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Tis the Season

December rolls around and we settle into winter quarters it's time to look to your kit. Clean it, now. Polish up the brass, brush your bearskin and wig. Give your musket a complete cleaning and rub some wood oil into the dried wood around the lock- yes it's dried, I checked, and check the quality of your belts to see if they need work.

Make sure your regimental and small clothes are clean and have all their buttons and drop hints to family about either stuff you need to replace or would like to have to help your impression or just have around the house. This is the off season but you can take the time now to do small bits of repair work on your kit. You can spread it out over the winter months rather than doing it on a rush the night before you head out.

Trenton

The Follow was sent to me directly by the Major for the Battle of Trenton: Here's what's on at The Battle of Trenton

Anyone interested? They could use support. I was approached directly by the director of The Old Barracks. I would like to go. Who's with me? Please reply by email (gmorgan53@comcast.net) or cell phone 215 262-6013

Major M

Dear Unit Commander or Adjutant:

Finally, a dispatch from Trenton! We regret the delay in contacting you, but most of you "know the drill" by now.

I can now report that all plans are in order for the commencement of the Battles of Trenton event. As in the past it will be the culmination of Patriots Week in Trenton, co-sponsored by the Trenton Downtown Association and the Old Barracks Museum.

New this year for the 235th!

This year with the yeoman work of members of the Friends of Washington's Crossing Park, Outwater's Militia, The Marbleheaders, 5th PA, and the Washington's Crossing Park, PA, we will mark the 235th Anniversary of the Battles and the Crossing with an additional Crossing at approximately 7 AM on Saturday, December 31st. Also at 7 AM a march to the Battles from the New Jersey shore of the Crossing will commence following the actual route. This will be a 9 mile march so if you've aged since the march 10 years ago, seriously assess yourself and your essential body parts before signing up for this march. If you are registering for the Battles of Trenton through the traditional channels and want to take part in the march, go to

www.MarchtoTrenton.com for further information and to sign up. They will be chartering a school bus to take marchers from the Barracks to the NJ side of the Crossing.

Friday, December 30, 2011

€Registration beginning at 4:00 PM to 11 PM, at the Old Barracks Museum.

€7 PM to 10 PM, 18th C. Ball, live music, w/refreshments, at Masonic Temple across the street from the Barracks

Saturday, December 31, 2011

€6 AM Those who will participate in the March from the Crossing will gather at the Barracks gate.

€Registration continues, 6 AM to 9 AM, Old Barracks Museum

€10 AM All officer's meeting, Long Room, Old Barracks Officer's House

€10:30 formation, Old Barracks Parade, rolls taken, divisions sorted, safety inspections

€10:50 All troops march out to jump-off points for 1st Battle

€The First Battle of Trenton, 11 a.m. to Noon

€Nooning at Masonic Temple, hot and cold buffet provided by the Masons, free for participants.

€2:10 PM, Formations on Old Barracks Parade, safety inspections

€2:20 PM March out to Memorial Service for the Slain, in front of 1st Presbyterian Church

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€3:00 - 4:00 PM. The Second Battle of Trenton

€4:10 PM Final Formation on Parade of Old Barracks and dismissal

Unlike the past 17 years we've done this, Mill Hill Park will not be available for the climax of each battle as it's under re-landscaping that won't be finished until about February. We'll be back there next year, but this year we will be using the 6 acre grassy field immediately South of the Barracks and the State House Mill Hill Park under renovations

6 acre field immediately South of Barracks and State House

There will be no Saturday night accommodations at the Barracks this year. We have reached out to the Marriott Lafayette Yard hotel around the corner as in the past requesting the usual discounted rooms for Patriot's Week, but they have this week come under new management and are not initially disposed to offering any this year, that could change in maybe a week and if so, we will get back to you.

Please Note: There will be no individual "walk-ons" allowed at this event. You must be a member in good standing of an invited unit. Also note, all invited units are members of one or more of the following: Brigade of the American Revolution; British Brigade; Continental Line. The Old Barracks adheres to BAR safety regulations. Loading of infantry and cavalry weapons will be from paper cartridges only, not from horns. Priming horns shall contain 2 ounces or less of powder. The fixing of bayonets and bayonet charges during tacticals will only be conducted at the pre-planned and controlled times and scenarios.

As at this event in the past, your members, while in their period dress, will be entitled to a 10% discount on purchases from our Museum Shop (The Quartermaster's Store).

By Thanksgiving there will be a participant section on our website: www.barracks.org which should bring you updates like division commanders and composition, new stuff available from our museum store, what sutlers you can expect to see here, and links to other events of Patriots Week.

Directions: www.barracks.org

Dues

The perfect gift for your beloved Sergeant this holiday season is....a dues paying check! For those of you who already sent in your check, THANK YOU. As I've said before this is not gratuitous and we do try to keep expenses down-but there are some things we literally cannot do without, like insurance. Now to encourage getting the money in quickly we've introduced a graduated system of regimental dues. If you get the dues to me BEFORE St. David's Day it is on \$20. That is a \$5 dollar savings to you. So right now the dues are as follows:

Regimental dues:	\$20
Company due:	\$10
BAR (Optional)	<u>\$25</u>
Total:	\$30
With BAR:	\$55

The check should be made out to:
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