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Commander's Corner

As I begin this missive, I am sitting at my desk on Sunday, September 27th, on a day that was scheduled to be the second day of our joint B.A.R.- British Brigade-Continental Line event at Old Fort Niagara. My unit, the 8th Pennsylvania, Ft. Laurens Detachment, was to be the host unit for the Congressional side of the encampment, and while the event being cancelled means that the work of the weekend was also cancelled, I can't help but think that we would have had a great time being with not only our NW Department friends, but also those from other areas of the country and other organizations. Fort Niagara will still be there next year, as will all the sites of the events we had to cancel, and there might be the lesson of "enjoy what you have when you have it", but I really hope the issues of 2020 that led to nearly everything we enjoy doing being put on hold will not continue into 2021.

We can be thankful that we were able to hold two events, which is two more that most organizations got to actual have. The School at Campus Martius Museum in February took place just before the health crisis hit, and I'm not quite sure how we got to have our Fort Laurens event in July, except for a determination by everyone involved to both adhere to the health precautions and adapt our presentation to the situation. Thank you to everyone that attended those events, and I know that many more of you would have been at Fort Laurens had not travel bans and quarantines been in effect. Another thing I want to thank the units and members of the NW Department for is getting your 2020 dues in before the April 1st deadline. Although we did not have many events, the **Courier** and the **Dispatch** were still printed and mailed, and the liability insurance still needed to be paid. Thank you for supporting The B.A.R.

On the subject of the membership of the NorthWest Department, our numbers have decreased to the point that we no longer qualify for four members-at-large on the department board. Three hundred members are required to have four at-large members, and we currently have approximately 231, give or take 5. Those 231 members are spread out in 19 units, the smallest of which has 3 members (the B.A.R. minimum being 4), and the largest has 68 dues-paying members. Seven of the NW Department units represent Crown Forces, and 11 others are Congressional units. We have no cavalry units and no artillery units, although several units do have artillery pieces, and the NW Department owns and maintains a Daniel King howitzer. Units that paid 2020 B.A.R. dues are:

| <u>Unit no.</u> | <u>Unit Name</u> | <u>Men/Music</u> | <u>Distaff</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|--|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 40 | Brigade of Guards, Grenadier Coy. | 10 | 5 | 15 |
| 50 | 8 th Pennsylvania, Ft. Laurens Det. | 54 | 14 | 68 |
| 59 | 5 th Virginia Regt. | 11 | 8 | 19 |
| 61 | Thompson's Rifle Bttn., Hendrick's Coy. | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| 83 | Crockett's Western Bttn. | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 95 | 8 th Pennsylvania, Ft. Pitt Det. | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 107 | 64 th Regt. of Foot, Lt. Col. Coy. | 8 | 5 | 13 |
| 108 | Westmoreland County Militia | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| 141 | Royal Naval Landing Party | 5 | - | 5 |
| 198 | 1 st Jager Coy. | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| 199 | 23 rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Cap. Grey Groves' Coy. | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| 226 | 10 th Virginia Regt., Reid's Coy. | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| 253 | 3rd New York, DuBois' Coy. | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| 259 | 4 th Bttn., New Jersey Volunteers, Timpani's Coy. | 7 | 5 | 12 |
| 285 | Logan's Coy., Kentucky Militia | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| 319 | Clark's Illinois Regt., Worthington's Coy. | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 341 | 60 th Regt. of Foot | 6 | - | 6 |
| 345 | Department of Geographers | 12 | 7 | 19 |
| | Civilian Class Membership | | | 5 |

If your unit does not appear on the list, it means your unit did not pay 2020 B.A.R. dues. Several of the listed units are below the required number of 4 men, and this may be due to the coronavirus and some individuals not paying dues for the year in response to most of our schedule being canceled. It is my opinion, based on my attendance at all NW Department events in 2019, that only about half of the listed units attended two events with a minimum of four men at arms, as required by the Constitution of the Brigade. I hope that will change in 2021, as we can resume our normal activities. Thank you to Dave Miller, NW Dept. Deputy Commander and National B.A.R. Membership Secretary, for supplying the information for me to make this chart.

Bob Cairns, 8th PA Reg't., Ft. Laurens Det.
 Commander, NW Dept. B.A.R.

Adjutant's Freshest Advices

Fall is upon us...the foliage is magnificent!!! Get out and enjoy the cool weather with a walk in the Parks in your area. Your NWD Board is hard at work looking toward what events we can do in 2021 if this Covid 19 releases its grip on our country. Do you want to be more involved in the Brigade NorthWest Dept? We welcome your attendance at our Board Meetings. We want to put forth Events that YOU will want to ATTEND! If you would like to sponsor or run an event, a Board Member will be more than happy to mentor you. Come to our next NWD Board Meeting at the Log Cabin November 18th, 2020 at 10:15 am. Our 2021 NWD schedule is starting to take shape. Why don't YOU come help?

The 2021 Election Cycle is in process. Would you like to have a voice in what we do and where we do it? It is not too late to step up and get involved in your Organization. Contact Tom Pieper, Nominations Chairman at: tip@neo.rr.com

Bob Kashary, 5th Virg' Reg't
NWD Adjutant



David Weidner

Fort Laurens School Day, 16 October, 2020

This event was originally scheduled for mid-May, but the Corona Virus forced the sight to postpone it till October. Originally it was to be for public school classes, but again due to circumstances was changed, and the sight hosted about 135 home-schooled students. 17 NW Dept. members from the 8th Pa. Ft. Laurens, 5th Va., Coldstream Gds., Nelson's, and the Jaegers engaged the students at 8 stations and the youngsters listened and filled out worksheets with questions based on the information given by our people. Each student received a pass to return to the sight next July for our regular event. We were busy from 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM, and the weather could not have been more cooperative, with bright sunshine and moderate temperatures. Thank you very much to all the participating NW Dept. members. I received nothing but positive comments from the parents supervising, and I am sure you provided a valuable learning experience for our young students.

Bob Cairns, 8th PA Reg't., Ft. Laurens Det.



NW Dept. participants and the Ft. Laurens School Day

Photo: Maeggie Herman-Laurence

Nominating Committee Report

Pursuant to our Bylaws that a Nominating Committee be formed for the coming election and that The Committee begin to prepare a slate of candidates for the coming election, the following NWD BAR members agreed to serve as The Nominating Committee:

- Doug Angeloni (8 Pa), Bernie Borowski (5Va). Wallace Richardson (CdGd), and myself.

The present Board of Trustees were asked if they were willing to serve another term and all agreed to serve another term if elected, except John Conklin.

Thus, the candidates, at this time, are:

President Bob Cairns
Vice President Dave Miller
Inspector Bill Lucas
Secretary Bob Kashary
Treasurer Ken Tischler
At Large Diane Miller
Joe Forte
Doug Wechter

Note: Because the membership of The North West Department has declined slightly, The Department is now entitled to only 3 At Large seats, not the 4 seats we currently have. However, because John Conklin indicated that he did not wish to serve another term on The Board, the Nominations are complete.

This completes the initial phase of the nominating process. Department units are reminded that once the current N.W.D. Board Officers have polled as to their willingness to serve another term in their current office, N.W.D. units "in good standing". are permitted to nominate additional candidates, with each nomination being seconded by another Department unit "in good standing". These additional nominations are to be sent to The N.W.D. Adjutant, Bob Kashary (k9kash@roadrunner.com) and The Nominating Committee Chair, Tom Pieper (tipieper2@gmail.com)

Thomas I. Pieper, Grey Grove's Company, 23rd Foot
Nominating Committee
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