

July 30, 2008

TO: The Forces of Montcalm & Wolfe Membership
and Seven Years' War, Inc. Membership

From: The Forces of Montcalm & Wolfe Board of Directors
and Seven Year's War, Inc. Board of Directors

To all members of The Forces of Montcalm & Wolfe and Seven Years' War, Inc., the Forces Board of Directors met on July 26, 2008 with Brian Wilson and Stephanie Rensland of SYW, Inc. to discuss issues of concerns to both. It came to light that there have been misunderstandings, misconceptions and misinformation in regards to the organizations which could be detrimental to the operation of both and to the hobby which we all cherish.

It was put forth and agreed upon by the governing bodies of each organization that we would jointly write an official letter of recognition for distribution to our respective memberships in order to clarify the issues at hand.

The first issue is the misconception that a member of one association can not or will not be allowed to join the other and that dual membership is not allowed. This is incorrect. An individual is allowed to join either organization following the guidelines of each and is allowed dual membership. Membership in either organization is based upon following the guidelines of that organization and the administration of this is the sole responsibility of the individual member. Each organization is solely responsible for the application of their guidelines and the admittance of an individual or unit to either organization is up to that organization based on their rules and regulations. However, membership can not be denied to either organization for the sole reason that an individual holds membership with the other.

The second issue is regarding insurance coverage and attendance to events. As we are all aware we live in a litigious society, insurance is required to attend many events. Each organization offers their membership insurance coverage. However, each organization has their guidelines, safety regulations and manuals which determine how the liability insurance covers their membership. This means that if you as a participant at an event, engage in activities that do not follow your respective safety rules, the insurance coverage which is based on those rules will not cover you in that instance. This is the case for both organizations. Both offer quality liability insurance it is that each has different guidelines which administers the insurance. Also, the suggestion that an individual must belong to one or the other organization in order to attend an event, unless it is an organization sponsored event with access to membership only, is incorrect. It is the event coordinators which determine admission to an event for an individual or reenactment unit.

The third issue is regarding disrespectful actions towards and/or remarks about the other's organization by the membership. This behavior will not be tolerated by either Board and appropriate actions will be taken to assure that this kind of behavior does not continue. While we understand that individuals may have issues with others within the reenactment community who may be a part of the other organization, it does not behoove either organization or the hobby to be disrespectful to our respective memberships or organization or to allow this type of conduct. Each association offers something special to the reenactment hobby. We are a small community, enjoying a common hobby; it dishonors us all to assail one another with disparaging remarks and/or actions. If there is an issue with someone within the other organization, please contact one of the following: Lt. Governor of Forces, Jill Sparrow, lt_governor@sbcglobal.net or SYW President, Brian Wilson, information@sevenyearswar.org. They will address the issue with the individual(s) within the command structure of their respective organizations. If there is an issue which needs to be addressed please bring it forth to one or both of the above. Putting

events and event coordinators in the middle of rumors and allegations will not be tolerated. It creates an unnecessary situation for those who support our hobby by providing us a playing field, and make them doubt the integrity and intent of our organizations.

The fourth issue is that one or the other organization will “close” events to those with membership in the other organization. While each may have “by invitation only” events specifically designed for their membership, to which they can extend invitations to whomever they desire, neither organization dictates to established events those who can or cannot attend.

The event site coordinators determine that for each event. Each organization will adhere to and follow the admission policies of events set forth by the event coordinator.

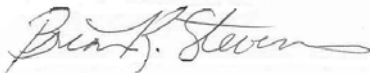
The fifth issue is safety regulations and policies. Each organization has their separate regulations; each is different from one another. The liability insurance of each is established using these safety policies. Members within each of these organizations will adhere to their respective organization’s rules and regulations. Members with dual membership will be expected to work out those differences and work within the rules in force. Remember that in most cases, safety rules are also determined by event coordinators and may also differ. When in doubt, talk to your board members to determine how best to operate safely and within the rules.

The last issue is the misconception that either organization plans competing events for the same date(s) to the detriment of the other. This is inaccurate. No matter how carefully events are planned, sometimes events fall on the same dates. This is not a planned action out to destroy a supported event by one organization or another. It is a mere coincidence. Careful planning occurs on both sides not to hinder an event as both understand that individuals and/or units have membership in both organizations. It is not beneficial to either organization to have conflicting events for our members. However, as most reenactments take place from May to October sometimes overlapping events do occur. This is not intended to do harm to an event or to an organization. We are actively working together with scheduling so that members of both may support events with their attendance without conflict with the understanding that sometimes events will occur on the same date and no malice is intended.

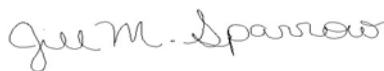
Our hobby is growing and we should all strive to work together for the betterment of it. We hope that this letter clarifies and explains the stance of both organizations. If a member of either organization has any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact the appropriate person. For the Forces of Montcalm and Wolfe, the contact person is Jill Sparrow. For Seven Years’ War, Inc., the contact person is Brian Wilson.

Sincerely,

The Forces of Montcalm & Wolfe

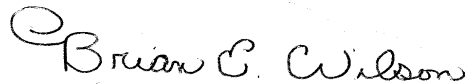


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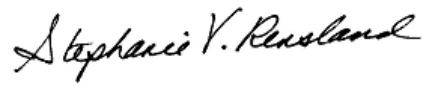
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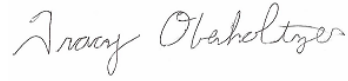
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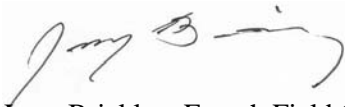
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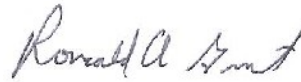
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