote as a national event, passes

#### **Siege of Fort St. Johns August 15-17 2025- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass**

Proposal 2<sup>nd</sup> mass and Kings Rangers co-sponsors

On site of the original fort in Canada, camping on the water front 1775 scenarios siege and skirmishes, Boats welcomed, 25 mins from Montreal. Modern showers working on food and other amenities. Clothing Guidelines will reflect 1775. Located on a Military College

Customs and Weapons. Will be working with Canadian Customs to ensure ease of passage reenactors will be provided a documents indicating the

Not a Parks Canada Site, CL BB Safety Rules apply

Motion to accept as a national Spencer's, Cranes seconded. Unanimous vote as a national event or 2025

**Department Break-Out Sessions** begin 11:40 am till 12 noon. Noon lunch

**Applicant Unit Presentations** 1:02 pm

#### **4th Dragoons-Moylan's Horse- 1st Dragoons**

1<sup>st</sup> Dragoons introduce the 4<sup>th</sup> as a new unit. They have ridden with them in the past and was with them at Monmouth. Jim French is the applicant represented speaks to the Unit. Was under the DTR. Gives a brief History of original Unit and uniforms that will be used. Willow Green uniform 1777-to late 1782, present at Mt. Vernon Princeton and Monmouth last year. 4<sup>th</sup> Dragoons on Facebook.

Question from the floor

How Many horse? 6 current and 3 incoming

Main location, members from Maryland, Delaware, NJ, Pa, Fort Loudon, Pa is their home base.

#### **Grayson's Additional Continental Regiment-1<sup>st</sup> Va**

Mike Goddard introduces the applicant unit. Mark Lord, commander introduces himself and his family. Brief history of the unit. Brief current history of the members of the Unit.

Questions from the Floor:

How many members: currently two adults and 2 children (family)

#### **Northampton County Militia- Outwater's Militia**

Outwaters representative James Smith presents Northampton's representative Antoine R. Watts  
Antoine Introduces himself and names some of the members of the Unit. Provides back ground of unit particularly the clothing. Brief History of the militia during the war. Currently 6 men under arms and 3 camp followers also ran events at Jacobsburg in Pa

#### **Berkley County Rifles- Donegal Township Rifles (PSR)**

Chuck Faust of Donegal's introduces the applicant unit Troy Heck and Steve Kerry (sp). Troy provides back ground if himself and other periods reenacted (F&I unit and events CW) Showed the Hunting Frock and hat worn by Steve Kerry (sp) and other types of clothing was mentioned, including foot wear such as moccasins.

Question from the Floor

How many members? 25 to 30 members

How many will be carrying rifle to musket: 2 muskets to 1 rifle

How will they perform on the Field? Chuck Faust answered they will perform both as rifles and perform Line fighting under the guidance and training of Donegal's

How will the unit be structured as a few names were mentioned, insurance coverage? The three F&I units are merging as one for the purpose of CL

Question about portrayal as rifles and the use of muskets, Steve Kerry responded based upon research they have found

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Regiment- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass

Introduced by Dave Bernier of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass & 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass co-sponsoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Regiment, Craig Russel introduces himself to the membership. Briefly introduces himself and his other periods reenacted F&I and War of 1812 and the history of the Unit. Note Craig is dressed in period uniform of said unit. Starting 2016 began to hold coat making workshop for the unit. Members: 16 men 1 officer 2 NCO's, NY Ontario and Quebec provinces of Canada. Use the 64<sup>th</sup> manual for drill, will be using Steuban when appropriate.

No questions from the floor

This ends new applicant portion of New Business

### **New Business continued...**

Question from the Floor about Insurance company, specifically exclusions with Horse, homemade muskets rifles etc,

Dakota Griffin ADJ of the BAR and Thaddeus Weaver of the German Regiment and Compliance Committee spoke on the questions: spoke to the nature of policies, brokers... exclusions and language. Mr. Weaver has knowledge in this area. Dakota spoke to the BAR exploring the Insurance policies. Suggested that units ask for the complete policy to explore what exclusions exist. All kinds of exclusions have been identified, from the weapon is made outside the us, serial numbers, social media postings Horse and artillery on the field, etc could be excluded in the coverage.

A non Profit trade group is specializing in what we do. Currently the BAR is involved in discussion with this group.

[inforamtion@brigade.org](mailto:inforamtion@brigade.org) for further information

**250th Resolution** Presented by Tom Bowen presented by Steve Santucci & Dave Bernier

### **250th Resolution**

Resolved, given its national importance to the United States of America, in accordance with the organization's by-laws, the Continental Line **shall only** support the commemoration of actual historical events of the American War of Independence through the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution, from 2025 to 2031.

Discussion on intent, and language occurred, also additional clarification from Ken Gavin of Spencer's and David Skorka of the 2nd NJ on its intent. The resolution introduced with the amended language will be acted on by the body of the whole at the next meeting in January of 2025

Amended language , offered by Dave Skorka of the 2nd and Dave Bernier of 3rd Mass and Steve Santucci of the 2nd Nj, agreed verbally by the body of the whole.

*Resolved, given its national importance to the United States of America, in accordance with the organization's by-laws, the Continental Line **shall prioritize** the commemoration of actual historical events of the American War of Independence through the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution, from 2025 to 2031.*

### **New Chairman Presentation**

Dave Readdressed the body of the whole and asked everyone in joining him to congratulate Erick Nason on his term as Chair, then Dave asked those in the room that are past chairs to stand and be recognized.

As there was no new business from the floor the Chairmen entertained motion to Adjourn.

2<sup>nd</sup> NJ motion to adjoin 10<sup>th</sup> Mass seconded 2:17 pm meeting ended

Minutes of the Continental Line Annual meeting on January 6, 2024 recorded and submitted by Steve Santucci, Past Chairman