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Dear Fellow Members,

Another great year for the Corps!! We have done what we do best, shoot the flintlock. We have travelled all over the Commonwealth, made new friends, and had a good time doing it. 2015 will be more of the same and I will discuss this farther later on in this letter.

First a word of congratulations goes to the Pennsylvania Company of Riflemen (commanded by a woman) for winning the 2014 Fall Interstate Shoot at Boonesborough. There was actually a tie score for the first place team. Try the odds of that ever happening again. We had cold, warm, windy, calm, sunny, & overcast weather, a possible of 1000 points, and the contest was decided by 1 X. My guess is that you will never see that happen again. My personal thanks goes out to all who played a part in making the shoot happen flawlessly (you know who you are). Absent this year was an older fellow from Union, Ky. Who was out thinning the Kentucky Elk herd with a flintlock rifle!

Once again the guys from the Bucksnot Club put on a fabulous fall rendezvous. Everything was perfect!!! Thanks Bill Smith and the gang!!!!!!!



Icing on the cake for 2014

Top Guns; We had 4 guys who were the best of the best last year.

Alan Woeste – Van Divier Trophy

Archie Hillard – Dave Conley Memorial Trophy

Dave Hitchner – Top new shooter 1<sup>st</sup> Team

Phil Harlin – Don Wells Trophy

We don't just hand these awards out because somebody needs to win. They were won because of the recipients' dedication to either marksmanship or to his fellow Corps members.

We were blessed to pick up 6 new probationary members and hopefully 7 new member candidates in 2014. As you travel around the Commonwealth and spend time on the range with other shooters, pass the word; If you are a man living in the Commonwealth of Kentucky who shoots a flintlock gun, you ought to consider membership in the Corps. Too many times folks out there believe that you have to be of championship caliber to be a member of the Corps. Let's squash that idea.

Looking forward; The 2015 directors meeting will once again be held at the recreation hall within the campgrounds of Fort Boonesborough State Park. The date will be **Saturday January 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

Please note the time change. **The meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. and last until Noon.** Bad weather date will be **Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** same time. Directly following the meeting I would like to travel to either Hall's On The River or another restaurant in Winchester for detailed planning on the Calendar of Events for 2015. Chairmen of each event can discuss details for each event so that I can inform the membership accurately.

A list of these events will include all of those functions from the previous year and at least 2 NEW SHOTS. One being the Kentucky State Woods Walk Championship, the other being the Kentucky State Table Shoot Championship. If any of you (member or not) has an idea or contribution to make to next year's calendar, be there. Your input matters.

I would like to see the Corps involved in some type of shooting event in at least 9 months of the year. That's what we do.

The Perfect Corps Member;

Ask yourself; What kind of guy would make the perfect Corps member? He may be the guy who you always looked for first when you arrived at rendezvous. He may be the guy that you asked advice from while on the firing line. He could be the fellow who could fix a broken lock part in the middle of a match. He could shoot too. He is probably the guy that you wanted to camp next to because his fire was warmer, his coffee was better, his biscuits were tastier, his beer was colder, his conversations were interesting, and everybody else seemed to show up for the same reasons as you. Always a laugh and never an unkind word about another.

I've said good-bye to a whole lot of wonderful friends over the past few years but nothing prepared me to say good-bye to Wayne Jenkins.

Too many good-byes. This one hurts.

See you in January,

*Wayne*