

COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERPRETATION OF THE FRENCH AND INDIAN
WAR (1755-1763)

I. GENERAL STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS:

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERPRETATION OF THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR (1755-1763), HEREIN REFERRED TO AS THE COMMITTEE, IS A DIVISION OF THE LIVING HISTORY ASSOCIATION, INC. AND WILL USE, AND ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THE LIVING HISTORY ASSOCIATION BYLAWS AND POLICIES, AS SET FORTH IN THE LIVING HISTORY ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS AND POLICY BOOK AS GENERALLY STATED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE OVERALL ORGANIZATION AND AS DIRECTLY REFERS TO THE COMMITTEE.

II. STATEMENT OF INTENT:

THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMITTEE, IT'S OFFICERS, AND MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. TO PROMOTE THE STUDY AND HONOR THE MEMORY OF PEOPLE AND EVENTS OF THE FRENCH & INDIAN WAR PERIOD, THEIR LIFESTYLES, AND SPIRIT, THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP, REENACTMENTS, DISCUSSION AND LIVING HISTORY ACTIVITIES.
2. TO PROMOTE BETTER COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION AMONG ORGANIZATIONS, UNITS, AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE F & I COMMUNITY. IT IS OUR DESIRE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN THIS TIME PERIOD AND TO BE A FORCE FOR HARMONY AND RECIPROCAL SUPPORT WHEREVER POSSIBLE.
3. TO PRESENT FRENCH & INDIAN WAR INTERPRETATIONS, BATTLES, AND ENCAMPMENTS AS AUTHENTICALLY AND SAFELY AS POSSIBLE. WHEN CONFLICTS ARISE BETWEEN AUTHENTICITY AND SAFETY; SAFETY WILL BE GIVEN A PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.
4. TO ORGANIZE EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES, AND PRESENT THEM IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO MAKE THEM EDUCATIONAL AND ENJOYABLE FOR THE PUBLIC AND REENACTOR ALIKE.

III. STATEMENT OF AUTHENTICITY

1. OUR POSITION ON AUTHENTICITY IS AS FOLLOWS: "IF YOU BRING IT, DOCUMENT IT. IF YOU CAN NOT DOCUMENT IT AND MUST BRING IT, COVER IT". OUR GOAL IS TO ACHIEVE AUTHENTIC THIRD PERSON INTERPRETATIONS BY EXAMPLE AND LEADERSHIP. WE WILL ALSO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE FIRST PERSON INTERPRETATIONS.
2. DUE TO THE COMMERCIAL LACK OF PERIOD MUSKETS AND THE EXPENSE, REVOLUTIONARY WAR PERIOD MUSKETS, TRADE GUNS, FOWLERS, AND FULL STOCK RIFLES WILL BE AUTHORIZED. ALL WEAPONS MUST MEET THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS OF THE L.H.A. AND THIS COMMITTEE. CORRECT PERIOD FIRELOCKS WILL BE ENCOURAGED BY THIS COMMITTEE. ARTILLARY THAT IS SAFE AND CORRECT FOR THE PERIOD WILL BE ALLOWED. ALL ARTILLARY AND

CREWS MUST MEET THE APPROVAL OF THE ARTILLARY DEPARTMENT AND THE CHIEF SAFETY OFFICER.

3. COMMANDERS OF EACH DEPARTMENT (FRENCH, ENGLISH, DISTAFF, AND NATIVE AMERICANS) ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AUTHENTICITY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GROUPS AND/OR CAMPS. EACH UNIT OR ORGANIZATIONAL COMMANDER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS UNIT. ON THOSE UNIQUE ITEMS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISPUTE, APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE UNIT COMMANDER, OR IF UNATTACHED TO THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER ON THE COMMITTEE, APPROPRIATE TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S PORTRAYAL.

4. WHILE WE REALIZE THAT DOCUMENTATION IS KEY TO AN ACCURATE INTERPRETATION, PEOPLE MAY INTERPRET THE SAME DOCUMENTATION FROM DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS. WE SUPPORT THE OPEN DISCUSSION AND INTERPRETATION OF PORTRAYALS FREE FROM MODERN ANACHRONISMS.

IV. MEMBERSHIP:

1. MEMBERSHIP ON THIS COMMITTEE WILL CONSTITUTE ALL DUES PAYING MEMBERS OF THE LIVING HISTORY ASSOCIATION TO INCLUDE: LIVING HISTORY ENTHUSIASTS, REENACTORS OF BOTH SIDES, ALL ARMS OF MILITARY SERVICE, DISTAFF, NON-COMBATANTS, SUTLERS, HISTORIC SITES, MUSEUMS, PUBLICATIONS, OR ANY AUTHENTIC AREA OF INTERPRETATION REPRESENTING THE FRENCH & INDIAN WAR PERIOD.

2. THE BOARD OF OFFICERS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE A MEMBER OF THE L.H.A. OR OTHERS FROM EVENTS IF THE MEMBER OR ORGANIZATION CONSTITUTES A THREAT TO CIVIL ORDER, SAFETY, OR REFUSES TO COMPLY WITH THE AUTHENTICITY REQUIREMENTS OF AN EVENT. THE BOARD OF OFFICERS MUST COMPLY WITH THE DISCIPLINARY GUIDELINES IN THIS DOCUMENT.

V. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION:

EACH FRENCH & INDIAN WAR DUES PAYING UNIT, SITE, PUBLICATION, ORGANIZATION, OR INDIVIDUAL MAY VOTE TO DECIDE ON COMMITTEE ISSUES. NON-MEMBER UNITS, INDIVIDUALS, ETC. OF THE FRENCH & INDIAN WAR COMMUNITY MAY PARTICIPATE AND SERVE FULLY ON VARIOUS SUB-COMMITTEES (I.E. ARTILLERY, SOURCE BOOK, ETC.) AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE COMMITTEE WITHOUT VOTING RIGHTS. ALL RESPONSIBLE VOICES IN THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR MUST BE HEARD IF WE ARE TO GROW. HOWEVER VOTING RIGHTS IN REGARD TO ELECTION OF OFFICERS, FINANCES, SPONSORING OF EVENTS, OR DETERMINATION OF ACTIVITIES THE COMMITTEE WILL SUPPORT MUST BE THE SOLE PROVINCE OF DUES PAYING MEMBERS OF THE L.H.A. MEMBERS OF UNITS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE DUES PAYING ORGANIZATIONS WILL NOT HAVE A VOTE UNLESS THEY HAVE TAKEN OUT AN ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP UNDER THEIR ORGANIZATIONS MASTER MEMBERSHIP OR ARE DESIGNATED BY SAID ORGANIZATION IN WRITING TO REPRESENT THEIR INTEREST IN ALL DETERMINATIONS.

VI. MEETINGS:

1. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE ANNOUNCED IN L.H.A. PUBLICATIONS AS PRACTICAL UNDER THEIR PUBLICATION SCHEDULE. ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE FOR MEETINGS HELD BETWEEN PUBLICATIONS TO NOTIFY MEMBERS WHENEVER POSSIBLE. NO NOTICE EMERGENCY MEETINGS OF A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS, WILL CONSTITUTE AN OFFICIAL MEETING. NO MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE L.H.A. OR ITS ELECTED OFFICERS, OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT. THE ONLY MEETING THAT MAY BE CLOSED TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP IS THE JUDICIAL TRIBUNAL AND ONLY AT THE REQUEST OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED AND A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE TRIBUNAL. THE TRIBUNAL IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO HONOR THE REQUEST TO CLOSE THE MEETING.

VIII. JUDICIAL TRIBUNAL/DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES:

IN AN EFFORT TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING, RESOLVE DISPUTES, OR TO RESOLVE ISSUES OF CHRONIC AND/OR SEVERE SAFETY VIOLATIONS, OR CHRONIC DISTURBANCE TO CIVIL ORDER IN CAMPS (CHRONIC INTOXICATION OR BELLIGERENCE) A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE MAY REQUEST A HEARING. DECISIONS BY THE TRIBUNAL WILL BE ON A CONSENSUS BASIS.

1. THREE ELECTED OFFICERS MINIMUM WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONDUCT A HEARING. IF AN OFFICER MUST BE EXCUSED BECAUSE OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND A QUORUM CANNOT BE MET A MEMBER OR ALTERNATE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY BE REQUESTED TO SUBSTITUTE. IF NONE ARE AVAILABLE A MEMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT MAY BE ASKED TO ASSIST.

2. MINUTES WILL BE TAKEN OF THE HEARING AND PRESENTED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT TO BE GIVEN TO THE L.H.A. BOARD FOR REVIEW. DECISIONS OF THE TRIBUNAL MAY PUT IN EFFECT IMMEDIATELY OR AWAIT REVIEW BY THE L.H.A. BOARD. ALL PARTIES MAY APPEAL THE DECISION TO THE L.H.A. BOARD.

3. IN AN EFFORT TO DISPEL RUMORS, THE MINUTES OF THE HEARING SHALL AVAILABLE TO ANY L.H.A. MEMBER AT THEIR REQUEST IN WRITING. IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT OR THIS COMMITTEE TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES, BUT THE L.H.A. BOARD MAY REQUEST THEIR PUBLICATION.

IX. BOARD OF OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

THE COMMITTEE HAS ESTABLISHED A MILITARY BOARD OF OFFICERS, EACH OF WHOM HAVE EQUAL STATUS AND REPRESENT THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE. OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ELECTED AT LARGE BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS, BUT MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT THEY REPRESENT. THEY ARE ELECTED TO SERVE A TWO YEAR TERM. THE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE L.H.A. IN NOVEMBER BY WRITTEN BALLOT. ANY DUES PAYING MEMBER OF THE L.H.A., WHO IS A MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE HAS RIGHT TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS AND SUBMIT NOMINATIONS. IF A MEMBER WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE ELECTION, A WRITTEN NOMINATION MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTAFF

OFFICER ANYTIME TO WITHIN ONE WEEK OF THE ELECTION. THESE WRITTEN NOMINATIONS WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE MINUTES OF THE ELECTION MEETING AS THE MEMBER'S VOTE.

THE BOARD OF OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE, THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS.

1. FRENCH FORCES COMMANDER: TO REPRESENT ALL FRENCH MILITARY FORCES, INCLUDING TROUPES DE TERRE, MARINES, MILICE AND ANY ALLIED FORCES WHO HAVE SWORN ALLIEGENCE TO HIS MAJESTY, LOUIS XV IN ALL MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. TO ESTABLISH BATTLEFIELD COMMAND AND ASSIGN STAFF DUTIES AS DEEMED NECESSARY FOR FRENCH FORCES AND APPOINT SAFETY OFFICERS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE CHIEF SAFETY OFFICER. AUTHENTICITY OF FRENCH CAMP AND PERSONNEL IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FRENCH COMMANDER. TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN SUPPORT OF THE GOALS OF THE COMMITTEE AND ACT AS LIAISON FOR FRENCH FORCES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE L.H.A.

2. BRITISH FORCES COMMANDER: TO REPRESENT ALL BRITISH CROWN MILITARY FORCES, INCLUDING REGULARS, RANGERS, PROVINCIALS, & MILITIA AND ANY ALLIED FORCES WHO HAVE SWORN ALLEGIANCE TO HIS MAJESTIES, GEORGE II & III. TO ESTABLISH BATTLEFIELD COMMAND AND ASSIGN STAFF DUTIES AS DEEMED NECESSARY FOR BRITISH FORCES AND APPOINT SAFETY OFFICERS AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE CHIEF SAFETY OFFICER. AUTHENTICITY OF THE BRITISH CAMP AND PERSONNEL IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BRITISH COMMANDER. TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN SUPPORT OF THE GOALS OF THE COMMITTEE AND ACT AS LIAISON FOR BRITISH FORCES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE L.H.A.

3. CHIEF SAFETY OFFICER: THE CHIEF SAFETY OFFICER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL SAFETY ISSUES AT EVENTS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANY SUPPLEMENTAL SAFETY RULES TO THE L.H.A. SAFETY RULES AS REQUIRED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF OFFICERS AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THESE RULES. HE/SHE MAY REQUEST ASSISTANTS FROM FORCES COMMANDERS AND HAS THE RIGHT OF APPROVAL OF THESE ASSISTANTS. TO CONDUCT BEFORE AND AFTER SAFETY INSPECTIONS AND A SAFETY DEBRIEFING AFTER EACH ENGAGEMENT AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF OFFICERS RESOLVE ALL SAFETY ISSUES. TO WORK IN LIAISON WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE L.H.A. IN ALL MATTERS CONCERNING SAFETY.

4. DISTAFF OFFICER: TO ACT AS SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE COMMITTEE AND TO REPRESENT ALL DISTAFF PERSONNEL, NON-COMBATANTS, SUTLERS, AND ALL NON-MILITARY PERSONNEL. THE DISTAFF OFFICER WILL RECEIVE ALL CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE BOARD OF THE L.H.A. AND TRANSMIT IT TO THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT AND MAINTAIN ALL RECORDS OF THE COMMITTEE. TO WORK IN LIAISON WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE L.H.A. IN ALL MATTERS CONCERNING DISTAFF PERSONNEL. THE AUTHENTICITY OF ALL PERSONNEL IN THIS DEPARTMENT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DISTAFF OFFICER.

5. NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS OFFICER: TO REPRESENT NATIVE AMERICAN PORTRAYALS AND ALL NON-ALIGNED PERSONNEL ON THE BOARD OF OFFICERS. TO ESTABLISH CHIEFS, SACHEMS AS DEEMED NECESSARY AND TO PROVIDE SAFETY OFFICERS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE CHIEF SAFETY OFFICER. TO WORK IN LIAISON WITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE L.H.A.

IN ALL MATTERS CONCERNING NATIVE AMERICAN PORTRAYALS.

6. THE BOARD OF OFFICERS RETAINS THE SOLE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH SUB COMMITTEES WITHIN THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE. ALL SUB-COMMITTEES ARE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE BOARD OF OFFICERS.

X. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE:

1. TO ENSURE SAFE, QUALITY, AUTHENTIC EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

2. TO GENERATE GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP FOR THE COMMITTEE AND THE LIVING HISTORY ASSOCIATION. TO PROMOTE GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS PORTRAYING THE TIME PERIOD.

3. TO SEEK AND GENERATE FUNDS BY WAY OF GRANTS, CORPORATIONS AND SPONSORS TO SUPPORT FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS AND THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION THEREOF.

4. TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP WITHIN RESPECTIVE UNITS FOR SAFE, AUTHENTIC, ACCURATE PORTRAYALS ON A LEVEL WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS PORTRAYING THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR.

XI. EVENT/REENACTMENTS:

THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE FOR THIS COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE AND EXECUTE EVENTS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE COMMITTEE WILL COORDINATE WITH UNITS AND EVENT SPONSORS TO DETERMINE THE BEST DATES AND WAYS TO COOPERATE ON THE SCHEDULING OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES. UNIT SCHEDULES WILL BE CROSS REFERENCED FOR THE GREATEST POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE OF QUALITY UNITS AND INDIVIDUALS.

2. SUPPORT OF L.H.A. GOALS AND ACTIVITIES WILL ALWAYS BE A MAJOR DETERMINING FACTOR IN THE SCHEDULING OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

3. THE COMMITTEE WILL DETERMINE EVENT ACTIVITIES AND SCHEDULES AFTER CONSULTATION WITH SITE MANAGERS. SCHEDULES WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THE UTILITY AND ENJOYMENT OF THE REENACTOR AND THE PUBLIC WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THESE REGULATIONS AND PUBLIC LAW.

4. THE BOARD OF OFFICERS WILL BE THE SOLE JUDGE OF THE ADMISSION OF UNITS OR INDIVIDUALS AT F & I EVENTS.

5. AFTER-ACTION REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE L.H.A. ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SITE MANAGERS.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PERTAINING TO THIS COMMITTEE WILL BE EXCLUSIVELY GENERATED AND RESPONDED TO BY THE COMMITTEE.

ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF THE L.H.A. WILL

IMMEDIATELY BE FORWARDED TO THE COMMANDERS OR DEPARTMENT HEADS OF THE COMMITTEE.

ONLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE AUTHORIZED TO CORRESPOND AND TRANSMIT INFORMATION ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE. NO OTHER INDIVIDUAL IS AUTHORIZED TO CORRESPOND IN WRITING OR TRANSMISSION ON BEHALF OF THIS COMMITTEE WITHOUT CONSENT OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS OF THIS COMMITTEE. THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT MAY CORRESPOND WITH POTENTIAL EVENT SPONSORS (WHO HAVE CONTACTED THE DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION) TO DETERMINE A SPONSORS INTENT BEFORE TURNING THE MATTER OVER TO THE F & I COMMITTEE.

XII. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

NO PART OF THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO INTERFERE WITH THE PREROGATIVES OF MEMBER UNITS OR ORGANIZATIONS WHO ORGANIZE EVENTS OR RAISE FUNDS AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE. MEMBERS WHO RAISE FUNDS AS A RESULT OF INITIATIVES OF THE L.H.A. SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REIMBURSE THE EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE L.H.A. AND WHATEVER ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AGREED TO BY BOTH PARTIES CONCERNED. COMMITTEE SPONSORED EVENTS ARE SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THIS SECTION. THE COMMITTEE MAY SANCTION EVENTS SPONSORED BY MEMBER OR NON-MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE NOT UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF THIS COMMITTEE AND THEREFORE NOT BE REQUIRED TO FULFILL PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SECTION. IF THE COMMITTEE SPONSORS AN EVENT FOR A NON-PROFIT CHARITABLE OR EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION IT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST A WAIVER OF PARAGRAPH 2 FROM THE L.H.A. BOARD OR ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT.

1. MEMBERSHIP FUNDS ARE ACCREDITED TO THE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT OF THE L.H.A. SO AS TO PAY FOR PUBLICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION THAT SERVICES THE MEMBERSHIP.
2. THE LIVING HISTORY ASSOCIATION WILL RECEIVE 10 % OF THE MONIES ACQUIRED BY THE COMMITTEE THROUGH ANY FUND RAISING PERFORMED BY THE COMMITTEE.
3. MONIES ACQUIRED BY THE COMMITTEE OR ON BEHALF OF ITS ACTIVITIES WILL GO TO AND BE ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMITTEE WITH A PERCENTAGE GOING TO THE L.H.A. ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT TO DEFRAY THE COST INCURRED BY THAT DEPARTMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES. THIS PERCENTAGE BE WILL NO LESS THAN 10% AND NO GREATER THEN 90%.
4. MONITORING OF EVENTS AND ACQUIRED FUNDS WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMMITTEE DISTAFF OFFICER, THE COMMANDERS, AND THE