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President's Message

Hello 1st New Jersey,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. It certainly was a memorable one regarding the heat and now we can look forward to the crisp and cool days of fall.

We have a very active schedule over the next few months and I am hoping to have good participation and attendance at all of these events. Unfortunately, we recently had an event that we had to cancel on our end as the attendance roster was quite low.

I certainly will take the bullet for this one as it was my decision to put it on the schedule.

I understand that things come up in everyone's lives and that this kind of thing does happen but I would like to make every effort to make sure this does not happen again in the near future. Our reputation is at stake and we have once again passed up on a large amount of money for our Treasury. I am asking **everyone** to keep this in mind when it comes time to prepare next year's schedule. Just one last note on this – I spoke with the director of Historic Cold Springs Village after we declined to participate. He told me that they are looking to move the Revolutionary War Encampment weekend to a different date in 2011 as the Labor Day weekend date has suffered over the years. He also extended an invitation to us to participate next year if the new date works for us.

I was extremely appreciative of his invitation, and we can discuss it this coming winter.

Included in this newsletter are details on the upcoming events. Please make an effort to make what you can, but also note that we will need a maximum effort for the October 23rd-24th weekend at Mt. Harmon. We are the host unit and will need many hands to assist with the set up, registration and logistics of running the event. This year is a dry run for the bigger event planned for 2011 at this same site. If you have some free time or an extra day off you could use on Friday the 22nd, please come down and help out the regiment.



As I mentioned above, we have a very heavy schedule and the regiment is in the process of ordering powder. I have a few cans left until we receive our next shipment. If you need some let me know and I will hold a can for you, the current price is \$14 a can.

Lastly, Please keep in mind that as we wind down the 2010 season, it also closes the term of all Corporate Officers, Executive Board Members, Field Officers and Field Positions. This coming February, we will have our organization elections. **PLEASE** take some time over the next few months and think about who you would like to see in these important positions. To our newer members, please take some time and ask questions at an event if you are unsure of someone's current position and familiarize yourself with everyone from our unit that is in attendance. Not just to prepare yourself for the next election but also one day, you may make an observation at an event and it could influence your important vote.

YMHOS,
Mike



**BATTLE OF
GERMANTOWN
PHILADELPHIA, PA
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 2nd 2010**

The 1st NJ will once again participate in the Battle of Germantown Reenactment. Please make an effort to come out and support the Regiment as we will receive a donation for our attendance and participation. We will continue our assault on the British and all die gloriously! The Jersey Brigade was at this battle during the war, so it serves that we make our show of support. There is no camp, just the battles, but there could be some sutlers there. Bring lots of rounds as there are two good battle scenarios. In the past, there have been a few sutlers present if



you need to pick up some items before Jerusalem Mills. The event is laid back and easy so bring a family member or a friend and spend the day together!! If you wait after the event is over, you can get some free chocolate from Asher's, the event's sponsor.

Arrival: No later than 9:00 am. Parking is tight so you may want to get there even earlier to get a good parking spot.

Food: Haversack, although lunch has been provided by the organizers in the past and they should do so again.

Dress: Regimentals are preferred but hunting shirts is acceptable if that is all you have.

Cartridges: 60

Site Location & Directions: Cliveden House 6401 Germantown Ave.

Six miles north of downtown Philadelphia. Take I-76 to Exit 340: follow signs to Lincoln Drive ; from Lincoln turn right onto Johnson Street (3rd Light); left onto Germantown Ave (4th light); right onto Cliveden Street. Twenty five minutes from PA Turnpike, exit 25 on Germantown Pike.



**MT HARMON
PLANTATION
EARLEVILLE, MARYLAND
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 23-24, 2010**

Well folks, it's finally here, the event at Mt Harmon. This year's event will be a regional event for the mid-Atlantic units and will serve as a trial run for a big national CL/BB event in September of 2011. The First New Jersey Regiment is the sponsoring unit for both of these. We need full support this year to make it a success. **Please try and take Friday off from work so you can come down and help with the set up.** Without a doubt, this scenic site is one of the prettiest locations we have ever done a reenactment at. It is located at the northern end of the Chesapeake Bay and is on a peninsular surrounded by water. The view is great and the site contains an historic mansion and a lot of land to play on.



Arrival: We need folks arriving for set up on Friday around noon. Saturday arrivals need to be on site by 9 AM. The road into Mt Harmon is a one lane road that goes for about two miles. Please be careful of oncoming traffic. There are spots to pull over.

Meals: The Regiment will provide a light breakfast on Saturday and Sunday as well as dinner on Saturday. Lunches are all haversack.

Dress: Regimental with blue breeches. Hunting Frocks or work shirts with non issue clothing is acceptable.

Cartridges: Bring lots of ammo, at least 80 rounds. Besides a battle each day, there will be a lot of skirmishing leading up to the battles.

Directions: From Points North

- Take I-95 South
- Exit Route 896 South (toward Middletown)
- Go right onto Route 40 (towards Elkton)
- Follow Route 213 south (toward Chesapeake City)
- Proceed to Cecilton
- In Cecilton, turn right (west) at the stop light (Route 282) and proceed 2 miles
- Turn Left onto Grove Neck Rd
- Follow Grove Neck Rd. about 1.5 miles
- Turn left into Mount Harmon entrance
- Proceed for 2 miles to end--lane ends at the plantation (watch for deer)
- Follow signs for visitor parking--Welcome!

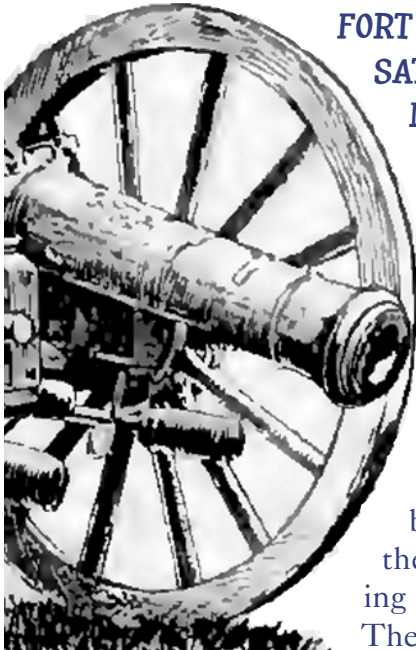
From Points South

- Take the Bay Bridge to 301 North
- Just past Millington, go left onto Route 313
- In Galena, road turns into Route 213 North (stay straight at light)
- Proceed to Cecilton
- Turn Left at light in Cecilton (Route 282) and proceed about 2 miles
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HOPE LODGE

**FORT WASHINGTON, PA
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 6-7, 2010**



It is the return of the classic end-of-the-camping-season event: Hope Lodge. Our last chance for the year to cook, camp and have a pick of a bunch of sutlers. Also, the last field battles for the year, and they have been improving over the last few years. The hosts for the event usually bring some libations for

Saturday night activity and the bar down the street can thrive once again as it used to. Come on out and have some fun at this easy event at a very nice historical site. Bring your warm clothes and sleeping gear, because it can be very chilly, especially at night.

Website: <http://www.ushistory.org/Hope/events/reen-actment.htm>



Arrival: Friday after 4 pm, or no later than 9:00 am on Saturday. The trailer will be arriving late Friday or early Saturday morning.

Meals: Friday you're on your own, haversack lunch for Saturday and the Regiment will be providing the rest for \$10 for the weekend.

Dress: Campaign (Regimentals & Frocks)

Cartridges: 80 as there tend to be 2 battles each day

Site Location: Hope Lodge, Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington, PA

Directions: PA Turnpike (Rt. 276) to exit 26 (Ft. Washington). After the toll go straight onto Penn. Ave. Follow signs to Ft. Washington. Do not

go onto Rt.309. At the T intersection make a left onto Bethlehem Pike. Continue south for about 1 mile. Hope Lodge is on the left.

**SIEGE OF FORT
MIFFLIN
PHILADELPHIA, PA
SATURDAY AND
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 13-14,
2010**



We have done this event as a unit in the past and took a break for a few years. A few of our members have still been going either as last-minute registrants of the 1st NJ or as members of the 2nd NJ. It is always fun. We sleep in the casemates of this old fort, get fed by the fort's excellent staff and fight some battles to defend the fort from the British. Night time is a close-of-the-year party for many units as we participate in the jollification near the casemate fires and chase away the ghosts. Be sure to bring earplugs to overcome the snoring at night!

This site over looks the Delaware River. This and Fort Mercer on the New Jersey side were the two forts set up to fend off any British ships coming up the Delaware. This fort was blown to bits by the British Navy during the Revolution but was rebuilt before the Civil War during which it served as a military prison. It was also recently featured on the Ghost Hunters show where the team had some interesting experiences, especially in the newly-found cell.

Parking is limited, so please try to carpool. You don't need your tents, but you should bring a cot if you plan to come on Friday and or Saturday and stay there over-night.

When you arrive, drive to the right side of the fort so you can unload your vehicle through that entrance (across the moat via the bridge).

Website: <http://www.fortmifflin.us/welcome.html>



Arrival: 4:00 PM Friday evening or no later than 9:00 AM Saturday

Meals: Haversack lunch on Saturday and Sunday. The Fort feeds us Saturday dinner, and Sunday breakfast.

Dress: Campaign (Hunting frock or Hunting shirt is fine if that is all you have).

Cartridges: 60

Site location: Olde Fort Mifflin, Philadelphia, PA

Directions: From Center City, Points North and NJ from Walt Whitman Bridge:

South on I-95 to Exit 15 Island Avenue/Enterprise Avenue.

At end of exit ramp, you will be on Enterprise Avenue.

First stop sign, make left onto Fort Mifflin Road.

Follow road through short tunnel. See sign on right side pointing to the Fort. Make left turn there and follow that straight to the Fort.

From Delaware, Chester County, Commodore Barry Bridge from South NJ:

North on I-95 to Exit 13 Valley Forge/West 291

Bear right and follow sign for Island Avenue.

At traffic light (Hilton Hotel on left corner), turn left onto Island Avenue.

At stop sign, make left onto Enterprise Avenue.

Next stop sign, make right onto Fort Mifflin Road.

Follow road through short tunnel. See sign on right side pointing to the Fort. Make left turn there and follow that straight to the Fort.



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