

Mists of Time

On October 19 at New Windsor Cantonment a group of 19 Chinese Executives, 2 translators and 1 technical person met the Living History Education Foundation Leadership team facilitated by Joe Ryan, (BAR member since 1972.) This LHEF group was made up of 5th New York BAR members members, Jon Svibruck, Jim Johnson, Bill Wienecke, Neil Murray, Keith Reilly, Gary Petagine, Rob Buccheri and Tom Hunt.

The Thayer Leadership Program at West Point had arranged for these executives to have a living history activity the "Mists of Time." For 5½ hours these Chinese corporate leaders in full uniform and equipment went through five stations of a Revolutionary War Soldier's life. This included



musket safety/drill, cartridge and medical, blacksmithing, field fortifications, and musket ball molding. These activities culminated with a platoon blank firing competition.

An interesting side bar is that one of the women had a great deal of difficulty with the 2nd Model Bess, as it was bigger than her.



Yet by the end, this woman got four shots off before the men got three. It could explain why she runs a billion dollar enterprise.

The Thayer Leadership Program plans to include "Mists of Time" in future corporate training. The staff of the Cantonment under Mike McGurty was outstanding. Huzzah!