

Gentlemen:

Here are key takeaways for the National Regiment's Annual [Meeting in Gettysburg on Saturday, November 19th](#). Please pass this information on to your units.

Financial

- Dues will remain unchanged at \$90/unit for the upcoming year.
- Our bank account had a positive balance of \$9,130.91.
- We plan to switch insurance to a policy specifically made for reenactors. The cost will be higher but we will have better coverage. All unit events (except "sponsored" and events using bullets) will be covered rather than the National Regiment maximum effort events. We will need unit member's names and addresses for them to be covered.

Upcoming Events

- We discussed how to increase participation at National Regiment events including number of events, avoiding "hot" weather events, and affiliated civilian camps. The majority of units voted for the following events:
 - School of Instruction, Gettysburg, February 25-26, 2017.
 - New Market Reenactment, New Market, VA, May 20-21, 2017.
 - 155th South Mountain, Burkittsville, MD, September 15-17, 2017.
 - Remembrance Day Parade [and Annual Meeting, Gettysburg, November 19, 2017](#).
- Rather than a separate event this year, the Camp of Instruction's drilling will be carried out during the New Market and/or Burkittsville events.

Other Topics

- Retirement of Old Flag – The Board invited an open floor discussion for input on a decision regarding the retirement of the old national colors. Following a recommendation from the rank and file concerning the condition of the National Regiment's flag, a new flag was purchased this year. A number of proposals were discussed (including keeping both colors and repairing the old colors, 19th century precedence of cutting up flag and distributing to members [in cases], donating the old colors to a museum, storing in a box, and burning and burying the old flag according to modern flag etiquette). Both flags were displayed. There was a clear consensus that the flag should NOT be cut into remnants for distribution nor destroyed following modern flag etiquette. Donation to a museum was also ruled out in discussion. The clear preference was to investigate the repair of the old flag. The Board thanks everyone for their input and will follow that input. If feasible and not cost-prohibitive, the flag will be repaired and carefully used for late-war events. Otherwise, it will be stored along with other regiment equipment.
- Condolences – units commanders will inform the Board of members (e-mail address below) who have passed away and the family's wishes regarding flowers or an equivalent donation.
- Facebook – the National Regiment will allow members to post reenacting equipment for sale on its Facebook site (subject to posted disclaimers).
- Buddy Zech will lead a committee to compile a list of preferred sutlers. Please contact Buddy (Skirmisher@aol.com) if you are interested in working on this project. The committee will report its findings to the Board and then to 2017 Annual Meeting.

- Captain Rick Betley of the 8th Ohio will lead a committee to investigate ways to increase membership including separate but affiliated civilian camps adjacent to but not within the National Regiment's military camp. Please contact Rick (rbetley@yahoo.com) if you are interested in working on this project. The committee will report its findings to the Board and then to 2017 Annual Meeting.
- A Committee will be formed to review the current by-laws and establish a mission statement. The committee will report its findings and recommendations to the Board and then to 2017 Annual Meeting.
- The Board re-appointed Colonel Tom Downes to serve as colonel in 2017.
- Corporal Tim Viezer of the 8th Ohio was re-elected for another 3-year term on the Board.
- Captain Mark McNierny of the 1st Pennsylvania Reserves was selected as Soldier of the Year ("Bully!")

A more detailed record of the meeting will be drafted into the minutes.

Happy Holidays!

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