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# Battle Lines



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## Drill Held Saturday, August 28

The second company drill of this abbreviated season was held in Sussex, New Brunswick on Saturday, August 28. Nine members were present for duty at this event on a day where the weather was perfect at about 20 degrees.. Participants were Dave Adams, Leigh Gavel, Loran Gavel, Suzanne Guay, Stephen Norman, Elodie Tétrault (just shy of four months old and attending her first Co. H event), Nicolas Tétrault, Sylvain Tétrault and Lindsay Titus.

The drill was the final one prior to the Military Muster at Kings Landing, coming up on the weekend of September 17-19. Nicolas Tétrault brought and used his new soft-sided knapsack, while Corporal Sylvain Tétrault purchased from Leigh Gavel, new Brogans, which he wore. The usual review of the Manual of Arms, firing positions and marching occurred, but an introduction to skirmish drill was added at the end of the day. Many thanks to neighbour Alan deWinter, who graciously allowed us the use of his spacious front yard to add to our drill site.

At our mid-day meeting, several topics were shared and discussed, including our relationship with Co. I, 20<sup>th</sup> Maine; plans to make a series of videos and perhaps to create a YouTube channel, plans for the upcoming Military Muster at Kings Landing; and joining the New England Brigade. Also brought forward was the suggestion that we boost membership dues to \$30.00 per year, an idea that will be voted on at our upcoming AGM. To boost our profile with the public for recruiting purposes, Leigh Gavel offered to investigate two annual shows in Halifax, the Men's & Women's Show and the Atlantic Outdoor and RV Show, and to further investigate the networking possibilities at Fort Maitland, Nova Scotia. Captain Titus, in an effort to find an indoor facility for winter drill, will investigate the Jubilee Centre in Sussex as a potential site.

Our priorities for 2021-22 were discussed, and they include drill, recruiting, our schedule of events, and a return to making the General Caldwell graveside tribute an annual event. Members present voted to apply to Kings Landing for a 2022 encampment during the Father's Day weekend of June 18-19. Suzanne Guay made a presentation to the members about her plans for meals at the upcoming Kings Landing encampment, the impressive details of which are found within this newsletter. Thank you, to Suzanne for her work on behalf of the company and to 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Gavel for leading most of the drill!

The drill and meeting commenced at about 12 noon, as planned, and concluded at about 3:30 PM. Thank you to all who, by their presence, continue to show their support and commitment to Company H.

## Meeting with Colin Moore of Co. I, 20<sup>th</sup> Maine

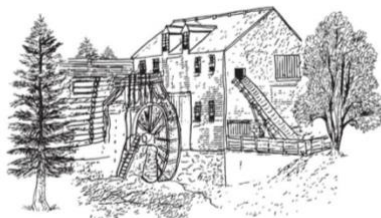
On Saturday, September 4, Colin Moore of Co. I, 20<sup>th</sup> Maine (who has been promoted to the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> sergeant) traveled to Sussex to meet with Lindsay Titus to discuss plans for the upcoming Military Muster at Kings Landing. It is the hope and intent that Co. H and Co. I will work together during several of the drills during the Kings Landing weekend. The meeting with Colin began at 11:00 AM and continued for about two hours and 45 minutes, concluding at 1:45. Prior to the meeting, a copy of a preliminary Co. H schedule of events was emailed to Colin, to Steve Fowler of DeLancey's Brigade, and to Kings Landing representatives.

While the main focus of the meeting was the Kings Landing Military Muster, the relationship between Co. H and Co. I was also explored in some detail, and included the understanding that there is a need for a recruiting protocol between the two groups. Colin will be taking the idea to the executive of Co. I for discussion, and it will be a discussion topic for Co. H at our upcoming AGM at Kings Landing.

Some recent misunderstandings or misconceptions were freely discussed, and there appear to be positive feelings between the two organizations "going forward", as politicians and sports figures like to say. Safety and behavioural expectations for Kings Landing were discussed, and Co. I will share drill instruction with Co. H during parts of the weekend, while also spending time on their own.

Co. I members will be arriving on-site at Kings Landing on Friday night or Saturday morning, so most Co. H members will be there to welcome them. We look forward to it.

Thank you, Colin, for the excellent visit!



## KINGS LANDING

The first annual Military Muster at Kings Landing is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, September 17-19. Communication is a key to the success of this event, so if your plans change, please inform Captain Titus at the Company H email address ([5thnhvcoh@rogers.com](mailto:5thnhvcoh@rogers.com)). Here is the latest information about Kings landing:

### Preparation

1. Get hydrated.
2. Go for walks.
3. Inspect leather for cuts or wear; uniform items for seam tears, or loose or missing buttons.
4. Shine your brass.
5. Inspect your tent(s) and pegs. (We need as much canvas as possible.)
6. Bring a clean musket.
7. Bring cartridges and percussion caps.
8. Bring water, and bring personal food items, if required
9. Be prepared for cool nights,; bring blankets, ponchos and a Great Coat, if you own one.

### In General

1. The Kings Landing website is found at [www.kingslanding.nb.ca](http://www.kingslanding.nb.ca).
2. To view a map of the site, go to their website and click on the tab, "What to See and Do". From there, click on "Map".
3. The civic address of Kings Landing is 5804 Route 102; Prince William, NB E6K0A5.
4. The Administrative Office is open M-F, 8:30-4:30.
5. Phone Number – (506) 363-4999.
6. Email – [info.kingslanding@gnb.ca](mailto:info.kingslanding@gnb.ca)
7. Mary Baruth is the Chief Executive Officer.
8. Evelyn Fidler is the Registrar and Collections Manager of Kings Landing, and is a member of Co. H, 5<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire.
9. Public hours each day are from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

### Arrival

1. Civil War reenactors will enter Kings Landing by the maintenance, or Kings Head Inn entrance. This is on the eastern side of the site and you will drive past a gated Security office. Revolutionary War reenactors will enter by way of the parking lot behind the Welcome Centre on the west side, or as otherwise directed by Kings Landing staff.
2. Reenactors may arrive at any time, but vehicles cannot be brought onto the site until after the 5 PM closing time.
3. Reenactors arriving on Saturday morning to set-up must have vehicles off-site by 9 AM.
4. A wagon to assist in moving camp and personal equipment from vehicle to campsite may be available, depending on how busy Kings Landing is, and if they receive prior notice.

### Parking

1. Parking lots will be designated by Kings Landing staff. Vehicles may be brought on-site for unloading, loading or overnight, but only after the public has left Kings Landing and you have been granted permission to proceed. When on-site, drive slowly and with caution. Roadways must not be blocked, as Security must have access to the entire site, as must emergency vehicles. Vehicles must be off-site each morning by 9 AM.

### Amenities

1. Meal at the Kings Head Inn – Kings Landing will be providing a meal for all reenactors on Saturday evening at the Kings Head Inn. There is no cost to reenactors for the meal, or for tea, coffee, or water. However, costs for other beverages are to be borne by the reenactor. The meal will be served at 5:30 in the evening.

2. Washrooms & Showers – Washroom and shower information is being sent by email to members of Co. H, and to leaders of invited reenacting organizations.
3. Indoor Sleeping – The Slipp House is undergoing extensive renovation, and is therefore unavailable. Limited indoor sleeping accommodations can be made available, and information will be provided in a separate email to Co. H members, and to leaders of other reenacting communities.

### **Safety**

1. All participants and family members are expected to maintain the highest safety standards at all times. This includes musket use, in camp, while driving on-site, and when marching or deploying anywhere within the boundaries of Kings Landing, including while on guard duty at the bridge, or while at the Kings Head Inn.
2. It will be a busy weekend, but reenactor health and safety are critical. Do only that which you feel comfortable in doing.
3. Reenactors are expected to follow the reasonable orders given by officers and NCO's.
4. Safety in the use and storage of muskets, black powder, percussion caps, bayonets and swords is critical.
5. A guard will be placed on stacked arms at all times when visitors are present.
6. While engaged in a firing demonstration, any member seeing a potential safety concern or hazard should immediately bring it to the attention of the officer or NCO commanding.
7. There is to be no musket fire in camp. However, special circumstances, such as attempting to clear a fouled musket, may require firing at unspecified times. This will only be done under the supervision of an officer or senior NCO, in a specified location, and by notifying people in the vicinity.
8. Special care must be taken when in the vicinity of horses. Load noises, sudden movements and the positioning of muskets can startle a horse. Do not fix bayonets at the bridge (or elsewhere) when horses are present. Follow the instructions of wagon drivers or other Kings Landing personnel in regard to your location or actions on-site.
9. Co. H will adhere to a schedule of firing times in an effort to reduce concern for horses, and to make it more convenient for spectators. These firing times will be shared with Kings Landing officials.
10. Visitors are not allowed to handle muskets, cartridges, percussion caps or edged weapons, or touch or play around stacked arms.
11. Campsites are dangerous places, for present are muskets, stacked arms, bayonets and swords. There are also tripping hazards in tent pegs, ropes and hidden ruts or stones.
12. We are all safety officers. There is to be no running or "horseplay" by spectators in camp. Be respectful, but expect obedience.
13. Fire pits must be under watch at all times, especially when visitors are present, and fire safety, day and night, is paramount.
14. A fire extinguisher will be located within the camp.
15. A fire bucket will be located near the fire pit.
16. A first aid kit will be located at the medical display of Steve Norman, our hospital steward.
17. All Co. H members are reminded to be, and stay, hydrated throughout the weekend.
18. Take all precautions to stay warm and dry overnight.

### **Department & Behaviour**

1. When the public is present, be military in your bearing.
2. Be especially respectful of visitors of all ages, as we cannot know the circumstances that have shaped their lives.
3. We are guests of Kings Landing, so appropriate behaviour while among students, visitors, staff and fellow-reenactors is expected. Remember to work "for the good of the company".
4. We are at Kings Landing on the weekend prior to the Federal election at a time of great stress within the nation. Modern political discussions, therefore, are to be avoided while visitors are present (it's in our by-laws), and are ill-advised for after-hours discussions.
5. Campfire talk should be respectful of all reenactors, and should be of a suitable volume, especially at night.
6. Profane or offensive language or behaviour is to be avoided.

### **Schedule**

1. Camp set-up – Thursday, September 16, beginning at 5 PM, or earlier, if your vehicle remains off-site.
2. Friday, September 17 – Student Day & Public Visitation
3. Saturday & Sunday – Public Visitation
4. A Schedule of Events for Co. H will be sent soon by email to Co. H members and to Kings Landing representatives.
5. Generally, the days will consist of:
  - a. Assembly

- b. Inspection of Arms
- c. Manual of Arms
- d. Marching & Maneuvering
- e. Musket Firing Demonstrations (*two on Friday; three per day on Saturday & Sunday*)
- f. Bayonet Drill
- g. Skirmish Drill (*once per day; involves firing*)
- h. Medical Display & Presentations (*Stephen Norman*)
- i. Posting Guard (*Co. H and Co. I*)
- j. Interactions with the Public
- k. Rest, Food & Hydration

### **The Student Day**

1. Date – Friday, September 17 (AM)
2. Number of students invited – capped at 500 students, teachers and supervising staff.
3. Duration of visit – This will be determined by individual school bus schedules.
4. All members are required to either be involved in drill, or to assist with interacting and supervising of students in camp.
5. A “guard” to assist Steve Norman at his display will most likely be required.
6. A member will have to be posted at the campfire during the student visit.
7. We will have to all be safety officers during the student visit.

### **Participants**

1. Both Civil War and Revolutionary War reenactors will be present.
2. Danks’ Rangers (French & Indian War) were invited, but they have disbanded, and are unavailable.
3. Co. B, 20<sup>th</sup> Maine and Co. A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Maine were invited.
4. Lonny Ryall was invited, but cannot attend.
5. Graham Nickerson was invited, but has not responded.
6. Loyalist Arms of Halifax was invited as a sutler, but informed us that they cannot attend this year.
7. Steve Fowler of DeLancey’s Brigade is working on Revolutionary War invitations, but there is some concern within this community over rising Covid-19 numbers in New Brunswick.
8. Co. H member responses thus far – “Yes” are: Dave Adams, Aaron Bouma, Steven Cochrane (and two sons), Evelyn Fidler, Leigh Gavel, Joe Gee, Suzanne Guay, Barry Hippenstall, Emilie McDonald, Stephen Norman, Nicolas Tétrault, Sylvain Tétrault and Lindsay Titus (13, as of August 21). “No” are: Rick Jamer and Nick Skinner. Loran Gavel and Ricky Jamer remain as “maybe”.
9. Co. I, 20<sup>th</sup> Maine participants are: Bruce Barber; Greg Fekner; Ethan Fillmore; Jason Fillmore; Stephen Halliday (maybe); Jason and Amanda Middleton, and their daughter, Arya; Troy Middleton; Colin Moore; Mitchell Noel and Bryan Taylor. (12, as of September 4).

### **Food & Drink**

1. Kings Landing will be providing a meal for all reenactors on Saturday evening at the Kings Head Inn. There is no cost to reenactors for the meal, or for tea, coffee, or water. However, costs for other beverages are to be borne by the reenactor. The meal will be served at 5:30 Saturday evening.
2. Co. H will have other meals provided, courtesy of Suzanne Guay and Emilie McDonald. Meals will be provided at a cost of \$20.00 per participating reenactor to cover the cost of materials.
3. See the separate article (below) for more details.
4. The Kings Head Inn will be open to reenactors during the weekend during public hours, but reenactors are cautioned to use good sense, with safety and decorum at top-of-mind. Officers and NCO’s will ensure that no member handles firearms if the condition of that member is deemed unsafe.
5. Hydrate – It may be September, but it can be hot. We are planning busy days, so bring water, and drink it! Good hydration means drinking plenty of water prior to the event, not just while at it.

### **The Camps**

1. There will be both a Civil War camp and a Revolutionary War camp. This was the wish of Kings Landing; to give the visiting public two camps to explore. They will be visited in chronological order, if visitors stop as they encounter them.
2. The Revolutionary War camp will be located in the Hagerman House Orchard (No. 9 on the Kings Landing website map), near the new location of the Slipp House and close to the Welcome Centre..
3. The Civil War camp will be located beside, or around, the Presbyterian Church (listed as the Riverside Church (No. 31 on the Kings Landing website map). This is the church used in the movie, “Copperhead”.
4. Kindling and firewood will be supplied by Kings Landing.
5. The new Kings Landing shooting range is located right beside this campsite.

6. The Slipp House is undergoing major renovations and so is unavailable for this event.
7. Washrooms will be available to reenactors 24 hours a day, during the weekend.
8. The nearest washrooms for Revolutionary War reenactors is in the Learning Centre.
9. The nearest washroom for Civil War reenactors is the Barony building, near the school house.
10. Additional washroom and shower information is being sent in a separate email.
11. Covid-19 Protocols – Kings landing follows Covid-19 procedures as set by the Province of New Brunswick at the time of the event. Reenactors should bring a mask, whether or not it is required.
12. The Co. H Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at Kings Landing at a time when most members are present.

### **Breaking Camp**

1. Kings Landing closes to the public at 5:00 PM.
2. Vehicles cannot be brought on-site until after the public has left, and only upon being directed by Kings Landing staff.
3. If available, a wagon may be used to transport camp equipment off-site prior to 5 PM.
4. Breaking camp should not begin before 3:30 PM.
5. Drive carefully while on-site.
6. Have a safe drive home. Remember, we will all be tired, so drive with special care. Take rest stops along the way, even if you think you don't need them.

### **Co. H Meals at Kings Landing**

Suzanne Guay has put together an impressive list of meals and snacks for the upcoming Military Muster at Kings Landing during the weekend of September 17-19. With assistance from Emilie McDonald, these two members of Co. H have volunteered to serve as Company Cooks for the weekend. At the company meeting held August 28, Suzanne informed members that the cost will be \$3.00 per person per meal, or \$20.00 per person for the entire weekend. This cost will be paid at the event. Co. H members at Kings Landing who wish to opt out of company meals are asked to email Suzanne Guay (through the email of Sylvain Tétrault), or Captain Titus well in advance of the event, so that Suzanne knows the quantities of food to purchase and to make.

A reminder, too, that all reenactors will be receiving a meal from Kings Landing in appreciation of your participation at the Military Muster. There is no cost for this meal, except if you wish to purchase a beverage other than the tea or coffee that is provided. The meal will be served at the Kings Head Inn on Saturday evening, beginning at 5:30 PM.

Hurrah, Suzanne and Emelie! Suzanne's meal schedule follows:

#### **Friday, September 17**

- Breakfast – Oatmeal (assorted), bacon, jams, bread, butter, apple sauce, maple syrup, coffee and tea. A choice of sugar, cream or Irish cream will be available for the coffee and tea.
- Lunch – Beef & Barley soup, buttermilk biscuit and molasses cookies.
- Supper – Beef stew, bread and butter and gingerbread cake (Kings Landing recipe).

#### **Saturday, September 18**

- Breakfast – Oatmeal (assorted), bacon, jams, bread, butter, apple sauce, maple syrup, coffee and tea. A choice of sugar, cream or Irish cream will be available for the coffee and tea.
- Lunch – Beef & Barley soup, buttermilk biscuit, bread & butter and cornbread.
- Supper – At the Kings Head Inn

#### **Sunday, September 19**

- Breakfast – Oatmeal (assorted), bacon, jams, bread, butter, apple sauce, maple syrup, coffee and teas. A choice of sugar, cream or Irish cream will be available for the coffee and tea.
- Round Loaf Sandwich – ham, Swiss cheese and onion jam, cooked over the fire.

#### **Throughout the Weekend**

- Apples, cornbread, cookies, gingerbread, coffee and tea.

### **Canadians in the Ranks of the Fifth New Hampshire**

James Infant was born in Canada and at age 24 enlisted as a substitute on September 19, 1864. He was mustered-in on the same day as a private, and was credited to Marlow. Private Infant was wounded at Farmville, Virginia on April 7, 1865, and died of his wounds on April 18, 1865, nine days after the surrender of Robert E. Lee. Judson Infant, age 21, born in Canada, also served in the 5<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire. The two young men may have been brothers.

## October 2: The Tomlinson Lake Hike to Freedom

The presence of Co. H, 5<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire is once again requested at the Tomlinson Lake Hike to Freedom, scheduled in 2021 for Saturday, October 2. The 2.5 km Tomlinson Lake Trail is the northernmost route of the famed Underground Railroad, where African-Americans escaping slavery in the American South made a perilous journey north and across the border into Canada. It is a real and important connection to the root-cause of the American Civil War. Co. H, 5<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire is proud to be a part of it in this, our third year at this event.

In an announcement on August 21 by event organizer and Co. H member, Joe Gee, we learned that Brenda Murphy, the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, plans to attend this year's hike.

As a group, we do not hike the trail. The entrance to the trail is where we set up camp, drill, fire muskets and interact with the public. The site is located at 250 Glenburn Road; Carlingford, NB, near Perth-Andover. Carlingford is about an hour and 45 minutes north of Fredericton, just off the four-lane Trans-Canada Highway. Public events get underway at around noon and continue until about 6 in the evening. At the last pre-Covid event, organizer Joe Gee reported that about a thousand people hiked the trail.

Last October, members of Co. H were joined by three members of Co. I, 20<sup>th</sup> Maine. They are invited again this year, and we urge Co. H members to make the journey to this important historical event. Motels are nearby for those who wish to stay the night before, and/or after.

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### ! News of the War in the East !

- **Three Years of Publication** – This issue (No. 36) of “Battle Lines” marks three years of publication for this newsletter. “Battle Lines” is published monthly and emailed to Co. H members and friends of the company on the fifth day of each month. All electronic issues are kept on file with Captain Titus, and so back-issues are available upon request to members, friends of the company, the press, and to interested members of the public.
- **Co. H Website Updates** – If you haven't looked in on our Co. H website for awhile, 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Gavel has added some photographs from our July 31 drill held in Sussex, New Brunswick. Photographs from the August 28 drill, from Kings Landing, from Tomlinson Lake and from the Fredericton North Heritage Fair will be added soon. Our website may be found at: [www.5thnhcoh.weebly.com](http://www.5thnhcoh.weebly.com). Hurrah, Leigh!
- **Facebook Problems** – While registering for something else, Facebook created a second account with my name on it. Now, when I try to visit my original site, it thinks I am a visitor, so I cannot make changes or provide updates, except to the second account. Unfortunately, the original site was also the one from which I could gain access to the Co. H, Fifth New Hampshire Facebook page, so I have been unable to update that site for some time as a result. This is why there have been no new photographs, links or a members-only page. I will endeavour! (*L. Titus*)

### Black Powder & White Smoke at Tomlinson Lake





*“Musket fire echoed through the woodland as members of Co. H, 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment New Hampshire Civil War reenact-ment group demonstrate their skills during the launch of Canada’s Historic Places Days on July 3. The Tomlinson Lake Hike to Freedom was featured in the national virtual launch.” Shown are Sylvain and Nicolas Tétrault. Photo and report by Corinne Fitzherbert of the “Victoria Star”.*