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In Fond Memory

To All Members of the Eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment:

You may have heard via REVLIST that Mike Goode, longtime Commander of the 3rd Pennsylvania Regiment died on Monday, June 24, 3:15 pm. Mike loved history and this hobby, and tried to raise it to its highest standards. He challenged us to do more research, fight better battles, and teach more children the truth. He will be missed in ways we cannot even imagine yet.

We, of the 11th, owe our presence as a Regiment to Mike. When the founding members split off from Wayne's Light Infantry several years ago, we asked to join the 3rd PA. Mike, who knew us pretty well, suggested that we think about it, and form a Unit that suited us better. It was sound advice, though we did not think so at the time. He was our true friend, and gave us needed help, gently.

We, in turn, took to heart his suggestions to look for ways to be our own Unit, and to steer our group in the direction we hoped to go. He suggested that the Line Companies could learn to fall in together just like the Lights have always done, and he suggested that the Commanders figure out ways to let other guys have a chance at command. Every time we amalgamate without thinking about it, every time our officers step down in rank to help form a better Line, every time we let someone else take command for an event, we are doing him homage. Those ideas were so good, and it took so long for some of them to germinate, that I can almost pretend that we thought them up ourselves. But Mike planted them.

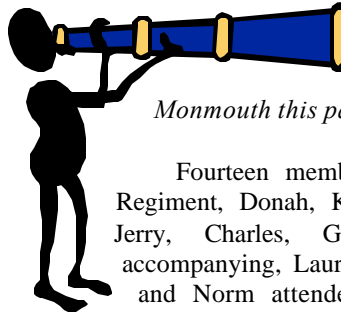
Mike and I had many discussions about women on the field, as nurses and water carriers. Bottom line, he thought we should not be there, and I insisted that he could not stop us, but could only hope to control us. He said that unless we were useful, or could figure out a way to have it make sense, we should "scram". I took it as a great tribute that he always made it a point to thank me for doing canteen fills prior to battle, and always thanked me for being on the field. Again, his challenges to have it make sense, have a bit to do with the French Nursing Nuns, and again, I am grateful.

I am so thankful for those who came up with the idea of "Fort Goode" at Whitpain. Mike was really honored by that. When Mike went down Saturday at Whitpain, he made sure the paramedics took him off in a cart, not an ambulance, so as not to distract from the event, or worry his friends on the field. Thought you should all know that.

My sincere condolences to his wife, Jennifer, and the members of his Regiment. We were all part of his family, and I am sad for us all.

Donah Zack Crawford, President, Eleventh Pennsylvania Regiment

Report on Monmouth



Regarding the disturbances and events at Philadelphia on Friday, June 22 and Monmouth this past June 23 and 24.

Fourteen members of the 11th Pennsylvania Regiment, Donah, Kate and Will, Jeanne Morrill, Jerry, Charles, Greg with wife and child accompanying, Laura and Mother, Bill and Linda, and Norm attended the gala reception for the American Diabetes Association in Philadelphia on Friday evening. We populated the town, presented programs on toys and games, and Medicine, ate, drank and danced.

Members of the 11th Pennsylvania Regiment arrived on Saturday from most diverse locals and set dining fly and wall tent of Bill Strunk in camp. The heat and humidity was most oppressive, but no ants were in attendance. The clouds prevailed, and battles of Saturday were cancelled. Soeur Marie Marguerite presented program on Nuns at Monmouth to a small gathering in the air-conditioned Visitors Center. The gentleman of the gun spent time making firing quills. Lt Mitch Baker however, fell under the spell of an evil amulet, which he wore about his neck, and ordered the troops to drill, commandeering Kim Newell to play for them. Much was it strange. Family Crawford provided lunch of bread, butter, fruit, cheese, meat, and vegetables. While crowds had been sparse all day due to the foul weather, a busload of photographers descended in late afternoon. Much were we photographed. Saturday evening merriments were accomplished. Rex (who has quickly assumed the role of camp Dad) was appointed QM.

Sunday was a clear, lovely day (considering we were at Monmouth) and all activities were accomplished in good order. John Curtis passed privates test! Huzzah! Lt Baker recovered his senses, and left early for the beach at Sandy Hook, prior to the battles. Randy and Terry also left early due to long travel home. Soeur presented the program of nuns at Monmouth to a large group in front of the visitor's center. A

lunch of chili was provided by the family Carroll (leftovers from Tim's graduation party the day before) brought by the family Crawford, who added more vegetables, bread, and cheese. Our cannon took part in the Artillery Demonstration, and in the battle. It sounded wonderful! Many compliments paid all around! Gordon, John, Charles, and Bill T. joined the line, and escaped uninjured. John and Gordon presented children's drill to a huge horde with good result. The family of Bill Treusch came to claim him, and was well greeted by members of the Unit. Unit members loaded gun on truck as Rex and Bill shopped – much were they amazed.

I am your humble servant,
Donah Zack Crawford, President, 11 PA Regt.

Upcoming Events:

Old Mill Village (August 11 – 12):

(Directly from the event flyer) "This event portrays the time periods from the early 1700's throughout the post-revolutionary period. This event is presented to help teach the public what life in America was like throughout the 18th Century. Representative units of the American Revolution and the French and Indian Wars are the highlight of the weekend event. Field Tacticals, woodland attacks, Military and woodland camps are just a small part of this event's program. 18th Century sutlers and period crafts people demonstrating their works and wares round off this grand occasion. Participating unit members may take part in our live firing demonstration, which is part of the schedule of events. Also this year again there will be an exhibition of the troops on the Old Presbyterian Church Green, in New Milford at 10:00 AM Saturday the 11th. The public is encouraged to turn out to greet these soldiers and bring vegetables and other food stuffs as was the practice in this bygone period (The food will be donated to a local charity/food bank.)

Encampment and registration for participants will be Friday, August 10th starting at 11:00 AM through Saturday the 11th at 9:00 AM. The Village gates open for the public at 10:00 AM Saturday and we request you try to be set up at this time. No vehicles will be allowed in the campsites during public hours.

Water, firewood, and 24 hr in-door sanitary facilities provided."

Check out www.oldmillvillage.com/18thcevent.html to see what it is all about.

Directions: From Philadelphia: Take the NE Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike towards Scranton, to Route 81 North. Take exit 67 off Route 81. Turn left at end of exit ramp at stop sign. Then go to next stop sign, turn left; go approx 30 ft and turn left onto Rt 848; go approx 1 mile - Museum is on left.

Newtown, NY (August 25-26):

"There will be war games on Saturday (we will not have to do anything for the public on this day, but realize the public will be around) and raw food stuffs will be provided for Saturday supper along with an afternoon

tea for the ladies. We will do a full program for the public on Sunday. Participants are encouraged to set up programs for Sunday morning and early afternoon (games for adults, and children, cooking demonstrations, drills for the troops, talks on clothing – both civilian and military, etc.). A very "Royal Continental Breakfast" will be provided for the troops this day.

As usual, straw, wood, water, and sanitary facilities will be provided along with showers, raw food stuffs for one meal, and a ladies tea."

Basic Directions: Newtown Battlefield is located just east of Elmira, N.Y. off rte. 17.

At Mill Village we will be working on a skit to perform at Newtown. The idea presented so far is that of a duel ...

Maps for Mill Village are now available on the unit website. Maps for Newtown will be posted as soon as Old Mill Village has past.

Revised Policies and Procedures

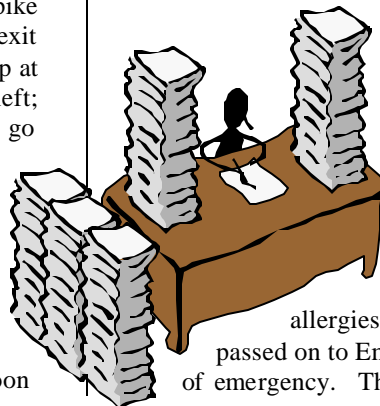
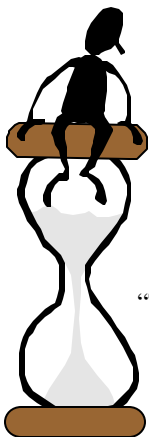
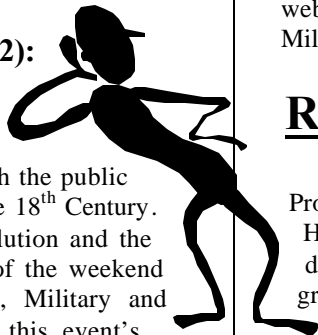
Okay, I know that, as far as documents go, Policies and Procedures may not be your first choice for reading material. However, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of this document! Due primarily to the incredible and exciting growth of our unit, and some recent problems that have developed, it has become essential to revise some policies and add a few new ones. We have tried to keep this document short and sweet, and in terms so plain and clear that anyone might understand them. Please, take the time to download the document from the unit website, or read it directly from the text file! It can be located in the "documents" area.

Sign In and Be Recognized

Once again, due to the rate of growth of the unit, we are having a bit of difficulty keeping straight exactly who is attending events. So, to simplify things, Kristy Bell has a book, nicely covered in leather, in which all members will sign-in at events. If Kristy cannot attend an event, she will ask someone to take roll at the event. This is important! Please don't expect anyone to "just remember" that you were at a particular event! We have so many new members that recognition is becoming difficult at best! Guests of the regiments will also be required to sign in.

More Paperwork?

Now, don't get scared. This one is simple. Our Unit Constitution requires that we have Emergency Medical Information for each member. All we need to know is anything (prescription medication, allergies, medical conditions, etc.) that should be passed on to Emergency Medical Personnel in the case of emergency. These forms will be kept on file by the



secretary and not available for public perusal. In other words, I will not announce your medical conditions to the Unit ... unless you want me to ...

These forms must be completed prior to participation in events, but I do not see a need to mail them out. I will have them with me at events, and you may complete them on the spot. (I will leave it like that for now. Please don't make me have to hunt you down, restrain you, and force the information out of you before you take to the field. That is not pretty, and I don't like to do it.)



1776 Computerized

A friend on the Internet thoughtfully sent this to me. I have no idea from whence it came, but it is awfully cute! Enjoy!

Mr. Jefferson: Gentlemen, the summer grows hot, and it is essential that we complete this declaration of independence.

Mr. Franklin: Wait a minute, Thomas. I have to reboot here.

Mr. Jefferson: That's all right, Ben. We'll go on without you. Has everyone had a chance to look at the draft I posted yesterday?

Mr. Sherman: Not yet, Thomas, I've been having Notes replication problems.

Mr. Adams: Here, Roger, I brought a hard copy.

Mr. Sherman: Thanks. Saaaaay, nice font.

Mr. Adams: Do you like it? I downloaded it off Colonies Online just last week.

Mr. Jefferson: Gentlemen! There is work to be done. I fear our document will soon leak out.

Mr. Livingston: Too late, Thomas. There's already a bootleg circulating. I saw it posted on alt.georgeIII.sucks last night.

Mr. Franklin: @#\$\$%^\$# General Protection Fault!

Mr. Adams: Ben, you might try upgrading to Windows 75. It solved that problem for me.

Mr. Sherman: Thomas, the part here about the Acts of Pretended Legislation; have you considered using bullets to air out the text?

Mr. Jefferson: I can fix that easily enough. Drat! I've spilled candle wax on my keyboard again.

Mr. Adams: You know, Thomas, that wouldn't happen if you'd buy an active-matrix screen.

Mr. Franklin: Hard-disk failure?!? Aw, criminy!

Mr. Livingston: Are you sure it's "unalienable rights"? My spell checker recommends "unassailable".

Mr. Jefferson: Can we stick to the substance of the document, please? Shoot. Low battery. Anyone got a spare power cable?

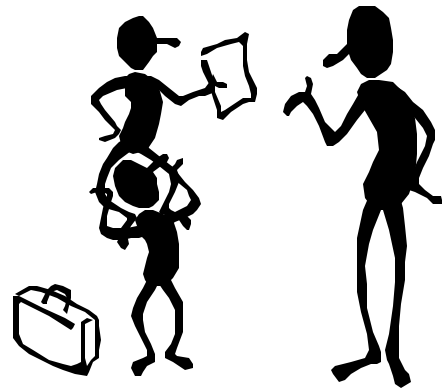
Mr. Sherman: What have you got, a Toshiba? No, mine isn't compatible.

Mr. Franklin: Hello, PCs Philadelphia? What does it mean when the floppy drive buzzes? OK, I'll hold.....

Mr. Livingston: The "In Congress" part here at the top; have you thought about blowing that up really big and maybe centering it in 72 point Helvetica?

Mr. Jefferson: Not a bad idea. Aw, nuts! Word macro virus! I can't save the file.

Mr. Franklin: That's all right, Thomas. We can manage. Here, borrow my quill pen....



St. Patrick's Day Revisited

(Submitted by Sean Corcoran)

Came across this in a publication I picked up in Williamsburg last week: "The Revolutionary Solider 1775-1783" by C. Keith Wilbur, Chelsea House Publishers 1997, Philadelphia, PA. page 90 "More Holidays"

"St. Patrick's Day- Irish deserters from the King's army swelled the ranks of Irish-Americans until at one point they numbered one-third of the camp muster. The rugged brigade of Pennsylvania Continentals was often called "the line of Ireland."

At Valley Forge, New England troops needled their Irish friends with a disparaging stuffed figure of the Saint. Before Irish tempers could boil Washington stepped in. "Well, I too am a lover of St. Patrick's Day and must settle the affair by making all of the army keep the day." Backing his conviction

with action, he ordered an extra ration of rum for all. As an aide observed, "All made merry and were good friends."

We certainly could use Washington's balance today for sure.

Battle Report: Batsto

(Submitted by Pvt. John Curtis)

The weather was lovely the atmosphere relaxed and a good time was had by all. Of special note the Carroll Family (all5) turned out and entertained one and all.

The 11th lined up with the 24th Conn. (the 35thPA dot Conn?) on the left flank and After pressing the enemy smartly we took heavy casualties, in fact I was the sole survivor (thank you Big Gene for being so, well, big!) of a dastardly blast of Kings Grape. Finding myself the sole target on the flank I retreated briskly to the tree line where our rifle troops were supporting our artillery crew. I also found Laura Troy and Erin Barr up on the line supporting our artillery. Huzzah, Ladies! We made a fighting withdrawal bringing off all troops and women but unfortunately losing the Mortar.

Language of Women: Defined

What does a woman mean when she says --

FINE: This is the word we use at the end of any argument that we feel we are right about but need to shut you up. Never use 'Fine' to describe how woman looks. This will cause you to have one of those arguments.

FIVE MINUTES: This is half an hour. It is equivalent to the five minutes that your football game is going to last before you take out the trash, so it's an even trade.

NOTHING: This means something and you should be on your toes. "Nothing" is usually used to describe the feeling a woman has of wanting to turn you inside out, upside down, and backwards. "Nothing" usually signifies an argument that will last "Five Minutes" and end with a huffy "Fine."

GO AHEAD: (with raised eyebrows) This is a dare, one that will result in my getting upset over "Nothing" and will end with the word "Fine."

GO AHEAD: (normal eyebrows) This means, "I give up" or "do what you want because I don't care." You will get a raised eyebrow "Go ahead" in just a few minutes, followed by "Nothing" and "Fine" and she will talk to you in about "Five Minutes" when she cools off.

(LOUD SIGH): This is not actually a word, but is still often a verbal statement very misunderstood by men. A "Loud Sigh" means she thinks you are an idiot at that moment and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you over "Nothing."

(SOFT SIGH): Again, not a word, but a verbal statement. "Soft Sighs" are one of the few things that some men actually understand. She is content. Your best bet is to not move or breathe, and she will stay content.

OH!: This exclamation, followed by any statement, is trouble. Example: "Oh, let me get that." Or, "Oh, I talked to him about what you were doing last night." If she says "Oh" before a statement, RUN, do not walk, to the nearest exit. She will tell you that she is "Fine" when she is done tossing your clothes out the window, but do not expect her to talk to you for at least 2 days. "Oh" as the lead to a sentence usually signifies that you are caught in a lie. Do not try to lie more to get out of it, or you will get raised eyebrows and "Go ahead" followed by acts so unspeakable that we can't bring ourselves to write about them.

THAT'S OK: This is one of the most dangerous statements that a woman can say to a man. "That's OK" means that she wants to think long and hard before paying you retributions for what ever it is that you have done. "That's OK" is often used with the word "Fine" and used in conjunction with a raised eyebrow. "Go ahead." At some point in the near future when she has plotted and planned, you are going to be in some mighty big trouble.

PLEASE DO: This is not a statement; it is an offer. A woman is giving you the chance to come up with whatever excuse or reason you have for doing whatever it is that you have done. You have a fair chance to tell the truth, so be careful and you shouldn't get a "That's OK."

THANKS: A woman is thanking you. Do not faint; just say, "You're welcome."

THANKS A LOT: This is much different from "Thanks." A woman will say, "Thanks A LOT," when she is really ticked off at you. It signifies that you have hurt her in some callous way, and will be followed by the "Loud Sigh." Be careful not to ask what is wrong after the "Loud Sigh," as she will only say "Nothing."

I hope this clears up any misunderstandings.

