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Happy New Year!!

By now, everyone will have had a chance to digest their Holiday repast and will have unwrapped all the presents under the tree so it remains only to say that the major wishes each and every one of you a very Joyous and Successful New Year!

Let's make part of our New Year's Resolution that we will bring a greater amount of participation to the Royal Welch Fusiliers in America events.

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.

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 Memoriam

On Jan. 4, 2012 we lost another long time member of the avocation, Gary Corrado of the Queen's Rangers.

Details of services are incomplete at this time.

Winter Quarters, Drill etc.

Do you know the 35 count drill? Can you take your part in the posting of sentries? What are the courtesies of rank and to whom are they due?

35 Count Manual

1. Poise Your Firelocks
2. Cock Your Fire locks
3. Present
4. Fire!
5. Half Cock Your Firelocks
6. Handle Your Cartridge
7. Prime
8. Shut your pans
9. Charge with cartridge
10. Draw your rammers
11. Ram down your cartridge
12. Return your rammers
13. Shoulder your firelocks
14. Rest your firelocks
15. Order your firelocks
16. Ground your firelocks
17. Take up your firelocks
18. Rest your firelocks
19. Shoulder your firelocks
20. Secure your firelocks
21. Shoulder your firelocks
22. Fix your bayonets
23. Shoulder your firelocks

24. Present your arms
25. To the right face
26. To the right face
27. To the right about face
28. To the left face
29. To the left face
30. To the left about face
31. Shoulder your firelocks
32. Charge your bayonets
33. Shoulder your firelocks
34. Advance your arms
35. Shoulder your firelocks

MILITARY COURTESIES

Military courtesies are to be rendered at all times while in camp as follows regardless of regimental affiliation.

Military courtesies will further be rendered to ALL Officers of both British AND American Armies.

ADDRESSING - (under arms)

Private to N.C.O.: Musket held across body

Private to Comm. Officer: Recover

N.C.O. to Comm. Officer: Recover

N.C.O. to Private: Musket held across body

Comm. Off. to N.C.O., Private: Hand Salute

Comm. Off. to Major or above: Recover

S.M. to Private : Hand Salute

S.M. to Comm. Officer: Recover

PASSING - (Under arms)

Private to N.C.O.: nothing

Private to Comm. Officer: Advance Arms

N.C.O. to Comm. Officer: Advance Arms

S.M. N.C.O to Private: nothing

Comm. Off. to N.C.O., Private: Hand Salute

Comm. Off. to Major or above: Advance Arms

S.M. to N.C.O., Private: Hand Salute

S.M. to Comm. Officer: Recover

ADDRESSING - (without arms)

Private to N.C.O.: Position of Attention

Private to Comm. Off., S.M.: Hand Salute

N.C.O. to Comm. Off., S.M.: Hand Salute

N.C.O. to Private: nothing

Comm. Off. to N.C.O, Private: Hand Salute

Comm. Off. to Major or above: Hand Salute

S.M. to N.C.O. to Private: Hand Salute

S.M. to Comm. Officer: Hand Salute

PASSING (without arms)

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(note: for S.M. read D.M., F.M., Q.M.S.)

Commands and Procedures For Posting Sentries

The Officer or NCO takes charge of his section after inspection by the Officer of the Guard, and marches it to the guard camp. The first guard mount is formed in a single rank. If there are more than six men, the guard should form in two ranks.

The Officer or NCO in command orders: **FIX YOUR - BAYONETS!**

The Officer or NCO then marches the guard (with firelocks supported) to the first post (each post should be numbered and the guards posted in their numerical order) and halts. (The Officer or NCO should carry his firelock at the **ADVANCE .**)

The Officer or NCO then commands the first man on the right: **FUSILIER SHENKIN, ADVANCE AND RECEIVE YOUR ORDERS.**

The designated soldier advances one pace and brings his musket to **RECOVER**^ An NCO is given the same courtesy as an Officer when in command of a guard). The Officer or NCO then

passes on the instructions concerning that post. He then commands: SENTRY(s) - POST?

|" The sentinel(s) SHOULDERS his firelock and assumes his post.

The Officer or NCO then proceeds to the next post and so on until all sentries are placed. He then returns to camp.

Relieving Sentries

The Corporal of the Guard traditionally commands the Relief which he forms in camp in the same manner as the original guard. He orders the Relief to FIX YOUR BAYONETS and marches the troops to their respective posts - again, in numerical order. The Corporal should be at the ADVANCE and the men, according to Cuthbertson, may be at the SUPPORT unless passing an Officer, at which time the Corporal will order the detachment to the SHOULDER. Once they have passed the Officer, they may return to the SUPPORT.

The Relief is marched to within three or four paces of the sentinel(s) and halted. At the approach of the Relief the sentinel(s) should halt and come to the SHOULDER.

The corporal of the Guard then orders the first man on the right: FUSILIER (Name), ADVANCE AND RECEIVE YOUR ORDERS ! The designated soldier(s) advance one pace directly in front of the sentinel(s) and both automatically REST FIRELOCKS.

The sentinel on duty passes the instructions concerning that post on to the relieving sentry as well as reporting anything out of the ordinary that has occurred. The Corporal should listen carefully to insure that the relieving sentry has understood his charge and may even ask the sentry to repeat the specific instructions.

The Corporal then commands: SENTRY(s) - POST! Both soldiers SHOULDER THEIR FIRELOCKS and pass each other by the RIGHT side, the new sentinel taking his post, the relieved sentinel marching to the rear of the Relief, beginning a new rank in the rear. He should automatically UNFIX HIS BAYONET at the same time.

The Corporal then proceeds with the Relief to the remaining posts which are relieved in the same manner. When the last post is relieved, the Corporal should command a detachment of troops with bayonets unfixed. He marches them back to camp and dismisses them. (They will remain in camp until their tour of duty is over.)

Duties of Sentries at Their Posts

Sentries are to stand shouldered to all officers of any service passing by their posts. To any general and field officers, they are to rest their arms. However, when a sentry is posted on a general officer's quarters, he is only to rest to him and those of superior rank. To any of equal or inferior rank, he is only to handle his arms or stand at the shoulder. Sentries are also to rest to the commanding officer - regardless of rank, and to all parties with arms marching by with the beat of drum (or NCO calling cadence). These compliments are to be paid only from the time of reveille-beating in the morning until retreat-beating in the evening; after which sentries are to take no notice whatever of officers.

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 15th pay the normal 25.00/head. After April 15th, 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 (www.dobbinhouse.com) 89 Steinwehr Avenue (Business Route 15 South) Gettysburg, PA 17325 Phone:(717)334-2100 Fax: (717)334-6905

Four Score and Seven years before the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, (1776), Reverend Alexander Dobbin built a house to begin a new life in America for himself and his family. Today his home, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a colonial restaurant where candlelit elegance, superior food in abundance, and gracious service bring back the sights, sounds and tastes of two centuries ago. It consistently wins Mobil Guide's highest area rating. The friendly hospitality of the Dobbin House extends to the Springhouse Tavern, Gettystown Bed and Breakfast, Country Curiosity Store, Abigail Adams Ballroom, in-house bakery and secret "underground railroad" slave hideout.

The Major expects All Ranks to make the maximum effort to attend. If you have not attended a St. David's Day Dinner, you have not fully experienced the Regiment!

18th c. Colonial dress preferred, or #1 Dress, or Mess Dress with decorations, or jacket and tie.

Menu

Tossed Salad, Homebaked Breads, Dessert Selection, Coffee or Tea

Entree choices are:

Baked Chicken Hunter's Style (tons of garlic)

Broiled Fillet of Salmon (with lots of garlic)

Prime Rib of Beef (did I mention the garlic?)

(Major's note: Please let us know of any dietary restrictions that you might have and we can arrange for something special without garlic or peanuts or possibly even vegetarian.)

Dessert (select 1)

Chocolate cake, Fruit Tarts, Fudge Brownies, Chocolate Mousse, Gingerbread w/Lemon Sauce, Blueberry Trifle, Cherry Crumb Pie, Colonial Pudding Cake.

Price per person is 35.00 and payable to RWFA c/o Rob Price 79 Everett Ave. West Hartford CT 06107

I don't think I need to tell anyone of the attractions of Gettysburg. The largest battle ever fought on American soil took place here and it is indeed "hallowed ground." There will be several veterans there as well as many of your comrades in arms. St. David's Day is one of the occasion that makes the Royal Welch such a very special group.

In addition to the Dobbins House itself, there are numerous inns and motels in the Gettysburg area. Since it is "off season," many of these are advertising very low rates. The Major strongly recommends making your reservations immediately if not sooner.

Days Inn - 865 York Rd. Gettysburg, PA
(717) 334-0030

Best Western - 1 Lincoln Square, Gettysburg
(866) 378-1797

Travelodge - 613 Baltimore St. Gettysburg
(717) 334-9281

Comfort Suites - 945 Baltimore Pike,
Gettysburg, (717) 334-6715

Many thanks to Sgt. Shane Reilly for his help in setting this up for us.

OUR SCHEDULE

There have been some deletions from our normal schedule by both Colonial Williamsburg and by the Town of Leesburg.

This makes Gelston Castle/Oriskany (Aug 4,5) the only "national event" on the BB schedule for 2012. There are rumors that Leesburg will be moved to Rockford Plantation and I will learn more about this no doubt at the upcoming meeting but for now we are going to have our regimental event at Gelston/Oriskany with a Minden Day Dinner and our comrades from California joining us.

Here is the rest of the BB 2012 schedule

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.

17-18 Mar Battle of Guilford Courthouse, Greensboro, North Carolina

14-15 Apr Battle Road - Minuteman National Park, Lincoln, Massachusetts

Contact - 10th Reg't of Foot

The Boston Garrison - Not an official British Brigade event

16 Apr

Patriots' Day- Lexington, Massachusetts

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28-29 Apr The Siege of San Juan, Puerto Rico (1797)

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. I am waiting on a ruling on whether the PHMC rules will be relaxed on this one before we go all speed ahead.

2-3 June Brigade Academy Dill's, Tavern Dillsburg PA

9-10 Jun Rock Ford Plantation - Lancaster PA

Proposed BB/CL Event

9-10 Jun Tavern Days at Dill's Dillsberg PA

16-17 Jun Battle of Monmouth - Freehold NJ

7-8 Jul Battle of Hubbardton VT

14-15 Jul Cricket Tournament/Market Days at Johnson Hall, Johnstown NY

Contact - Paul Novotny

*** 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.

11-12 Aug Old Fort Niagara - Soldiers of the Revolution Youngstown NY

"Soldiers of the Revolution"

25-26 Aug

Battle of Newtown- War Games -Elmira, NY

Contact - Delos Wheeler - website

15-16 Sept Fort at No.4 Charlestown, NH

6-7 Oct

Chew House Germantown PA - Saturday Only (Paid)

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DATES EVENT & LOCATION

15-16 June Monouth 235th

19-20 Oct Gloucester Point VA

Best to all!

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