

Marquis of Granby Jr. Ancient Fife & Drum Corps

Newsletter

March, 2009

RECENT EVENTS –

Fife & Drum-a-Thon at the Company

Hall - What a great event! The bus didn't cooperate, but everyone else did and we managed to make it down in time to see some great performances and put in a strong effort of our own. Thanks so much to everyone who participated, including our "recruits" who contributed several donations via our own "Practice-a-thon." Thanks also to everyone who contributed to the pot luck dinner. The Marquis was able to contribute about \$250 towards the overall fundraiser and



we've recently heard that more than \$14,000 in total was raised to help Erin and his family! Even better than that, we recently heard that Erin is doing extremely well and appears to finally be cancer free! Hip Hip Huzzah!



Winter Picnic - We had plenty of snow this year and the weather was fine for a day to be outside having some serious fun! In addition to catching some air, building snow castles, and feasting on camp stew, potatoes and goodies, we were able to gather together two large grocery bags of soup that were delivered to the Granby Food Pantry. Thanks to everyone who donated food (including soup) and chaperoned to make this another successful and fun event.



WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON NOW:

Marquis Open House & Recruitment - Will be Wednesday, March 11th during practice. Please be sure to welcome any new prospects who show up to check us out!

Fire up your muskets!!

.....oops, I meant LASER GUNS! The Magnificent Marquis March Enrichment activity (say that three times fast) will be Laser Tag at Laser Quest in Newington on March 21st. This has been such a popular activity that we have reserved TWO games this time. The cost is \$15 per person. We will leave the church parking lot 3:00 pm and return around 6:00 p.m. Cookies and drinks will be available on the bus on the way home. There will be cheap and silly prizes awarded for the highest scores, the best Lasertag names and other random categories we think up between now and then.

Please rsvp by Weds. March 11 to Mrs. Garcia and let her know if you will be joining us (lcgarci4@cox.net or 653-4681). A response would be appreciated even if you know you won't be coming so we can get an accurate headcount. **Parents:** We also need 2 volunteers to send in 3 dozen cookies each and 2 volunteers to send in 18 drinks each. Again, please respond to Mrs. Garcia.

Parade Season Kickoff Party - It's almost time to start marching, so put on your party shoes! On Saturday April 4th, we are hosting a gathering from 1:00 to 3:00 pm with our friends from the Windsor Corps. We will meet at the church in Cooke Hall for some food, some jamming, some fun and games *and* (of course) inexpensive, silly, but you-know-you-want-them PRIZES. Come on and join in the fun! We are asking each family who comes to contribute either a snack or dessert food for this event. Please let Mrs. Garcia know whether or not you will be attending.

Pancake Breakfast on April 18th - 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! We originally thought they also wanted all sorts of help from us, but as it turns out they only want a couple people there to help serve, and several people have already volunteered so we're all set. So - grab your families and friends and come on out anytime between 8-11 am at the American Legion Hall for some delicious pancakes, bacon, REAL maple syrup, orange juice and coffee. Mmmmmm....

Marquis 40th Anniversary Muster - Fourteen Corps have already responded with a yes! Plans are well underway and updates on what's in store can be found on our web site.

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, a \$50 deposit is due now! If you want to come on the trip but are worried about the cost, please see Mrs. Lampert. We're planning plenty of fundraisers between now and then so everyone who wants to come will be able to!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CORPS MEMBERS BORN IN MARCH!

Abbie B. - 24th
Jamie F. - 3rd
Wil g. - 12th
Colin W. - 28th
Teddy C. - 27th



Parents Corner –

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

The next Parent's Meeting - Will be April 15th during practice.

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	Hadley 350th Anniversary	Parade	Hadley	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
Friday, September 11, 2009	The Big E	Parade	W Springfield	MA
Saturday, September 12, 2009	Windsor Fife & Drum Corps	Muster & Parade	Windsor	CT
Saturday, September 12, 2009	Drummers Call at OSV	Parade	Sturbridge	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
Wednesday, November 11, 2009	Veterans Day Parade	Parade	Springfield	MA
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 2 of 3)

The "Historic Triangle" is made up of Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown. This month we're going to focus on the oldest of the three sites: Jamestown.

Jamestown was founded on May 13, 1607¹ on Jamestown Island on the James River in the colony of Virginia. The founding of Jamestown is very historically significant to our country, because it was the first permanent *English* settlement in the Americas.

The site was chosen for practical reasons. It is about 40 miles inland from the Atlantic Ocean and the entrance to the Chesapeake Bay, which made it defensible against potential enemies that might approach via water.

The first inhabitants of Jamestown were all men and boys, who had arrived during the spring months via three ships that had sailed from England more than four months earlier. The ships included the flagship, the *Susan Constant* and two smaller ships, the *Godspeed* and the *Discover*. Replicas of all three ships are now located at Jamestown. Traveling by sea was very hazardous in those days, and 40 of the original passengers died en route to the new world, leaving 112 men and boys to begin the ardent task of building a new settlement and securing what supplies they could before winter set in again. Supplies were an especially big deal because the location of Jamestown was mostly cutoff from the mainland, which meant there was no fresh drinking water, limited ground for farming and very little game for hunting. That of course, meant the survival plan for the colonists depended on receiving regular supplies from England, and trading with Native Americans.



Over the next year, two ships arrived with supplies and the colonists retained the ship *Discovery* for their own use, but death from disease and conflict with the Native Americans took a heavy toll on the colonists. In one very famous conflict a leader of Jamestown by the name of John Smith was captured and nearly executed were it not for the intervention of the famous Indian princess Pocahontas. According to Smith, "*at the minute of my execution, she hazarded the beating out of her own brains to save mine; and not only that, but so prevailed with her father, that I was safely conducted to Jamestown.*"² Smith safely returned to Jamestown, but none of the initial plans to

¹ This was several years before the colony of Plimoth, Massachusetts was founded.

² There is no historical evidence for the famous Disney movie version of John Smith and Pocahontas' relationship. There is evidence that on many occasions she brought much needed supplies to the settlement and helped prevent many more deaths from starvation. Mrs. Lampert's friend Erica lives in Connecticut and is a direct descendant of Pocahontas. Mrs. Lampert thinks that is very, very cool.

mine minerals, grow silk or export native Virginia tobacco initially panned out, and no profitable exports were identified. Then tragedy struck.

The third supply shipment from England included nine ships and hundreds of colonists. A few days out of London, the ships encountered a massive hurricane and became separated from each other. One ship returned to England and seven others made their way to Jamestown. The largest ship, the new Sea Venture was intentionally driven aground onto the reefs of Bermuda to avoid sinking entirely. The supplies were saved, but the ship was not, and its passengers were stranded in Bermuda for nearly a year while they rebuilt two smaller ships, Deliverance & Patience, that would carry them on to Jamestown. When they arrived ten months later, they discovered the horrible cost of their delay. The Sea Venture had been the primary transport for supplies, and without its contents the inhabitants of Jamestown had paid dearly.

There was a Native American tribe that lived in eastern Virginia at the time the Jamestown settlement was just getting started. They were known as The Powhatan Confederacy (also known as the Virginia Algonquians.) The Powhatan did not want the English to take over their lands, and in an effort to rid the area of its new inhabitants, placed the colony under siege during the winter of 1609-1610, which was the same winter they were trying to survive without the contents of the Sea Venture. The Powhatan were attempting to end English settlement by starving them out, and unfortunately, their plan nearly worked. The campaign killed all but 60 of the 601 inhabitants of Jamestown over the course of that long winter.

With the arrival of the Deliverance and the Patience, the colonists who survived that long, horrible winter were ready to abandon Jamestown and return to England. On June 7, 1610, everyone was placed aboard the ships and they began to sail down the James River. On their way down the James River however, they were unexpectedly met by three ships that had been dispatched from England with more supplies, more colonists, and a doctor. On board one of those ships was the newly appointed Governor of the colony, who immediately commanded the Deliverance and Patience to turn around and return to Jamestown. This was not a popular decision at the time.

Among the survivors of the Sea Venture who was then forced to turn back, was a man by the name of John Rolfe. His wife and young son had died during their time in Bermuda, but he was to go on to become one of the leading forces to turn the fortunes of Jamestown around. Rolfe had been a businessman in London, and knew that there was very little demand for the type of tobacco grown in Virginia. He came to new colony with seeds from several new, sweeter strains of tobacco that he hoped to grow. The idea worked, and Rolfe and others were soon exporting substantial quantities of tobacco back to England. New plantations began to grow up all along the James River and new wharves were built to ship the product.

John Rolfe became very wealthy, and in 1614 he married the Native American Powhatan princess Pocahontas, who had converted to Christianity and taken the name Rebecca. The marriage brought a brief period of peace between the colonists and the

Powhatan, but hostilities mostly continued for nearly 40 years until 1646 when the colonists effectively decimated the Powhatan nation.

As we read last month, nearby Williamsburg eventually emerged as the more influential settlement in Virginia. However, the importance of the Jamestown and the sacrifices of the men and women who struggled to settle that first colony on behalf of England are very much worth remembering. This summer we'll spend time visiting the site and learning even more about what kind of people were strong enough to finally create a permanent settlement under such hostile circumstances. We'll tour portions of the original settlement and get a first-hand look at what it might have been like to climb aboard three tiny ships and head across the Atlantic to settle new lands!