



# The Fusilier

23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Foot

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## **After Action Report- Hope Lodge**

This event has always been a favorite of the Colonel's Company and members close by the mid Atlantic region. This year was no exception with a fine event attended by Captain Thomson, Major Morgan, Corporal Urwin and almost the entire Spaar clan without whom the RWF would have been very small. As the Major was fielding as a private for this event, Capt. Thomson led the men on Saturday to capture a stoutly held redoubt and vanquished the rebel forces. The only casualty in the RWF was the Major's musket whose stock gave up the ghost after 31 years of service.

On Sunday the Major took command again, and although the Rebels were out numbered by about three to one, an ingenious stratagem by which they triple loaded their muskets brought the Crown forces to an inch of surrendering the redoubt.

Many thanks to pensioner Ken Spaar and his lovely wife for the cooking and support. Special mention must be made of the younger Spaars who fought in the line for the first time but comported themselves as veterans.

Huzzah!

## **A Sad Note**

It is with great sadness that I must tell you of the death of Michael McAvoy, commander of the 84th Regiment Light Infantry.

Michael was a fine comrade and a capable respected officer whose presence on the field will be difficult to replace.

He passed away peacefully in his sleep of a heart attack.

A message of condolence will be sent on behalf of the regiment.

## **Welcome to the 23rd!**

I want to take this opportunity to welcome Stephen Shelly to the ranks of the Colonel's Company as a musician. He is an experienced CW fifer and I know that our other musicians will take him under their wing to get him outfitted by St. David's Day.

## **Winter Quarters**

While settling in for the winter, it is time to look back and reflect on the past year and put our kit in the best possible order for the coming year. While polishing and sewing can set some item to rights, let's ask Santa to replace those items which have reached their expiration date. Be it a new coat or a new canteen, it is up to YOU to keep this regiment at the top of its form, a regiment to be proud of.

In planning the coming year, remember that YOU may be the difference between a GREAT event and an ordinary one. It is YOUR attendance that makes the RWFA one of the premier units of the British Brigade.

## **2012 Schedule Notes**

The most immediate news for us is that Under The Redcoat at Colonial Williamsburg has been canceled this year as they have become

inundated with 150th Civil War activities and do not have the resources to pull off UTR this year. They WILL be returning to UTR next year 2013 and I have been promised by the organizers that RWFA will be a part of this.

As a result, I am reexamining whether to hold our St. David's day Dinner at either the Leesburg event at the beginning of May, or at the Gelston Castle event in August. I look forward to any input from officers or ORs but you must let me know soon as we will need to book quickly and as of now, we are still going to be at Gettysburg.

Our California comrades will be coming east to join us at one of the two big events and i would encourage all members to make plans to attend both as they will both be exceptional events.

#### **New and Noteworthy**

REGIMENTAL DUES - Those paying their dues before St. David's Day receive a 5.00 deduction per head. Those paying after St. David's Day until April 15<sup>th</sup> pay the normal 25.00/head. After April 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a 5.00 per head penalty to paid into the color fund. At the end of May, you will be dropped from the rolls. No exceptions.

Regimental Dues are 25.00/year

Company dues are in addition to regimental dues. BAR dues are an additional 25.00 and please note with your check that you are paying BAR dues.

All monies should be sent to and payable to your company officer/clerk who will then forward regimental dues and BAR memberships to the RWFA Adjutant.

#### **2012**

St. David's Day

Saturday, March 3rd at the Dobbins Tavern in Gettysburg, PA. Many thanks to Sgt. Shane Reilly for his help in setting this up for us.

#### **21 Jan 2012**

#### **Annual Brigade Meeting Crowne Plaza, King of Prussia PA**

Anyone wishing to attend may do so. I will be attending with several others and we will have our schedule confirmed by the results of that meeting.

#### **March 2012 St Kitts (Caribbean)**

There having been no interest in this one, we will drop it from the schedule.

#### **\* 4,5,6 May 2012 Leesburg VA BB/CL \***

This is regimental event #1 and if we can egt a good turnout, I would like to resurrect the Southern Company.

#### **Proposed BB/CL**

#### **May 18 -20 2012**

#### **Washington Crossing, PA TACTICAL**

Still hashing out details for this with the site organizers, but RWFA will be a sponsor and a host for this Mid Atlantic event.

#### **\* 3,4,5 Aug 2012 Oriskany 225th at Gelston Castle - Warren, NY BB/CL \***

This site is incredible and the sponsors include Saranac Ale. Our California friends will be flying in for this and it should be a n incredible experience.

#### **June 2013 Monouth 235th**

Best to all!

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Maj. GF Morgan