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# Battle Lines



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## **The Military Muster at Kings Landing!**

***“We would love to see this partnership continue every year.”***

Thus was the sentiment expressed by Amanda Stairs, acting CEO of Kings Landing, during the planning meeting for the Military Muster at Kings Landing, which was held on Saturday, May 13, in Prince William. Eight people were present, representing both Kings Landing and various reenacting groups. Representing Kings Landing were Amanda Stairs (acting CEO), Evelyn Fidler and Jeff Chamberlain (all of whom are presently “wearing many hats”). Steve Fowler represented DeLancey’s Brigade, Maurice La king was present on behalf of Danks’ Rangers, and Paul and Ashley Flowers were at Kings Landing for the very first time to represent La Milice de Beaubassin. Lindsay Titus was the representative of Co. H, 5<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire. Troy Middleton of Co. I, 20<sup>th</sup> Maine was invited, but was unable to attend. The meeting began at 10 AM, and we were exiting the site by about 12:30. Many thanks to all participants for a successful meeting!

Here is what you need to know about the upcoming Military Muster at Kings Landing, based on the planning meeting, best practices from the 2022 event and the most recent updates:

### **The Event**

- The third annual Military Muster at Kings Landing

### **Dates**

- **Thursday, June 15 – Camp set-up**
  - Camp set-up is possible after 5:15 PM, as directed by Kings Landing staff.
- **Friday, June 16 – Student Day**
  - Kings Landing is also open to the public.
- **Saturday, June 17 – Military Muster**
  - Millstream bridge photoshoot
  - Dinner at the Kings Head Inn
- **Sunday, June 18 – Military Muster**
  - Graveside Service for Major Daniel Morehouse (off-site)

### **Reenactor Contacts**

- Company H, 5<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire is the host reenacting unit.
- Lindsay Titus is the contact person for Civil War reenactors.
- Steve Fowler is the contact person for Rev War and F&I War living history groups.

### **Participating or Invited Living History Organizations & Individuals**

- Co. H, 5<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire (*American Civil War*) [attending]
- Co. B, 20<sup>th</sup> Maine (*American Civil War*) [invited; no response]
- Co. I, 20<sup>th</sup> Maine (*American Civil War*) [attending]
- DeLancey’s Brigade (*American Revolutionary War*) [attending]
- Danks’ Rangers (*French & Indian/Seven Years War*) [attending]
- La Milice de Beaubassin (*French & Indian/Seven Years War*) [attending]
- Groups and Individuals from New Brunswick & Nova Scotia are also invited.
- Potential recruits of Co. H will be invited to the Military Muster at Kings Landing.

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**! Membership Dues to Capt. Titus by June 22 !**

### **Observations From 2022**

- Interactions with Kings Landing staff and interpreters was again excellent.
- All public comments about our camps, musket firings and medical display from 2022 were positive.
- The dinner at the Kings Head Inn was again excellent and much-appreciated.
- Communication is key to a successful event.
- I asked that old electronic news be updated: Last year, two different groups had read on *Facebook* that we were firing muskets beside the church – the site of our first encampment – and nearly missed our musket demonstration.

### **Fire Notice!**

- Kings Landing is obligated to follow provincial fire safety regulations.
- With the New Brunswick Fire Index currently (June 3) showing “red” for the entire province, meaning “no burn”, be prepared that campfires may be restricted or prohibited at the time of our encampment.
- Instructions on finding the status map of the Fire Index were emailed to members and to attending groups previously. Kings Landing is located in York County.
- Reenactors should be prepared to have meals that do not require cooking or heating over an open flame.
- If campfires are permitted, they must be watched at all times.
- Musket fire may be restricted or cancelled, depending on provincial regulations, and weather and ground conditions. However, come prepared to fire several rounds over the three days.

### **Comings & Goings**

- Public hours of operation each day are from 10:00 to 5:00.
- The entrance for Civil War reenactors will be the usual service/Kings Head Inn entrance.
- Rev War and French & Indian War reenactors may use the Kings Head Inn gate, but the entrance behind the Welcome Centre will be available. Contact Steve Fowler for details.
- We may drive on-site by about 5:15 each day, after receiving clearance from Kings Landing officials.
- Reenactor vehicles **must** be off-site no later than 9:30 each morning.
- Drive slowly and with care while on-site.
- With notification, Kings Landing can provide a horse & wagon team to transport camp equipment during public hours.
- It is expected that Lindsay Titus will have a key to the Kings Head Inn gate for after-hours arrivals.
- Animals are not to be fed or disturbed by visiting reenactors.

### **Campsites**

- Campsites were visited following the meeting, traveling on-site by vehicle.
- Campsites are set up in chronological order, with Danks’ Rangers and La Milice de Beaubassin combining camps at the top of the Joslin Farm field, very near the Welcome Centre.
- Depending on the number of participants, DeLancey’s Brigade will have a split camp (as was done last year), with both a military camp (beside the Scott Barn), and a civilian camp (beside the Sash and Door Factory).
- Civil War reenactors will return to the Morehouse field, across from the Ingraham barn (theatre) – the location of last year’s camp.
- The Slipp House, in its new location on-site, remains unavailable for this year.
- It is hoped that the Slipp House will be open for next year’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kings Landing.
- Firewood will be provided (if permitted).
- Ice may be available, upon request.
- Campsites will be “bushwacked” prior to the event.
- All reenactors are cautioned to be watchful of ticks.
- Permission has been granted for reenactors to remain in their tents Sunday night, to enable them to travel during daylight hours on Monday morning. Kings Landing will need to know the names of those remaining, prior to the event.

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***Member of the New England Brigade!***

## Washrooms

- Civil War reenactors will have access to the Grant Store upstairs washroom at night.
- Use of a flashlight is recommended when inside the building.
- The Morehouse house bathroom is **not** available for use, as previously indicated.
- For Civil War reenactors, the Barony washrooms from last year (near the schoolhouse) will be open at night for our use, in addition to the Grant Store washroom. The Barony washrooms will be the ones to use during public hours. It is where they used to sell ice cream.
- Washrooms for eighteenth century reenactors will remain as they were in 2022. See Steve Fowler.

## Events & Activities

- What activities we do will depend on the number of participants, the number of spectators present at any given time, weather conditions, schedule overlap and reenactor fatigue.
- Appropriate interactions with Kings Landing interpreters and the public are again encouraged.
- Civil War musket firing times will be made known to the public. Other activities (drill, bayonet drill, marching, foraging, etc.) will be listed as “military activities throughout the day”.
- Revolutionary War and French & Indian War musket firing demonstrations will be on their own schedule, except for battalion firing at the bridge.
- Revolutionary War and French & Indian War groups expect that they will combine for musket firing demonstrations.
- Civil War groups will coordinate musket firing times with events occurring in the theatre (Ingraham barn). Theatre presentation times are at 11:00 and 1:30, Saturday and Sunday, each performance lasting about one-half hour.
- Ingraham barn personnel will be available to assist with crowd control during musket firing times.
- ”Battalion” firing will be limited this year to Saturday’s Millstream bridge photoshoot and Sunday’s commemorative service (off-site).
- As a thank-you to reenactors, a Saturday evening dinner is again offered by Kings Landing at no charge (except for drinks) at the Kings Head Inn, beginning at 6 PM.
- Pies or other food items will be available for “foraging” this year.
  - Reenacting groups will be informed as to their locations.
- Civil War activities during the weekend may include:
  - Public & staff interactions
  - Camp life
  - Medical display and presentations
  - Recruiting
  - Guard posting
  - Basic marching maneuvers
  - Marching throughout the site
  - Inspection Arms
  - Manual of Arms
  - Load in Nine Times
  - Stacking Arms
  - Company musket firing
  - Battalion musket firing
  - Bayonet Exercises
  - Skirmish Drill
  - Historical talks

## Friday – Meeting with the Staff of Kings Landing

- Kings Landing would like a representative from each reenacting group to meet and briefly address the staff on Friday morning, prior to opening the site to the public, as an introduction.
  - This is something we used to do; it is good to have it return.

## Friday – The Student Day

- As of May 13, a total of 476 students from grades 1-12 are expected to for Friday’s Student Day. Some schools have yet to respond, so numbers may increase.
- Additionally, 110 St. Thomas University (Fredericton) students may attend.
- Camp and musket safety, as always, is paramount.
- The expected arrival time for students is from 10:00 until 11:30.
- The two-hour “window” for musket firing during the student day will return for 2023, from 11:00 to 1:00. No horse wagons will be operating during this time.

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***“Rally ’round the flag, boys!”***

### **Saturday – Photographs on the Bridge**

- On Wednesday, May 10, Troy Middleton (President, Co. I, 20<sup>th</sup> Maine) emailed Lindsay Titus with an activity suggestion for the Military Muster. Troy’s suggestion was shared at the planning meeting on May 13, and received immediate and unanimous support from both Kings Landing officials and reenacting group representatives.
- On Saturday, June 17, participating reenacting groups will meet on the Millstream bridge for photographs, with the iconic sawmill serving as the background.
- Photographs will be taken of each group separately, and as a combined “battalion”.
- Photographs will include musket firing over the water, and the public will be invited to view this event.
- Kings Landing will provide camp security while we participate in this activity.
- A wet plate photographer we met at Air Show Atlantic last August has been invited to this event. (As of June 3, there has been no response.)

### **Sunday – Memorial Service for Major Daniel Morehouse**

- Kings Landing officials are holding a graveside service for Major Daniel Morehouse on Sunday, June 18, beginning at 1:00. Family members have been invited to attend.
- Reenactors present during the Military Muster weekend have been invited to participate in the service by firing a commemorative musket volley.
- The service will be held at the memorial site for Major Morehouse, which is located about an 8-minute drive from Kings Landing. His original grave lies beneath the St. John River.
- Participants will need to leave the historical settlement. Kings Landing will provide camp security while we participate in this important and historic event.
- The campsite of the 5<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire at Kings Landing is the Morehouse field, and the Morehouse farmhouse lies directly behind the location of Steve Norman’s medical display in 2022.
- Daniel Morehouse served as a captain in the Queen’s Rangers during the War of 1812, and as a major in New Brunswick’s York County Militia.

### **CAF Presence**

- Three Canadian Army members (and artillery) will be present for the weekend, with a display outside the main public entrance to the site at the Welcome Centre.

### **Kings Landing – Fifty Years!**

- Kings Landing celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024 and is interested in having member-groups of the New England Brigade attend an event with us next year.

## **Ross Farm Encampment Cancelled!**

As of Sunday, May 21, only two Co. H members – Leigh Gavel and Lindsay Titus – had indicated their ability to participate in the planned encampment at Ross Farm, in New Ross, Nova Scotia, during the June 3-4 weekend. Thus, the event had to be cancelled due to inadequate numbers. This would have marked our second annual encampment at the site. Forest fires in the province would have also meant no campfire.

Although Leigh Gavel had stated that he would be attending the event as a member of Co. H, with the cancellation, he instead indicated his intention to attend as a member of the Atlantic Canadian Military History Association, along with Steven Cochrane.

Thank you to those members who responded to the Call to Arms for this event, but reported that they could not participate due to work, or other commitments. That is understandable, and your reply is appreciated.

First Sergeant Gavel suggested, instead, that we concentrate our efforts and energies on getting a strong turnout for the important three-day encampment at Kings Landing during the June 16-18 weekend.

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

Thomas Hinks enlisted as a substitute on August 12, 1864, and was mustered-in the regiment on the same day, as a private in Co. C. Born in Canada, he was credited to Monroe. He was 20 years old at the time of his enlistment. On October 14, 1864, Hinks was listed as “deserted to the enemy” near Petersburg, Virginia just two months after he joined the army.

## **We Lose Two Valued Members**

On Thursday, May 25, word was received from Sylvain Tétrault and Suzanne Guay that their son, Nicolas, had made the decision to no longer pursue reenacting. That is indeed a great loss to Company H, as Nicolas not only brought a wealth of reenacting experience to the company, but also his valuable youth. With the loss of Nicolas, we also lost his daughter, Elodie, who was, at age 2, by far our youngest member.

It goes without saying that we thank Nicolas for his contributions to Company H and wish him the very best as he pursues family and employment commitments. Should the day come that he decides to return to reenacting, Company H will be there to welcome him, and Elodie, back.

## **Invitation to Participate in Gagetown Event!**

Troy Middleton, president of Co. I, 20<sup>th</sup> Maine, sent the following email on June 2, inviting Company H, 5<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire to a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event planned for the New Brunswick Military History Museum at CFB Gagetown in August. This is indeed good news, as Company H members have expressed interest in working more closely with Co. I. However, the event date – August 26 – is in conflict with our planned presence at Air Show Atlantic in Debert, Nova Scotia, during the weekend of August 26-27.

Although a strong presence at Air Show Atlantic could enhance recruiting opportunities, the event at the New Brunswick Military History Museum at CFB Gagetown is also important. Thus, Co. H members are urged to participate in one of these events. If your choice is Gagetown, please inform Captain Titus of this as soon as possible, and he will list those who plan to attend and forward the names on to Troy Middleton.

Thank you, Troy, for the invitation. Here is Troy's email:

*"On behalf of the New Brunswick Military History Museum located at CFB Gagetown, I am extending an invitation to you all to join us August 26, 2023.*

*The NBMHM is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and a big party is in order. 'August Thunder' will be that party. This event will include reenactment groups, veteran biker groups, food trucks, free guided tours of the museum, children's activities, and a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary flag-raising ceremony."*

*Your participation in our celebration of the vast military history of our province would be greatly appreciated.*

*Planning is underway, so if anyone has suggestions or other groups I should invite, please pass them onto me and I will include them in our next meeting.*

*Please let me know as soon as possible about your group's intentions."*

*- On behalf of the NBMHM, Thank you; Troy Middleton CD; President, 20th Maine Co. I*

## **Lindsay Titus Gives Classroom Presentation**

On Friday, June 2, Lindsay Titus gave a 40-minute presentation on the Civil War to two classes of students in grades 4 and 5 at Belleisle Elementary School. The invitation from teacher Brent Bond came in a May 23 email. Belleisle Elementary is located about 30 minutes west of Sussex, New Brunswick. This was the second time that Lindsay Titus presented in Mr. Bond's class, the first time being a couple of years ago.

About 37 students were present. Lindsay went as a 1<sup>st</sup> sergeant so that he could talk about the Enfield rifle musket, among other topics, including the story of Sarah Edmonds, Canada's roles and the use of horses in the Civil War. The opportunity to present became available due of the cancellation of the Ross Farm encampment, scheduled for June 3-4. Photographs were taken at the end of the presentation. Thank you, Mr. Bond, for the opportunity to share this part of Canadian and American history.

## **Co. H Membership Dues are Required June 22**

Membership dues need to be in to Captain Titus no later than Thursday, June 22. Membership in Co. H expires on June 30, and commences again on July 1, but a few days are required for processing and mailing our application to the National Firearms Association in Edmonton.

As of May 28, just six members have paid their dues for 2023-24: Dave Adams, Dave Bottos, Evelyn Fidler, Leigh Gavel, Sylvain Tétrault and Lindsay Titus. Additionally, as a Family member, Suzanne Guay continues on the muster roll for 2023-24. Dues are \$30.00 per firearm-carrying member, or family. Both Aaron Bouma and Stephen Norman have indicated that they will pay their dues in June.

## Membership Dues, *continued...*

Several members, including some long-term members, have remained largely inactive due, we assume, to work or personal schedule conflicts. We hope they will find time to join us at one or more events this season. The Military Muster at Kings Landing has a lot of promise to be a premier event – it is already very good – as Kings Landing officials are hoping to see our relationship with them grow and be long-lasting. We are also returning to Air Show Atlantic in August in Debert, and our membership in the New England Brigade offers the opportunity to make new partnerships and participate in new and larger events.

Please respond as early as possible by email ([fifthnhvcoh@rogers.com](mailto:fifthnhvcoh@rogers.com)) regarding your membership status for the 2023-24 reenacting year. We are seeking growth, and hope all current members will be a part of it!

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## ! News of the War in the East !

- **Greys & Blues at Fort Knox?** – Following receipt of our February newsletter, Rob McLachlan of the Greys and Blues of Montreal expressed to Captain Titus an interest in some GBM members traveling to Fort Knox, to participate in the encampment planned there for July 21-23. This event is organized by Co. A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Maine, so Rob's request was forwarded on to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maine's commanding officer, Matt Bray. Matt has since welcomed the participation of the Greys and Blues of Montreal at Fort Knox. The Greys and Blues are based in Montreal and eastern Ontario, and portray both Union and Confederate companies, with their most frequent portrayal being that of the 27<sup>th</sup> Virginia. They also "galvanize" to portray a company of the 4<sup>th</sup> Vermont.
- **Private Francis L. Cross** – Private Cross was the brother of Colonel Edward E. Cross and Lt. Colonel Richard E. Cross. He enlisted in Co. D, 5<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire at age 18 on February 11, 1862, and was mustered-in four days later, on February 15. Cross was born in Lancaster, and was residing there at the time of his enlistment. Francis L. Cross was discharged on August 6, 1862, after about eighteen months' service, at Harrison's Landing, Virginia. He died March 31, 1884, in Kansas City, Missouri.
- **Liability Insurance Change?** – We are investigating changing our liability insurance coverage from the National Firearms Association (NFA) to the Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights (CCFR), but no decision has been made as yet. Insurance coverage and cost per member (or to the group) are being considered.
- **Fort Hood** – Fort Hood is no more. The huge US Army training facility in Killeen, Texas, named for Confederate General John Bell Hood, was renamed on May 9, 2023, following a year-long renaming process. Fort Hood is now Fort Cavazos, named for the first Hispanic four-star general in the United States Army. Fort Hood was one of a list of military installations named for Confederate officers that have been recently renamed by an appointed Naming Commission.
- **School of the Soldier Held** – Co. B, 20<sup>th</sup> Maine held their annual School of the Soldier at Fort Knox in Prospect, Maine during the weekend of May 19-21. From accounts, it was a great success. Hurrah!
- **Juneteenth** – June 19 each year marks the date when enslaved people in Galveston, Texas were told that slavery had been abolished – the last persons to be given this news, on June 19, 1865.
- **Coming Events ~**
  - ♣ **June 16-18 – Military Muster at Kings Landing** – *Prince William, NB*
  - ♣ **June 22 – Co. H Membership Dues are Due**
  - ♣ **June 30 – Expiration of 2022-23 Co. H Memberships**
  - ♣ **July 1 – New Membership Year (2023-24) Begins**
  - ♣ **July 21-23 – Fort Knox Encampment** – *Prospect, Maine (3<sup>rd</sup> Maine event)*
  - ♣ **July 29 – Company H Drill** – *Site to be determined*
  - ♣ **August 26 – "August Thunder"** – **NB Military History Museum 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
– *CFB Gagetown; Oromocto, NB*
  - ♣ **August 26-27 – Air Show Atlantic** – *Debert, NS*

