



# THE LEGACY

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Fall Greetings!

It is that time of year again where we are set to elect our 2021 Officers. This year, as we are all aware, things will be conducted a bit differently. We tried our first ever Zoom meeting. I was not able to attend the meeting myself, but I got feedback that it ran rather smoothly. We hope to see more participation in the coming months as this pandemic crawls on.

Please be advised that we have two proposals for a bylaw changes. Please be sure to read that as we too will be voting on this by law change at the next member meeting. In order for our group to remain running we need several positions filled. The one bylaw change will allow social members to be able to hold corporate positions. In doing so, we are opening up the amount of members who may be able to fill up these needed positions.

As 2020 comes to a close and we are starting to set our intentions for the new year, I hope we can all come to a resolution of keeping our hopes high for a wonderful 2021 re-enacting season. As living historians we will have a new opportunity to speak to the public and educate them in a fresh light. As an optimist myself, I am remaining ever hopeful to a new year and new opportunities for us all. With that said, I have decided that I will not be running for President. This past year has proved to be the year of clarity for me and so many others From juggling a full time management position and 5 kids in the home to being a full time stay at home Mom, a full time teacher and a full time homesteader, my priorities have taken a new focus. I will continue to support our group as an active member, I will be just as involved in the future events,

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## FOR ZOOM MEETING INFO MEETING DATES

UNIT MEETING  
AT 6 PM  
◆ Nov. 29, 2020 – ZOOM MTG.  
Election Meeting

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but I will be stepping back to focus on my family and farm. I have enjoyed my time serving you as the President and I wish our future Present Elect the best.

In your service,  
*Mary E. Sikes*

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### \* VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER\*

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Hello again everyone! The month of October has flown by, and I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Halloween. For our upcoming elections, see the ballot for those that have been nominated *and have accepted* those nominations.

Your humble servant,  
*Sarah Nothan*

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### HEAD OF THE STREET

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140th NY Members,

There is not much to report on. I am hearing of events that are being planned for next year, but I think we should all just wait and see. I feel as though the reenacting landscape is taking another big shift due to the pandemic. I will in the spring write an article on the state of the hobby. There are some events moving forward however. The LH in Fredericksburg on December 11-13 is a go and the Liberty Rifles are recreating the actions of the 1st Minn at Gettysburg in June. So, there are opportunities out there to do some meaningful events.

As far as rank structure is concerned, I have not heard from any of our members as far as their intentions for next year. It was my hope to give our NCO's opportunities to fill different roles this year and lead the company. Being that we never really fielded the company, those opportunities were not really there. So, it is my hope that all of this years NCO's will remain in their positions for next year. I hope the unit will be able to look at next year as a "do over." Please feel free to contact me should you like to discuss this further.

I hope you all remain safe and well. I look forward to

the day we can put this pandemic behind us and gather in the spirit of sharing our history!

Till then, I remain your obedient servant,  
*Michael O'Connor*

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### CIVILIAN COORDINATOR

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Hello everyone,

Hope everyone is safe and well. During these very stressful and trying times it's good to have something to fall back on. Hopefully everyone is spending some time on the hobby either sewing or researching or just reading on the civilian in the civil war. I have found multiple online classes worth taking. The Corsets and Cravats workshop was of course cancelled in August and they decided to present some of the classes on Zoom. I had one last week and one next week. If you are on Facebook and join some of the civil war groups they will likely send you the info. I again would encourage everyone on Facebook to join the Civilian Civil War Closet group. They are a very progressive group and do lots of research. I learn something from them every day. And keep looking for classes to take on Zoom. I will try to let you know when I hear about them. We now have our own Zoom so if you have a topic you would like to hear about or discuss, let me know and we can arrange Zoom meetings.

There's not much to report this month. A few of us got together to man the Temperance booth at the Ag fair. It was good to see people and get back into 1860's clothing again. And welcome back to Julie Chamberlain who helped us out.

*Cathy Curley*

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### FROM THE TREASURER

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I have enjoyed my time in office with the 140th. Since I have moved out of state, I have decided not to run for an office this year. I will be helping whoever is elected treasurer to send out dues statements and transition the bank account into new hands. Thank you for your support over the years. This edition of the Legacy designed for Members only contains the Treasurer's report I submitted for the meeting in October. The only change since then was purchase of some stamps.

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I submitted the 990-N postcard to the IRS for 2020 and it was accepted

I have had a very difficult time this year collecting dues, some still have not paid dues in spite of repeated mailings and emailing of reminders. I recommend reinstating a penalty for dues that are late significant enough to prompt better payment.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Susan Berardi*  
Treasurer 140<sup>th</sup> NYVILHO

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**ELECTION STATEMENTS**

I will again be running for Civilian Coordinator this year. I obviously didn't have much to do this year and I'm not sure how long that will continue, but we can at least keep in contact through group discussions.

Hoping for an early resolution to the Coronavirus and the opportunity to serve you again.

Cathy Curley

140th NY Membership,

I humbly request you allow me to serve as your military commander for the 2021 reenacting season. It has been an honor to serve in this role, and I look forward to the coming year, as uncertain as it may be. I hope that you have all been pleased with my performance thus far and will allow me the opportunity to remain as your military commander. Please know that my phone is always on and door open, should you like to discuss any and all matters pertaining to the unit.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael O'Connor

For my part, I would love the chance to move to the President's role and serve this organization again in the coming year, hopefully with the chance to do so with all of you at some events! I hope that the next year is full of camping, cooking fires, and a chance to get to know you better.

Your humble servant,  
Sarah Northan

**ELECTION BALLOT as it stands at the moment**

President – Sarah Northan  
Vice President – Ruth Williams  
Secretary – Ruth Williams

Treasurer – TBD  
Military Commander – Mike O'Connor  
Civilian Coordinator – Cathy Curley

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**EVENTS**  
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Dec. 13 – Fredericksburg Living History

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**NEWS**  
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**We have two proposed changes to the by-laws. See page 5.**