

*Marquis of Granby
Jr. Ancient Fife & Drum Corps*

Newsletter

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RECENT EVENTS –

Marquis Open House & Recruitment - Three new recruits have joined our ranks so be sure to provide lots of encouragement and words of welcome to Juliana, Casey & Rachel. Remember, you were all the new recruits at one point too! To all our members, please continue to spread the word about our great organization and feel free to bring along a friend to practice anytime.

Well, Tinky Winky dominated the games again...the laser tag games that is. Several members headed down to Newington to Laser Quest for a couple of great rounds of fun. It was a great way to spend an afternoon and we all enjoyed snacks before heading home. Thanks to Mrs. Garcia for organizing this and to all of the parents who contributed snacks as well!

Parade Season Kickoff Party - On Saturday April 4th, we hosted a gathering with our friends from the Windsor Corps. Did you know there are only 15 all youth fife and drum corps in the country? If you lived pretty much anyplace other than Connecticut, you would not be able to get together with another fife and drum corps for an afternoon of fun, so it's nice to be able to take an afternoon and see what another corps is up to. We played games, enjoyed great prizes (thanks to Mrs. Garcia's highly creative talents) had pizza, jammed, and feasted on the dessert buffet - gotta love that chocolate fountain that Mrs. Bigus contributed!

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON NOW:

The 2009 Parade Schedule is now out! You can also link into a live version of our calendar through the Marquis web site. Clicking on the specific parade or event will pull up notes to tell you things like where and when we'll be leaving, what to bring and so forth. We will continue to put that information in the newsletter but for those of you who tend to forget what's what....go check it out! This is also the time to start letting your Director know if you cannot make a specific parade or performance (NOT the day before!!!!) Mrs. Lampert is always happy to answer questions about a specific parade, but please consider checking the web site first before calling her the morning of a parade to ask "what time do we leave?" since she's usually running around like a mad woman trying to get the bus packed and so forth.

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 paying customers 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....

Also on April 18th - Playing line members only will be attending a special Saturday practice to work on music. An email has already been sent out to explain this but here are the details: It will be for the playing line members only (including anyone who is currently practicing with the playing line but has not yet made rank.) This means BOTH fyers and drummers, but no flag line members and no raw recruits or marching recruits. This practice will run from 9-11 am and we will focus on our music. So, we will not be marching, but will focus on different aspects of playing, including starting tunes (either while marching or while standing) while following the Major and his use of the mace. Please also focus on maintaining the appropriate tempo, even through the hard parts! Some of the difficulty we're having is due to either the fypes or the drums slowing down and/or speeding up at different points in the music and the best way to work through that is just to practice playing together. If the weather is good, this practice will be outside at the Lampert house. If the weather is bad, it will be in Cook Hall. We will confirm the location next Friday via email so be sure to check your email Friday afternoon. You can also go directly to our web site and click on the calendar for details. If you are unclear as to whether or not you should come, please email Mrs. Lampert and she will confirm one way or the other.

Marquis 40th Anniversary Muster – The number of Corps responding continues to grown and at this point we are clearly going to have one heck of a muster! 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! As of right now, we have extra space still reserved and will hold on to it as near to our date of departure as possible.

Uniforms - If you do not have every single piece of your uniform in your possession at this point (and you have rank of Marching Recruit or higher) please see Mrs. Lapointe to find out the status of your uniform! There are no uniforms, hats, socks, shoes, or anything else on the bus anymore so please don't show up for our first parade assuming that it's all there waiting for you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Corps members born in April!

Joe B. - 1st
Hannah J. - 30th
Ezra L. - 27th
Casey L. - 8th
Emily W. - 11th
April N. - 24th



oops! We missed a birthday last month! - Ivy N on March 19th Happy belated birthday Ivy!

OTHER BIG NEWS!

Promotions - A Big HIP HIP HuZZAH goes out to the following Marquis members who recently received promotions in rank:

Davis L. to Flag Line Private
Colin W. to Playing Line Private
Brianna H. to Playing Line Private

Watch this space in the new few months because we have a lot of members quickly moving up!

Marquis member Nicole C. - has joined the Army National Guard and will be shipping out to basic training for 9 weeks in South Carolina this summer and then directly after that she will be going to Texas for 16 weeks for individual training. Nicole hopes to be back in Connecticut by Dec. (hopefully Christmas time) and will try to join us for our annual holiday party. so maybe I will be there for the annual gift swap, so please keep me updated on tentative dates during that month.

Parents Corner –

Parents Meeting- There will be a parents meeting on April 18th during practice. We will discuss the upcoming parade season, provide an update on the summer trip, talk about fundraisers and have a sign-up sheet for chaperones and food providers for the 2009 parade season. Chaperone training will also begin the following week so if that is something you are interested in, now is the time to speak up! Our chaperones work hard and have a lot of fun and we encourage as many parents as possible to sign up for a parade or two during the season. As a reminder, parents are also welcome to ride along to parades and space on the bus is assigned on a first come, first serve

basis. Raw recruits may ride along so long as a parent comes with them, as our chaperones are busy with the marching members and not able to supervise recruits.

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. So far we have a bake sale scheduled in June, and there is talk of a tag sale as well. We are still looking for a venue to hold a car wash. Remember, even if you are not planning to go on the summer trip this year, you can begin to build funds in your enrichment account for our 2010 destination (or beyond!)

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.

Note for Home Schooling Families - Did you know that credit is available for participation in Fyfe & Drum Corps? If you would like more information about this, please contact Mrs. Lampert. Marquis member Hannah J. provided the history note below from one of her school projects!

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



Date	Event	Event Type	City	State	Depart	Est Return
Saturday, April 25, 2009	Little League Parade	Parade	Granby	CT		11:00 AM
Saturday, May 02, 2009	William Diamond Jr Muster	Muster & Parade	Lexington	MA	7:30 AM	6:00 PM
Saturday, May 16, 2009	Duncaster	Parade	Simsbury	CT	10:00 AM	12:00 PM
Saturday, May 23, 2009	Memorial Day Parade	Parade	N Haven	CT	8:15 AM	2:00 PM
Sunday, May 24, 2009	Memorial Day Parade	Parade	Ledyard	CT	10:30 AM	4:00 PM
Monday, May 25, 2009	Memorial Day Parade	Parade	Granby	CT		-
Monday, May 25, 2009	Memorial Day Parade	Parade	Simsbury	CT	12:30 PM	3:00 PM
Friday, May 30, 2008	Memorial Day Parade	Parade	New Britain	CT	3:30 PM	9:00 PM
Sunday, May 31, 2009	Williamstown History Days	Performance	Williamsburg	MA	11:00 AM	5:30 PM
Saturday, June 13, 2009	Gaspee Days Parade	Parade	Warwick	RI	6:00 AM	6:00 PM
Sunday, June 14, 2009	Hadley 350th Anniversary	Parade	Hadley	MA	10:30 AM	4:30 PM
Saturday, July 04, 2009	4th of July Parade	Parade	E. Longmeadow	MA	8:00 AM	1:30 PM
7/14-7/17, 2009	Fyfe & Drum Camp	Camp	Ivoryton	CT		
Saturday, July 18, 2009	Deep River Ancients Muster	Muster & Parade	Deep River	CT	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
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	3:00 PM	9:30 PM
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	11:30 AM	
Friday, September 11, 2009	The Big E	Parade	W Springfield	MA	2:30 PM	
Saturday, September 12, 2009	Windsor Fife & Drum Corps	Muster & Parade	Windsor	CT	9:30 AM	
Friday, September 18, 2009	The Big E	Parade	W Springfield	MA	2:30 PM	
Friday, September 25, 2009	The Big E	Parade	W Springfield	MA	2:30 PM	
Saturday, September 26, 2009	Founders Day Parade	Parade	Lee	MA	8:30 AM	
Sunday, September 27, 2009	Mum Festival	Parade	Bristol	CT	11:30 AM	
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	11:15 AM	
Wednesday, November 11, 2009	Veterans Day Parade	Parade	Springfield	MA	11:15 AM	
Sunday, November 15, 2009	First Church Performance & Co	Other	N Granby	CT		
Saturday, December 12, 2009	Old Saybrook Torchlight Parade	Muster & Parade	Old Saybrook	CT		

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

One of the most interesting things about the "Historic Triangle" is that its three main sites represent so well the beginning, middle and end of British rule in the American colonies. Jamestown was the first permanent English colony established in America, Williamsburg was a prominent city during both the time of British rule and during the early days of the revolution, and Yorktown was where the final battle to end British rule occurred.

The Yorktown settlement was established in 1691 by the colonial government in order to regulate trade and to collect taxes on both imports and exports from Great Britain. With a strategically important location on the Chesapeake Bay, the community was well positioned for such a charter and by the early 1700s had emerged as a major port and economic center. The waterfront boasted wharves, docks, storehouses and businesses while the bluffs overlooking the water were filled with stately homes, taverns and other shops. By the mid 18th century, Yorktown had about 300 buildings and a population of nearly 2,000 people. It was an important tobacco port, where crops from nearby plantations were exported.



One of the most famous English figures in Yorktown's history was British General Lord Charles Cornwallis. The American Revolution was in its seventh year when General brought his army to Yorktown to establish a naval base. General Cornwallis had served the British military in the Seven Years War, primarily in Germany. In 1758 he served as a staff officer to Lord Granby¹. After the Seven Years War ended, he assumed various military posts including Colonel of the 33rd Regiment of Foot in 1766. That same year, he voted against the Stamp Act, out of sympathy for the American colonists. During the times of crisis that led up to the American Revolutionary War, he maintained a strong degree of support for the colonists.

Once the war began however, Cornwallis quickly sought active service in the conflict. He participated in the unsuccessful siege of Charlestown in 1776 as second in command to Henry Clinton, then transported his troops north to serve under William Howe in the campaign for New York City. He fought with distinction in the Battle of Long Island, participated in the Battle of the White Plains and played a key role in the capture of Fort Mifflin. Cornwallis was then given an independent command and proceeded pursue George Washington's forces as far north as Red Bank in Pennsylvania. Throughout the course of the American Revolutionary War, Cornwallis continued to play a prominent role in many battles, often winning.

¹ Yes, that Lord Granby!
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The Patriots fighting in the American Revolution had suffered many heart wrenching defeats, as well as some meaningful success on the battlefields of the war. Their fortunes changed dramatically however, when General George Washington decided to march South to Yorktown and launch a surprise attack on the city, with the help of the French General LaFayette and his forces.

Now, the details of the ensuing battle at Yorktown are fascinating, however it is already mid April and Mrs. Lampert wants to get this newsletter out so we're not going to fill in all the blanks. If this was homework I would be getting a very bad grade indeed. What I will say is that in the seige of Yorktown that followed, much of the town was destroyed and the General Cornwallis was forced to admit defeat. While this was technically not the end of the American Revolutionary War, for all practical purposes, the fight was won. Not long thereafter, England formally recognized they had lost, and the United States of America had established itself as a new nation.

For those of you coming along on the summer trip this year, there is much, much more to learn about Yorktown and you will have the opportunity to do that in person!

Fyfes and Drums - submitted by Hannah J.

Fifes were used to keep the men in militias entertained, give signals, and help keep them in high spirits when heading out to battle. Fifes can be heard from over 3 miles away and are usually played with the snare and bass drum. The drums would keep the men in step and give commands and orders, while the fifes kept the men's spirit's high and gave signals. Switzerland and Germany used fifes as early as the 1400's and the usage of the fifes and drums in the military spread west , and by the 1500's, the fife was a standard instrument in European infantries. Eventually, the fife and drum was used only in regiments and ranks were added too(such as Fife Major). When the British discontinued using the fife and drum the American army and militias took it up. Most colonial regiments had 800-1,000 men and about 8-40 fifers and drummers in one regiment. Fifers improvised on songs and made harmonies and different variations of them. Most Civil war music was English, Irish, and Scottish and had a theme. Re-enactments of militias with fifes and drums are still performed today.