



Battle Lines



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! Air Show Atlantic • August 27-28 !



Air Show Atlantic is set for the weekend of August 27-28, at the airport in Debert, Nova Scotia, near Truro. This will be a big event, with thousands of spectators taking in the sights and sounds, and most of them will be Maritimers – making this an excellent opportunity to recruit new members to Co. H. Plus, you will have an excellent view of all the action!

Our participation in this event has been a group effort. It was originally suggested by Leigh Gavel at a long-ago drill held in Sussex. Last winter, both Steven Cochrane and Lindsay Titus – almost simultaneously – made contact with event organizers about our participation in this year's air show. Thank you to all who helped set up this new (to us), exciting and potentially beneficial event.

On June 3, while driving to Ross Farm, Captain Titus received a telephone call from Sean Ryan, a member of the air show organizing committee. Although the telephone conversation was interrupted, Captain Titus acknowledged the call and an earlier email, by sending an email to Mr. Ryan upon his return home.

On July 13, Lindsay Titus sent a follow-up email to Sean Ryan that included several questions. On July 25, Sean responded to the questions. They, and Sean's responses are printed here.

- **Question 1** – Can you confirm that we may remain on-site in our tents overnight?
Answer – *Yes, you can remain on-site in your tents. I am assuming your camp and display will be the same thing.*
- **Question 2** – At what day and time may we arrive to set up camp?
Answer – *Please set up any time after lunch on Friday afternoon.*
- **Question 3** – Will there be signage or people present to direct us to our campsite?
Answer – *You will check in with ground OPS people on your arrival – Sean Ryan, Steve Kelly and Jack Backstrom.*
- **Question 4** – Will we have access to washrooms 24 hours a day?
Answer – *Yes. There will be bathrooms all over the site.*
- **Question 5** – Is drinking water available on-site?
Answer – *During the day, water will be brought to you guys and you will also be fed and watered at the VIP tent.*
- **Question 6** – Will we be allowed to fire our muskets (blanks, of course) for public viewing?
Initial Answer – *I will discuss with the director to confirm if allowed.*
Follow-up Answer – *Yes, that would be doable and great for the fans to see. We were thinking you could likely do that demonstration three times per day, if you wanted to: before the flying display, maybe around 11:00, then again during our 1-hour intermission, and again after flying stops at around 15:00 or 15:30.*
- **Question 7** – Would you like us to create a schedule of firing times for publication for the public?
Answer – *If permitted, we will discuss a schedule. [This was updated in the response to Question 6, above.]*
- **Question 8** – Will there be lawn space available for drill?
Answer – *How much space will you need for drill? [Note: This was addressed in a follow-up email sent by Captain Titus to Sean Ryan on the evening of July 24.]*

Air Show Atlantic, *continued...*

- **Question 9** – Will a campfire be permitted? (I'm guessing that a campfire and an atmosphere of aviation fuel will not mix very well, but I thought I'd ask.)
Answer – *I wish, but, no, not permitted on the airfield.*
- **Question 10** – If a fire is allowable, will firewood and kindling be provided?
Answer – *N/A*
- **Question 11** – Can you confirm meal arrangements – breakfast, lunch and supper – for our group?
Answer – *Meals will be provided at the VIP tent. There are also functions in the evenings you will be invited to. Where supper is provided. [Note: Also see the response to Question 5, above.]*
- **Question 12** – What are the hours that the site is open to the public?
Answer – *Hours are 10:00 to 17:00 each day.*
- **Question 13** – We will need to drive to our campsite to unload and load our equipment. Is that permissible?
Answer – *Yes. Friday afternoon for set-up and take-down at 17:00 on Sunday.*
- **Question 14** – Will parking be available close-by?
Answer – *Yes, relatively nearby in participants parking. You will be directed to this on arrival after you set up.*
- **Question 15** – At what time may we begin to break camp on Sunday?
Answer – *17:00 on Sunday.*
- **Question 16** – Are there any needs, requirements, or thoughts that you require of us?
Answer – *I can't think of any.*

Air Show Atlantic is, as stated previously, a great opportunity for us to recruit, but to be at least as impressive as an F-35, we need to have a strong turnout. If you can be there, but don't have kit, let Captain Titus know, and a limited amount of kit can be made available. The season is heading into fall, and this promises to be an event to remember. Numbers are important for this event. Try to be there to fall-in with your comrades!

Co. H members traveling on Highway 104 from New Brunswick should take Exit 13 and turn left on MacElmon Road toward Debert. Members traveling from Halifax will also exit at Exit 13, but will turn right at MacElmon Road. From there, watch for signs and personnel to direct you to our campsite. See you there!

3rd Maine at the Halifax Citadel in 2023?

Could Co. A, 3rd Regiment Maine Volunteers be joining us at the Halifax Citadel in 2023? Since the second formation of Co. H four years ago, the 3rd Maine has been receiving copies of "Battle Lines", our monthly Co. H newsletter. Every once in a while, Company A commander Matt Bray and Captain Lindsay Titus correspond over a variety of topics. On June 8, Captain Bray emailed Captain Titus with the following news in response to the June Co. H newsletter:

Hey Lindsay!

I wanted to thank you for the newsletter, it's great to see the stuff you're all doing north of the border! I wanted to reach out about a couple of things:

1. New England Brigade: I was not aware you were members! We re-joined this year after over a decade of not being connected in the hope of finding some new events to attend. Our membership continues to grow with over 50 attending our camp of instruction and we're looking for other groups/events to partner with. We will be attending Fort Trumbull as a unit in August, if any of your guys would like to come down, they are more than welcome to fall in with us. Keep us posted on the events down here that you are interested in and we can see about attending with you!

2. Halifax: I have a sister who moved to Halifax and you had told me about an event at the Citadel there. I can't make it an event for 2022 but I would love to discuss it for 2023 - I can envision us with 8-12 muskets coming up + civilians, etc., possibly. If you think of it, keep me in the loop on that and we can see what makes sense! Thanks again, I hope all is well!

*Capt. Bray,
3rd Maine Vols.
Co. A Commanding*

Confirmation of NFA Membership & Liability Insurance

In the mail on July 14, 2022, was a letter from the National Firearms Association (NFA) confirming both our Group Membership for 2022-23 (No. NFA-00225677) and our liability insurance coverage for the same time period. Our NFA membership and insurance are valid until their expiry date of June 29, 2023.

Liability Insurance Coverage

Have you ever wondered what it means to have liability insurance coverage through the NFA? Here is the information provided on the subject in our most recent correspondence from the NFA, dated July 7, 2022, and received on July 14, 2022:

- Name of Insured: Co. H, Fifth New Hampshire Vol's.
- Insurer: Trustar Insurance
- Liability Insurance Policy No. NFA-00225677
- Insurance Expiry Date: June 29, 2023
- The NFA purchases the basic policy. Members are added by endorsement as applications are received.
- For claims, technical questions and specific requests, contact:
 - CapriCMW Insurance Services
 - Email: insurance@nfa.ca
- Each insured individual and each insured individual member of each insured club is covered for:
 - Legal hunting activities
 - Legal shooting activities
 - Legal fishing activities
 - Legal bow hunting activities
 - Legal archery activities
 - Legal re-enactment activities
 - All Canada's National Firearms Association sanctioned social and/or fundraising activities
- The NFA Liability Insurance does not cover activities involving horses, businesses or fireworks/pyrotechnics.
- Coverage applies to the above activities anywhere in the world.
- Commercial general liability limit is \$5,000,000 with a \$1,000 deductible for situations involving bodily injury/property damage & legal expense.
- Coverage for directors & officers liability is \$5,000,000 with a \$1,000 deductible.
- Non-owned automobile liability coverage is \$5,000,000.
- Tenants' legal liability coverage at any one premise[s] is \$1,000,000.
- First & Last names of insured persons & related fees should be sent to Canada's National Firearms Association; PO Box 49090; Edmonton, Alberta, T6E 6H4.
- Names & addresses are kept in custody of the NFA & are not forwarded to the insurance company.
- If you send a cheque to the NFA, your coverage will begin on the date of the postmark on the letter.

Upcoming Events in a Busy Fall

★ **Honouring General Caldwell (September 16)** – General John Curtis Caldwell was the brigade or division commander of the 5th New Hampshire for nearly two years, and he may be the only Civil War general buried in Canada. A goal of Co. H is to visit his gravesite each year in St. Stephen Rural Cemetery, located just outside of St. Stephen, New Brunswick. It only makes sense that if we are in the area for the annual Charlotte County Fall Fair, that we should stop at his grave on the Friday of our arrival for camp set-up. In 2022, this would be on Friday, September 16. The last time we did this (pre-Covid), Dave Adams, Stephen Norman and Lindsay Titus met at the cemetery at 2 PM and made a quiet, informal visit to General Caldwell's grave and family plot.

★ **The Charlotte County Fall Fair (September 17-18)** – The Charlotte County Fall Fair (CCFF) is an annual event held at the Ganong Nature Park at the end of Todds Point Road, near St. Stephen, New Brunswick. This year it is being held the weekend of September 17-18 and, if the weather is cooperative, is potentially a good recruiting event.

Stephen Norman and Lindsay Titus have already committed to participating in this event, although due to high fuel prices and a busy schedule in September and October, it is recognized that our numbers for this event may be low.

Upcoming Events, *continued...*

★ **We Return to Ross Farm (September 24-25)** – Ross Farm, in New Ross, Nova Scotia, will see a return of Co. H, 5th New Hampshire during the weekend of September 24-25. In June, Leigh Gavel, Loran Gavel, Sylvain Tétrault and Lindsay Titus were in uniform, representing the company. Also present, but serving in other capacities, were two other Co. H members, Steven Cochrane and Bob Keretschko.

Described by 1st Sergeant Gavel as a “mini-Kings Landing”, Ross Farm is a perfect site for our purposes, as it is a nineteenth century farm established by a veteran of the War of 1812. It will be the pumpkin harvest weekend at Ross Farm, so a large turnout of the public is expected, and thus the event offers recruiting opportunities.



Members are urged to attend this fall event, located in a beautiful and appropriate setting. Recruiting, drilling and camping are more fun and are of greater value when larger numbers of reenactors are present.

★ **The Tomlinson Lake Hike to Freedom (October 1)** – Founded and organized by our very own Co. H member, Joe Gee, the annual Tomlinson Lake Hike to Freedom is scheduled this year for Saturday, October 1. Our location at the entrance to the “Freedom Trail” is found at 250 Glenburn Road, in Carlingford, New Brunswick, near Perth-Andover. The trail marks the location of the northern-most route of the famed Underground Railroad, which brought escaped slaves to freedom in Canada.

Troy Middleton, president of Co. I, 20th Maine expressed interest in his group joining Co. H there this year. However, it is understood that distance and high fuel prices may keep some members of both groups away this year. A Call to Arms for this event will be sent out as we approach the date.

Emancipation Day

The Slavery Abolition Act of 1833 ended slavery in the British Empire on August 1, 1834, and thus also ended slavery in Canada. This event is celebrated in various parts of the Commonwealth on a variety of dates, including in some Canadian provinces. Last year, a unanimous vote in Parliament established August 1 of each year as Emancipation Day throughout Canada. Should we seek to participate in 2023?

! News of the War in the East !

- **Confederate Flag in Ontario Causing a Fuss** – CBC News reported on July 7 that neighbours had complained to police and community officials, that a Confederate flag was seen flying from a flagpole at a residence in the community of Wheatly, near Windsor, Ontario. Officials claimed they had no authority to remove the flag and the owners said that the flag’s symbolism is all a matter of perception. “We are not hateful people,” they stated.
- **David Makepeace** – David Makepeace, who expressed interest in joining one or more reenacting organizations during our June encampment at Kings Landing, sent a brief email after receiving a copy of our July newsletter, stating, “Thank you very much.” You’re welcome, David. It is our pleasure!

Canadians in the Ranks of the Fifth New Hampshire

Anthony Shethron was born in Canada and was living in Montreal when he enlisted in the 5th New Hampshire on December 7, 1863, at the age of 20. His enlistment began the same day as a private in Co. G. He was credited to Alstead. Shethron was captured while on picket duty on February 12, 1865, about two months prior to Lee’s surrender at Appomattox. Nothing further is known about his military career, as there were no further records of Anthony Shethron in the Attorney General’s Office.