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Coming out of Shutdown

Ok I know there has been a long lag in newsletters but as I've explained before the chief reason for the company newsletter exists is to talk about events we can go to. For obvious reasons there hasn't been one.

But now the curtain is lifting and that means a chance to take up the musket again. I will assume that in the long break, our uniforms are all up to snuff, right? No bits still needing replacement? No extra bits and bobs tagging along?

Minden Day

Today being August First is the inspiration for me getting this out today! The anniversary of one of the greatest battle honors in the British army and one where our regiment in particular distinguished itself and was among those troops who help create the reputation of the high quality of the British Infantry

The Year Ahead

The schedule is still well, flexible but I'm being hopeful about the fall This is a tentative list and there's lots of room for additions.

September 26-27 Brinkerhoff House, New York. This has all the makings of being a really good event. Dennis Murphy has been coordinating with two groups

of NY Infantry in the area who think it is a great area to build up local interest in the period. For our sakes it is beautiful, just about an hour north of the city and eager to thumb its nose at the state that doesn't want re-enacting in state parks like Pound Ridge.

October 16-17 Fort Loudon, PA. This is to be our big event of the year a bit to the west of Gettysburg and if you've been out that way you know what lovely country it is. This was originally planned for last year as a British only training event but as things started to draw in and crumble it was decided to have the colonials along as well.

November 6, Hope Lodge PA. A one-day event outside of Philly and our traditional end of season it is a nice, friendly event and easily a drive down and back from the NYC area.

Events on Hold

You might have noticed that Germantown is not on our schedule. Only the second time I can think of in all the years I've been doing it. Like so many events it was cancelled last year due to the shutdown but since then there have been an even worse outbreak of 'wokeness.'

I'm not making this up but community groups have tried to shut it down saying the event glorifies gun violence in the streets of Philadelphia. I'll spare you some of the more idiotic statements some of these groups have said but Cliveden is trying to reach out to the community. So, we're not sure what they are doing but the plan is to sit out for a year or two while they sort out what they want to do.

Playing well with others

I shouldn't have to put this down on paper but, more and more I hear from people not wanting to travel to events but then expressing surprise that other people won't travel to them.

It's what we all learned, or should have learned, in school. You work with others they work with you. And no, I'm not advocating a 7-9-hour drive to Ti at the drop of a hat, but between DC, Philly, NYC and its environs we have a lot of members and this isn't too far to travel driving an hour or two to support each other.

And I will confess a lot of times as I'm loading the car I will be thinking "do I really want to do this this weekend?" but I also know when I get there and see everyone else, I'm going to enjoy myself.

We do this for fun. We travel around, support each other, the more the merrier,

literally, and it's the way to see new areas. I mean for me Germantown and Hope Lodge are my back yard. My daily commute since 2007 used to take me past Valley Forge every day. I know and love these sites but I want to see others too.

Does that mean I'll be in the car for a few hours? Sure. But it's worth it! And I'm supporting others at their sites.