



The Pound 'n Pint

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Newsletter of the Colonial Navy of Massachusetts



Commodore's Log

As summer is winding down, it is amazing to look back at all the events that we have participated in so far this year. Eighteen so far with nine more to go! Certainly an historic year in so many ways!

We do have some challenges to face going forward. Foremost is going to be recruitment as we have seen some diminishing numbers over the years, much like the rest of the fife and drum community, and we do have to consider aging of several of our Senior core members. They have been the life-blood of the Colonial Navy for the past 50 years and more and we owe it them to do our very best to continue that legacy. Getting out to so many events this year has certainly increased our visibility and with some additional effort I hope to generate some ongoing interest in what we do and represent. We all have that responsibility. Bring your ideas to a meeting, and let's carry this forward.

We have some administrative duties before the end of the year, so keep your eyes and ears open to information coming for the annual election of Officers. If there is interest in taking on additional responsibility within the group, please let one of the Staff know. I will be forming a Nomination Committee in the next couple of months. As a reminder, the election takes place at our December Monthly meeting.

So, thank you again for your ongoing participation and enthusiasm, and for bringing the best possible energy to each and every event. Looking forward to a fantastic Christmas Party this year to celebrate an extremely accomplished year!

Pam Burlingame
Commodore

Dell Technologies Corporate Gig

The Colonial Navy performed at Dell Technologies in Hopkinton, Massachusetts for Dell's 250th America celebration. After signing in and receiving our "security badges," we had a short wait in the lobby before being directed to an expansive courtyard where we needed binoculars to see spectators at the far picnic tables. The small contingent requested by Dell was led by the Commodore, looking stately in her regimental, followed by our splendid-looking Color Guard, our distinguished Drum Major, and a merry if not somewhat motley crew of field musicians.

The field music took a short break from playing tunes when Captain Bill Hart began narrating a brief history of the Colonial Navy to the audience. It became a longer history when someone handed Bill a microphone. The field music played a few more tunes, and the entire gig was over in thirty minutes.

The crew, on orders from Captain Bill, retired to a nearby Irish pub for a pint of Guinness.



The Crew prepares for another "tough" corporate event.



Captain Bill tests a chair in the Dell lobby for fit and comfort. This chair may or may not have been designed by Dell computers.



Security was strict, but somehow, we all passed, and they let us inside.



No, Pam, you can't be the Commodore, play the fife, and carry both the Guidon and Colors all at the same time.



Lee gives emergency medical instructions to the crew before we start.



Shenanigans right from the start.



Kevin checks to see if the challenge coin they gave us is gold, or at least chocolate.



The Fleet, along with the Dell 250 America organizers.



Crew members have a pint or two at an Irish pub after the event.

Truesdale Health Corporate Gig

The Colonial Navy performed at Truesdale Health in Fall River on June 26, 2026. This was our second corporate gig of the week and only required a small contingent from the Fleet. Huzzah to our Drum Major, Captain Bill Hart, who actually walked to the event from his home.

The event was for Truesdale Health's 250th America celebration. The field music provided background music for guests (Truesdale employees) entering the celebration area. After playing a half dozen patriotic tunes, at the signal from the event coordinator, we did a very short march to the podium (led by a Truesdale Health doctor). There we performed another tune, and then marched off – short and sweet, exactly what they wanted.



The Crew waiting for the performance to begin



Kevin getting in some last-minute practice from the new "drum book" Sue provided to all the drummers.



The Crew about to begin their Truesdale Health performance.



Crew members meet for food and grog at Barrett's Waterfront after the performance.

Marlboro Parade and Mini Muster

The day after the Truesdale Health corporate event, on June 27, CNM participated in our third event of the week. This event was the Marlboro 250th America celebration parade and mini muster. We had a good turnout; the weather was great, the parade was short, and we finished before the rain started. What more could you ask for?

There were only four corps in the muster, and we were #3 to perform, so it was only a short wait before we went on stand. We played the *Salute to the Commodore* standpiece, and it sounded great. The rain held off until we started packing our cars for the ride home. In the fife-and-drum world, things usually do not work out that well, but we are either getting lucky or good (or both).



The Fleet, led by Commodore Burlingame, looks sharp as it marches in Marlboro.



Captain Bill did such a nice job posing for the photographer that we wanted to officially purchase this photograph from her and give it to him. But she wanted \$100 so the best we could do was swipe it and put it in the *Pound n Pint*.



A short rest during a short parade.



CNM enters the muster field.



Ron and Sue get photobombed by the Commodore.



The Commodore says the bass drums are ready to go.



The Marines and Color Guard lead us onto the muster field.



That is one fine-looking (and fine-sounding) fife line.

City of Quincy - America's 250th Celebration of Freedom

On July 2, 2026, CNM participated in the City of Quincy 250th Celebration of Freedom. Despite the sweltering heat that caused events to be canceled across the country and a last-minute email heat advisory from Quincy, the show went on. When I say sweltering heat, I should point out that our vehicle dashboards, upon arrival, were all registering temperatures of at least 100 degrees, and it felt warmer than that outside, if such a thing is possible.

CNM was listed as one of the main performers for this event. Main performer in this context means you were one of the groups of selected “talent” who performed for about 10 minutes. On some days, musicians might be disappointed to make a long drive to an event and then only be allowed to play a few tunes. This was not one of those days. We happily agreed to a short performance. The organizer suggested that after we finished playing, we could stand in the heat and wait for the other groups and speakers to finish, then leave marching behind the horses of the National Lancers, dodging whatever the horses dropped (eww). The Commodore made a command decision and informed the organizer that we would leave when we were done and would not be standing in the heat listening to DAR speeches or following the horses. Thank you, Pam.

There were two types of groups present at the Quincy event: talent and historical assets. It was a little confusing at first to figure out which category CNM fit into, but we quickly learned we were the talent. How did we know that (other than the fact we are so talented)? Because the sign on the door said, “Colonial Navy **Talent Only**”. That door led to our very own air-conditioned “green room” where we sat, relaxed, drank water, told stories, and waited patiently for our signal to begin. We were not even concerned when, at one point, we checked the audience area and saw only one person sitting in the oppressive heat near the stage. Eventually, a fair-sized crowd gathered, and even more began to assemble as they heard our fifes and drums playing “Yankee Doodle” while we marched from the side of the building to our designated performance area.

We were allotted just enough time to play a few songs and fire off a few musket shots (thanks to our own Tom Murray and two Pawtuxet Rangers musket people we borrowed for the event). When our performance was finished, we gathered at a nearby pub (within walking distance) and enjoyed some fine food and grog.



The CNM Staff in the “Green Room” holding a Court of Inquiry before we start to perform to determine who the heck booked this gig on the hottest day of the year.



As the drummers prepare for the performance, the rest of us wonder if we really have to leave the AC comfort of the Green Room.

Kevin gets some last-minute tips from Drum Master Sue Glidden.



It was almost too hot to perform, but not too hot to walk down the street and find a pub after the performance



Clan Murray joined us at the pub for food and grog after the event.

It's never too hot, even in Quincy, for a silly Pam-Sue-Lee photo op.



4th of July Parade – Martha's Vineyard

A hot sunny day, a ferry ride across Vineyard Sound, a pre-parade party just steps from the start of the parade, and one of the biggest, most appreciative crowds of spectators we see all year. If that sounds familiar, you were with us for the 4th of July parade on Martha's Vineyard.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Kathy Case for allowing us to use her yard at the start of the parade. What a perfect location for food, grog, and fun before the parade begins. And a special thank you to Commodore Pam Burlingame and Lee Singer for preparing (and delivering) the food and grog. They took the 5:30AM ferry from Woods Hole and already had everything set up for us when our bus arrived. Huzzah!



The setup before the rest of the Fleet arrives.





Frank works hard at opening clams for the Fleet. Nobody opens them quicker!

Come and get it! Let the feast begin.





After a full day of food and grog, it's going to be tough to get into parade mode.



Fife Master Captain Bill said it's time to go to work. We have to provide some music so the Color Guard folks can practice doing their Color Guard thing.



Commodore Pam gets the Fleet ready to begin the parade.



Welcome, Anne (carrying the Grand Union Flag) and Christine, both marching with us for the first time as part of the Color Guard. You both did a great job!



Captain Dave isn't clutching his heart.
He's pushing the button that turns on the portable AC unit in his regimental coat.



A long, hot parade, and Kevin is still going strong, even when we stop.
Jeff watches and thinks one thing, *Eveready Energizer Bunny*.



The relaxing boat ride home after a long, hot, and fun day.

Old Salts from CNM Serve as Crew at Sail Boston

The **Sail Boston 2026** event took place from July 11 to July 15, 2026, featuring a grand Parade of Sail with over 50 international tall ships and military vessels from 21 countries to celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary. CNM had hoped to get invited to perform aboard one of the tall ships, but it did not work out for us as a group. However, three of our members participated as crew members on tall ships. CNM fifer Don Heminitz is a boatswain's mate and part of the permanent crew on *Mayflower II*. Don was joined by fifer Lee Singer on *Mayflower II* for the trip from Plymouth to Boston and back. Vice Commodore (and fifer) Bob Miorelli was a crew member on the *Pride of Baltimore* for the trip from New York to Boston. Bob was at the helm as the *Pride of Baltimore* made its way through the Cape Cod Canal.



Boatswain Mate (and fifer) Don aboard the *Mayflower II*.



Lee furling sail aboard the *Mayflower II*.



Mayflower II with USCG Eagle in the background.



The Vice Commodore sailed from New York to Boston aboard the *Pride of Baltimore*.

The Vice Commodore met with the Captain of the *USS Constitution*.



Unlike Don, Lee, and Bob, who still love to sail, the Editor of the *Pound n' Pint* (seen here working the anchor windlass) got all this sailing stuff out of his system back in 1979 as a young crew member aboard the USCG *Barque Eagle*.

Deep River Ancient Muster

The Deep River Ancient Muster was held on July 18, 2026. Most years, DRAM is either hot or rainy, and some years it's both. This was one of those years. The parade was hot and mostly sunny with a large appreciative crowd. CNM was near the end of the parade, so we had a long wait before we started. Some members enjoyed refreshments before the parade at the Landing & Main Restaurant located at the start of the parade. One could argue that some enjoyed too many refreshments before the start of the parade.

After the parade, CNM had a very long wait before we went on stand for our performance. We were approximately number 52 out of 53, but it was hard to tell for certain, as several less hardy groups dropped out before they went on stand. While we were waiting, the rain came and went in waves. Some groups played through torrential downpours. Then the rain stopped, and it was our turn to go on stand. We made it about halfway through our standpiece before the rain started again. At that point, it was raining so hard while we were playing that it was almost comical. And then the rain stopped as we marched off stand. Congratulations to those intrepid members who endured the long wait, the heat, and the intermittent downpours to do a great job performing on stand!

If you are wondering why there are no pictures of CNM on stand at DRAM, it's because by the time we went on, almost no one was left to watch (or take pictures), especially once it started raining again.



After enjoying refreshments before the parade, Captain Dave looks suspiciously happy as he leads us along the parade route.



Fife Master Captain Bill leads the CNM musicians on parade at DRAM. Congratulations to fifer Jonathan Cheney for taking part in your first parade with us.



Nice job, PJ, with the flamethrower- I mean musket. How much powder did you load in that thing?

Pilgrims to Patriots - Plymouth

The Pilgrims to Patriots event in Plymouth, Massachusetts, on August 1, 2026, was a religious experience in more ways than one. What we thought was a historical City of Plymouth event turned out to be something entirely different, but a paid gig is a paid gig (at least if you only do it once). We did a couple of tunes to open the “show,” then hung around for hours before playing a couple more to close the event. As our last tune, we irreverently marched off to *Drunken Sailor*.



Notice how happy the Fleet looks as we gather before the start of the event.



While speakers at the event were busy proclaiming their beliefs to the audience, some of the CNM crew drifted away to perform for the lost souls aboard the *Mayflower II*.

The Fleet is smiling in this photo because it is almost time to play a last tune for the event and grab some food and grog at the Charlie Horse Tavern in Kingston.



Feast of the Blessed Sacrament – New Bedford

New Bedford held the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament on August 2, 2026. The weather was sunny and beautiful. The long parade drew enthusiastic spectators. Frequent stops along the parade route allowed ample rest, but we still managed to play a long list of tunes without repeating any. Tom and PJ did a great job kicking off each tune by firing their muskets for the appreciative but startled spectators. After the parade, the Fleet headed to Fathoms Waterfront Bar & Grille in New Bedford for food, grog, and shenanigans.



Quit fooling around you guys. It's time to get serious. We are about to start the parade.





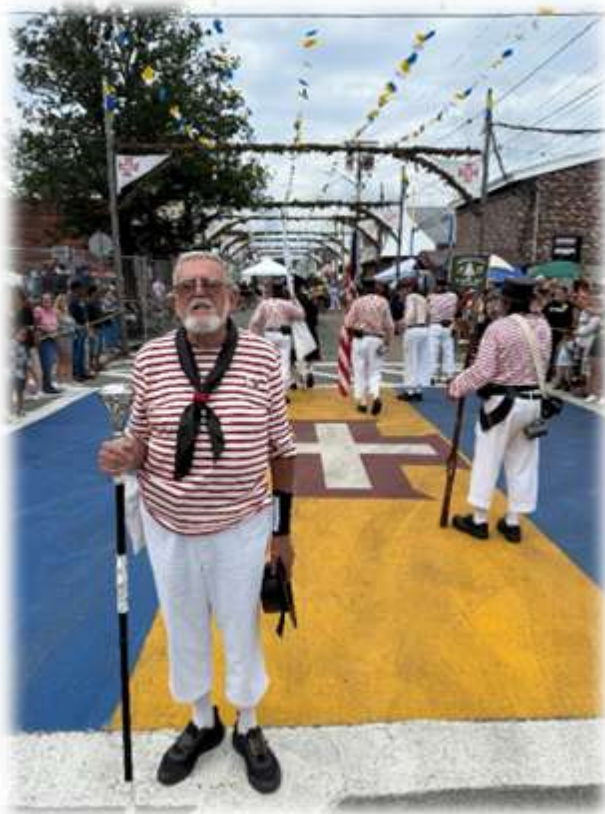
Captain Tim doing a great job leading the Fleet.



Jeff, Kevin, and Kieran were the drum line for the Feast parade.



Pam, Lee, Ron and Bob made up the fife line for the Feast parade.



Captain Bill asks the question we all wanted to know. "Why the hell are we stopping again?"



After the parade, the fifiers indulged in some blue raspberry Laffy Taffy to soothe their tongues after playing some intricate harmonies.



The shenanigans at Fathoms. Pam won the onion ring toss on her nose. Jeff won the best French fry mustache impression. And Kevin was disqualified for sticking a straw rather than a French fry up his nose. Captain Bill looks on from the back table in disgust.

Members Attend (and are Cast in) the Play 1776

At a monthly meeting early in the Summer, the Fleet was looking for a group activity. We learned that the Little Theatre of Fall River was putting on a play in August. Not only did this production of *1776* seem uniquely appropriate for a year of 250th celebrations, but one of our own members was cast in the play. Bass drummer Conor Murray would be playing Colonel Thomas McKean, the boisterous and fiery delegate representing Delaware.

The Fleet approved the purchase of tickets for members (and their “plus 1”) for the August 7th performance of *1776*. Members who attended said they had a great time. They also said the cast was wonderfully talented (especially Conor) and the entire production was mesmerizing. Congratulations, Conor, on a job well done!



Conor Murray as Colonel Thomas McKean

Westbrook Muster

The Westbrook parade and muster was held on August 22, 2026. The day was overcast and a little rainy, but members had fun watching and listening to some amazing corps while spending time with friends and musical colleagues. CNM would like to thank the Sailing Masters of 1812, and especially their Drum Major, Vicki Miorelli, for looking out for us when our pop-up was destroyed by strong winds overnight on Thursday. We would also like to thank CNM snare drummer Jeff Dionne, who also has obligations with another group, for marching with us in the Westbrook parade.

Drum Master Sue Glidden was unable to attend the muster as she was home recovering from surgery. On top of that, it was Sue's birthday. CNM had the announcer offer Sue best wishes for a speedy recovery and a happy birthday as CNM came on stand to perform. In addition, corps members sent Sue two singing birthday videos to lift her spirits. This was just another example of how belonging to CNM feels like so much more than just a hobby. It feels like family!



Overnight canopy disaster.



The excitement builds as the parade is about to begin.



Capt Bill leads this small but great-sounding CNM Field Music contingent as the parade finally steps off.
Photo courtesy of Bob McDougall

Alert Hose Co. 150th Celebration - Adams Parade

On September 12, 2026, the Town of Adams, Massachusetts, celebrated the 150th anniversary of Alert Hose Co. 1 (the Adams Fire Department) with a parade of fire trucks and a few talented groups (like the Colonial Navy of Massachusetts). It was a long drive to the northern Berkshire town of Adams, and the “Van Plan” didn't work out exactly as we hoped, but the weather was perfect, and CNM had an excellent turnout for the parade. The parade organizers did a good job and asked the fire trucks not to sound their sirens or air horns so the talented music (CNM) could be heard. Plus, they paid well. The officers looked sharp, the Field Music sounded great, and the Marines had no “clicks” (maybe because Tom was carrying a sword instead of a musket).



Capt Dave and Capt Tim at the start of the parade with Mt. Greylock (and a port-a-potty) in the background. Mt. Greylock is the highest natural point in Massachusetts.



Lee - (virtual) Sue - Pam.
Sue was home recovering from surgery but was not forgotten at the parade.



Kieran, Kevin, Pam, and Lee getting serious before the start of the parade.



The Marines and the Color Guard are ready. Capt Tom traded his musket for a sword in this parade. The organizers wanted less bang, more blade.



Capt. Ron and Capt. Bill, tall bookends of the front fife line, are trying not to smile before the fun begins.

2026 Schedule

The list below includes the remaining events for 2026. It has been and continues to be a busy year!

Date	Event	Location
09/19/26	St. Bernard's Church	Assonet MA
09/26/26	Sudbury Muster	Sudbury, MA
09/27/26	South Kingston Firearms Parade,	South Kingston, RI
10/11/26	Columbus Day Parade	Providence, RI
10/17/26	Sarah Bradlee Fulton Day	Medford, MA
11/11/26	Veterans Day Parade	Fall River, MA
11/11/26	Bicentennial Park Memorial ceremony	Fall River, MA
12/05/26	Holiday Parade	Fall River, MA
12/05/26	Fleet Holiday Party (Crossroads Pub)	Warren, RI
12/08/26	Fleet Annual Meeting and Election	Fall River, MA
12/19/26	Wreaths Across America	Somerset, MA

Meetings and Rehearsals

Monthly Meetings are usually held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. (The Narrows 7:00 PM) March-December. Rehearsals, when held, are usually on Tuesday nights at The Narrows 7:00 PM. Reminder notices are always emailed to the Fleet before meetings or rehearsals, but when in doubt, please email the Commodore for confirmation.

The appearance of the Colonial Navy of Massachusetts at the Fall River Veterans Day Parade, at a ceremony presenting military honors at the Vietnam Memorial and other memorials at Bicentennial Park, and at the Fall River Children's Holiday Parade was funded in part through a generous grant from the Fall River Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



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Chief of Staff: Bill Cary
Prizemaster: Tom Murray
Clerk: Ron Glidden

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Drum Master: Sue Glidden
Marine Captain: Captain Mike Godek
Color Guard Captain: Captain Bob delaFuente
Signal: Captain Dave Kiley
Binnacle: Commodore Pamela Burlingame
Stores: Captain Lee Singer
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