

Marquis of Granby
Jr. Ancient Fife & Drum Corps

Newsletter

February, 2009

RECENT EVENTS –



**More photos on
our web site!**

Marquis of Granby Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony - Thanks to everyone who helped make this a successful event and especially to Mrs. Jahn for coordinating. It was a lot of fun, with plenty of food (phew!) and laughter. Congratulations to the following individuals who were recognized as noted:

Promoted to Marching Recruitⁱ - Abbie B., Emelia E., Jamie F., Jonah G., Briana H., Hannah J., Ezra L., Davis L., Rose N., Joe B.

Promoted to Flag Line Private - Jamie F., Hannah G.

Promoted to Playing Line Private - Jonathan G., Jordan L, Joshua H., Clayton L.

Promoted to Playing Line Corporal - Nicole H., and Emily H.

Promoted to Major - Robert Newcomb

Practice Attendance Awards (90% or better)- Abbie B., Zachery B., Hannah B., Jonah G., Briana H., Hannah J., Jordan L., Casey L., and Clayton L.

Performance Attendance Awards (90% or better) - Nicole H. and Hannah B. (both will receive 50% scholarship to Fyfe & Drum Camp OR a \$50 credit towards the summer trip.)

Perfect Performance Attendance Award - Zach B., Clayton L. and Casey L. (all will receive 100% scholarship to Fyfe & Drum Camp OR a \$100 credit towards the summer trip.)

Most Improved Marching - Rose N. and Joe B.

Most Determined - Abbie B.

Most Improved Fyfers - Hannah J. and Briana H.

Most Improved Snare Drummer - Clayton L.

Most Improved Bass Drummer - Jonathan G.

Practice a Thon - Hannah J. (most minutes practiced) and Colin W. (highest sponsorship.)

Knight of Knipton (for exemplary attitude, contributions and willingness to act as an "Ambassador of the Corps") - Hannah J.

Von Steuben Award (how do we explain this if you weren't there to hear it?) - Robert Newcomb

Peacock Award (for longstanding commitment and outstanding contributions to the Corps) - Janet & Don Ford

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON NOW:

January 31 - Fife and Drum a Thon at the Company Hall - We will be leaving at 2 pm from the Church and will return between 8-9 pm. You can come in street clothes and change into your uniform there if you like. We are scheduled to perform at 6 pm. There is a pot luck dinner and if you are able to, please consider a contribution for the fund, or a baked good for the bake sale, or a side dish for the potluck. Don't stress over it though and rest assured, if all you bring is your musical talents..that will be plenty!

February 7th - It's time for our winter picnic and snow tubing event! We'll gather at the Barndoor Hills entrance of MacLeans at noon for a couple hours of snow fun and some hot food to warm us up. This event is open to all Marquis members - so recruits, bundle up and come out to join us! Each member is asked to bring a can of their favorite soup. You need to RSVP to either Mrs. Garcia or Mrs. Lampert to let us know if you plan to be there so we can be sure to have enough food!

March Fun Activity - The Marquis will be heading off to play Laser Tag for no other reason than to have some fun! Details will be forthcoming at practice and also in the March newsletter.

Pancake Breakfast - The Granby American Legion has offered to donate all of the proceeds from their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser to the Marquis. This is an extremely generous offer on their part and in exchange, our job will be to get as many people there as possible! Marquis members will also be asked to pitch in with the serving. This will be some time in April and we'll send out details in a future newsletter.

Marquis 40th Anniversary Muster - Invitations have been sent for the first Saturday of October 2009! Keep checking our web site where details will continue to be posted as they are hammered out.

Summer Trip - We're headed for America's "Historic Triangle" with stops in Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown. There will also be side trips to Busch Gardens and Virginia Beach as the Marquis Summer Trip returns! We'll be leaving on Friday, July 31st to travel to Virginia will return to Granby on the following Thursday evening. THEN we're off again the next day at noon for Lake Carmel, NY and their annual Fireman's Parade that Friday evening. We'll camp overnight in Carmel, and participate in the Young Colonials Muster the following day (Saturday) before heading home. Phew! Details on trip costs and so forth have already been distributed, but if you need more information please contact Mrs. Lampert and she'll bring you up to speed. If you plan to come on the trip to Virginia, you will need to submit a \$50 deposit by the end of February.

A letter from Mrs. Garcia:

Dear Marquis members and parents,

This letter is to let you all know that I have decided to step down as Co-director of the Marquis. Pending Board approval, Mrs. Lampert will be the only Director from this point forward.

Let me first say that this is absolutely not a result of any disagreement or ill-will between Mrs. Lampert and myself. We get along just fine! Together we have come to the conclusion that the Co-Director model just isn't the best answer for the Marquis as we go forward into our bright future. When we started this adventure together last year we were both wearing more than one hat (i.e. director/uniform quartermaster). We also had to go through a huge learning curve as we transitioned the leadership from Mr. Grayson to ourselves. Now that we have been through a whole season, we feel that the Director role will be much easier going forward, particularly since all open Board positions will be now be filled. Having one Director should make it easier for all of you, since you will now know exactly where to go when you have questions or concerns.

You all know that the Marquis is near and dear to my heart.....so I am certainly not going away! I am excited to let you know that I have decided to take on the role of Enrichment Coordinator for the Corps. Some of you may know that I spent several years as Art Director of Shows and Events at the LEGO Toy company. I love nothing more than planning and executing events for kids. It is my intent to come up with some really exciting activities for the corps. I hope to get a lot of ideas and help from our new Jr. Board members and all of you.....so let me know what you want to do!

Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Lampert as she becomes the sole Director of the corps. I truly believe that the sky is now the limit for the Marquis of Granby.

In the Ancient Spirit,

Mrs. Garcia

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Corps members born in FEBRUARY!

Rose N. – 20th
Austin B. – 21st
Nicole H. – 23rd
Nicole C. – 24th
Teddy C. – 27th



Parents Corner –

New Board Members – We are extremely grateful that more parents have stepped up to serve on the Marquis Board. The following persons have been nominated to fill Board positions, and the Board will vote on their nominations at the next Board meeting on February 4th:

Business Manager: Doug Jahn
Ways & Means Coordinator: Sharron Hallen
Publicity Coordinator: Julie Gibson
Uniform Quartermaster: Meg LaPointe
Enrichment Coordinator: Lori Garcia
Director: Audrey Lampert

Robert Newcomb, Zach B., Nicole H. and Clayton L., will be joining us at our February Board meeting following their election to the positions of Junior Board members by their fellow Marquis.

Winter Picnic - We need chaperones and food donations for this event.

Chico Bags – we still have Chico Bags to sell! At \$5 a piece they're quite a handy item to have around. Please see Mrs. Bigus if you need more to sell.

Fundraising - We have plenty of kids looking for ways to pay for the summer trip! If you have an idea for a fundraiser, or would like to organize one on behalf of the Marquis, please contact Sharron Hallen.

Practice Sheets - Marquis members are being asked to keep a practice log in their music notebook, and parents are asked to initial the number of minutes they are practicing. This will help both our members and their instructors better understand why they are or are not making progress. It serves as a point of dialog, and also a "reality check" that can be a very useful tool to help each member be as successful as possible in learning their instrument. If you have any questions about this, please see Mrs. Lampert

2009 Performance Schedule – be sure to keep checking each month for updates!



Date	Event	Event Type	City	State
Saturday, April 25, 2009	Little League Parade	Parade	Granby	CT
Saturday, May 02, 2009	William Diamond Jr Muster	Muster & Parade	Lexington	MA
Saturday, May 23, 2009	Memorial Day Parade	Parade	N Haven	CT
Sunday, May 24, 2009	Memorial Day Parade	Parade	Ledyard	CT
Monday, May 25, 2009	Memorial Day Parade	Parade	Granby	CT
Monday, May 25, 2009	Memorial Day Parade	Parade	Simsbury	CT
Friday, May 30, 2008	Memorial Day Parade	Parade	New Britain	CT
Saturday, June 13, 2009	Gaspee Days Parade	Parade	Newport	RI
Sunday, June 14, 2009	Bunker Hill Parade	Parade	Charleston	MA
Saturday, July 04, 2009	4th of July Parade	Parade	E. Longmeadow	MA
7/14-7/17, 2009	Fyfe & Drum Camp	Camp	Ivoryton	CT
Saturday, July 18, 2009	Deep River Ancients Muster	Muster & Parade	Deep River	CT
Saturday, July 25, 2009	Nathan Hale Muster	Muster & Parade	Coventry	CT
Sunday, July 26, 2009	Nathan Hale Muster	Muster & Parade	Coventry	CT
Tuesday, July 28, 2009	Performance at Company	Performance	Ivoryton	CT
Friday, July 31, 2009	Summer Trip	Travel to VA		
Saturday, August 01, 2009	Summer Trip	Williamsburg	<= Performance	
Sunday, August 02, 2009	Summer Trip	Yorktown	<= Performance	
Monday, August 03, 2009	Summer Trip	VA Beach		
Tuesday, August 04, 2009	Summer Trip	Jamestown		
Wednesday, August 05, 2009	Summer Trip	Busch Gardens		
Thursday, August 06, 2009	Summer Trip	Travel to CT		
Friday, August 07, 2009	Lake Carmel Fireman's Parade	Parade	Lake Carmel	NY
Saturday, August 08, 2009	Young Colonials Muster	Muster & Parade	Carmel	NY
Saturday, August 15, 2009	Hartford County 4-H Fair	Parade	Somers	CT
Saturday, September 05, 2009	Windsor Fife & Drum Corps	Muster & Parade	Windsor	CT
Friday, September 11, 2009	The Big E	Parade	W Springfield	MA
Friday, September 18, 2009	The Big E	Parade	W Springfield	MA
Friday, September 25, 2009	The Big E	Parade	W Springfield	MA
Saturday, September 26, 2009	Founders Day Parade	Parade	Lee	MA
Sunday, September 27, 2009	Mum Festival	Parade	Bristol	CT
Saturday, October 03, 2009	Marquis 40th Anniversary Must	Muster & Parade	Granby	CT
Sunday, October 11, 2009	New Haven Columbus Day	Parade	N Haven	CT
Sunday, November 08, 2009	Veterans Day Parade	Parade	Enfield	CT
Sunday, November 15, 2009	First Church Performance & Co	Other	N Granby	CT
Wednesday, November 25, 2009	Town Wide Thanksgiving Eve	Performance	Granby	CT
Saturday, December 12, 2009	Old Saybrook Torchlight Parade	Muster & Parade	Old Saybrook	CT

History Lesson America's Historic Triangle (Part 1 of 3)

Anybody wonder why we chose Virginia for our summer trip destination? Is it for the beautiful countryside? The soft, sandy beaches? The thrill of rides at Busch Gardens? Well, sure! It's all of that...and something else that happens to fit in very nicely with the mission of the Marquis. It's a trip about history!

Our first stop will be in Colonial Williamsburg¹, and we'll be staying at a hotel there all week as well². For those of you who have never been to Colonial Williamsburg, it is very, very, cool.³

Colonial Williamsburg is the historic district of the city of Williamsburg, Virginia. It is made up of many of the buildings which formed Virginia's capital in the years from about 1699 to 1780. There was a LOT going on in Virginia back in the 18th century, and Williamsburg was the center of government, education and culture in the colony. Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Patrick Henry, James Monroe, James Madison, George Wythe and Peyton Randolph, along with many others, helped to mold the future of democracy from this important community.

The area now known as Colonial Williamsburg was originally established in 1632 as Middle Plantation. The property is located on high ground between the James & York rivers, which made it very defensible against attacks. Nearby Jamestown settlement was located on ...guess which river? That's right, the James river. Jamestown was the original seat of government, but the state house there had a bad habit of burning down and there were problems with mosquitoes and malaria in the hot, humid area around that city, so the House of Burgesses was several times moved to nearby Williamsburg. Eventually, everyone finally decided to just permanently declare Middle Plantation the official capital of the colony. Now, you can't really have a capital named something as unimpressive as "Middle Plantation," and so the city was renamed Williamsburg, in honor of King William III. Real estate values in Jamestown plunged⁴. The new site was described as a place where "clear and crystal springs burst from the champagne soil." I think we would all agree that is preferable to a place infested with mosquitoes and malaria.



¹ We'll be staying at a hotel there all week as well...and yes, it has a pool.

² For those of you who like to google, we'll be staying at the Governor's Inn. The Governor will not.

³ Even if using the word "cool" isn't anymore. I don't know about such things because I'm getting old.

⁴ Just kidding.

During the American Revolutionary War the capital of Virginia was again moved for security reasons, this time to Richmond (about 55 miles away.) For many years thereafter, the old colonial buildings in the historical area of Williamsburg fell into a state of disrepair⁵. It's location on high ground made it not easily accessible by railway, and so while the towns around it benefitted from the industrial revolution, Williamsburg continued to exist as a sleepy little college town. Home to the College of William and Mary, and what was then called The Eastern Lunatic Asylum, it was hardly a hotspot of tourism.

Fortunately, a man came along with what we like to call, "that vision thing." His name was Dr. W.A.R⁶. Goodwin, and he recognized the enormous value of preserving the history of the area. Even more fortunately, he recognized the value of a wealthy benefactor, and he managed to capture the attention of one John D. Rockefeller, Jr. of the Standard Oil fortune. Both Goodwin and Rockefeller kept their plans to renovate the area a secret, while they quietly began to buy up property. Eventually people caught on and demanded to know what was up, forcing the men to reveal their plans in the summer of 1928.



During the restoration, over 720 buildings that postdated 1790 were demolished, many of which were from the 19th century. Over time, Colonial Williamsburg was nearly completely recreated. It now features shops, taverns and open-air markets in the colonial style. Two of the most prominent buildings, the Governor's Palace and the Capital Building, were reconstructed at the

original sites with the aid of period illustrations and written descriptions. Of the approximately 500 buildings in the historic area, 88 are original.

Today, Colonial Williamsburg is a combination of a historical landmark and a living history museum. With its historic significance in the development of democracy here in America, it and the surrounding areas have been the site of many summit meetings of world leaders. The community has hosted visiting royalty from several nations, including King Hussein of Jordan, Emperor Hirohito of Japan and Queen Elizabeth II, who paid two royal visits to Williamsburg. The Queen most recently visited in May of 2007 during the 400th anniversary of the founding nearby Jamestown Settlement⁷.

When visiting Colonial Williamsburg, you'll find a community that looks very much the way it would have in the 18th century. Historical re-enactors move about demonstrating the various aspects of life in colonial times. Special tours and programs are offered that allow visitors to explore different themes in detail, including trials, music, and a ghost walk! Woouooooo.

⁵ Which in hindsight was a buying opportunity.

⁶ William Archer Rutherford

⁷ Where she did not contract malaria thanks to the attention of royal bug swooshers, who kept the mosquitoes away.

Of course, no colonial reenactment would be complete without a fife and drum corps, and The Colonial Williamsburg Fife and Drum Corps is one of the finest there is. They perform at many special occasions, and on each Saturday during the summer months they perform their Saturday March through the grounds of Colonial Williamsburg. This August, we have been invited to join them and this marks the first time in history the Marquis of Granby has been asked to do so.



We hope that every Marquis member who is eligible will join us on this trip and we're going to do everything possible to make sure anyone who *wants* to go is *able* to go. There will be fundraisers, and the value in many members Enrichment accounts have already built up with nearly enough funds to cover the entire cost of the trip. If you want to come but you are worried about the expense, please see Mrs. Lampert and she will help in any way she can. Remember, Colonial Williamsburg is just *one part* of the terrific trip we have planned!