

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE OFFICERS OF THE BRITISH BRIGADE  
January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The business meeting of the British Brigade (BB) was called to order by Commander James McGaughey at 8:47 - January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, in the town of King of Prussia, PA.

1. The Chaplain's Prayer was delivered by Malcolm MacWilliam.
2. Roll Call was taken. 40 voting member regiments were present and active for the roll call. In attendance were:

**Artillery**

Company A; Coy F; Company M; Coy W; the Royal Irish Artillery; Pausch's Coy; and, Hesse Hanau Artillery

**British Regulars**

1st Foot Guards; 4th Coy (Coldstream) Foot Guards; 7<sup>th</sup> Helyar's Coy.; 7<sup>th</sup> L'estrangle Coy.; 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> battalion Co; 22<sup>nd</sup>; 23<sup>rd</sup>; 24<sup>th</sup>; 40<sup>th</sup>; 42<sup>nd</sup>; Grenadier Coy, General's Coy, Grant's Coy; 43<sup>rd</sup>; 54<sup>th</sup>; 62<sup>nd</sup>; 64<sup>th</sup>; 71<sup>st</sup>; and 84<sup>th</sup> Regiments of Foot.

**Horse**

17th Light Dragoons

**Navy/Marines**

HM Marines

**Hessian**

Regiment von Donop (Converged Hessian Grenadier Batt); Regiment von Huyn; and Hessen-Kassel Jaegers Corps company von Prueschenk.

**Loyalist**

1st New Jersey Volunteers; 4th New Jersey Volunteers; King's Rangers Prichard's Coy; King's Royal Regiment of New York; Maryland Loyalist Battalion; Queen's Rangers (Garwood); and, Royal North Carolina Regiment.

*More than one-fifth the active member units had voting officers present, therefore the meeting continued as a legally constituted meeting of the British Brigade.*

Proxies were accepted by and for the following units:

33<sup>rd</sup> Regt of Foot – proxy to – 64<sup>th</sup> Regt of Foot

74<sup>th</sup> Regt of Foot – proxy to – 10<sup>th</sup> Regt of Foot

35<sup>th</sup> Regt of Foot – proxy to – 4<sup>th</sup> New Jersey Volunteers

2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Delancey's Brigade, Brewerton's Company – proxy to – 4<sup>th</sup> New Jersey Volunteers

Jaeger Companie von Roeder – proxy to 42<sup>nd</sup> Regt of Foot, Grenadier Company

Butler's Rangers – proxy to 64<sup>th</sup> Regt of Foot

Capt. Bull's War Party – proxy to – 24<sup>th</sup> Regt of Foot

Claus' Rangers – proxy to – 24<sup>th</sup> Regt of Foot

Applicant units attending: 4<sup>th</sup> Royal Artillery Company L

3. The Brigadier announced the BB Officers running for reelection. They are as follows:
  - a. Brigadier – James McGaughey
  - b. Executive Officer – Malcolm MacWilliam
  - c. Executive Secretary – Lester McIntosh

d. Paymaster - Doug Ozelius

As all of these officers were running unopposed. A motion was made by P. Loane of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Regt of Foot to return all officers to their positions; seconded by C. Ward of Coy W – unanimously approved by voice vote.

4. The slate of Trustees whose terms expire in 2018 were read. They were:

Don Beale; Dick Amsterdam; Michael Grenier; Tom Vilardi; Jim McGaughey; Neil Sorenson; and, Mike Myerdirks

P. O'Shaughnessy called for a voice vote. No objections were announced and the entire slate was unanimously approved for another three year term.

P. O'Shaughnessy, Chairman of the Board of Trustees called for additional Trustees to fill in members as they resign. The following members volunteered:

Shaun Timberlake; Jeffrey Meriwether; Kevin Carroll; Steve Gardner; and, Earl Shibe.

P. O'Shaughnessy called for a second voice vote and the slate of new trustees were unanimously approved.

5. The Brigadier thanked the 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot for all the work they put into making Sandy Hollow a successful event. He also specifically called out the 43<sup>rd</sup>'s commander, P. Loane for personally securing the use of the adjacent private farm for the weekend. The owner of the property not only allowed the BB and the Continental Line to use his property, he contributed quite a bit of personal effort in prepping the property for our use. In a gesture of thanks, the BB will be presenting him with an engraved powder horn.

In appreciation for the extra effort put forth by the volunteers at the event, the Royal Irish Artillery donated a check for \$100 to help pay for the cost of the water and ice incurred on Saturday.

6. Sadly, Dick Amsterdam decided to step down from the role of Paymaster and Adjutant General he has maintained since the inception of the BB. For his longstanding service, the Brigade commissioned a plaque that will be presented to him. The announcement of this honor was followed by a well-deserved standing ovation. Paul O'Shaughnessy will be making the presentation to Mr. Amsterdam on behalf of the British Brigade.

7. The agenda for the 2018 BB meeting was introduced and reviewed. No additional new events were added.

The reading of the 2017 minutes – A Motion was made by Paul Loane of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Regt of Foot to accept the 2017 minutes without reading; seconded by Chris Ward, Coy W – unanimously accepted.

8. Presentation of changes to the new BB Constitution was postponed until such time as it may be released to the membership 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM), as required. Updates and changes will be discussed at that time. Per the current constitution, the 2018 increase in dues from \$25 to \$30 stands for the 2018 season, with the note monies collected are spent on Brigade members through events activities and expenses.

9. The British Brigade/Continental Line board meeting held the day before focused on completing and implementing a joint set of BB/CL safety rules before the end of 2018; a review of historic and proposed events; and, setting of the 2019 and 2020 AGM dates,

1/05/19 and 1/11/20 respectively. The 2020 meeting date is a bit later as Jan 4, 2020 was judged too close to the holiday.

10. Updates of 2018 and 2019 Proposed National Events: – Updates for the accepted national events for 2018 and proposed national events for 2019 were discussed.

2018

Sept 15, 16 - Mount Harmon Plantation                      British Brigade

Because of the alcohol policy at NJ Parks, and the inability to acquire a liquor license, the June 17, 18 Monmouth 240<sup>th</sup> event will not be listed as an official BB event, though units are encouraged to attend and use common sense with adult beverages.

The Brigadier also strongly encouraged members to attend the July 14, 15 - Fort Ti event.

2019

May 5, 6 - Mt. Vernon    British Brigade  
Sept 21, 22 – Jamestown VA.                                      British Brigade

These were the only two events present for 2019. No vote was taken on them by either the BB or the CL.

The Brigadier noted that there would be a variety of 250<sup>th</sup> celebrations in the near future. He also noted that a new unofficial regional group had been formed for the Chesapeake Bay area and would be meeting for the first time during the regional breakout sessions. Finally, several units again noted the well-received idea from the 2017 AGM event planning discussion on setting a fixed date in the fall (3<sup>rd</sup> week in September) for an annual BB/CL event.

At 9:55, the meeting was recessed for the Event Room session, followed at 10:30 am by the regional breakout meetings.

The joint CL/BB session to review national events for 2018 & 2019 began at 11:30 am.

For the joint CL/BB session, two National events were updated for the 2018 season and were voted on by the CL membership. These events (covered by the BB in item 10 above) were:

June 17, 18 - Monmouth 240<sup>th</sup>  
Sept 15, 16 - Mount Harmon Plantation

The proposed National events discussed for 2019 (also noted in item 10 above) were:

May 5, 6 - Mt. Vernon  
Sept 21, 22 – Jamestown VA.

At 12:30, following the National event meeting, lunch was taken by both the BB & CL membership.

Following event presentations, a vote was taken to determine individual unit support and preliminary support for the national 2018 and 2019 events respectively. Votes from the British Brigade are tabulated below:

Event	British Brigade "Yes" Votes
<b>2018</b>	
Monmouth	16
Fort Ticonderoga	15
Mt Harmon	24
<b>2019</b>	
Mt Vernon	24
Jamestown VA.	33

11. At 1:30 pm, the Brigade meeting resumed with a presentation from Eric Schnitzer entitled "What Officers Wore". The presentation covered a variety of documented differences in officer's uniforms for both infantry and Royal Artillery. Eric's list and associated highlights can be found in Attachment 1.
12. Excerpts of the 2017 Paymaster's report from R. Amsterdam can be found in Attachment 2.
13. The new leader of the Followers' effort; Jane Pease put out a call for all followers to join her organization and support the goal of increasing military camp life programs.
14. New Business:
  - a. The date for the BB's 2019 AGM will be January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
  - b. The Brigadier's announced his staff appointments for 2018 they are:
    - i. Adjutant General                      Dan McMahon
    - ii. Quartermaster General              Peter Ferwerda
    - iii. Inspector General                    Michael Grenier
    - iv. Drum Major                              Joe Siegel
  - c. The Brigade's new webpage is currently under construction and will be available soon.
  - d. The Brigadier is piloting a BB Facebook page group, which will also be available in 2018. This page will be used as the official vehicle for BB communications and will eventually replace the Crown Forces Yahoo Group. Also included in discussion about the BB's Facebook page was a reminder for officers to always register for BB events through the BB's website.
  - e. What does a BB event mean? The event will be planned and run (camp & field) by members of the BB, where the British camp/field are subject to BB/CL safety rules.
  - f. In 2018 the BB and the CL will adopt a unified set of safety rules; the Army Manual will also be updated. A meeting between the CL and BB boards will be scheduled for some time in August, 2018.
  - g. The 2018 BB Academy will be held on June 30<sup>th</sup> at Dill's Tavern in Dillsburg PA. Details to follow.
15. Applicant Units for the BB 2017:
  - a. Hessian Grenadier Guards – Sponsored by the 42<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Foot, Grenadiers.

- b. 27<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot – Sponsored by the 64<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot, dropped from consideration due to lack of participation and inability achieve the required numbers.
- c. 76<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot – Sponsored by the 64<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot – continued, pending the required member numbers.
- d. Royal Artillery, Coy L – Sponsored by RAR Coy W. Royal Artillery, Coy T – Sponsored by RAR Coy M. Probationary membership terminated due to lack of attendance, uniform and drill issues. Will re-apply in 2018 under new leadership.

Inspector General's Report (M. Grenier):

76<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot currently has 6-8 uniformed members and stood inspection at Mount Vernon. They received glowing reports on uniform, drill, and safety.

The Hessian Grenadier Guards stood for inspection at Mt Vernon and Sandy Hollow. They lack the appropriate number of men under arms (6), and are addressing issues with their uniforms that were self-identified during their inspection. They will continue their probationary membership.

Royal Artillery Coy L passed their 1<sup>st</sup> inspection at Sandy Hollow. Their uniforms, drill and attention to safety was excellent. They had 10 uniformed members plus an officer in attendance.

The Inspector General's full report can be found in Attachment 3.

The 2017 year-end report from the Drum Major is included in Attachment 4.

There were three final calls from the 2017 AGM:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by the P. Loane, 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot at 3:48pm, seconded by Pat Updyke of von Prueschenk's Feldjaeger Coy – unanimously accepted.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees met with the Trustees immediately following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Lester McIntosh

**ATTACHMENT 1**

What Officers Wore, 1775-1783

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

E. Schnitzer

**ATTACHMENT 2**  
Paymaster's Report, 2017



Office of the  
Paymaster

Brigadier James McGaughey  
*General Officer Commanding*

6th January 2018

This is my final report as Paymaster of the British Brigade. I've served for 30 years and it is time for someone else to serve in this capacity. I've enjoyed serving as Paymaster and offer best wishes to the officer who will replace me.

The financial condition of the British Brigade is excellent. Our assets are cash accounts at Citizens Financial Group (checking) and CapitalOne360 (money market). We have a total of \$16,215.53 in these two accounts compared to \$15,970.47 at this time last year.

Our Revenue for the past year was derived from unit dues at \$1 per uniformed soldier (minimum \$25 per unit); proceeds from a yearly raffle held at the Annual Meeting; Donations; and other sources. The gross revenue for this year was \$6,638.00 compared to \$4,950.45 last year. Revenue from dues was \$2,034.00 this year versus \$2,149 last year. Raffle revenue was \$1,027.00 versus \$1,895.00 and Donations were \$100.00 versus \$925.00.

Costs consist of Event Expenses and Operating Expenses.

Event expenses are directly related to British Brigade outlays such as payments for operating in the field. This year we spent \$991.54 for direct costs. Last year we spent \$800.00

Operating Expenses consist of costs for the Annual Meeting, Office Expenses (postage and supplies) and web site maintenance. Operating Expenses this year were \$2,360.26 versus \$2,430.12. Meeting expenses were \$1,172.85 vs \$1,866.52 the previous year; raffle income almost covered this cost entirely. We paid a fee of \$495.00 to our new webmaster as a deposit for a new site.

Other revenue consists of interest from our money market account which came to \$47.53 this year.

Net Income (excess) was \$539.73 versus \$1,765.64

Submitted by: Richard E. Amsterdam  
Paymaster

### **ATTACHMENT 3**

Inspector General's Report, 2017

One unit, the Grenadier Guards Hessian unit under Brent Mikulak, presented itself for inspection at the BB event at Sandy Hollow (Battle of Brandywine). This unit had 4 men under arms, plus a sergeant and an officer. The sergeant and officer had kits that were to specification, as explained, item-by-item, in their justification of their kit. The men were well-appointed, but largely not yet in correct kit, as things are still being made. Von Huyn kit and other generic items are still being used to plug the gap until their Grenadier Guard kit is completed. Their commander is well-aware of the deficiencies and pointed them out in answer to my questions on uniform and their historic sources. They have an acceptable plan for completion, and I recommend that Mt. Vernon 2018 be allowed as a final inspection (assuming six under arms) despite not being a certified BB event. Malcolm did an inspection of them at Mt. Vernon 2017, and his assessment was apparently consistent with my own.

Although no inspection could be done, I did meet with Francois Gousse at the Prescott event in August to discuss his applicant unit, de Boucherville's independent company with Burgoyne's army, the company of Quebec District militia draftees under the command of Captain Rene Boucher de Boucherville. He was in ranger garb, and if his militia uniform is done to the same standards, it should be excellent. I found him knowledgeable and enthusiastic and I look forward to a first inspection in 2018.

yours truly,  
Michael Grenier

### **ATTACHMENT 4**

Drum Major's Report, 2017

This year the Music of the British Brigade was amassed formally at one event, at Sandy Hollow PA on the 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> of September. Fortunately, the turnout of music by the member units of the two Battalions allowed for both Battalions to have music to be staffed by at least one Drummer apiece. Although there were several musicians who were able to be only present for one day, the remainder were able to provide full coverage.

Attendance for Reveille continued to be light, and I would like to encourage the Brigadier to remind all unit commanders to pass along to their music that the duty day for the music begins at Revellie at 0700 on Saturday and 0800 on Sunday. This is a long-standing tradition and should come as a surprise to no one, yet attendance is haphazard at best. The consistent number of individuals eagerly taking pictures of the performance when it occurs leads me to believe that this daily duty adds to the day for a majority of the participants and it would be good if the attendance could be improved. Allow me to re-iterate, my comment on this matter takes into full consideration the number of music present at the event. The attendance of the music at Revellie versus what we have mid-day is often half or less. My observation is entirely proportionate to the by-event attendance.

The music held one mass practice after the safety formation at 1000 Saturday. Several musicians during the day availed themselves of additional time to practice. The music being played on loudspeaker at the event tent kept the crowds we often attract to a minimum. Likewise there was no occasion for a music demonstration as the Trenton Barracks band filled that role this year. I would like to make two other notes for the record for the Brigadier to consider for this coming season.

- 1.) I would reiterate the need for the soldiers and units of the Brigade to increase their attentiveness to the playing of assembly. It is my observation that the brigade as a whole often reacts to beat to arms as they ought to react to assembly, and react to assembly as a gentle suggestion and reminder. I cannot in good conscience ask my musicians to continue to play the assembly let alone beat to arms for the time it takes to assemble the army, leaving many units to have to march on at the rout step. Though this is not desirable, I have to consider the well being and morale of those musicians trusted to my care.
- 2.) I have had occasion to note an upswing in the attendance of musicians from the Hessian regiments. I have been made to understand they have music particular to their regiments. Although we have long used the BAR music book as our playbook, I would love the opportunity to be able to integrate more of the Hessian music and bring these units and their musicians into the shared fold. I request the brigadier relay to the commanders of these units that their musicians are always welcome in our massed music and the inputs from their research and music are welcome as well.

It has been an honor to continue to serve the Brigade, the member units, and to represent the musicians of the Brigade as events are planned and coordinated. I hope that the Brigadier and the commanders will continue to look to the music to request whatever needs they have in order to bring a better and better depiction of the Army in the field in the years to come.

Joseph Siegel  
Drum Major, 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot in America  
Drum Major, British Brigade