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# THE LORD GENERAL

## ARMY COUNCIL ARMY OF PARLIAMENT MEETING.

16<sup>th</sup> March 2013.



A big thank you to all those who came to the meeting in sunny Witney. Hopefully you all found it interesting, especially the army meeting in the morning. Communication is extremely important and the Army Meeting is one of the best opportunities for your regiments to be involved in an open discussion regarding very important events concerning the army. Do not throw away your opportunity to be part of this process. In reference to good communication please make sure that the Parliament Scout is sent to all members of your regiment. There were some significant initiatives discussed at the Army council and so I thought that it would be sensible to run through these so that we all knew what was going on and you could distribute this information to your regimental members. So in no particular order I will go through the points discussed and agreed:

### CALL TO ARMS.



First of all lets get rid of the bad news regarding the AoP training event that was proposed for the first may bank holiday. Unfortunately due to the information printed in the Orders of the Day which stated that this weekend was free a great deal of members had rushed off and booked exciting weekend breaks or allowed themselves to be talked into cutting the grass. Given the possibility that we would come up with a low turnout and thus more financial problems I have called the event off. This is unfortunate but best in the long run. I would suggest that going forward you check with us about what is going on as, and this may come as a shock, Orders of the Day are not actually controlled by the armies and so information can be placed in there without consultation with us. This being a good example of that. Any way no problem as I will spend the weekend counting all of the money that I have saved us!

### NORTHERN ASSOCIATION.



Northern are going through a slight identity change. For the last couple of seasons they have been working on fighting as two wings. With immediate effect these wings will be renamed as Fairfax's Wing & Eastern Association. The structure will be as follows.

#### Northern Association.

CO – Ian Hurst, 2ic – Tomo. Artillery Liz Aengenheister.

#### Fairfax's Wing.

Gells  
Greys  
Hutchinsons  
Saye & Seles

#### Eastern Association.

CO – Tomo.  
Lilburnes.  
Manchesters.  
Pickerings.

This arrangement is to a degree smoke and mirrors as the Association will always be known as The Northern Association. However it will give us some benefits. It will allow us to split the Association quickly and cleanly in a battle if we need to. It brings two important Parliament Army names to the fore. That of Fairfax and the Eastern Association. The army has certainly needed to get the Eastern Association back on the books for many years.

## ARMY NUMBERS .



We need to maximise our turnout to ensure that we are able to fight on the battlefield. Recruitment is the awful word that is constantly shouted. Unfortunately recruitment has never been an easy thing to accomplish and the recent economic issues that continue to drag on for us all have not made the situation any easier. I certainly do not know the easy answer to this. However there are other ways to achieve what we want to achieve.

1. The best recruitment areas are via friends and families. Hit these first.
2. Chase up the late joiners. With the bad weather many regiments will find more late joiners than usual . Keep chasing them. One of the good things about having the best muster at the beginning of the season, Blenheim, is that you can use this to get their memberships in rather than letting them wait until August Bank Holiday.
3. Chase up lapsed members. Get the records out and send an e mail or letter to members who have left in the last 10 years. Give them a nudge.
4. Look around your regimental numbers. Are any of your non combatants prepared to take the field in the ranks. They do not have to be combatant. If every regiment added two new 'soldiers' in this way that would gain us nearly 60 'men'. Worth looking at.
5. Blenheim. There will be a recruitment tent at Blenheim recruiting for both us and the Scots. Ritchie Boyce is running this.

We need to make the best of what resources we have and we also need to think outside of the envelope to succeed. The miserable weather and economic conditions cannot be allowed to dominate our thinking and depress us into the doldrums. The SK has the best antidote to cure modern times. Good friends and comrades, fun and living a dream. What better medicine?!

## BLENHEIM PALACE .



The event is fast approaching and elsewhere in this issue are some very useful details that I suggest you read. In the meantime please support this event and make it one of the best ever.

## QUEENS JUBILEE TREE CEREMONY.



The 13<sup>th</sup> April at Windsor sees the re dedication of the SK trees. Many of the regiments that were around in 1977 I hope will make the effort to attend the event. I also hope that many units and individuals will also make the effort to support not only the SK but also the Army Of Parliament at this event. See you there.

# CREATION OF THE LORD GENERAL'S REGIMENT.

The reasons behind this initiative :

## OFFICER TRAINING.

s an army, we will NOT be supporting the Royalist initiative of the Officers Academy. Although there is a need to continuously improve standards of education in both the historic accuracy and modern rules and regulations in areas such as Health & Safety we do not believe that sitting the officers of the army in a weekend of meetings and being lectured at by less than worthy role models will accomplish the achieved aims. However if any member of the AoP wish to attend the Royalist academy please feel free. Instead of this I feel that we can learn far better whilst doing our job in more detailed re-enactment circumstances.

## IMPROVED STANDARDS.

s a matter of day to day improvement we will always need to improve all of our standards ranging from appearance, drill, fighting ability, etc. Although regiments are very much left to achieve the standards that they wish, and of course they must meet minimum SK dress regulations the simple fact is that improvement is a good thing and certainly not to be scared of. We will use the Lord Generals Regiment to promote the highest standards within the army.

## EVENTS.

s a society we are having problems with getting events. We are not alone in this and are actually better off than most re-enactment societies. However there are areas that we need to explore. For example English Heritage has never been a fan of the SK preferring to work with The English Civil War Society. In the past the SK has adopted a somewhat uncooperative attitude towards this type of sponsor. As an army we will not do this. Some units and individuals have embraced EH and similar sponsors. Recent years Steve Langan of Gordon's Regiment has worked very hard in developing a relationship with EH at their annual multi period event at Kelmarsh. Add to this work that regiments such as Tower Hamlets have done at the Tower of London, Hammonds at Fort Nelson and Naseby, plus others. We need to embrace this type of event to help provide us all with musters.

## WHAT IS THE LG'S REGIMENT?

- ◆ Yes this unit is Elite. Anyone got a problem with being part of the best?
- ◆ It is a unit that does not formally exist. It will never take the field of battle at a normal muster. It will only turn out at picked specific events.
- ◆ Membership is open to ALL members of the AoP.
- ◆ It will promote the highest standards of 17<sup>th</sup> Century re-enactment.
- ◆ It will be used to improve standards of officer training in all areas. There will be no fixed officer to the unit but the ambition is to use it for all members to have a go.
- ◆ It will be used at events chosen as suitable by the Parliament Lord General.

- ◆ It will not have a specific identity but take an identity that fits with the event. For example at Naseby 2013 it will be known as Hammonds for the event.
- ◆ At Kelmarsch English Heritage event 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July Recreating a NMA unit from Dunbar.

Already a number of regiments have expressed an interest in being part of this unit and I hope that others will follow along. If you are an individual that wants to push the re-enactment boundaries but you unit does not wish to be part of this then please contact me directly. **DON'T BE SCARED PEOPLE THIS DOES NOT THREATEN IT WILL ONLY ENHANCE.**

If you have any questions on this or anything else then please contact me and ask. My e mail is : [p.eaglestone1644@btinternet.com](mailto:p.eaglestone1644@btinternet.com)

Luv & Cuddles,

Paul

PAUL EAGLESTONE  
Lord Generall of The Armie of Parliament



22 / 23RD JUNE 2013  
**NASEBY ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND**  
 BOOKED MINI MUSTER

To mark the 368th Anniversary of the Battle of Naseby, The Naseby Battlefield Project invites you to join them at Naseby. The weekend will be centred on Naseby Village Hall (not Mill Hill – so keep an eye out for the SK signs), and will be a multi-period event featuring Vikings, the Mediaeval Siege Society and the Sealed Knot. There are lots of other attractions over the weekend, but a series of lectures by some very notable speakers will be a highlight for many – more details to follow! SK Events over the weekend will include drill displays and a skirmish on each day, we will also March to the Cromwell Memorial & Blewcoats Stone for Acts of Remembrance, and we will also be providing a welcoming Honour Guard for Earl Spencer, and the Lords Haselrigg & Fairfax. For our entertainment the Naseby Battlefield Project have arranged a beer tent for Friday night, with a Hog Roast, bar and band for Saturday night. The event opens at 11.00am on Saturday and closes when it does... Sunday we start at 11.00am and finishes at 4.00pm to let everyone get away nice and early. We are looking for a large LH Camp (Military and Civilian) and we also have a nice flat, well drained field for Plastic Camping just across the road from the event. This will also be the first outing of the newly created Lord General's Regiment, so let's put the willies up the Royalists when we take the field en-masse! Contact details are:

Muster Organiser : JON COURTNEY-THOMPSON - [jon@mjct.co.uk](mailto:jon@mjct.co.uk) - (07970)045866  
 LH Coordinator : TOM ALDWINCKLE - [tomwinkle2@aol.com](mailto:tomwinkle2@aol.com)  
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**WARNING ORDERS TO FOLLOW – BUT PLEASE PUT THIS EVENT IN YOUR DIARY!**

The Battle of Woodstock 1643  
**BLENHEIM PALACE**  
25-27th May 2013



**A MESSAGE FOR OUR TRUSTED AND WELL BELOVED  
MEMBERS OF THE ARMIE OF PARLIAMENT.**



lease read this message carefully as there have been some significant changes since the publication of the last Warning Order:

Blenheim Palace welcomes us to what promises to be a very special weekend. Located in a beautiful central part of the country and is hosted by London Brigade and The Scots Brigade with back up support from the Armie of Parliament. That gives the Royalist Army the weekend off from all guard duties. The plastic camp is on a particularly lovely part of the Duke of Marlborough's estate overlooking a river and the battlefield, which is large, and is just a short walk away. Quite honestly this event is the event of the year so miss it and you will regret it! The plan for the weekend is to create a very large, (*Guinness book of records large*), military living history camp that will play both a focal point of the weekend as well as the battle. If you as an individual or even your entire regiment is interested in joining this camp please contact Derek Richardson on the address below for more details. Please note that this camp will portray a Parliament Army camp but is open to both Royalist and Parliament members alike. The usual SK Living History camp will be located close by but off the battlefield. So we hope that you will all support this muster and help make it as spectacular as we plan it to be. We simply ask you to come to the event, help out when asked, experience this World Heritage Site (*we must all respect that at all times and behave in a manner that reflects only credit to the SK*), and enjoy what is without doubt going to be a very special event.

**A C C E S S   A R R A N G E M E N T S**

**FRIDAY** - Free access to the Plastic & Living History Camps on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013 - PLEASE FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS GIVEN BELOW THEY HAVE CHANGED!!

**SATURDAY / SUNDAY / MONDAY** - During opening times for the Palace (09.30 - 17.30) movements will be restricted to emergencies only, and arriving SK Members will be asked to park in an overspill car park with the public. There is a requirement imposed by the sponsor that all SK traffic ceases during the opening hours of the Palace. On Monday SK Members will be allowed to exit via Gate 1 from 17.30pm - you will be marshalled!

**TUESDAY** - Campsite closes at 12.00hrs, with all SK members leaving the event via the usual Palace Exit (unless you have a tall or heavy vehicle - see DIRECTIONS).

# DIRECTIONS



The directions to this event have been massively simplified. All SK Members should simply head towards Woodstock, Oxfordshire, and follow the Brown Tourist signs for BLENHEIM PALACE, and upon arrival enter through the main gates (Hensington Gate) into the Palace grounds. Once inside the gates you should keep left, and YOU MUST HAVE YOUR SK MEMBERSHIP CARDS (otherwise you will be charged for entrance by the Palace). SK Guards will welcome you and give you directions to the campsites. The speed limit is 10mph - anyone found exceeding this limit will be severely reprimanded. (Remember the bit about behaving in a manner that reflects well on the Society?!) If you are arriving in a vehicle that is tall (i.e. A horse box) or weighs more than 7.0 tonnes the please contact Jon Courtney-Thompson who will give you details of alternative access arrangements.

Train Stations at Oxford (Approx 8miles) & Long Hanborough (Approx 1 mile)

## BLENHEIM MILITARY LIVING HISTORY CAMP

“First off, I want to thank everyone who has already booked tents and cameos for the Military Living History Camp at Blenheim. It promises to be a massive spectacle for the public and a fantastic advertisement for the Army and the SK. But...we have room for more!

There is always room for more soldiers to camp on Military LH and if any of your regimental members would just like to set up a few tents and use them as a base for drill or any other cameos during the day, please let me know.

The cameos can be anything you like, from drilling soldiers, dealing with drunks, officers visiting and being entertained, ladies of the night being turned out of camp, punishment details, preachers visiting the troops, letters from home etc...just let me know what you are planning we can allocate you a time for your display and we can also make sure it is broadcast over the tannoy so the public are aware of what you are doing.

On the housekeeping side of things, the Blenheim estate has asked that we make every effort to protect the ground and grass from our fires. This means that all fires will have to be in raised fire trays and the grass beneath them protected by, for example, sand, stone slabs etc. For disposal of the ash from our fires, we will provide metal bins on the Military LH camp that you can use. Please do not dispose of the ash in the woods or Ha-ha! Please remember that all vehicles will have to be removed by 9:30AM and cannot be allowed back on camp until 5:30PM on event days.

See you all there! “

**Derek Richardson**

Military Living History Camp Coordinator.

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